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## Truman State University faculty member's album highlights collaborative process

By Truman State University

While his name may be the only one on the cover, Victor Marquez-Barrios, associate professor of music, is the first person to acknowledge his latest album is a collaborative effort brought to life by the work of countless individuals, many of whom are his colleagues in the Department of Music.

"A lot of work and love, by a lot of people, went into making this album happen," Marquez-Barrios

said. "I hope that people take the time to listen to it with an open mind and with open ears, and that they enjoy doing so. This is me sharing some of my stories and telling them in my own way, with more than a little help from my friends."

"The Moments Between" is Marquez-Barrios' latest work, streaming on major platforms Dec. 15 with CDs available from Blue Griffin Recording and marquezbarrios.com. The album is a contemporary blend of his

different musical backgrounds, including classical, jazz and folk music from different parts of Latin America. With many of the compositions requiring classically trained performers on a variety of instruments – most of which Marquez-Barrios does not play – he called on a plethora of guests to complete the project. From Truman alone, contributing artists include faculty members Jesse Krebs, Xin Gao, Elaine AuBuchon, Lanjiabao Ge, Brian Kubin, Eric Dickson

and Michael Bump, as well as pianist Lucy Zeng and former graduate student Jessica Alvarado-Brenes. Another former graduate student, Theo Greer, assisted as the recording technician for sessions in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

"I very much enjoy working with my colleagues in Truman's Music Department, and I have been fortunate to collaborate with most of them on different musical projects over my time here," Marquez-Barrios said. "This album is



Victor Marquez

an example of that, and I am very happy with how the process went and with the final product."

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## Highway Patrol reports two traffic fatalities over Christmas holiday weekend

By Missouri State Highway Patrol

Col. Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, provides the following preliminary statistics related to the Christmas holiday weekend:

Two people died in traffic crashes during the 78-hour counting period, which began at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, and ended at 11:59 p.m. Monday, Dec. 25.

2023 Christmas Holiday Traffic Statistics

Troopers investigated the following:

- Traffic Crashes — 124
- Traffic Crash Injuries — 71
- Traffic Crash Fatalities — 2
- DWI — 81

[Note: Last year during the 78-hour Christmas counting period, there were 1,017 traffic crashes

statewide. In those crashes, four people were killed and another 318 were injured. During the 2022 Christmas holiday, troopers investigated 306 traffic crashes, which included three fatalities and 84 injuries. Troopers arrested 52 people for driving while impaired in 2022.]

There were no boating crashes or drownings over the 2023 Christmas holiday counting period.

Of the two fatality traffic crashes investigated by troopers, one occurred in the Troop D, Springfield area, and one occurred in the Troop G, Willow Springs area.

There were no traffic fatalities on Friday, Dec. 22, during the holiday counting period.

There was one traffic fatality on Saturday, Dec. 23. Brian E.

Powell, 28, of West Plains died when the vehicle he was an occupant of traveled off the road in a curve, struck three fences, and overturned. Powell was not wearing a seat belt. The driver of the vehicle was not wearing a seat belt and sustained moderate injuries. Two additional occupants in the vehicle sustained moderate injuries. One was wearing a seat belt and one was not wearing a seat belt. The crash occurred on Route ZZ, eight miles east of West Plains. Powell was pronounced dead at the scene by Howell County Deputy Coroner Michael Pauly. The highway patrol was assisted at the scene by the Howell County Rural Fire Department and South Howell Ambulance.

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## Scotland County Hospital is offering 3D mammography exams

By Scotland County Hospital

Scotland County Hospital is offering 3D mammography exams that utilize advanced breast tomosynthesis technology. The new 3D mammography machine can increase the detection of breast cancers, while simultaneously decreasing the likelihood that a woman will be asked to return for additional testing.

In conventional 2D Mammography, overlapping tissue is a leading reason why small breast cancers may be missed and normal tissue may appear abnormal, leading to unnecessary callbacks. Scotland County Hospital's new equipment provides an exam that includes a three-dimensional method of imaging that can greatly reduce the tissue overlap effect.

"We've all heard that early detection is the key in the fight against breast cancer and Scotland County Hospital is so pleased to have purchased this 3D mammography machine," hospital officials said. "According to the FDA, a number of studies have found that 3D mammograms find more cancers than traditional 2D mammograms and that they also reduce the number of false positives."

A false positive is when a mammogram shows an abnormal area that looks like a cancer but turns out to be normal. This technology is considered superior to conventional digital mammography and is approved by the FDA. The new system is recommended for women of all ages and breast densities. Researchers have found that:

- 3D Mammography exams find 20-65 percent more invasive breast cancers compared to 2D alone, an average increase of 41 percent.
- 3D Mammography is FDA approved as superior for women with dense breasts compared to 2D alone.
- 3D Mammography exams reduce callbacks by up to 40 percent compared to 2D alone.

"Scotland County Hospital is committed to the fight against breast cancer," hospital officials said, noting that in offering the 3D exam, Scotland County Hospital provides a more accurate tool for breast cancer screening.

"We are thrilled to offer this state-of-the-art technology and further enhance the high-quality care we provide to the women in our community," said Deanna Rowland RT(R)(M)(CT), Radiology Department Supervisor and Mammographer at Scotland County Hospital. "Our 3D mammography service will help make it possible to detect breast cancer in earlier stages so that treatment can begin sooner, giving patients a greater chance of beating the disease."

All women should begin yearly mammogram screenings at age 40 and continue for as long as they are in good health. For some women, certain factors increase the risk for developing breast cancer and additional screening measures may be necessary.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about one in eight women will get breast cancer in her life, impacting hundreds of thousands of Americans each year. A screening mammogram continues to be the best tool for breast cancer screening and detection.

Dr. Meagan Weber, CEO, Scotland County Hospital said, "I have no doubt this is one more service that we believe will allow our patients to stay close to home for their healthcare."

Ask your primary healthcare provider if you are due for a screening mammogram. If you are not sure whether your insurance plan covers 3D mammograms, call and ask. Both Medicare and Medicaid cover 3D mammograms.

To schedule a 3D mammogram at Scotland County Hospital or if you have any questions, call 660-465-8511 and talk to one of their staff members in the Radiology Department.

## Online Master Gardener training begins Jan. 14

By University of Missouri Extension

COLUMBIA — Gardening is an activity with many rewards, says David Trinklein, state horticulture specialist for University of Missouri Extension.

"One of them is the satisfaction of sharing your plant knowledge with others. The Extension Master Gardener program was initiated to do just that," Trinklein said. Its motto, "helping others learn to grow," emphasizes service to others as the program's main objective, he said.

A new session of online Missouri Master Gardener core training begins Jan. 14, 2024. Trinklein and



MISSOURI Extension horticulture specialist Sarah Denkler teach the 14 online classes. "These classes represent a viable option for people who can't take the weekly classes in person," Trinklein said.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Kirksville Area Calendar of Events

#### Kirksville Historic Preservation Commission meeting

The city of Kirksville's Kirksville Historic Preservation Commission will hold a meeting at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 3, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street.

#### 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.kirksvillecty.com](http://parks.kirksvillecty.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](mailto:nemobridalexpo@gmail.com) or call/text: 660-341-9992. Check the NEMO Bridal Expo Facebook page for updates.

#### Thousand Hills State Park Star Party

The Thousand Hills Star Party will be held on Friday, March 22, for 8-10 p.m. at Thousand Hills State Park. Come out for a celebration of the night sky! Join others in the exploration of the stars and sky above you. There will be telescopes but everybody is welcome to bring their own telescopes, chairs, and binoculars. Meet at the Point Shelter.

#### Stars Up, Lights Down at Thousand Hills State Park

Stars Up, Lights Down will be held on Friday, April 5 8-10 p.m. Come out for a celebration of International Dark Sky week! Join others in learning about light pollution and exploring the sky above. There will be telescopes but everybody is welcome to bring their own telescopes, chairs, and binoculars. Meet at the Point Shelter.

#### Thousand Hills State Park Petroglyph Tour

The Thousand Hills State Park Petroglyph Tour will be held on Saturday, April 6 at 10 a.m. Thousand Hills State Park is home to a collection of petroglyphs or rock carvings made by ancestors of today's American Indians. Explore the petroglyphs with park staff to learn more about this unique piece of history. Meet at the petroglyph shelter located next to the beach.

#### 'Hoo is Making that Noise?' at Thousand Hills State Park

Thousand Hills State Park presents, "Hoo is Making that Noise?" on Friday, April 12 at 7 p.m. Have you heard whistles, yelps, and tapping in the forest or near the shore and wondered who was making those sounds? Join park staff to get some answers as you explore animal calls. Meet at the Campground 1 amphitheater.

#### Learn 2 Aim at Thousand Hills State Park

Learn 2 Aim will be held on Saturday, April 13 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Thousand Hills State Park. Begin your archer journey by attending a hands-on workshop this spring! This is a great opportunity to learn new skills with joint instruction on the basics of archery and atlatl throwing. Prior Registration is required. REGISTER AT: [mostate-parks.com/learn2](http://mostate-parks.com/learn2)

#### Thousand Hills State Park Petroglyph Tour

The Thousand Hills State Park Petroglyph Tour will be held on Friday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. Thousand Hills State Park is home to a collection of petroglyphs or rock carvings made by ancestors of today's American Indians. Join park staff for a slideshow presentation to get a close up look and learn more about this unique piece of history. Meet at the petroglyph shelter located next to the beach.

#### Earth Day at Thousand Hills State Park

Earth Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 20 from

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Thousand Hills State Park. Come connect with the earth and nature through unique opportunities facilitated by community members! There will be activities and educational booths for all ages at this free event! Stations around the beach parking lot and paved trail.

#### Learn to Fish at Thousand Hills State Park

Thousand Hills State Park "Learn to Fish" will be held on Friday, April 26 from 5-7 p.m. Come learn to fish with us! There will be some equipment available for use. If you have your own fishing gear, please bring it. Fishers 15 or younger do not need a fishing license. Fishers 65 and up who are Missouri Residents do not need a fishing license. All other participants will need a fishing license to participate. Day permits can be purchased at the Missouri Department of Conservation's Regional Office or online at <https://mdc-web.s3licensing.com/> Location TBD.

#### Tree ID Hike at Thousand Hills State Park

Tree ID Hike will be held on Saturday, April 27 at 10 a.m. at Thousand Hills State Park. Have you ever wanted to learn to identify the different types of trees at Thousand Hills State Park? Join park staff to learn to identify some common native trees. Learn what to look for when starting to identify trees and common tips and tricks to help you better understand the trees around you. Meet at the Oak Trail next to the playground on Big Loop Trail Rd.



## Schools superintendent speaks to Kiwanis Club about proposed bond issue

By Kirksville Kiwanis Club

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Robert Webb to speak at their Dec. 14 meeting. Webb serves as the superintendent of the Kirksville R-3 School District. He spoke about the upcoming bond issue

the District plans to put before the voters during the General Municipal Election to be held April 2, 2024. He also highlighted the quality and character of the students. Pictured are Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Dan McGurk (left) and Webb.

## Local area road maintenance report

By MoDOT

The following is a list of general highway maintenance work the Missouri Department of Transportation has planned in the Northern Missouri region for the next few weeks. All road closures and planned roadwork may be viewed on the Traveler Information Map at <http://traveler.modot.org/map/>. Inclement weather may cause schedule changes in some of the planned work. There may also be moving operations throughout the region, in addition to the work mentioned below. MoDOT asks drivers to work with us by buckling up, putting your phone down,

slowing down and moving over in work zones.

#### Adair County

Missouri Route 6 - Jan. 8-12, Lane restriction for brush cutting from U.S. Route 63 to Route V between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

#### Schuyler County

Route CC - January 2-5, Closed for culvert replacement operations from the Iowa state line to Darby Road between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

Route F - January 4-5, Close for culvert replacement operations from Johnson Drive to U.S. Route 136 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

## COLUMN: Hospital CEO grateful to be part of the community

By Patrick Avila  
CEO of Northeast Regional Medical Center

As I complete my third month as CEO of Northeast Regional Medical Center, I am grateful to be part of this community. It is an honor and a privilege to be able to work with the providers and team members of NRMC who are committed to providing quality, compassionate care. I have been impressed with the dedication of our team. Collectively our employees celebrated over 3,400 years of service in 2023. And, we use that experience to grow

and develop the next generation of caregivers. Additionally, we were pleased to name Dr. Charles Zeman as Chairman of the NRMC Board and welcome Dr. Rolena Stephenson and John Grossnickle as Board members.

The NRMC team was effective in expanding access to services locally this past year. Additions of key providers, staff and state of the art equipment have significantly enhanced the care provided in our area. In January 2023, Dr. Steven Lyons, a general surgeon with robotic-assisted surgery training, joined our medical

staff. With his leadership, we added robotic surgery equipment in June; establishing the first wave of robotic surgery offerings at NRMC.

In October, NRMC announced a strategic relationship with University of Missouri Health Care (MU Health Care) designed to increase access to specialty services and enhance health care for people living in northeastern Missouri. The relationship is designed to be long-lasting and built over time to strengthen services locally. I am excited for what the relationship will bring to our community and we look forward



Avila

to sharing more about our plans in the coming months. Additionally, we were pleased to name Dr. Charles Zeman as Chairman of the NRMC Board and welcome Dr. Rolena Stephenson and John Grossnickle as Board members.

We, at Northeast Regional Medical Center, are looking forward to more achievements in 2024 and continuing to live out our purpose of helping people get well and live healthier lives.

## Rotary Club of Kirksville welcomes new member

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the Dec. 13 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, a new member, Salvation Army Lt. Christopher Rutledge-Clarke, was inducted by Rotary Club President Melissa Stuart (left). Stuart is also his Rotary sponsor.



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## OBITUARIES

### Edward Arthur Schneider

Dec 11, 1942 – Dec 16, 2023

Edward Arthur Schneider, 81, of Kirksville, Missouri passed away on December 16, 2023 at his home with his wife, Carol, at his side.

The son of Edward T. and Lillian M. (Johnson) Schneider, he was born December 11, 1942 in St. Louis, Missouri. On August 21, 1965 he married Carol Ann Sears of Middlebury, Vermont at Mary Immaculate Church in Kirksville, Missouri.



Ed is survived by his wife, Carol, three children, Darren Schneider and his wife Sheila of Winona, MN, Andrea Schneider of Bradenton, FL and Gregory Schneider of Lee's Summit, MO; three grandchildren, Reed Schneider, Grant Schneider, and Mia Schneider; one sister-in-law, Ellen Meisenheimer, a niece, Denise Bell, and a nephew, James (Ann) Schmitt.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his father-in-law and mother-in-law (James and Helene Sears); his sister, Donna Schmitt and his brother-in-law, Harvey Schmitt.

Ed graduated from Jennings High School (St. Louis, MO) in 1961. As a high school athlete, Ed became the first Missouri high school track and field athlete to win individual state championship titles in both the 880yd run and mile run at the same championship. His 880yd performance set a new state championship meet record for that event.

Following his high school career, Ed chose to continue his academic and athletic pursuits at Northeast Missouri State Teachers College (now Truman State University) in Kirksville, MO. There he became a five time all-American in both track and field and cross country. His crowning collegiate achievement was capturing the individual NCAA College Division Cross Country championship in 1964. Ed's title was the first ever individual national championship earned by a Truman State University athlete. His individual effort contributed to his team's national runner up finish at the 1964 championship. In addition to his cross country exploits, he was the second place finisher in the 1500m and also achieved a fourth-place finish in the 880yd run at the NCAA Championship Track & Field Championships in 1964. One of his favorite memories was anchoring his teammates to a Drake Relays championship in the 4 x 880yd relay in 1965. His talent and accomplishments earned him invitations and opportunities to compete in both national caliber and world class competitions as a collegiate athlete. Fifty-nine years after his collegiate career ended, Ed still holds both the Truman State school records in the indoor mile (4:10.2) and outdoor 1500m (3:46.8). Ed graduated from Truman State with a Bachelor of Science in Education Degree in 1965 and a Master of Arts Degree in Education in 1970.

Ed taught Elementary Physical Education at Kratz Elementary School Ritenour School District in St. Louis, MO. He moved to Riverview Gardens High School in St. Louis County where he instructed Driver Education courses and began his cross country and track and field coaching career. In his six years as a high school coach, two of his track teams and three of his cross-country teams placed in the top ten at 4-A Missouri state high school championship meets. He coached individual state champions in both cross country and track and field.

In 1974, he returned to Northeast Missouri State University (Truman State University) as an instructor in physical education and as a coach of cross country and track and field. His cross country teams won four MIAA (Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association) conference championships, three NCAA regional titles, and twelve of his teams qualified for the NCAA Championships. His 1994 and 1995 teams finished third in the nation, and his 2001 team captured a fourth place finish. His cross country athletes achieved individual all-American status twenty times in national meet competition.

As a track and field coach, Ed led Truman State squads to six MIAA indoor and outdoor team championships. Individual athletes earned fifty-four NCAA all-American honors under his watch, including James Walton, an individual national champion. Seventy of his track and field athletes won individual titles at the MIAA indoor and outdoor conference championships. In 1990 his teams were eleventh at the NCAA indoor meet and sixteenth at the outdoor NCAA meet. He coached two athletes that participated in Olympic Games competition. Ray Armstead won a gold medal as a member of the United States 4 x 400 meter relay team at the 1984 Olympics and Brian Dzingai represented Zimbabwe in the 200 meters (4th place) at the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games. After thirty-one years of coaching at Truman State, Ed retired in 2005.

Ed was honored by his enshrinement into five Halls of Fame. He was elected into the Jennings High School Hall of Fame (1961) and the Truman State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006. He was elected as a charter member of the NCAA Division II Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame (2000), the MIAA Hall of Fame (2012), and the Missouri State High School Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame (2002). In 1988, Ed was named Honorary Referee of the prestigious Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa.

In 2006, Truman State University appointed Ed as an Instructor Emeritus in Exercise Science.

Ed loved his family. He greatly enjoyed attending activities in which his children and grandchildren participated. Ed was an avid outdoorsman, who thoroughly enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a tremendous steward of his land and the wildlife that his property attracted. He enjoyed watching and attending sporting events. Ed will always be remembered for his lifelong attachment to running and the running community. He valued and appreciated the many relatives, students, athletes, and friends whose lives touched his.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 5, 2024 at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home in Kirksville, Missouri.

A mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in Kirksville, Missouri. A private interment will be in the Mary Immaculate Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Ed can be made to the Edward A. Schneider Men's Cross Country Scholarship Fund at Truman State University or personally plant a tree in memory of Ed. To express condolences to his family online, please visit [www.davisplaylehudsonrimer.com](http://www.davisplaylehudsonrimer.com)

### Evelyn Marie Stice

Apr 15, 1932 – Dec 21, 2023

Evelyn Marie Stice, 91, of Kirksville, Missouri passed away on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 9:12 pm at Good Samaritan Rehabilitation Facility in Ottumwa, Iowa following a recent surgery.

Evelyn was born on April 15, 1932, in Boston, Massachusetts, the daughter of Ernest and Eugenia Marr. She married Kenneth Eugene Stice on July 18, 1954, in Reading, Massachusetts. They celebrated 54 years of marriage until he passed away on December 26, 2008.

Evelyn is survived by 3 daughters; Marjorie Phillips of Ottumwa, Iowa, Patricia Goldizen of Chandler, Arizona, and Janet Stice of Portland, Oregon; one sister Ruth Swymer of Boston, Massachusetts; 5 grandchildren, Keith Phillips, Kevin Phillips (Amy), Melissa Sawatzky (Jeff) all of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Stephen Goldizen of Glendale, Arizona, Jason Goldizen (Tracy) of Rio Rancho, New Mexico; as well as 8 great grandchildren and 4 east coast nieces and 1 nephew.

She was proceeded in death by her parents and brother-in-law John Swymer and nephew Kenneth Swymer.

Evelyn was a devoted wife, mother, grandma, sister, auntie and friend; and she loved with all of her heart!

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 29, 2023, at Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville, Missouri. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville, Missouri.

Public visitation will be held from 10:00 am until the start of the service on Friday, December 29, 2023, in the chapel of Travis-Noe Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Evelyn Stice may be made to the Kirksville Public Library or the First Baptist Church in Kirksville and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.



### Natalie Zange Kuchera

Apr 28, 1931 – Dec 16, 2023

Natalie Zange Kuchera, an engaged, selfless, compassionate and strong woman, passed away peacefully at the age of 92 on December 16, 2023, with family by her side.

She was born in Elgin, Illinois, on April 28, 1931, to the late Paul and Elsie Zange of Algonquin, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. William A. Kuchera, who passed in June 2023, just months before their 69th wedding anniversary.

Natalie was the foundation of her very large family, a catalyst of togetherness. She provided sound and reassuring advice and support at every turn. She sat on thousands of bleachers for her family as she cheered their sports and attended concerts, recitals and plays. As a teacher, she had the utmost belief in each child's ability to become all he or she could be. She was also a voracious reader, an avid sports spectator and fan, and loved music, bridge, bowling, word games, Scrabble and puzzles.

She was educated at Algonquin Grade School and Dundee High School, graduating in 1949 with many academic, music and citizenship honors. She then graduated in 1953 from Grinnell College in Iowa with an elementary education major. While at college, she continued her flute playing in the band, where she met a trumpet player who would capture her heart. She married William (Bill) Kuchera on August 14, 1954 in Kirksville, Missouri. Bill went on to be an accomplished osteopathic physician and teacher for nearly forty years, taking the two of them from Grinnell to Kirksville, Missouri, Albert Lea, Minnesota, Bettendorf, Iowa, and then back to Kirksville. At retirement, they moved to De Pere, Wisconsin, and enjoyed their final 18 years together.

Natalie taught second and third grade for several years, initially teaching alongside her mother. She also did bookkeeping and was the treasurer for her Kirksville church. Beginning with the move to Bettendorf, she became the office manager for her husband's private practice for many years. She also meticulously edited the many medical teaching books that her husband and son authored.

Natalie is survived by: her seven children (and spouses), Dr. Michael (Eva) Kuchera, Dan (Shelly) Kuchera, Joe (Shari) Kuchera, Ann (Al) Lawson, Martha (Marion) Horton, Elizabeth (John) Berley, and Jim (Sarah) Kuchera; 17 grandchildren (and spouses), Kathy Manning, Jennifer (Cliff) Straub, Tiffany (Brandon) Burnett, David Kuchera, Brenton (Ellen) Kuchera, Dr. Hallie Kuchera (Jake Vehlewald), Elliott Kuchera, Kevin Kuchera, Michael (Becca) Kuchera, Kyle (Stefanie) Lawson, Kelsey (Chris) Haase, Natalie (Joseph) Woodfin, Sam Horton, Mary Horton, Nathan Berley, Andrew Berley, Ian Kuchera; 13 great-grandchildren, Brandon, Kyler, Ava, Lillian, Elise, Liam, Natalie, Xia, Zoey, Harper, Laken, Ethan and Charlotte. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and her sister Marjorie (Zange) Krauss.

A private family funeral service will be held at St. Anne's Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 347 Libal St., DePere, WI 54115 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

The family is grateful for the care provided to Natalie at Oak Park Place of Green Bay over the past year and to Aurora of a Home Hospice, and for the guidance and support of Ryan Funeral Home and St. Anne's Episcopal Church.



### Richard 'Brian' Cullers

June 30, 1966 – December 31, 2023

Richard "Brian" Cullers, 57, of Queen City, Missouri, passed away Sunday, December 31, 2023 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

Brian was born June 30, 1966 in Kirksville, Missouri, the son of William and Doris (Spray) Cullers.

Brian is survived by his father, William Cullers of Queen City, MO; his siblings, Bobby Spray of Tioga, IL, Raychelle Love of Glenwood, MO, Radonna Arnold of Queen City, MO, Ben Cullers of Queen City, MO, Robin Seavey of Greentop, MO, Renee Cullers of Laclede, MO, and several nieces and nephews.



Brian was preceded in death by his mother, Doris Cullers, William Christopher Cullers, Richard Eugene Cullers, William Edwards Cullers, Rhonda Bernice Cullers, Randall Bruce Cullers, and both sets of grandparents.

Brian was raised in the Greentop and Queen City areas. He attended High School at Lancaster, MO, and graduated with the Class of 1987.

Brian loved listening to country music and was an avid fan of wrestling. He also loved having family gatherings and creating Tik Tok videos with his family.

Brian never met a stranger and there for touched many hearts over the years, and will be greatly missed.

Brian was a member of the Refuge Church, and was saved by the Lord and baptized.

Public visitation will be held Thursday, January 4, 2024 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the chapel of Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 5, 2024 at Travis-Noe Funeral Home with Pastor Sam Burkholder officiating. Interment will follow the service at Bible Grove Cemetery in Bible Grove, Missouri.

Memorial donations in memory of Brian may be left to his father Richard Cullers and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

### Lee Ann West

Jul 27, 1936 – Dec 13, 2023

Lee Ann West was born July 27th, 1936, in Putnam County Worthington Missouri.

She died, Dec. 13, 2023. She is the granddaughter of James Monroe and Clara Edna Davis West.

She is the granddaughter of Joseph Freeborn and Mary Maude McFarland Veach. She is the daughter of Aubry Leon and Fern Jewel McFarland West.



She spent her younger years running barefoot and happy in the hills of Missouri. Attended Worthington grade school and Kirksville Junior High School in Missouri. Her teen years she lived in Topeka, Kansas. She attended East Indianola and Seaman Rural High School.

After losing their home in the flood of 52 her family moved to Rockford, Illinois where she graduated from East High School. She went to work for Knox Motor Service where she met and married Junior Karl Kleffner of Rock Island Illinois on August 28th, 1955. Her only child Karlena Lynn Kleffner was born in 1957. In 1979 she met and married William Lawrence Dyer of Poplar Grove Illinois. They lived for years in New Mexico and Southern Missouri Ozarks until his death in January of 2004. Lee continued to live in Springfield Missouri until 2009 when Lee returned to Rockford Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Larry Leon, wife Payom, of Chon Buri, Thailand, younger brother Clare Olen, wife Martha of Rockford.

She is survived by her only sister Kerrill Kay Bolen, also of Rockford. Her daughter Karlena Lynn Kleffner Peckham, of Story City, Iowa, two granddaughters, Olivia Paige Peckham of Osceola, Iowa, Abby Schmitz of Roland, Iowa, and her two great granddaughters. She is survived by several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The body has been cremated and burial will be at a later date at Jimtown Cemetery near Worthington, Missouri, the place of her birth. To be absent from the body is to be present with the father.

### Mary Ellen Followwill

November 27, 1938 – December 29, 2023

Mary Ellen Followwill, 85, of Kirksville passed away Friday, December 29, 2023 at Northeast Regional Medical Center.

The daughter of Harry and Frances (May) Miller, she was born November 27, 1938, south of Worthington, Missouri.

She attended school in a small, one-room schoolhouse known as Independence, also attending Queen City school, and graduating High School from Livonia High School in 1956.



She was united in marriage to Garry Followwill on Sept 7, 1958, in Kirksville, MO. To this union were born 3 sons, the loves of her life.

She was baptized into Christ in March 1976 and was a lifelong, active member of the Worthington Baptist Church. She was fervent in her love for the Lord and made everyone she came in contact with aware of her love for Him.

Mary Ellen had multiple jobs throughout her life, including working at the Laughlin Hospital, Greentop school, Florsheim Shoe Factory, Schuyler County Nutrition Center, and Demos at Walmart.

Mary Ellen was a very active member of the Worthington Garden Club and the Linus Quilting Club. She also volunteered at Camp Victory for many decades as a cook, unofficial counselor, and giver of many hugs.

She had multiple hobbies, but her passion was first and foremost her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She loved each and every one with a passion and would stop whatever she was doing to spend time with them.

Some of her other favorite things were cooking and baking, and encouraging others to eat! She loved flowers and gardening, watching and feeding birds, especially hummingbirds. She was an avid quilter, and crocheter, making afghans and blankets for countless loved ones.

Mary Ellen is survived by her husband, Garry; three sons, Ronald Followwill and wife Connie of Kirksville, MO, Steve Followwill and wife Jill of Chillicothe, MO, and Mark Followwill and wife Charlotte of Bloomfield, IA; six grandchildren, Amber Followwill, Aaron (Shelbi) Followwill, Nathan (Kelsey) Followwill, Justin Followwill, Echo (Michael) Still, and Melana Followwill; eight great-grandchildren, Aubri, Kobe, Gage, Ruger, Dane, Kannon, Mylo, and Riggs. She is also survived by two brothers, Charles (Sandra) Miller of Smithville, MO, and Marvin (Marilyn) Miller of Queen City, MO; one sister, Martina Yadon of Millard, MO; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and three brothers, Dean Miller, Donnie Miller, and Dale Miller.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. with a funeral service at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at Dooley Funeral Home, Queen City, Missouri. Burial will be in Pleasant Home Cemetery in Worthington, Missouri.

A meal will be served at Worthington Baptist Church for friends and family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pleasant Home Cemetery. Arrangements in the care of Dooley Funeral Home, Queen City, Missouri; [www.davisplaylehudsonrimer.com](http://www.davisplaylehudsonrimer.com)

## ROBIN WRITES

## What?

So, this is how it happens. There's a slight whistling in your ears that doesn't seem to go away. You get used to the wind tunnel you live in, only noticing the whir when things are really quiet. But you still have room for all other sounds, too.

Then, one day, your husband asks you a question. Something simple, like, "Did you want me to grill for supper?" You think he's asking if he should kill a puppy. You stare at him and wonder how you could have married such a sadist.

But in moments, the words wiggle toward your brain and you realize you just misheard.

If you say, "Huh?", he'll repeat his question. Louder and slower, as if teaching English as a second language. And his eyes will gleam with revenge. You've been yelling at him for years, telling him to get hearing aids.

The time has come to admit it. You are having trouble hearing. Karma has come to visit, speaking gibberish and making conversation a game of "Guess What I Said".

John has hearing aids now, though he seldom wears them at home. When we watch TV at night, he cranks the volume up to a screeching level. The commercials pound the air like a jackhammer.

But the minute he's not around, I turn the sound lower, to more a gentile volume. I nestle in for a romantic period miniseries on PBS.

In moments, realization snaps its fingers in front of my dumb-founded face. I am leaning forward, watching lips move in a British accent at a speed akin to a 75rpm record. I can't hear or understand a word.

But I won't turn it up. I will suffer for my vanity. I don't want to be hard of hearing, no matter what I can't hear.

I see images of long horns hanging from floppy ears speckled with cottony tufts of hair. I imagine industrial-grade hearing apparatuses packed against my head in Barbie skin tones and aquarium-grade tubes snaking into my ears.



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH  
ROBIN WRITES

I shudder to think about the whistling noises that may emit from the sides of my head, alerting others to my decrepitude.

I'm ashamed of my pride, but still.

I know there are many types of hearing aids out there now, and some are nearly—but not entirely—invisible. I understand that my quality of life will begin to decline as I find myself excluded from the daily chatter and quiet conversations of family and friends. And I am aware that hearing loss is nothing to be ashamed of.

I just REALLY don't want to get hearing aids. And, really, are there THAT MANY conversations I have that merit perfect comprehension? John and I have been saying the same words and phrases for decades. (When will you be home? Are we out of paper towels? Is the mail here yet? Etc.) There is nothing new here.

It is embarrassing to mishear a friend and give the wrong reply. To smile at a question you didn't understand and see that they're waiting for an answer. To chuckle and hope it was the right place to chuckle. But shouldn't we all be more patient with each other? Maybe just automatically speak louder to all generations?

And, for Pete's Sake, lets outlaw whispering.

I guess I'll go and get my ears checked one of these days. In the meantime, I'll keep my eyes glued to talking mouths, lean in with my "good" left ear, and pray nobody else ever asks me if I'd like a grilled puppy.

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## HOME COUNTRY

## A lesson in 'female trouble'

The morning conference began innocently enough, with Steve and Doc arguing over which of the little packaged jellies went better on sourdough toast, and no one caring which one was right.

Dud and Bert and I sat silently, sucking down the morning elixir until it spread life to our outermost reaches as the Mule Barn truck stop's world dilemma think tank crept to life. Bert was unusually quiet this morning and we asked why. He hemmed and hawed a little, then said, "Doc, you know about these things. What exactly is female trouble?"

Oh shoot. Pretty heavy stuff for just two cups of coffee, so the rest of us hurried down a third as Doc puffed up a bit and got ready.

"Sure, Bert," Doc said kindly. Then Doc gave us the best his nine years of college and 50 years of medical practice had blessed him with. He waxed eloquent on hormonal elements, the ebb and flow of female fertility, things that could go wrong with tubular parts, and the effect all of these things could have on the attitudinal proclivities of the dear ladies we all love and admire. He took a break while Mavis returned with more



SLIM RANGLES  
HOME COUNTRY

coffee and with strange looks at our faces while we tried not to stare at her. Then she was gone, and Doc began again. Finally, when we had been pretty well checked out on the mysterious workings of the gentle gender, Doc said, "Bert, if your wife is having some problems, have her give me a call."

"Oh, it ain't her, Doc," Bert said. "It's Dud."

We all looked at Dud. He grinned sheepishly. No one wanted to say anything. Finally, Steve said, "I'm not going to be the one to ask."

"That's what you said, Dud, right?" Bert asked. "That's why Saturday's plans are shot."

"Female trouble?" Doc said, looking at his old friend.

Dud nodded. "Anita won't let me go fishing this weekend."

Brought to you by the nice folks at Rust Medical Center in Albuquerque. Thank you.

## PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

## National Cervical Health Awareness Month

By Brandon Carlyle, B.S., CHES®  
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Welcome to this edition of Public Health Corner, where we focus on important health issues, community resources, and topics that profoundly impact the well-being of our community. This month, in observance of National Cervical Health Awareness Month, we direct our attention to a critical aspect of women's health—cervical health.

Cervical health is a vital component of overall well-being, and understanding the importance of regular screenings, prevention, and early detection is key to maintaining optimal cervical health.

Why is Cervical Health Important?

The cervix is the lower part of the uterus that connects to the vagina. Cervical health is crucial because the cervix plays a central role in a woman's reproductive health. Cervical cancer, primarily caused by certain strains of the human papillomavirus (HPV), is a serious health concern that can be preventable and treatable with early detection.



Key Steps for Cervical Health:

- Regular Pap Smears: Regular screenings, such as Pap smears or Pap tests, are essential for detecting abnormal cells on the cervix that may indicate pre-cancerous or cancerous conditions. It is recommended that women discuss with their healthcare providers when to initiate these screenings and how often they should be performed.

- HPV Vaccination: The HPV vaccine is a powerful tool in preventing cervical cancer. Vaccination is recommended for both males and females during their preteen years, but it can be administered up to age 26. It's never too late to discuss vaccination options with your healthcare provider.

- Safe Practices: Practicing safe sex, using condoms, and being in mutually monogamous relationships can reduce the risk of HPV transmission, ultimately

contributing to cervical health.

- Regular Health Check-ups: Routine gynecological check-ups are crucial for monitoring overall reproductive health. These appointments offer an opportunity to discuss any concerns, receive necessary screenings, and stay informed about maintaining cervical health.

Community Support and Awareness:

National Cervical Health Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for communities to come together, raise awareness, and encourage women to prioritize their cervical health. By promoting open conversations, sharing information about screenings, and supporting one another, we can collectively work towards reducing the incidence of cervical cancer.

If you have questions about cervical health, screenings, or HPV vaccination, reach out to your healthcare provider or local health department. Knowledge is a powerful tool, and by staying informed, we empower ourselves and our community.

Thank you for your commitment to the health and well-being of our community.

## POETRY CORNER

## The World's so Different

I look about today... the world's so different... makes it hard to think change is good,

For kids growing up... they'll never have... the childhood I think they should.

Their life is controlled... by the latest technology... where would they be without a phone?

If the power's cut off... if the batteries died... they would be so terribly alone.

Years ago... back when life

was simple... adventure and freedom was found,

The entire neighborhood... was my yard... and the neighbors really liked us around.

With my bike... I could hit the road... I traveled across town and back,

I peddled to ball practice... I peddled to the pool... exercise, I never lacked.

These two examples... so common years ago... yet so very uncommon today,



I wish things were different... but they're not... and there's nothing good that I can say.

— Daniel D. Donovan

## THE ROCKWOOD FILES

## How to have a kinder, gentler January

There's no month quite like January. It wants us awake at the stroke of midnight for parties, fireworks, a kiss, and a toast to the New Year. But then it steamrolls in at daybreak with demands that we drop and give it 50 push-ups before the first cup of coffee.

It wants us to eat kale, stop running late, save more money, do 10,000 steps a day, floss after every meal, learn how to meditate, get a promotion, organize the garage, and put our nose to the January grindstone to become much better humans than we currently are. After December's fun and games, January can be a real buzzkill.

If you're already prone to beating yourself up over any number of things, January is rough because it turns up the volume on self-criticism. If we're not careful, we'll end up "should-ing" all over our self-esteem.

I need a kinder, gentler January – something to balance out all this "new year, new you" hullabaloo. I want the voice in my head to be a compassionate coach, not a demeaning drill sergeant.

So, in the spirit of a gentle January, here are three of my favorite quotes hand-picked to remind us not to sacrifice goodness for the sake of goals.

"Don't get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life." (Dolly Parton)

Leave it to the dazzling Dolly Parton to boil things down to a one-liner that serves as a guiding life principle. There's no denying that money matters. And we humans are designed to work. But when your workaholic tendencies don't know when to quit, use Dolly's quote to remember that true wealth is found in the strength of



GWEN ROCKWOOD  
THE ROCKWOOD FILES

our relationships with the people we love.

When we're in a crisis, sick, stressed, lonely, or just want to celebrate good things, those human relationships are the assets that count. Invest in them.

"Sooner or later, good things always come around." (Snoopy)

Post this quote on your bathroom mirror if you (like me) have a bad habit of "borrowing trouble" and torturing yourself with worst-case scenarios. Just as surely as Charlie Brown brings a bowl of dog food for Snoopy, good things will happen in your life, too. What if we watched and waited for those?

Life taught me this lesson recently. Four years ago, our teenage daughter was diagnosed with epilepsy and began having seizures – some big and some small. Sometimes, she had up to 60 seizures a day. We tried at least six different medications that didn't work. Doctors even implanted a device connected to her vagus nerve designed to decrease the episodes. But the seizures kept coming, and all my worry, fear, and hypervigilance couldn't stop them.

Last spring, after yet another medication change, the seizures slowed down. We held our breath and barely acknowledged the change for fear of jinxing it. Then, last month, we took Kate for a routine appointment with

her neurologist in Kansas City. He connected her to an EEG machine for 24 hours to see how many small seizures might still be happening in her brain.

The answer? Zero. I had to ask him to repeat it. "Zero seizures," he said. "The new medication is working." We cried, hugged, and rejoiced because we had stopped expecting an outcome so amazingly good. After four years of struggle, side effects, and setbacks, this huge, miraculous, joyful thing has really happened.

And if such an incredible blessing can happen to us, then just imagine what might happen to you. Wait for it. Watch for it. Sooner or later, it's coming around.

"Some days, doing the best we can may still fall short of what we would like to be able to do, but life isn't perfect – on any front – and doing what we can with what we have is the most we should expect of ourselves or anyone else." (Mister Rogers)

This is the quote to reach for when your day (or month) doesn't go as planned. Memorize and mentally repeat it when you start thinking that what you do equals what you're worth. That math is not accurate.

Mister Rogers liked us just the way we are, and he was one of the wisest, kindest people to ever wear a cardigan. I believed him then, and I still do. He would want us to be kind to ourselves.

May 2024 be the year that all of us enjoy the riches of deep relationships. May it be the year we watch for good things to happen, trusting ourselves to do what we can with what we have in this imperfect (yet beautiful) life.

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## TURNING THE PAGE

### This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

#### 115 Years Ago, December 30, 1908

A Kirksville Daily Express reporter learned from a reliable source that all the coal mines in Adair County were running at full capacity. Mine operators were finding a need for new miners, and they were being put to work daily. There never was a more prosperous time for Adair County's mining belt, and it meant prosperity for Kirksville and Adair County. The first decade of the twentieth century (1900-1910) was the most productive period for the coal mining industry in Adair County with the county ranking in the top ten counties in the state in the production of coal in every year of that decade. In 1908 alone Adair County produced over 568,000 tons of coal to make it the third ranked county in the state in total coal production.

#### 110 Years Ago, January 1, 1914

A wild deer, the first one seen in Adair County in years, was observed north of Yarrow near a bend in the Chariton River. The deer, a doe, created a lot of excitement in the community, and because of its sex, was protected by state game laws. The deer resided in a timbered area near the river on land that belonged to A. H. Latham and foraged on his cornfields. Sentiment in the community was divided concerning the presence of the deer, and most residents favored leaving the deer unmolested. Since Latham was feeding the deer and was the leader of the majority in the community, it was expected that the deer would not be hunted. Deer had not run wild in Adair County since the 1870s and 1880s.

#### 105 Years Ago, December 28, 1918

The Spanish Influenza was running rampant in Adair County as well as the nation. A farmer living northwest of Sublette, John W. Bailey, became the second victim of the Bailey family to succumb to the Spanish Flu within a week. Just a week prior to John Bailey's death his wife, Mary, died of the same illness. Their deaths left six small children as orphans. One of the six children was extremely ill with the flu and not expected to live.

#### 100 Years Ago, January 6, 1924

Kirksville was in the grips of a severe wintry blast as the overnight temperature dropped to -21 degrees. Most people stayed home to stay warm, and that was a struggle. Kirksville had the lowest temperature of those weather stations reporting throughout the state. Few cars would start, and there was a great demand for jitneys (taxi cabs), but they wouldn't start either.

#### 90 Years Ago, January 3, 1934

A golden eagle, measuring 7 feet 2 inches, from wing tip to wing tip, was killed by Roy Jones of near Pure Air. Young Jones, the son of Charles Jones, a farmer in the western part of Adair County, killed the eagle after it attacked his dog on the Jones farm. While Roy was roaming the field, the dog, an old shepherd, trotted off over a hilltop and out of the boy's sight. Roy heard the dog yelping and ran over the hill to see what was going on. He saw that the dog was about to fall victim to the fierce eagle; it repeatedly attacked the dog with its talons and beat it with its wings. The boy let out a loud shout and the bird sailed off in the air. As it was doing so, young Jones took aim with his 22-caliber rifle, fired, and his aim was



good. He hit the eagle's head. The big bird was taken to Kirksville where people observed the eagle as it was the first eagle many had ever seen.

#### 85 Years Ago, January 1, 1939

Rural electrification for Adair County was practically assured by the Rural Electrification Administration's announcement that they had allotted \$344,000 to the Tri-County Electric Co-Operative for construction of 293 miles of electrical lines to serve 913 families in rural Adair, Schuyler, and Scotland counties. The preliminary maps prepared at the time of the filing of the application gave the location of the lines and the people to be served. In Adair County the electric lines were to run from the northwest corner of the county to the southeast corner, going northeast of Kirksville. It was the hope of the Tri-County board members to get the construction work started as soon as possible.

#### 80 Years Ago, January 3, 1944

A new drug not yet available to the public was first used in this part of the state for treatment of a local patient. Penicillin was administered to Mrs. Harold Stoen at Grim-Smith Hospital in Kirksville. Mrs. Stoen, formerly of Milan, was brought to the Kirksville hospital for treatment of meningitis. The penicillin was brought to Kirksville by Dr. Graham Asher of Kansas City who oversaw the administration of the drug. He was accompanied by Dr. Terry Lilly, who had just completed his internship at Massachusetts General Hospital where he used the drug with victims of the Coconut Grove Fire disaster. At the time penicillin could only be obtained through a release by the Penicillin Research Foundation for members of the armed forces and their immediate families. Mrs. Stoen was eligible to receive the new drug because her husband, Captain Harold Stoen, was serving in the U.S. Air Force and stationed at an air base near Salt Lake City.

#### 70 Years Ago, January 3, 1954

Two small Kirksville children, Anita Stewart, 3, and her brother, Randall Bud Stewart, 2, burned to death in a New Years Day fire as the flames swept through the house in which the family lived on North Osteopathy Street. Their mother Mrs. Bud Stewart had gone next door to the landlord's house to make a phone call when someone came to the house to tell her that her house was on fire. She rushed back home to find the small house completely engulfed. Mrs. Stewart, who was pregnant with her third child, suffered shock and burns on her hands as she made a futile effort to save the two toddlers who were playing on their bed. The father of the children, Bud William Stewart, was working in Springdale, Arkansas, at the time of the fire. Adair County Coroner, Robert B. Davis, said that both children had lost consciousness before being burned, but their deaths were due to severe burns.

#### 50 Years Ago, January 4, 1974

A discussion of the Highway 63 bypass was expected to be one of the main topics of conversation at the upcoming regular Kirksville City Council meeting. City Manager Richard Martin said he was hopeful that the council would review the proposals and produce a position the city would take for the location of the bypass. There were two proposals being considered—one east and one west of Kirksville.

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## EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Part 83

### Ownbey Lake in its heyday

By Blytha Ellis, President  
Adair County Historical Society  
and Museum

Ben Ownbey first introduced his lake to the public in 1898, a place he specifically designed as a recreation center. Many doubted its usefulness or success, but Ben proved them very wrong. The lake of eight acres and the park of 40 acres could not have been more welcomed into the community. Ben, his wife, Mary, and their five children lived on the remaining acres of the Ownbey property and kept a close eye on all the activities.

Around 1912, Ben added a dance pavilion to the lake area. It had half-walls all around while the rest was open air with screens. It had a grand hardwood dance floor, polished to perfection, which was later used in a nearby home and still exists today. Live bands performed there, and later a jukebox provided music. An article from a local newspaper dated May 20, 1912, advertised "dancing every afternoon and evening from 4 p.m. on." A "carryall" made regular trips from downtown Kirksville to Ownbey Lake to transport people in the evenings.

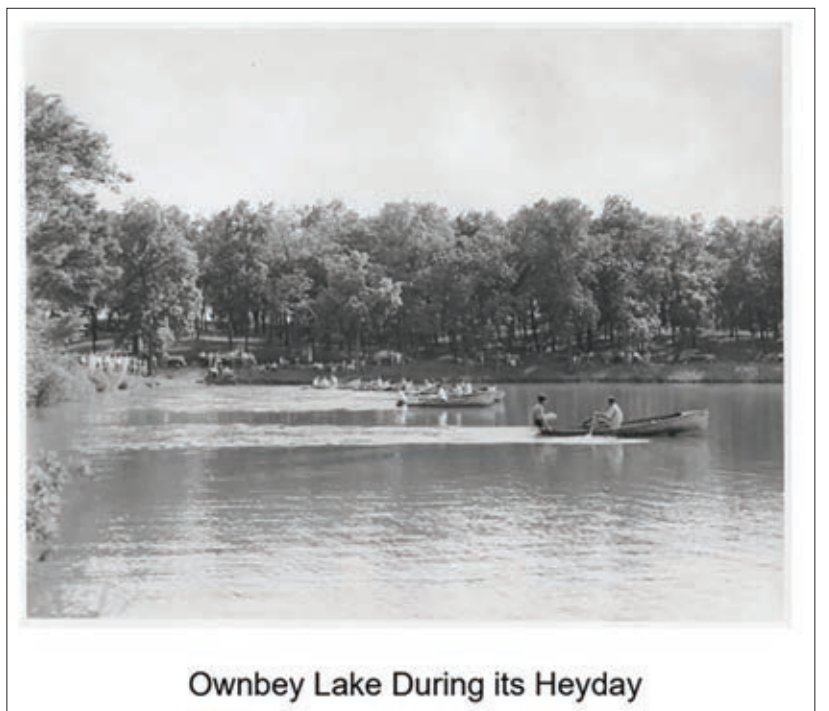
Perhaps one of the most energetic groups to embrace Ownbey Lake and its activities was the college crowd from Kirksville Normal School and the osteopathic school. It especially piqued their interest, and it was almost in walking distance for the Normal. The Historical Society has photos of a makeshift theater once set up in the woods at Ownbey Lake and the college students who performed there.

Organizations and families began to discover the fun and accessibility of such a place as Ownbey Lake for get-togethers, picnics and recreation, which had not previously been available in Kirksville. Church, school and children's organizations started finding great value in having outings so close to home. One photo which the Historical Society has is of the Campfire girls lining up for swimming at Ownbey Lake.

Soon, this new lake became the site of large events. At this time, there was no summer "fair" in Adair County, but there was a celebration called the Harvest Fest in the fall. Now, it found a perfect home at Ownbey Lake. There was room to hold all kinds of contests and space for feeding large numbers of people. Harvest Fest became host to a variety of creative contests.

One contestant told of her experiences at the Harvest Fest at Ownbey Lake. She was Adah (Ellis) Flynn (1892-1978). She had grown up in Adair County, one of four daughters of a man who needed boys to run his farm near Troy Mills. But, when he finally got boys, they were babies when his daughters were teens. So, it was the girls who had to pitch hay, clean barn stalls, care for cattle, work in the fields and walk miles to sell milk from the family farm. So, Adah was no shrinking violet. When the Harvest Fest called for women to be contestants in a nail-driving contest, she stepped right up. Of course, most of the other women were also sturdy country girls, but Adah's few whacks with a hammer drove the nail home first and won her the contest!

Major civic organizations also discovered Ownbey Lake and held large gatherings there. When the Rotary Club was organized in Kirksville in 1917, Dr. George Still became the first president. He was chief surgeon at the osteopathic hospital in



Ownbey Lake During its Heyday



Kirksville, and he organized a large picnic for the club at Ownbey Lake. The Historical Society has a panoramic photo of this event on display in our museum.

Following are some of the events at Ownbey Lake which were chronicled in the local newspapers: 1915 — "Old Settlers' Reunion and

Homecoming — Ownbey Lake — September 9 & 10, 1915 — The crowds are going where we will all have a good time. Free camping privileges to all who wish to remain overnight on the grounds. Plenty of pure water and shade. Transportation between Kirksville and the grounds has been fixed at 10¢ each way, to and from south side of the public square" Events on the program included a swimming race, rowing contest, tug of war, music, addresses, dinner and sociability hour, baby show, band concert, wash tub race, foot race and old fiddlers' contest.

1911 — "The Baptist people are talking of a meeting of two or three days at Ben Ownbey's Lake beginning next Friday, June 26. It is communion and foot-washing time with them."

1911 — "The Southwest and Northwest Sunday Schools gave a picnic at Ownbey Lake yesterday [8-1-1911]. There was an abundance of good things to eat and a pleasant afternoon and evening were spent by the 150 people who attended."

1911 — "The members of the Kirksville Catholic Club had tough luck on the annual Labor Day picnic at Ownbey Lake. Yesterday [9-4-1911], their 2nd annual affair, they had excellent prospects for a big day, but in the afternoon, there was a good old-fashioned rain. After the rain, things livened up and the crowd increased."

1923 — "A community Sunday School picnic will be held at Ownbey Lake Saturday, May 13, as one of the features preceding Mother and Daughter Week

May 13 to 20. The main speaker for the occasion will be B. A. Waite of Evanston, Illinois."

1923 — "Farmers Picnic at Ownbey Lake — Wed., August 22 — Music by the Porter [School] Band. Address by Geo. M. Kelley, Fieldman, Mo. Farmers Association. Everybody come!"

1923 — "Grocers, Butchers and Bakers Picnic — Ownbey Lake, Monday, Sept. 3. Their places of business will be closed at 10 o'clock Monday so employees can attend."

1930 — "A picnic is being given under the auspices of the Independent Grocers Association of this city at Ownbey Lake today, July 31, and a good sized crowd is in attendance. Two speakers who have gained publicity for their radio talks against the chain stores are on the program — Mr. and Mrs. Ken Calloway of Taylorville, Illinois. An elegant display of fireworks will close the program. Concessions have been erected on the ground — a merry-go-round and Ferris wheel. Others are enjoying boating on the beautiful lake. A dance will be given on the pavilion. No admission for people, but a charge of 50¢ for automobiles entering the grounds."

1935 — "The local tap dancing class sponsored by the Walsh Dancing School of Kirksville was among the entertainers at the Midsummer Picnic held at Ownbey Lake [Aug. 19]. A big supper and carnival completed the day's program."

One of the most notable of events ever held at Ownbey Lake occurred on July 4, 1924. (This will be discussed in our next episode.)

Perhaps it was fortunate that Ben Ownbey did not live to see the demise of his dream recreational area. He died during its heyday in 1927 and is buried in Ownbey Cemetery which his father started. His unmarried daughter, Hallie, who also worked at Journal Printing Co. in Kirksville, continued to run the lake and the ice business. In the 1930s, most people got refrigerators, so ice was no longer needed. About the time of World War II, the community was finding other activities, and without Ben, Ownbey Lake fell into disrepair. The dance pavilion was the last to go, and in the end, it unfortunately became a place of ill repute that mothers warned their daughters to stay away from. When the ice house was torn down, the cypress wood with which it was built was purchased for a home being constructed on Don St. in Kirksville.

In 1962, Ownbey Lake and the surrounding property was purchased from the last Ownbey heir by Dr. Maurice L. Garrett. His wife, Pansy, was a part of the J. W. March family who lived to the north of the lake. Dr. Garrett, a graduate of the osteopathic school in Kirksville in the 1930s, had courted Pansy in a boat on Ownbey Lake, and the couple had dreamed of owning the lake property some day. Their dream also came true, just like Ben's did, and they renamed the lake Garrett Lake. They established Kirksville's College Park subdivision on 115 acres of the former Ownbey land surrounding the lake.

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## KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

### Four candidates to run for Kirksville City Council seat

Four people have filed to run for one three-year term on the Kirksville City Council: incumbent Council member John Gardner, Kevin A. Alm, Angie Sullivan and Grant Caleb Hart Gleason. The filing period ended on Dec. 26. The Municipal Election for city council will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

### Kirksville Christmas tree drop-off ends on Wednesday

Are you wondering what to do with your old Christmas tree? The city of Kirksville is offering a free Christmas tree drop-off from Wednesday, Dec. 27 through Wednesday, Jan. 3. Christmas trees may be dropped off within the orange fenced-in area in the northeast corner of the Missouri Street and Main Street public parking lot. All decorations, including ornaments, lights, tinsel, etc., must be removed prior to drop-off.

### Mobility: African-American Artists Abroad at Truman State University Art Gallery

Mobility: African-American Artists Abroad will be showcased at the Truman State University Art Gallery, Jan. 23 – March 1. Mobility: African-American Artists Abroad, is work from the Petrucci Family Foundation Collection of African-American Art. An opening reception and talk will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 5 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.

### NEMO Gun Show

The NEMO Gun Show will be held on Feb 16-18 at the NEMO Fairgrounds, hosted by BK Promotions. All federal and local firearm laws and ordinances must be obeyed. Friday: 4-8 p.m.; Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: General: \$10; Children 12 & under, free. Admission good all weekend.

### Dancing at Lughnasa

Dancing at Lughnasa will be held on Feb. 22, 23, 24 at Truman State University from 7:30-9 p.m. in the James G. Severns Theater in the Ophelia Parrish Building on campus. A show on Friday, Feb. 25 will be held at 2 p.m. Set in 1936 rural Ireland, this poignant play follows five unmarried sisters trying to make ends meet. Set during the festival of Lughnasa, an ancient Celtic harvest celebration, the family's struggles are interrupted by brief, colorful bursts of music from the radio, their only link to the larger world. Told from the point of view of the seven-year-old son of one of the sisters, this memory play reveals this family's resilience in the face of change. Widely regarded as Brian Friel's masterpiece, this haunting play is Friel's tribute to the spirit and valor of the past. By Brian Friel and directed by Randall Bame.

### Idea Lab workshop

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.ecen-terdirect.com/events/24970> or contact Anastasia Tiedemann at 660-665-3348. A light breakfast will be provided.

### 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](http://parks.kirksvillecity.com). For more information about this program contact the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

## AGENT AFIELD

# National Audubon Society's 124th Christmas Bird Count

Are daylight hours getting longer or shorter? Either way the month is flying by. Winter birding can be a great way to get outdoors in the winter months. Temperatures are unseasonably warm looking at the forecast. A pair of binoculars and a nature hike on your local conservation area is a great way to get outdoors. A full hanging feeder near the living room window can provide some excellent birding, too.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) encourages Missouri birders of to become citizen scientists by helping with the National Audubon Society's 124th Christmas Bird Count (CBC) through Jan. 5, 2024.

The CBC is an annual bird census where thousands of volunteers across the U.S., Canada, and other countries go out over a 24-hour period on one calendar day to count birds between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5. The data on winter bird populations helps track the long-term status of species and large-scale trends. Each CBC has a coordinator who assigns portions of a 15-mile diameter count circle to participants to count all birds seen and heard over a 24-hour period. Missouri



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hosts about 20 CBCs. Learn more at [audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count](http://audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count) and contact the CBC organizers listed for details on the specific count circles.

One of my favorite programs to give is winter birding. Bird feeders during the winter are a great chance to observe local songbirds up close. A few things to keep in mind are keep household cats indoors, place feeders far enough away from your house as not to attract rodents, and place stickers on any windows that could be a collision hazard. After the shortest day of the year, Dec. 21, you'll have more hours of observation.

For more information, you may contact the Kirksville Regional Office at 660-785-2420 Conservation Agent Kevin Powell at 665-216-1389.

## ALBUM

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In addition to Truman collaborators, Marquez-Barrios worked with other friends throughout his academic and musical career. After earning a Bachelor of Music degree from the University Institute for Musical Studies in Venezuela, he added master's degrees in musical composition and music theory, along with a Doctor of Musical Arts in music composition, all from Michigan State University. He has worked with longtime friends and collaborators at other institutions

throughout the U.S., including Albion College, Ithaca College, Virginia Tech and The University of Oklahoma. To accommodate the logistical complications of collaborating with multiple artists and recording in venues across the country, Marquez-Barrios made use of a sabbatical to complete the album. Now in his ninth year at Truman, he plans to take lessons from his experience and incorporate them into the music theory and composition courses he teaches.

"This project was motivated by a desire to make my music easily available to a wider audience and accessible to anyone inter-

ested. A significant amount of work goes into making that happen, beyond the composition of the music," he said. "I want to be able to share that with my students. Not only how to carry a creative project to completion successfully, but what to do afterwards to make that work available to interested parties such as performing groups, music festivals and the general audience."

While he may have had the better part of a year to bring it all together, this project is a labor of love for Marquez-Barrios that has been 22 years in the making. With all due respect to a certain pop phenomenon, "The Moments Between" could be seen as his own personal "Eras" tour. From the music he heard at parties as a kid, to what he

learned in guitar lessons and songs his father wrote that he listened to while growing up, every piece on the album draws from a different time in his life.

"I like the fact that each piece represents a different version of me and of my work. I don't often go back to revise old works. I prefer to think of pieces as representative of a time and place, like a picture from a certain period that I accept as such and enjoy," Marquez-Barrios said. "Being able to hear compositions from different times will hopefully give the listeners a better representation of my work, and maybe the ability to witness how it has evolved over those two decades."

In recent years, Marquez-Barrios has used a portion of his work to

explore his identity as an immigrant. Previously released pieces such as "Nomadic Variations" and the song cycle "A Path Home/Camino a Casa," which recently premiered at Truman, are examples of this aspect of his compositions.

A track on "The Moments Between" that carries significant meaning for Marquez-Barrios and others associated with the Music Department is "Waltz for Kyle." It pays tribute to Truman music alumnus Kyle Rieger who passed away unexpectedly last year.

"He's one of the best students I've had the pleasure to work with, and we remained in touch after he graduated," Marquez-Barrios said.

After 22 years of personal compositions, record-

ing sessions in Kirksville, Oklahoma and Michigan, dozens of friends and fellow musicians volunteering their time, along with the work of sound engineers, professional audio mixers and the artist who created the cover art, "The Moments Between" is ready for its moment at the forefront. Marquez-Barrios also credits a grant from the School of Arts and Letters to helping bring the project to fruition, as well as his wife who contributes the spoken voice on one of the tracks.

"It really took a team to make this album happen, and the collaboration went well beyond the music," he said. "It is a joy to make music with friends, and I consider myself fortunate to have been able to do that on this project."

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## PATROL

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One fatality occurred on Sunday, Dec. 24 Mary L. Smith, 70, of Dupo, Ill., died when the vehicle she was traveling in failed to negotiate a curve, traveled off the roadway, and struck an

abandoned house. Smith was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. The driver of the vehicle was wearing a seat belt and sustained moderate injuries in the crash. The crash occurred on Route H in Freistatt, at the south city limits. Smith was pronounced at the scene by Lawrence County Coroner Scott Lakin. There were no traffic fatalities on

Monday, Dec. 25.

NOTE: The fatality statistics in this news release could change if late deaths occur, if other departments report fatalities after this news release was sent out, or if a fatality is determined to be caused by a medical condition rather than a traffic/boating/drowning incident.

## GARDENER

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Classes are delivered through the Canvas learning management system as a series of scripted and narrated presentations. Students

work at their own pace. A composite score of 70 percent on chapter quizzes is needed to pass the course.

Topics include basic botany, soils and plant nutrition, vegetable gardening, fruit production, landscaping design, ornamental

plants, turf management and insects and diseases.

Core training is the first step toward certification as an MU Extension Master Gardener. Trainees must also complete at least 30 hours of volunteer service, Trinklein said. Local Master Gardener

coordinators can help online trainees find volunteer opportunities to meet the service hour requirements.

Registration deadline for the spring online session is Jan. 12, 2024. For details and registration, go to [mg.missouri.edu](http://mg.missouri.edu).

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## AREA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PHOTOS OF THE YEAR



The Milan football team celebrates its district championship win over Penney on Nov. 17. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO



The La Plata softball team celebrates with fans after being presented with the district championship plaque on Oct. 17.



The Macon baseball team celebrates their Class 4 District 7 Championship win over Mexico on May 18.



The Knox County football team takes the field before the game against Paris on Sept. 29.



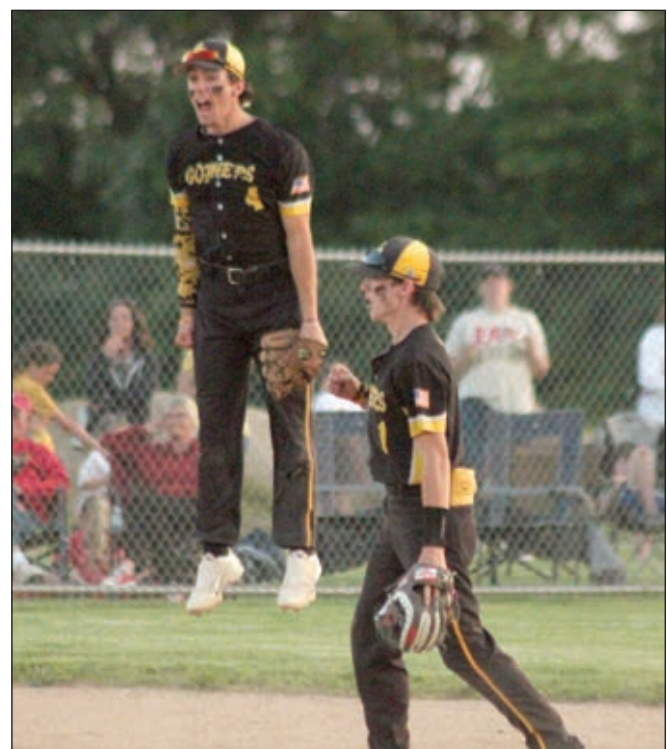
Schuyler County sophomore Mason Windy turns the corner on a run in the game against Knox County on Nov. 3.



Putnam County senior Vincent Jones releases a pitch in the state quarterfinal game against Salisbury on May 24.



Atlanta's JJ White looks to drive on a defender in the state quarterfinal game against Glasgow on March 3.



Green City shortstop Aaron Peavler (4) and second baseman Ty Hall (1) celebrate the final out in the game against North Shelby on May 22.



Scotland County football players push a sled during a practice on Aug. 14.



Brashear sophomore Madison Moots delivers a pitch in the game against La Plata on Sept. 15.



Milan senior Carlos Garcia (25) and junior Keaton Weter (20) celebrate Weter's touchdown catch against Marcelline on Nov. 10.



La Plata fans cheer from the center field bleachers during the Bulldogs' district championship against Canton on Oct. 17.



The Novinger cheering section celebrates after the Wildcat basket in the game against Atlanta on Feb. 23.



Schuyler County quarterback Conner Smith attempts a jump throw against Bishop LeBlond on Sept. 2.

## STORIES OF THE YEAR

## La Plata softball returns home to fanfare after winning state title

By Adam Tumino

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

About 24 hours after being crowned Class 1 State Champions, the La Plata softball team returned home Saturday night to continue the celebration that began the day before. The team bus, escorted by fire engines, took a victory lap through town before returning to the La Plata Sports Complex, where family, fans and a fireworks show were waiting.

The team capped off its championship season with a 9-0 win over Jamestown in Springfield, winning the programs second-ever state title and first since 1999. After coming close in each of the last few years, the Bulldogs were champions again.

Head coach Wendi Travis praised her team's commitment throughout the season, turning long hours of preparation into a championship season.

"I'm so proud of these girls," she said. "They really have worked hard. It wasn't always easy coming to three hours of practice every night, but I always told them that the hard work pays off."

It did pay off, but not before a last-minute obstacle. With rain in the forecast on Saturday, which is when the title game was originally scheduled to take place, the MSHSAA moved the game up to Friday evening. So just hours after knocking off a tough Gallatin team in the semifinals, the Bulldogs had to take the field with the championship on the line.

Although she initially reacted tentatively to the change in schedule, Travis said that the team was able to build on their semifinal win and roll into the championship on a mission.

"Every team was coming to the same situation, so it was a level playing field," she said. "When they won that first game, they ran off the emotions and the adrenaline they



The La Plata softball team holds up its state championship trophy surrounded by family and fans during a fireworks display at the La Plata Sports Complex on Oct. 28. ADAM TUMINO

got from that first game. They were unstoppable. They came in ready to win that game."

Senior pitcher Whitney Snow threw a complete-game shutout to win the title, allowing just three hits and striking out nine batters. She said that the realization that she had just helped win state had not quite set in a day later, but it was undeniably a good feeling.

"It's honestly to keep in mind that we are the state champions because it hasn't really set in yet," she said. "I still have the adrenaline going. I still feel like we have an entire season left of softball to play, but it really feels great when you think about it. It feels amazing."

After inducing a fly ball to shallow center field that was caught on the run by a charging Ashlynn Lewis for the final out, Snow said that the emotions of the moment came quickly.

"When that last out hit, emotions just fell out of the clouds," she said. "It was awesome."

Junior infielder Kohyn Wood, whose two-run double in the first inning proved to be all Snow and the La Plata defense would need, had a good view for the final out.

"I was out at second base so I was next to the catch, and I just jumped for joy," she said. "It was crazy."

Wood also said that the team was able to complete a championship season by building a strong founda-

tion and team chemistry that existed both on and off the field.

"We didn't just play the game as athletes, we played it as a team, and it really showed that we worked together to get the championship," she said.

Senior catcher Claire Coy agreed that the team's chemistry was the main factor in their success throughout the year.

"This year we just got along really good," she said. "We played like a family, we played like a team, we had each other's backs and we got along on and off the field. I think that's what made us achieve what we did."

Travis said that building this chemistry was a focus early on, as was having a culture throughout the team stressing that each player had a role.

"This group of girls, we talked from the very beginning about having each other's back and working as a family," she said. "One group. One team. One unit. One family. You can do anything when you work together. They don't have to rely on one person."

This mentality, along with plenty of talent, led to a 26-5 season for the Bulldogs. They averaged 10.6 runs per game and allowed just 3.3. The championship ends a four-year run where, under three different coaches, the Bulldogs went a combined 92-31, won four-straight district titles and had a third-place, second-place and finally first-place finish at state.



Milan head coach Mark Cole gets a victory bath while celebrating with his coaching staff after the Wildcats won the district title on Nov. 17. ADAM TUMINO

## Milan football claims district title with 13-12 win over Penney

By Adam Tumino

*Note: This story originally ran in the Daily Express on Nov. 22, 2023.*

With a narrow 13-12 win over Penney on Friday, the Milan football team was crowned district champions. The Wildcats got a key stop on a two-point attempt in the fourth quarter to hold on to their one-point lead, and then ran out the final eight minutes on the clock to clinch the win over the Hornets. It was the 11th win in a row for the Wildcats, who are now 11-1 on the season.

Milan head coach Mark Cole, in his second season in that role, said that his players' continued commitment and desire to win has made it possible for the team to become one of the final four District 1 in the state.

"My young men are special, and I love them very much," he said. "They believe in me and they believe in what we're doing here. If I told them to go get me to get some conditioning in right now they'd go do it, because they believe it's the key. They deserve all the credit."

The win over Penney on Friday was the fourth one-score game of the season for Milan, two of which have come in the last two weeks. Milan is 4-0 in one-score games this season. This was also the lowest-scoring game of the season for the Wildcats with just 25-combined points. The previous low was 35 points in Milan's 28-7 win over Polo on Oct. 13.

Milan scored first on Friday when Ahmet Niasse ran into the endzone from 15-yards out, capping off a

41-yard drive that took just 53 seconds off the clock. The extra point was blocked after a low snap slowed down the play. Of the six possessions that started and ended in the first quarter, this was the only one that did not end in a three-and-out and a punt.

Milan punted away again to open the second quarter, and despite pinning Penney back at its own 15-yard line, the score was soon tied. The Hornets drove the 85 yards in just over six minutes before a three-yard touchdown run from Clay Finch put Penney on the board. The Milan defense managed to get a key stop on the two-point try to keep the score tied with just over five minutes left until halftime.

With Penney set to receive the second-half kickoff, Milan needed another score before the half. And score they did, orchestrating a 65-yard drive that culminated in a five-yard touchdown run from Carlos Cotto with 31 seconds left in the quarter. This time Jared Gonzales converted the extra point to give the Wildcats a 13-6 halftime lead.

Each team possessed the ball just three times in the second half, with the first four possessions ending in a Penney turnover on downs, a Milan turnover, and a Penney punt and a Milan punt. This gave the Hornets a chance to add a late score and possibly tie the score or take a fourth-quarter lead, and after a 16-yard touchdown run with 8:18 left in the game made the score 13-12, and vital two-point attempt was looming.

But for the second time in the game, Milan's defense

turned the Hornets away on a two-point attempt. Cole said that the team expected Penney to score touchdowns and that two-point attempts and extra points could prove to be some of the biggest plays of the game.

"We stressed all week long that they're going to score, so just let the touchdown go and get the two-point conversion," he said. "We did that twice tonight."

But with 8:18 left on the clock, the Wildcats were not out of the woods yet. They began their ensuing drive on their own 40 yards line, and began to grind out the clock. Just over five minutes later, the Wildcats were facing a pivotal fourth-and-two when Penney jumped offsidelines, giving the Wildcats a first down and taking even more time off the clock. Several plays later, and with Penney out of time outs, a first down run from Cotto officially sealed the win.

Cole said that once that final first down call was made, what the team was on the verge of accomplishing finally set it.

"There's a lot going on," he said. "There's things that you think about but you're in the moment and you're just trying to get a first down. Then as soon as you do it's just like, 'oh my gosh, this is really happening.'"

Milan's defense was of course a large part of the win. The 12 points scored by Penney were their fourth-lowest in a game this season. Also, the Hornets had scored 204 total points over their last four games.

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## Macon mounts late comeback to claim district championship

By Adam Tumino

*Note: This story originally ran in the Daily Express on May 20, 2023.*

It took another late comeback, but the Macon baseball team was able to pull out a gutsy win over Mexico in the Class 4 District 7 championship game on Thursday. The Tigers trailed 1-0 with two out in the bottom of the sixth before rallying for a pair of runs, coming back in the sixth for the second-straight game in the tournament.

The 2-1 victory put Macon at 22-6 on the season and set up a sectional matchup with Fulton on Tuesday. It gives the Tigers their second district title in the last three seasons and also signaled a bounceback after losing in the title game last season.

On Thursday, Macon was trailing in similar fashion against Kirksville in the semifinals. In that game, they were down 3-0 in the bottom of the sixth before scoring four runs in the inning and earning the win.

Macon head coach Travis Mundahl said that he was proud of his team's ability to stay focused throughout their scoreless stretches and still rally for the win.

"We can't just make it easy, can we? It just goes to show the character these boys have," he said. "They continue to not get rattled by the situation. They trust the process. They continue

to do what they do, and this game was much like it was the other night. We hit into a lot of hard outs early, and we were able to continue to just stay the course and eventually we were able to get across there at the end."

The Tigers had some chances to score early. Center fielder Mykel Linear led off the game with a single and Macon had runners at 1st and 2nd with one out. A flyout followed by a perfect throw to nail a tagging Linear at third base ended the inning.

After being retired in order in the second, Macon had the lead-off hitter on base in the third, fourth and fifth innings but were unable to cash in with any runs. Mexico was able to push across the first run of the game in the fourth inning. With a runner on first and two outs, an error put Bulldog runners at 1st and 3rd. A single drove in the run to give Mexico the lead.

The score remained 1-0 into the sixth, and after having the leadoff man on base four times in the previous five innings, Macon waited until there were two outs to strike.

Sophomore Trey Hatcher and senior Logan Petre hit back-to-back singles to bring junior Logan Hillard to the plate. Hillard hit a double to left-center field, and while it rolled toward the wall Hatcher and Petre scored the tying and go-ahead runs.

Macon senior Drew Meisner took the mound in the top of the seventh with a lead for the first time in the game, and quickly ended it with a groundout, strikeout and another groundout. It was not the only time Meisner came up big in the game.

After retiring the side in order in the first, he worked around a leadoff walk in the second. Meisner threw just two strikes in the inning, but got out of it with a double play and a flyout. He allowed a single and nothing else in the third before the run-scoring fourth inning for Mexico.

After a strikeout to open the fifth, consecutive Mexico singles put Meisner in a bit of a jam. A fielder's choice and flyout ended the threat.

He did not allow another baserunner after that. Meisner allowed just five hits and a run in seven innings, walking one batter and striking out four. Mundahl said that this was the kind of performance the team has come to expect from Meisner, and he was able to come through in the biggest game of the year so far.

"He's been doing it all year long," he said. "He just goes up there, whenever he takes the mound, and he's a competitor. He's the biggest competitor on the field night in and night out when he steps up to the rubber. This is no different than what we've seen all year long. He just



The Macon baseball team storms the field to celebrate after the final out of their win over Mexico on May 18. ADAM TUMINO

competes. He gives us a chance night in and night out, and it's really fun to watch."

Meisner said that he feels the team is playing at a very high level and feels good heading into sectionals, especially considering the way they won both district games.

"We are riding momentum like nobody's business," he said. "The hopes never get down when we haven't scored for six innings, it never has a down moment."

The Tigers will look to carry that momentum into their sectional game against Fulton. The Hornets come into sectionals

with a 17-8 record. One of those wins came over Macon in the regular season finale by a score of 7-5.

Mundahl said that they are expecting a tough matchup with Fulton, and will look to prepare as best they can in the days leading up to the game.

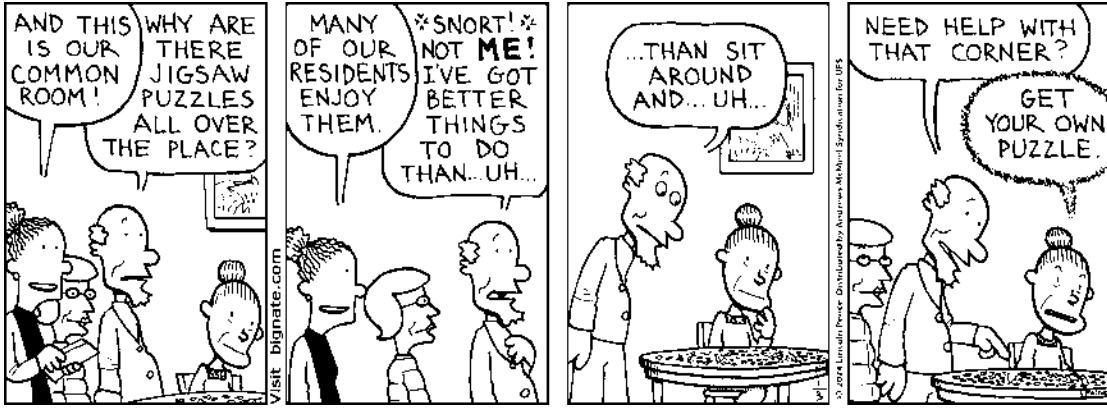
"They're tough. They're fast. They swing it well. They've got a good arm and they've got several arms out of the bullpen that they can go to," he said. "We're in for a tough matchup, but we have to continue to get better going into Tuesday and hopefully give us a chance."



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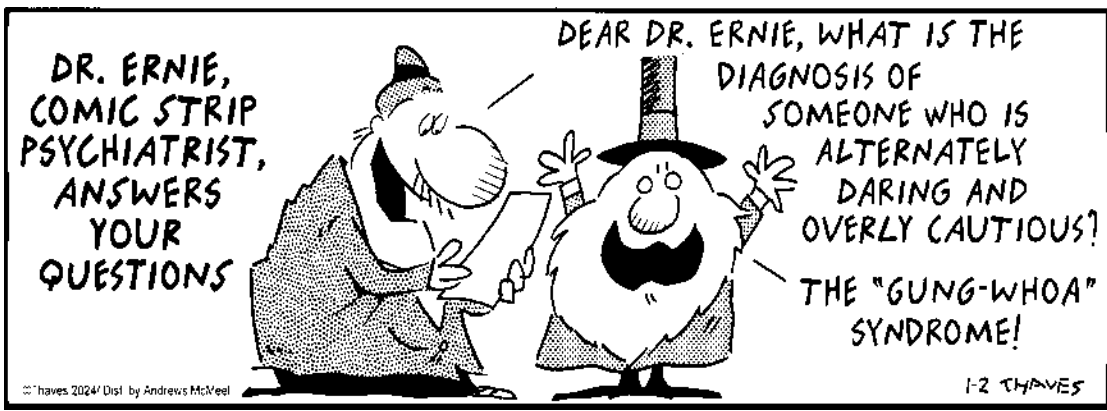
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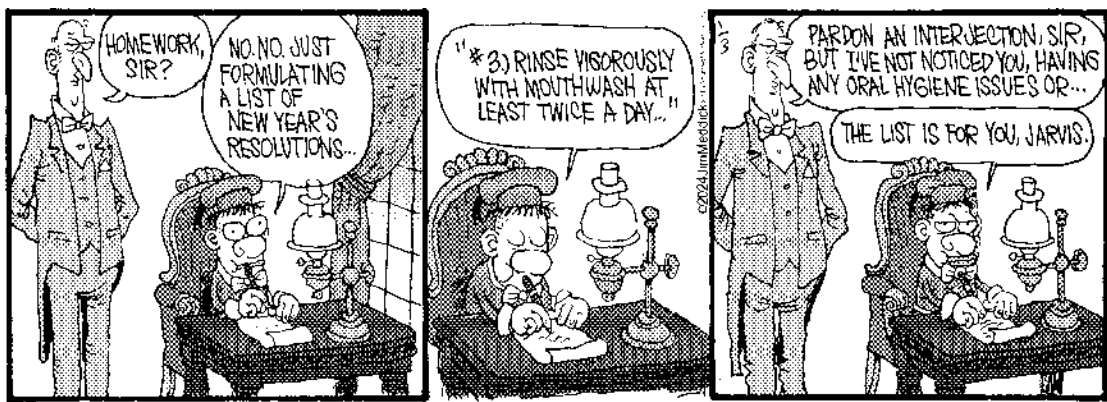
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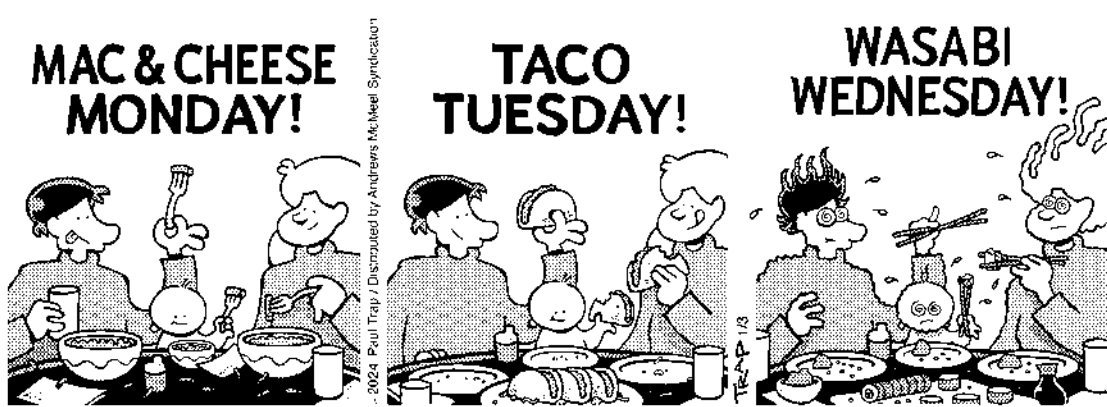
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**SUDOKU**

**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!

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**PREVIOUS ANSWER**

3	6	1	9	2	7	4	8	5
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**CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Small dog
  - 4 Waller or Domino
  - 8 Gaping mouth
  - 11 Totality
  - 12 As blind as —
  - 13 Dry
  - 15 Popular card game
  - 16 Actor — Lugosi
  - 17 Muse number
  - 18 Toil
  - 20 Welles' "— Kane"
  - 22 Actor — idle
  - 24 Punta — Este
  - 25 Diplomat
  - 28 Mother-of-pearl
  - 32 Colleen
  - 33 Small guitar
  - 35 Grass for fodder
  - 36 Fuss
  - 37 Jewel
  - 38 Rescue
  - 39 Make a second attempt
  - 42 Like a golf ball
  - 44 Pullet
  - 46 True
  - 47 Permitted
  - 51 Cook a certain way
  - 54 Large crucifix
  - 55 Laundry
  - 57 Sports org.
  - 58 Gaelic language
  - 59 Canal in song
  - 60 Hair goo
  - 61 Curved letter
  - 62 Allow to use
  - 63 Old English measure
- DOWN**
- 1 Singer — McCartney
  - 2 Arm bone
  - 3 Travel far and wide (hyph.)
  - 4 Cloth
  - 5 Honest —
  - 6 Soapstone
  - 7 Steady and sober
  - 8 Philippines capital
  - 9 State near Nev.
  - 10 Vintner's inventory
  - 14 Lair
  - 19 Spoken
  - 21 Wallet item
  - 23 Take large gulps
  - 25 Culture medium
  - 26 Ebb —
  - 27 Got with effort (with "out")
  - 29 Contest
  - 30 Rant and —
  - 31 Looked at
  - 34 Arab VIP
  - 38 Tiff
  - 40 Colossus of —
  - 41 Evergreen tree
  - 43 Interlocked
  - 45 Stair post
  - 47 "— you for real?"
  - 48 Learning
  - 49 Investor's fear
  - 50 Be bold enough
  - 52 Cain's brother
  - 53 Haven for shoppers
  - 56 Do the wrong thing

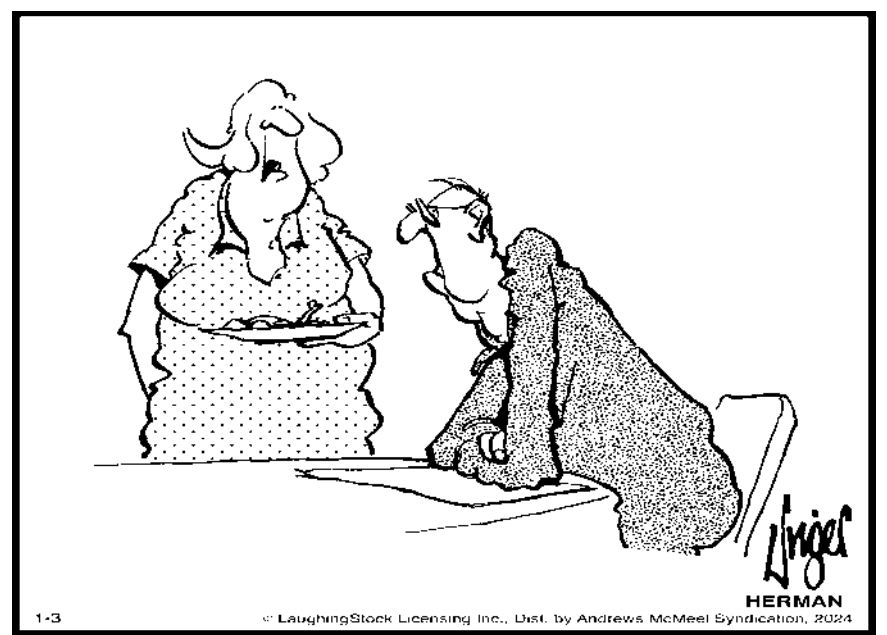
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**HERMAN**



"Can you eat turkey leftovers again?"

**ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST**

Concentrate on personal changes that will make your life easier. Peace of mind will result from making your life and surroundings less cumbersome. The amount of free time you gain by decluttering your life will encourage you to fulfill your dreams and walk away from people and situations that bring you down. Figure out what makes you happy. Romance and personal improvements are favored.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Don't ignore an opportunity. A domestic change can help you save money. Don't let anyone stand in your way or make you feel inadequate or uncertain about something you want to pursue.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Don't let your spending spin out of control. Excess is the enemy, and knowing when to say no is necessary. Stick to your routine. Self-improvement and love are favored.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** -- Keep an open mind, but don't allow anyone to coax you into something questionable. You'll do your best if you concentrate on earning a decent living and handling your financial affairs.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** -- Live and learn. Get involved in the conversation and prepare to make moves that will help you outperform any challengers. Put forth your best effort, and you will reap the rewards.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** -- Update your credentials, look at trends and apply for a position that interest you. It's up to you to create opportunities and bring about changes that satisfy your soul.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** -- Look at the cost before you get involved in something. Don't let

anyone interfere with your decisions or lead you astray. Focus on what you want to do. A new look or romance appears promising.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** -- Observe the changes others make and consider a change of direction. Refuse to let your emotions get in the way of your progress. It's time to please yourself.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Sign up for something novel. Don't feel the need to follow the crowd or allow someone to control what you do next. A pastime that leads to a cost-efficient lifestyle will help you get your house in order.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Look outside your immediate surroundings for answers. Problems at home will escalate if you are reluctant to speak up. Don't let a loved one override you in a delicate matter.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Adjust your routine to eliminate wasted time due to a lack of organization. Start to delegate some of the little jobs you don't care to do to those eager to get involved in your project.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Pay attention to money matters. Spontaneous purchases or donations may provide instant gratification, but it won't last. Look for opportunities to cut corners.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- A quick fix will boost your morale. A trendy new look that's simple, and affordable will give you additional confidence and energy. Alter how you live or handle day-to-day situations.

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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. 201600000059 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 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.

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

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

Earthworks, clearing, planting, construction, material removal, water distribution lines, etc.

"On-Call" and Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) Contract

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

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

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

**Information packets and submittal requirements can be obtained from:**

**Allstate Consultants LLC**  
3312 LeMone Industrial Blvd., Columbia MO, 65201  
Contact: Stephen Lin, P.E.  
Phone: (573) 875-8799  
E-Mail: [slin@allstateconsultants.net](mailto:slin@allstateconsultants.net)

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

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

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

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

IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI  
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Estate of BARBARA E. HILL, a Disabled Person.  
Estate No. 23AR-PR00104

Notice of Appointment of Conservator

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of BARBARA E. HILL, a Disabled Person:

On December 18, 2023, TERESA J. BANKI was appointed conservator of the estate of BARBARA E. HILL, a person adjudicated disabled under the laws of Missouri by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

The business address of the conservator is respectively:  
511 W. Illinois, Kirksville, Missouri, 63501

All creditors of said disabled person are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court.

Publication Dates: 12-27-2023, 1-3-2024, 1-10-2024, 1-17-2024

Martha Cole  
Adair County Circuit Clerk



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## JUSTICE MATTERS

# Reflections of Missouri Chief Justice Mary R. Russell



Missouri Chief Justice Mary R. Russell

As we prepare for the New Year, we reflect back on the year ending and make hopeful plans for the one just beginning. Perhaps you are like me and make resolutions I may (or may not) manage to keep in 2024. I also find myself reflecting on ways the courts, too, are finishing one chapter and preparing to begin a new one. I see this most vividly in the number of judges we have lost in the past few years, mostly to retirement and, sadly, a few to death. While some of the retiring judges are able to stay until the end of a calendar year, many more leave at varying times throughout the year, causing what has become a fairly constant ebb and flow of judicial experience in our courts.

People may not realize the Missouri Constitution imposes mandatory retirement on state judges. They must retire from judicial office by their 70th birthday or else lose their pension! A few may choose to offer their services as senior judges to help out from time to time. But many more simply retire, or move into private practice, dispute resolution or teaching positions.

A decade ago, social scientists warned us of an impending "silver tsunami" that would engulf us as Baby Boomers began retiring. They predicted, by the year 2030, those 65 or older would constitute about 13 percent of all Americans – and about 20 percent of Missourians. Back then, a full third of all Missouri judges were already eligible to retire.

As one judge leaves, of course, a new judge fills that position. Sometimes,

the vacancy is filled by someone who has been serving as a judge on a lower court. Other times, the vacancy is filled by a lawyer with no prior judicial experience. And one vacancy on a higher court may trigger a series of vacancies on lower courts as judges are promoted into new roles.

During the past five years, such vacancies have impacted more than a third of all judges statewide! The change has been dramatic in some of our circuit courts — half the judges in Clay County, more than three-fourths of the judges in Greene County, and a quarter of the judges in St. Louis County all are new to their positions in the last year alone. The Supreme Court has not been immune to change — just since July, two of our seven judges left due to mandatory retirement, and their seats have been filled by two new judges.

We in the courts often describe ourselves as a sort of family. I have known many of the retiring judges for years, and I especially feel the absence of Judge George W. Draper III and Judge Patricia Breckenridge from our own Court. But retirements do not just bring a sense of personal loss — they also mean the sudden loss of invaluable experience — more than 380 years of combined judicial experience in just the last year! More than four decades of that belongs to Judge Robert L. Koffman, the soon-to-be-retired presiding judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit (Cooper and Pettis counties), who is our state's longest currently serving judge, with 42.5 years of experience on the bench.

Not only have these judges spent years adjudicating even the most complex cases and navigating complicated procedural issues, but many of them also have spent countless hours — both locally and statewide — working to help improve the practice of law. Losing this type of experience is even more profound.

But as I remind myself often, if we are to continue growing, we must embrace change and seize the opportunities it creates. In 2023, we have welcomed nearly 150 new judges to their positions. I appreciate their fresh perspectives and practical ideas they bring for improving our courts.

And to the public who rely on our courts every day, do not despair these changes. Although the faces you see in your local courts may be new, know the job they do remains constant. All Missouri judges are sworn to uphold the same principles, to treat everyone with fairness and respect, and to do our very best to make decisions based on the law and the facts of the cases before us. In that sense, we are all just temporary guardians of the rule of law and our constitutional system of courts in Missouri.

I wish you all the best as you reflect back on 2023, good luck on keeping your resolutions, and I look forward with hope toward all the new beginnings 2024 may bring.

# Missouri Route 149 in Macon County opens to traffic

By MoDOT

HANNIBAL — The bridge rehabilitation project on Missouri Route 149, located over Walnut Creek, 1.2 miles south of Missouri Route 156 near Gifford, in Macon County is now complete and opened to traffic on Dec. 22.

Contractors from E & C Bridge, LLCs working with the Missouri Department of Transportation, began work on the project Oct. 16, which involved removing a flood damaged culvert and replacing it with the newly completed bridge.



For more information on this and other projects in your area, contact MoDOT's Customer Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK MODOT (275-6636). You can also visit us online at [www.modot.mo.gov/northeast](http://www.modot.mo.gov/northeast).

# New research shows Siddens Bening Hands-Free Law's continued success in reducing distracted driving

Missouri drivers' cell phone usage drops 4 percent since law took effect

By AAA

Updated data from Cambridge Mobile Telematics (CMT), the world's largest telematics service provider, shows the continued impact of Missouri's new Siddens Bening Hands-Free Law, which began on Aug. 28. One month before the law, drivers in Missouri spent an average of one minute and 45 seconds of every hour behind the wheel handling their phones. Nearly three months later, cell phone distracted driving in Missouri has dropped to one minute and 40 seconds, a reduction of 4 percent.

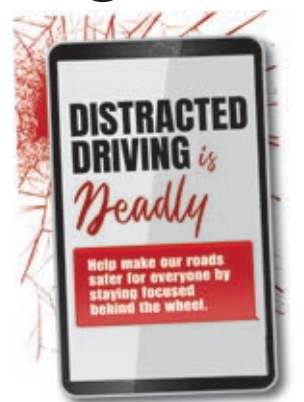
This signifies a further reduction in cell phone distracted driving in Missouri since the Siddens Bening Hands-Free Law took effect. CMT's initial findings one month after the law took effect, showed Missourians spent an average of one minute and 42 seconds of every hour behind the wheel on their cell phones, a 2 percent decrease at the time. CMT estimates that the now 4 percent reduction in distraction in Missou-

ri has helped prevent one fatality, 350 crashes and \$8.3 million in economic damages to date.\*

"The new data shows the new hands-free law is working because more Missourians are now aware of the dangers of distracted driving," said Angela Nelson, Vice President of Public Affairs and Government Relations at AAA Missouri. "We will continue to see the number of auto crashes go down if Missourians remember to do one very simple thing — when you hit the road, just put your phone down and drive."

Missouri is the 28th state to introduce hands-free legislation and the fourth in 2023 after Ohio, Alabama, and Michigan. The law requires hands-free phone use for drivers of all ages. According to the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety, there were nearly 200,000 crashes related to distracted driving from 2012 to 2021, killing over 800 people.

A recent report from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, which analyzes risky driving behaviors, found rough-



ly 93 percent of drivers identify both texting/emailing and reading on a hand-held cell phone while driving as very or extremely dangerous. The majority of drivers (59 percent) indicated they used a hands-free technology to talk/text/email while driving.

Refer to the full Traffic Safety Culture Index (TSCI) report for data collection methodology and limitations.

CMT defines phone motion distraction as when the phone rotates with the screen on while the vehicle moves.

\*Estimates based on the change in crash rate from distracted driving and data from NHTSA's report The Economic and Societal Impact of Motor Vehicle Crashes, 2019: \$340 billion in crash damages from 14.2 million crashes in 2019, averaging \$23,954 per crash.

## MILAN

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Milan was allowing an average of 15.3 points per game entering Friday's game, but managed to hold a hot team below that mark on a night where it was necessary if the team wanted to win.

Cole said that he was concerned about Penney's superior size in the trench-

es entering the game, but his defense kept finding ways to make plays.

"I saw a lot of heart. Just a ton, a ton of heart," he said. "We knew it was going to be a battle in the trenches, and quite honestly I knew how good they were and I just worried that my boys were going to get outmanned. There were times where I thought this is where the cookie crumbles, and

my tough kids just found a way."

They will have to find a way once again in the state semifinal matchup against North Platte on Nov. 25. The Panthers are also 11-1 on the season, with their lone loss coming against

an East Buchanan team that just lost to an unbeaten Bowling Green squad in the District 2 Tournament. North Platte also won a close game against Penney this season, beating the Hornets 22-20 back on Sept. 15.

"We've got a North Platte team that's playing really good football," Cole said. "They're super, super big. They've got some very talented guys in the backfield. We've got to try to handle something new. It's uncharted waters.

We've got a break and no school, and the challenge is just getting ourselves ready to play a really good opponent."

The game is scheduled to kick off at 1 p.m. from North Platte, which is located in Dearborn.

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# New pilot app supports Missouri farmers' participation in climate-smart ag programs

By University of Missouri

COLUMBIA — Missouri is home to 95,000 farms — the second highest number of farms per state in the country. Farming is a way of life for people here, one that is increasingly threatened by the effects of a changing climate. Now more than ever, reforming the ways farmers practice their craft is vital for survival. Earlier this year, MU implemented the \$25 million, statewide Missouri CRCL Project — funding that more than half of is going directly to farmers in the form of eight tailored incentive payments to support the adoption of climate-smart practices.

As part of the distribution of funds, the Missouri CRCL Project launched an app designed to expand

the access to incentive payments for a diverse range of Missouri producers. Now, supported by a \$650,000 National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) award from the Department of Agriculture, University of Missouri farm specialist Kelly Wilson and her team are working to refine the app to make it accessible, inclusive and user-friendly to as diverse a range of Missouri farmers as possible.

“Our hope is that having an easily accessible digital application will encourage farmers to apply — and be accepted for — incentive programs online,” said Wilson, the associate director of MU’s Center for Regenerative Agriculture. “I’m thrilled to help facilitate the distribution of this funding to as many of Missouri’s farm-

ers as possible so they can adjust to the changing climate while keeping their profits up. With so many farmers across the state, adopting practices like cover crops and regenerative grazing is paramount to successful future yields.”

### Spreading the wealth

Oftentimes, farmers had to work a more complicated process to successfully complete the applications for these cost-share programs. Wilson and her team hope the new app, developed by digital agricultural technology firm FarmRaise, will educate farmers about the programs available to them, including the Missouri CRCL project’s incentives as well as other state and federal support programs.

The app, which launched in the summer of 2023, will aid

in distributing approximately \$18 million to Missouri farmers who adopt climate-smart practices, including:

- Soy-Rye and diverse cover crops
  - Restorative grazing
  - Silvopasture (integrating trees and livestock)
  - Nutrient management and 4R approach (a framework to achieving goals for cropping systems.)
- Wilson is also leading the Climate-Smart Fieldscapes Program, which is designed for small and underserved farmers.
- “Often for small producers, applying for a per-acre payment doesn’t make sense,” said Wilson, who is also an assistant professor in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. “Instead, the Climate-Smart Fieldscapes Program will



Kelly Wilson and Rob Myers observe the flowering clover cover crop on Sanborn Field.

offer three-year contracts where the producers put in place three or more climate-smart practices on one area with the goal of seeing a combined effect to maximizing soil carbon while keeping productivity up — and they’ll get \$10,000 over that time period.”

While the app is still in its infancy, it has already seen success. In its first open period, Wilson and her team received 400 applicants. As the app is refined, they hope these numbers climb and the programs become ac-

cessible to a greater diversity of Missouri farmers.

“We need to figure out ways to mitigate the effects of extreme weather and climate change,” Wilson said. “These practices are becoming increasingly necessary to adapt to the weather, keep up productivity and maintain our livelihoods, of course, while not eroding our soil base, which is an essential component of farming.”

*Editor’s note: Kelly Wilson has a joint appointment with the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and MU Extension.*

**THIS WEEK'S FEATURED CHURCH**  
**Novinger Baptist Church**

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8:15 a.m. Worship Service Peace, Milan  
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study Faith  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School Faith  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service Faith  
10:00 p.m. Issues, Etc. 107.9 KLTE  
www.faithkirkville.org

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

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

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

**Kirkville Church of Christ**  
110 Pfeiffer Ave.  
Elders/Pastors: Dan Green, Dean Hansen  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11 a.m. Worship  
Weds 6:30p.m. Bible Study  
www.kvcc.org

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

**Faith United Methodist Church**  
1602 E. Illinois  
Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship

**Southside Baptist Church**  
1010 W. Burton  
Pastor: Aaron Rodgers  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Preaching  
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

**First Church of God**  
2900 S. Halliburton  
Chad Earhart  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
www.kirkvillechurchofgod.com

**Central Church of Christ**  
2010 S. Halliburton  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

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

**The Crossing Church**  
810 E. Shepherd Ave.  
9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service  
www.thecrossing.net

**Grace Community Bible Church**  
1501 E. Northtown Rd.  
Benjamin Jordan, Pastor  
Affiliated with the Evangelical Free

**Church of America**  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
12 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Small groups  
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**First United Methodist Church**  
300 E. Washington  
Pastors - Rev. Scott Beard & Rev. Jennifer Finley  
9:30 a.m. Worship In Person & Online  
kvumc.org

**Pure Air Baptist Church**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
TBA Bible Study

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

**Fellowship Baptist Church**  
1701 S. Jamison St., Kirkville  
Larry Gibson, Pastor  
9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study  
fbck@sbcglobal.net  
www.fellowshipbc.org • 660-665-0633

**Yarrow Methodist Church**  
Highway N., Yarrow  
Guest Pastors  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Mary Immaculate Catholic Church**  
Weekday Masses: Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Wed. & Friday: 7 a.m. Thursday: 8 a.m.  
Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

**Catholic Newman Center**  
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday  
7:00 a.m. Monday  
9:00 p.m. Wednesday

**Union Temple Church Southwest of Kirkville**  
Alan Coonfield, Pastor  
Every Sunday Evening  
5-5:30 p.m. Bible Study  
5:30-6:30 p.m. Church Service  
Sugar Creek Baptist Church  
5 mi South on Hwy 3  
Pastor, Virgil K. Jones  
10:00 a.m. 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 Kirkville**  
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 Kirkville, MO  
Jeremy Broach, Senior Pastor  
Chad Stearman, Associate Pastor  
Sunday 10 am - Morning Worship  
Wednesday 6:30 pm-8 pm Family Ministry Night  
www.cornerstonechurch.faith

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

**Gifford Christian Church**  
Minister: Darren Potter  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

**Lake Road Chapel**  
22963 Potter Trail  
Pastors: Andrew Turner, Andy Thompson, David Kelly  
10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service  
www.lakeroadchapel.org

**Church of God (Holiness)**  
1601 N. Elson  
Pastor Ralph E. Wheeler, Jr.  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
New Hope

**Evangelical Church**  
620 Steer Creek Way  
9:30 - 10:20 a.m. Bible Class  
10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time  
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
Darrell Draper, Pastor  
660-341-0000

Jim Maxey, Calling Pastor  
660-665-6949 or 660-216-4183

**First Assembly of God**  
2401 S. High St., Kirkville  
Shawn Meintz, Pastor  
Sundays:  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Worship Wednesdays:  
6:30 p.m. Family Night  
www.kirkvillefirst.org  
info@kirkvillefirst.org

**First Liberty Full Gospel**  
1302 E. Filmore  
Rev. Fred Baker, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**Novinger Baptist Church**  
Highway 6 & 149  
Rev. Darrell Crooks, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**First Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)  
High & Harrison  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
2000 E. Normal

**Kirkville First Ward Bishop John Grider**  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday Services  
Kirkville Second Ward Bishop Isaac 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 Church - Millard**  
9:15 a.m. Bible Stud  
10:00 a.m. Worship

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

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

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

**Shekinah Mennonite Church**  
15981 Blueberry Way, Kirkville  
John Mark Miller, Pastor Roger Berry  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
6:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday - hymn sing  
6:00 p.m. 4th Sunday of month Topic

**Bethel Community Church**  
12 miles NE of Kirkville on Rt. T  
Marvin Cross, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Kid's Klub/Youth Fellowship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship.

**Lancaster Baptist Church**  
Southeast Side of Square, Lancaster  
Lonnie Johnson, Pastor  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**Grace Bible Baptist Church**  
Greencastle, Mo.  
Rev. Earl Baker, Pastor  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
5:00 p.m. Evening Service  
Winigan Christian Church  
Ryan Crist, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship 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 Services

**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

**Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church**  
8 mi. N.W. of Kirkville on Rt. B.  
Tim Hodges, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**Worthington Baptist Church**  
Worthington, Mo.  
Roger Busnell, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**The Salvation Army**  
1004 W. Gardner  
Brian and Michelle Bump, Pastors  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Morning worship  
7:00 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

**Hurland 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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