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Kirksville receives grant for school crosswalk safety improvements

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville has received funding from the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for a Transportation Alternatives Grant that will go toward crosswalk safety improvements near the city's several educational campuses.

This grant award follows a previous grant the city received, which enabled a crosswalk study last year done by Allstate Consultants around the schools. The studied area covered 5.2 miles near A.T. Still University, Truman State University, Moberly Area Community College and Kirksville R-III Schools.

Recommendations from that study will now be implemented to further protect and enable pedestrians and cyclists in important parts of the community.

"These enhancements will bolster the safety of our many students, which can vary from young kids to adult medical students," said City Manager Mari

Macomber. "As Kirksville continues to become more walkable and bikeable, these crosswalks will see greater use among other community members too."

Potential improvements include:

• Repaired pavement at crosswalks



See **SAFETY**, Page A8 A crosswalk out front of Truman State University.



See more photos from the event inside on Page A8.

Kids Cardboard Boat Races held at Aquatic Center

By NEMO Photography

The Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department held their annual Kids Cardboard Boat Races on Sunday, Jan. 21. Children ages 5 to 16 were signed up as an individual or as a team of up to four people and put their building skills to the test. Participants constructed a boat structure using cardboard, duct tape and water-based paint, and

attempted to make it across the pool in the fastest time. Teams competed in age divisions based on the mean age of the team and were able to win in multiple categories.

Fastest time went to The Read Girls, Avery and Adysen Read, who clocked in at one minute, three seconds. Best Design went to Libby Rooks and Harper Winder with the "Rainboat." Click here to see a video of the event.



Kirksville Police Dept. asking for assistance in identifying subjects

By Kirksville Police Department

The Kirksville Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in identifying individuals in connection with a reported theft that occurred on the 1700 block of South Baltimore Street on Dec. 22, 2023. Police believe the four females and one male depicted in the included pho-

tos were involved in the theft. Anyone with information regarding this press release or any suspicious activity is encouraged to contact the Kirksville Police Department at 660-785-6945, Central Dispatch at 660-665-5621, Adair County Sheriff's Office at 660-665-4600 or anonymously at 660-627-BUST (2878) or email police@kirksvillecity.com.



Kirksville legend, Ray Klinginsmith, passes at 86

By Marty Bachman Daily Express

Ray Klinginsmith, a Kirksville legend who once served as the Rotary International president (2010-11), passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the age of 86. Klinginsmith, who stressed service to others, was a mentor to many in the community — a list of people far too long to mention.

He was an attorney and in 1982, was a founder of Chariton Valley Association (CVA), which provides services to the local developmentally disabled community. Serving others was his creed, exemplified by his service to the community as a Rotary Club member.

According to Ruth Bowers, whose known him for 30 years, he became a neighbor and best friend to her for the last 10 years. Bowers, who will take over as Rotary of Kirksville club president in July, had deeply hoped that her mentor would live to see her take the reins of the local organization.

"I so wanted him to be here to guide me through that year," she said. "Besides making me a better Rotarian, he's helped make me a better person."

She said that he would always tell her that "all we can do is be better people in order to make the world a better place". He encouraged her and others to change and improve themselves so that they could have a positive impact on the world. He taught that everything we do and say is a representation of who we are.

Klinginsmith was a member of Rotary since 1961 and according to the Rotary Foundation, not only served as Rotary International president, but he took responsibility at one time or another, in just about every other capacity in the club, both locally and internationally. According to the foundation, Klinginsmith is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and its Distinguished Service Award.

He served as general counsel, professor of business administration, and dean of administration for Truman State University until 1995.

Klinginsmith and his wife, Judie (Wilkinson), had two children, Leigh Anne and Kurt Rhea. Kurt had a condition where by the time he turned 4, he could no longer talk or learn and it was determined that he would need lifetime assistance. With other parents in similar circumstances, the Klinginsmiths' founded Chariton Valley Association in Kirksville. According to his bio, the first CVA program was a pre-school for disabled children — and later a residential program was developed where their son and others resided. His son was later moved to a group home where he lived with others under similar circumstances.

According to the CVA website, the mission of Chariton Valley Association is to empower people with disabilities to achieve their highest level of independence through high quality and diverse support services. Their goals are to promote a normalized lifestyle for the children in their care and to challenge the individuals they serve, to continue to grow.

In July of last year, Adair County SB40 recorded an oral history of the founding of CVA, with Klinginsmith narrating the story (https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=jJxFamdxdEU). He recapped the history of his son's birth and subsequent decline as he struggled with a crippling disease. The couple took him to specialists in Columbia and St. Louis, and then to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where he was diagnosed with tuberous sclerosis, a condition that can cause seizures and learning disabilities. Despite being treated by the world's leading doctor on tuberous sclerosis, no one could suggest any treatments that might improve his son's diagnosis. Eventually he lost his ability to talk.

"It took us two years of searching to find the problem that was identified and the prognosis was very unfortunate," Klinginsmith said in the oral history.

Kurt began school when he was 7 or 8, with the school district sending a teacher to work with him at his home. She suggested that he attend her class at the school...and, according to Klinginsmith, "just did amazingly well."

At the time, that was the only service available in Kirksville but Klinginsmith, who had an aura of conviviality and was well-appreciated by many, knew people who knew things, and as the state of Missouri was transitioning from providing service to providing funding for service, they began making moves to begin CVA.

The Klinginsmiths partnered with Sheila Daniels, who wanted to start a preschool program for children with developmental disabilities.

"We decided that was a very viable program that we would support and that she could provide the leadership and we'd provide the organization," Klinginsmith said in the oral history.

He said they applied for a grant for a total \$40,000 to operate for one year and that they had to raise \$10,000 to get \$30,000. They received the grant and the program was a success.

Klinginsmith then began to work on building a home for developmentally disabled children, but they didn't have money for a down payment. The local regional center offered a wing of their building to use as a home and that's when and where Chariton Valley began. CVA celebrated 40



Ray Klinginsmith speaks to the Rotary Club of Kirksville on World Polio Day, Oct. 26, 2022.

years in business at a party at the Dukum Inn in May 2022.

Klinginsmith continued to pursue a residence for disabled youth and was eventually able to get financing for the project, "thanks to being on the bank's board and providing some security provided by our families," he said. They eventually held a grand opening for the home and the history of CVA since has been one of continued growth.

Crystal Amini-Rad, director of Adair County SB40, whose mission is to engage in advocacy, promote inclusion, and provide essential resources to assist people with developmental disabilities to live self-determined lives, said that in addition to founding CVA, Klinginsmith was also very instrumental in getting SB40 started.

"He was the first person to contact me at KTVO back in 2004-2005 and discuss the Property Tax Levy to ask for KTVO to help support its passage," Amini-Rad said in an email. "He was key to pulling the Tax Levy committee together, getting it on the ballot and getting it passed. I think he did all of the legal work pro-bono."

As a former director at CVA, she said that Klinginsmith was also very involved in the start up of the Midwest Special Needs Trust Fund (originally the Missouri Family Trust Fund).

"He was one of the appointments to the FIRST MFT Board by Governor Ashcroft in September of 1989," she wrote. "He worked hard on developing the program, testifying in Senate Hearings and getting the program up and going by 1991. They changed their name to Midwest Special Needs Trust

Fund in 2005." She said that one of her cherished memories is seeing Klinginsmith pick up his son on his scooter and giving him a ride home.

"As a little boy, his son adored Ray and was always thrilled to see him coming," she wrote. "They had such a special father/ son bond."

She said that his advocacy for people with developmental disabilities in Missouri is really understated.

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Community

Kirksville Area Calendar of Events

Chariton Valley Association open interviews

Chariton Valley Association, a partner of Center for Human Services, invites the community to join them for open interviews at the Chariton Valley Association Business Office (1708 Laharpe Street, Kirksville), Jan. 25 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For interest in open interviews please bring a current resume. CHS/CVA serves nearly 50 counties and over 10,000 individuals across the state, developing their skills to overcome physical, mental, and financial challenges. CHS/CVA specializes in providing resources and services for childcare and early education, jobs, therapy, housing, counseling, and socialization. To learn more about Chariton Valley Association, a proud partner of Center for Human Services career opportunities, visit charitonvalley.org.

Celebrating MLK Dinner

The Celebrating MLK Dinner will be held on Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Truman State University Georgian Room. RSVP Required: https:// forms.gle/bvJD2A4c4fnjnpDA6

Curtain Call Theater's Classic Film — 'North by Northwest'

Curtain Call Theater's Classic Film series will feature "North by Northwest" on Friday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. Free Admission (Donations Welcome). Join in the excitement of one of Alfred Hitchcock's most famous films. Cary Grant stars as a mild-mannered advertising executive caught up in a case of mistaken identity. His attempt to elude a cabal of spies intent on his assassination leads him from the United Nations in New York City to Mount Rushmore. Eva Marie Saint co-stars as the stranger he meets along the way who is drawn into his web of intrigue.

2024 NEMO Bridal Expo

The 2024 NEMO Bridal Expo

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

Lecture by Rock & Roll Hall of Fame recording artist

In partnership with the Black History 101 Mobile Museum, the Kohlenberg Lyceum event series will host a lecture by Rock and Roll Hall of Fame recording artist Professor Griff on Feb. 1 at the Baldwin Auditorium on the Truman State campus (Call for details:

(660) 785-4133). As a co-founding member of the revolutionary hip hop group Public Enemy, Griff draws on his exemplary life of service and an impressive 20-plus-year musical career to captivate audiences with his universal call for social responsibility within both the hip hop community and larger culture. Tickets are required and are free for all Kohlenberg Lyceum Series events thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Lyceum program and the Truman State University Foundation. Tickets are available approximately two weeks before the performance at the locations listed below.

- Truman State University Campus · Advancement Office (McClain Hall 205)
- · Admissions Office (Ruth W. Towne Museum and Visitors Center) Union and Involvement Office Main Desk (Student Union Building)

Kirksville Arts Association/Sue Ross Arts Center (215 S. Franklin St.) and Kirksville Chamber of Commerce (315 S. Franklin St.)

If available, any remaining tickets will be available at the event starting 30 minutes before the show. Downtown Kirksville.

James Thompson Guest Flute Recital and Lecture

James Thompson will hold a guest flute recital and lecture beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall at Truman State University. This event is free and open to the public.

Mary Immaculate's Night of **Merriment: Denim & Diamonds**

Formerly known as the Sweetheart Dinner, Mary Immaculate's Night of Merriment: Denim & Diamonds will be held at the White Oaks Barn on Saturday, Feb. 10 beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person, \$600 for a table of eight. Price includes dinner, an auction and a live band. New this year, a special VIP table for \$1,000, which brings you special treatment all evening including preferred seating, special recognition, your own personal server and two bottles of wine + beer. You also get the pleasure of being served dinner before other patrons.

OBITUARIES

James (Jim) William Mayfield

Dec. 20, 1973 - Jan. 20, 2024

James (Jim) William Mayfield, 50, of LaPlata, Missouri passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at his home. James was born on December 20, 1973 in Morris, Illinois.

He was the son of Randy Mayfield of Brashear, Missouri and Elizabeth Vest of Huntsville, Missouri. James graduated from Reed-Custer High School in Braidwood, IL. He went on to serve in the United States Army in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Bosnia. During his nine years of service, James was awarded several commendation medals. Following his military career, he proudly studied at DeVry University obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems, an area in which he excelled and was passionate about. In addition to his academic and professional accomplishments, James was married on April 29, 2000 to his true love, Erica (née Gardner).

He was a loving and devoted husband, son, brother, father, and grandfather. James is remembered by his sense of humor and quick wit. His kind and gentle nature was evident through his love of dogs, specifically his beloved dog, Midnight.

James was survived in death by his wife, Erica Mayfield of La Plata, MO; father, Randy Mayfield and stepmother, Barbara Mayfield, of Brashear, MO; and mother, Elizabeth Vest of Huntsville, MO. Also survived by siblings Robert Mayfield and wife, Leigha, of Brashear, MO, John Mayfield and wife, Melissa, of Colorado Springs, CO, and Shannon Arnold, and husband Matthew of Columbia, MO. James was survived by children Jacob Fowler and wife, Teresa, of Arnold, MO, Nicholas Fowler and wife, Lauren, of St. Charles, MO, Alaine Beeler and husband, Damian, of Toledo, OH, Aaron Fowler of Columbia, MO, and Stephanie Littleton of Norman, OK. James had 14 grandchildren. He had a large family and was also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

James was preceded in death by his grandfather, Raymond (Sarge) Mayfield, grandmother, Margaretta (Maggie) Mayfield, grandfather William Vest and grandmother, Edisa Vest; several aunts and uncles; one nephew and one grandchild.

Visitation will be held at Travis-Noe Funeral home, located at 1008 W. Potter, Ave. Kirksville, MO, on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am with a veteran's memorial service to follow at 12:00 p.m. at Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, located at 1479 County Rd 1675, Jacksonville, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Field of Dreams Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 206, Kirksville, MO 63501 or through the website at www.fodrescue.org. They may also be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

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release. "The city is eager to

involve community-minded

citizens in the process of

local government through

one of our many Citizen Ad-

visory Commissions."

from citizen involvement.

KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB HOSTS JULIA JACK-SCOTT



The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Julia Jack-Scott to speak at their Jan. 18 meeting. Jack-Scott is with the Bear Creek Community Land Trust, which is an intentional community situated on 184 acres of land outside of La Plata. She presented on the community and its mission to uplift the health of people and the earth by weaving their lives together in an inclusive, interdependent community. Pictured, from left, are Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Dan McGurk, Jack-Scott, and Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Elect Ted Frushour. KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

Thank You

The Briddle family would like to thank in rememberance of Ricky Briddle and those who expressed acts of kindness to Ricky throughout his life, especially Uncle Bob,

everyone who sent flowers, cards, and gifts Brandie, and Joy, his housekeeper.

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ROTARY CLUB LEARNS ABOUT ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



The speaker at the Jan. 17 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting was Diane Richmond, Director of Learning Technologies & Instructional Design at Truman State University. She spoke about Artificial Intelligence (AI) which can be both good and bad. In healthcare, it can aid in diagnosis and provide assistance in surgery. It can help detect fraud in finance and provide better recommendations in a retail setting. In entertainment, it can be dangerous and result in jobs being lost, replacing artists. Al can provide false information and misrepresentations. It can be particularly troublesome in education. In order to catch cheats, Richmond recommends that educators have students write something during class. Students need to add citations which AI won't produce. The speaker is pictured with Past President Marie Murphree (right) who conducted the meeting. ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE

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OBITUARIES

Ray Klinginsmith

Jun 19, 1937 — Jan 17, 2024

Ray Klinginsmith, age 86, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away on January 17th, 2024.

Ray Edward Klinginsmith was born on June 19, 1937, in a farmhouse on the Iowa-Missouri state line, and he lived on three different farms during his first eight years, which fostered his love of farm life. His parents were Ted and Alta (Williamson) Klinginsmith, and he had an older brother, Teddy, and two sisters, Sara and Carol.



Ray attended the Fife Rural School in northern Putnam County until his parents moved to the county seat town of Unionville, Missouri, when he was in the third grade. He then attended both grade school and high school in Unionville, and graduated with the UHS Class of 1955, which was one of the school's largest ever classes with 93 graduates. He worked at the local Hy-Vee store on Saturdays, spent time as a farmhand during the summers, played football, served as the junior class president, and enjoyed spending time at Casady's Pool Hall.

Ray went to college at Mizzou in Columbia, and he spent his summers and vacation periods delivering gas and appliances for his parents' business, the Unionville Skelgas store. He joined a new fraternity at Mizzou, Theta Xi, at the end of his freshman year, and then lived in the fraternity house for the next three academic years. He served in all the local chapter offices and credited his various roles in managing the fraternity to being one of the best learning experiences of his life. He also worked in other student organizations, including the Interfraternity Council, and thoroughly enjoyed his college years.

Following his college graduation in June of 1959, Ray returned to Unionville and worked in his parent's business. The Unionville Rotary Club was a very active service club in town, and the club encouraged Ray to apply for a Rotary International Scholarship, which he did successfully. He then spent the 1961 year at the University of Cape Town, which was an outstanding college with 5,000 students. The Rotarians there treated Ray very kindly, and he traveled 16,000 miles in South Africa, Southwest Africa, Northern Rhodesia, and Southern Rhodesia, and spoke to 34 different Rotary clubs during his travels. He was imbued with the fellowship and service of the African Rotarians, and his year in Africa gave him an incentive to serve as a Rotary volunteer for the rest of his life. Ray was engaged to Judie Wilkinson of Pendleton, Indiana, during his year abroad, and following his return, they were married on December 31, 1961, at the Central Christian Church in Anderson, Indiana. Ray and Judie lived in his hometown of Unionville for the next nine months, and he happily joined his important benefactor, the Unionville Rotary Club. He also helped to start the Unionville Jaycees, which was chartered with 93 members.

In September of 1962, Ray and Judie moved to Columbia, where Ray attended law school and Judie completed her education degree at Mizzou. Judie taught kindergarten at Centralia during Ray's last year of law school. Ray graduated with his Juris Doctor from Mizzou in 1965.

Following his law school graduation, Ray and Judie moved to Macon, Missouri, for Ray to practice law with Ronald Belt, who Ray had met through his service with the Unionville Jaycees. Ron was also a popular member of the state legislature, and Macon had a very strong bar association, which made it a good place for Ray to learn about the practice of law in a rural community. Ray quickly joined the Macon Rotary Club, and he also served in the Macon Chamber of Commerce and the Macon County Arts Association. Judie taught kindergarten in the Macon Public Schools, and they were active in the Macon United Methodist Church, where Ray served as both Lay Leader and Chair of the Administrative Board.

Ray and Judie's first child, Leigh Anne, was born at the Samaritan Hospital in Macon on February 1, 1967. The attending physician was the venerable Dr. James Campbell, who was truly a respected physician. Ray enjoyed his law practice with Ron Belt, and as they started providing more legal services for the Macon Atlanta State Bank, Ray was invited in 1971 to serve on the bank's board of directors, which was a strong relationship that lasted over 50 years.

In 1973, Ray was pleasantly surprised by an invitation to serve as the General Counsel for Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville, and his opportunity to work with the university president, Dr. Charles McClain, and his management team was an exceptional experience. Ray also served as the Dean of Administration for five years, and during that time, Dr. McClain's vision and skill transformed the university from a former teacher's college into the state's leading liberal arts and sciences institution. It was an amazing achievement, and Dr. McClain remained as the president until 1988, when he was appointed as the Missouri Commissioner of Higher Education. Ray stayed as the General Counsel and Professor of Business Administration until his retirement in 1995.

Ray and Judie's second child, Kurt Rhea, was born at the Samaritan Hospital in Macon on July 10, 1974, shortly after Ray and Judie moved to Kirksville in May of 1974. Kurt weighed 10 pounds at the time of his birth, and although he seemed to recover from a difficult birth, he started having epileptic seizures when he was two years old. He was diagnosed with tuberous sclerosis at the Mayo Clinic when he was four years old, and his condition deteriorated to the point that he was unable to talk or learn and also unsteady on his feet. When it became apparent that Kurt would need residential assistance, Ray and Judie founded the Chariton Valley Association (CVA) in 1982 to provide needed services in Kirksville for persons with developmental disabilities. The first CVA program was a preschool program for children with disabilities. and the second CVA program was a residential center in a state building. Kurt moved into the CVA center when he was 11 years old, and CVA then built a new residential center on LaHarpe Street, and Kurt and 15 other children moved into the new facility in 1989. CVA then started a group home facility on Grim Drive in 1992, and Kurt moved there with three other children. He has now lived there for almost 20 years and has received exceptional care.

Due to his work with CVA, Ray was accorded the 1988 Parent/Caretaker Award by the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities, and he served as one of the initial trustees for the Missouri Family Trust, which was created by the Missouri legislature in 1989. He also was active in the Boy Scouts as an adult leader and was awarded the Silver Beaver award by the Great Rivers Council. He also was accorded the Thomas D. Cochran Community Award by the Young Lawyers Section of The Missouri Bar in 1983, and he was named as a Man of Distinction by the Theta Xi National Fraternity in 2018. This past year, The University of Missouri Alumni Association presented Ray with the prestigious Faculty and Alumni Award for Distinguished Service.

Following his retirement from the University, Ray operated a part-time law office, and during that time he was asked by Judge Bruce Normile to serve as the chair for a Board of Jail Visitors to evaluate the local Adair County Jail. The committee found many problems in the jail such that it recommended the construction of a new jail, and the voters approved a new tax levy to pay for it. However, the Adair County Commission made some mistakes in its plans for the new jail, and Ray then became a candidate for the Adair County Commission to address the problems. He was elected as an Associate Commissioner in 2000, and then served on the commission for four years while the new jail was successfully constructed. He became good friends with the other two commissioners, Gary Jones and Sid Osborn, and they cooperated to update the Prosecuting Attorney from a part-time to a fulltime status and to assist in supporting a new Senate Bill 40 tax to provide additional services for local citizens with developmental disabilities. It was his only time to run for public office, but it was a good experience for him - and for Adair County.

One of the things that Ray always enjoyed were reunions with his friends, and he first became involved in school reunions, when his UHS Class of 1955 held its 25th reunion in 1980. Ray served as the committee chairman, and the reunion attracted a large number of classmates and former faculty members, which was held in the empty building that had housed the high school when Ray was in school. He then served as the committee chair for the quinquennial reunions for his class in 1985, 1990, and 1995, and he kept adding other alumni friends who had been in UHS at the same time. Then in 2000, he served as the reunion chair for all the UHS alumni in the 1940s and 1950s, and it attracted a crowd of more than 400 people, many of whom had not been back to Unionville for decades. It was a special event, and one of Ray's proudest achievements. Then after a brief respite, Ray and other alumni organized an all-school reunion event on Labor Day weekend in 2003, and those UHS/PCHS reunions have continued on an annual basis. As a result, Ray was selected as the first graduate to be inducted into the school's Academic Hall of Fame in 2010.

Ray was always active in Rotary clubs, due to his year abroad as a Rotary scholar in 1961, and after serving as president of the Macon Rotary Club in 1970-71, he served as the governor of Rotary District 605, which included all of northeast Missouri and the St. Louis area, in 1975-76. He then served on the Rotary International (RI) Board of Directors in 1985-87, as the moderator for the International Assembly in 1989, and as a Trustee for The Rotary Foundation in 2002-06. Then as the Vice Chairman for the 2005 RI Convention in Chicago and as the Chairman for the 2008 RI Convention. In August of 2008, he was selected as the RI President for 2010-11, and he and Judie then moved to Evanston, IL for the two years that he served as the President Elect and then as the President. Rotary has 35,000 clubs around the world with 1.2 million members in about 200 countries, and as a result, Judie and Ray traveled extensively to about 75 countries throughout their Rotary travels.

During his presidency, Ray instituted several improvements in the Rotary organization, and he was aided by a progressive board of directors with Tom Thorfinnson as Vice President, Ravi Ravindran as Treasurer, and John Blount as Chair of the Executive Committee. He and Judie also received constant support from their presidential aides, Duane and Pat Sterling, of Warrensburg, Missouri.

The Kirksville Rotary clubs were very supportive of Ray and Judie's service to Rotary, and the amphitheater in Rotary Park is named the Ray Klinginsmith Amphitheater. Large delegations of Rotarians and their spouses from Northeast Missouri attended both the 2010 Rotary Convention in Montreal and the 2011 Convention in New Orleans to show their support and encouragement. Ray's chief claim to fame was the ability to formulate good ideas for progress and then to recruit friends and colleagues to help him make the needed improvements. All of which was aided by his sense of humor, his use of Cowboy Logic, and his wish to make things Bigger, Better, and Bolder!

Ray is survived by his son, Kurt, of Kirksville; by his daughter and her husband, Leigh and Bob Perkins, of Liberty, Missouri; and his three grandchildren, Morgan (Perkins) Dawson, Grant Perkins, and Sydney Perkins. He was preceded in death by his wife, Judie; his parents, Ted and Alta (Williamson) Klinginsmith; his brother, Teddy Klinginsmith; his two sisters, Sara Stockton and Carol Mills; his parents-in-law, Bob and Ruth (Heerdt) Wilkinson; and by all his uncles and aunts.

A Celebration of life will be held on Saturday, February 10th at Dukum Inn in Kirksville, MO from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Please wear apparel that represents your connection to Ray (Putnam County, Truman State, Mizzou, Rotary, CVA, Kansas City Chiefs, etc.). Playle & Collins Family Funeral Home, 709 S. 27 the St., Unionville, Missouri, 63565, is honored to have been entrusted with the care of Ray's arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to: Truman State University Foundation

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Allen Lee Heaberling

Jun 21, 1946 — Jan 1, 2024

Allen Lee Heaberlin, 77, of San Diego, CA, passed away on January 1, 2024. Born on June 21, 1946, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Allen was a beloved individual

who will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Allen was an easy-going, fun-loving traveler who had a deep love and respect for cuisine, culture, and music. He was known for his friendly nature and willingness to help others without expecting anything in return. Allen's warm and generous spirit touched the lives of many.

Allen is survived by his loved ones, including his wife Mary, brother Dick Heaberlin, and his sons Jon Heaberlin, Paul Heaberlin, and Michael Heaberlin along with his grandsons Joey Heaberlin and Mason Heaberlin. He was preceded in death by his parents Paul Heaberlin and Margaret Heaberlin, as well as his brother Bobby Heaberlin.

Allen pursued his higher education at the University of Missouri, Rolla, where he obtained his Masters. He was a dedicated scholar who valued the pursuit of knowledge.

A ceremony to honor and celebrate Allen's life was held on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 3 p.m. at Clairemont Mortuary.

Allen Lee Heaberlin will be remembered for his zest for life, his love for music, and his kind-hearted nature. He leaves behind cherished memories and a legacy of kindness that will continue to inspire those who knew him.

Evelyn Patricia Severns

Mar 23, 1940 — Dec 19, 2023

Ms. Severns flew with the angels Tuesday, December 19, 2023 after a short, but severe illness and is now at peace.

Born in Memphis, Tennessee, Ms. Severns attended the University of Iowa where she met the love of her life and husband, Dr. James G Severns (Professor Emeritus, Truman State University) of Chicago, Illinois 63 years ago. She leaves behind three adult children: Frances Severns Kottwitz (Terry) of Anacortes, Washington, David R Severns of Kirksville, Missouri, and John R Severns of



Chicago; grandchildren Andrew Kottwitz, Lauren Kottwitz, Alexia Meneeley, Stephanie Severns (Soto), Hilary Newman, Alan Severns and Ryan Wasney; four great-grandchildren and other family members and friends too numerous to list.

As a 30+ year resident of Kirksville, she was the energetic force behind many high school productions, Travelers Community Theater, and Pinch Penny Players.

She completed her education at Truman State University, Kirksville, with a BA English and MA English; as a fine actress and theater fanatic, she became very active in the university, community theater and professional world. She appeared in or was heard in numerous productions — stage, radio, television, film — over her more than 60 years of professional acting. A member of professional unions SAG-AFTRA and Actor's Equity, she appeared in comedic, dramatic and musical roles across the country and in Canada.

Ms. Severns touched many, many lives during her life through exemplary teaching, directing, philanthropy and a wicked sense of humor. She will be sorely missed.

Services will take place at Central Chapel, 6158 South Central Avenue, Chicago, IL on Saturday, January 20, 2024, 4:00 pm — 8:00 pm with a short memorial at 6:00 pm.

Please visit EVELYN PATRICIA SEVERNS BOOK OF MEMORIES. To express your thoughts or memories in the online guest book, visit www.chapelc.com or www.facebook.com/centralchapel.

John Herschel Rehm

Mar 19, 1927 — Jan 15, 2024

John Herschel Rehm, 96, of Topeka, passed away Monday, January 15, 2024.

He was born March 19, 1927, in Hurdland, Missouri, the son of John Simon and Pearl Mae (Winer) Rehm. He graduated from Kirksville Senior High School on May 18, 1945. He served in the United States Navy from 1945 to 1946, briefly serving in World War II.

War 11.
John was employed by several railroads for over 30 years, retiring in 1988.

and a granddaughter Lindsey Clingenpeel.



Mr. Rehm was a lifelong member of the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Illinois — Jerusalem Temple Lodge Number 90. John married Juanita Ruth Gardner on June 22, 1957. She preceded him in death on November 26, 2006. Survivors include their children, Robert Rehm and Cara Clingenpeel (David) of Topeka; grandson Cody Clingenpeel; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his

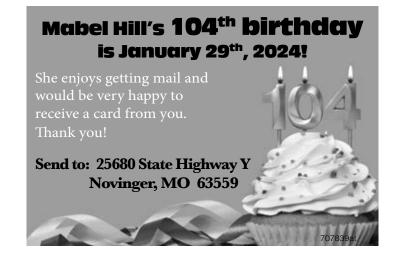
John enjoyed visiting family, playing cards, RC airplanes and western movies.

parents; sister Dorothy Stockhecker; brother Marion Rehm;

John was cremated. A memorial ceremony will be held at a later date. Interment will be at a later date in Maple Hills Cemetery in Kirksville, MO. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Midland Care, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka, KS 66606.

Dove Cremations and Funerals Southwest Chapel is assisting the family.

To leave a message for the family online, please visit www. DoveTopeka.com



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Kirksville Daily Express

Dear Members of the Kirksville and Surrounding Communities,

Catholic schools benefit all year long from the religious guidance, prayers and support parishes provide. Each January Catholic schools around the nation celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The theme this year is, "United in Faith and Community." This week is used to draw attention to faith development, academics, and service activities students in our school pursue all year around.

This is an excellent time for us to thank the Mary Immaculate Parish, the Kirksville community and the Kirksville R-III school district for supporting and collaborating with us over the years. The school district works with us to have a Title I teacher in our building to help students with reading skills. We are also blessed to have the opportunity to participate in athletic programs sponsored by the district. We appreciate the support of our local businesses and individuals who offer donations and other kinds of contributions to our school.

Please join us in many events that are planned for this week as together we form and educate our students, who enrich our lives now and who will become tomorrow's leaders.

Below we have summarized reasons for choosing, supporting, and celebrating Catholic schools.



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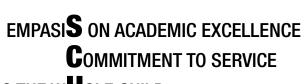
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We choose Mary Immaculate School because we believe that giving our kids a high quality Catholic Education is one of the most important things we do for them. We believe that the Catholic education our kids receive at Mary Immaculate is an extension of what they are being taught at home. We also

> feel it is very important that our kids be surrounded every day with teachers and students that mirror our religious beliefs and moral choices. -Ben and Tara Seedorf

our children is one of the most important decisions we face. For us, Mary Immaculate Catholic School was a clear choice. This school not only offers an excellent academic curriculum but also instills strong moral values that align with our family beliefs. The sense of community and belonging is palpable, and the dedicated staff genuinely cares about each child's well-being and educational growth. The integration of faith and learning ensures that our children are not just academically prepared but also grow as compassionate, thoughtful individuals. We feel confident and reassured knowing that our children are part of an environment that nurtures both their minds and spirits." -Andy and Tiffany Schwend

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pre-k through 8th grade. We chose to send him for our Catholic faith and stayed for the wonderful teachers, administrators and school families. We have received a wonderful education with small class sizes and one on one attention when needed. The staff a Mary Immaculate truly cares about each and every student, parent and relative and goes above and beyond for their students. The school fosters an environment not only for top of the line education but for ensuring that your child builds character and kindness for themselves and others. Mary Immaculate has been a wonderful choice for our family."



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me fulfill my dream of being a doctor. The

teachers are kind and

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-Penelope Moore,

4th Grade

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-Sadie Cleaver, 4th Grade

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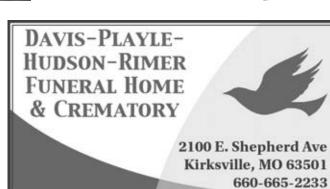
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PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

Birth Defects Awareness Month

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

Welcome to this week's edition of Public Health Corner, where we are dedicated to raising awareness about various aspects of health, community resources, and the pivotal issues that impact the well-being of our community. In this edition, we turn our focus to a topic of great importance-**Birth Defects Awareness** Month. Recognized annually in January, this month serves as a crucial reminder of the impact birth defects can have on individuals, families, and communities.

Understanding Birth Defects: Birth defects are structural changes present at birth that can affect almost any part or parts of the body. They may affect how the body looks, works, or both. While not all birth defects can be prevented, understanding the risk factors and taking proactive steps can make a significant difference.

Key Facts and Prevention: Preconception Health: Ensuring maternal health before conception is vital. Mothers should maintain a healthy lifestyle, including a balanced diet, regular exercise, and avoiding harmful substances like tobacco and alcohol.

Early Prenatal Care: Early and regular prenatal care is crucial. Healthcare providers can monitor the health of both the mother and the developing baby, identify potential issues, and provide necessary interventions.

Genetic Counseling: For individuals with a family history of birth defects or specific genetic conditions, genetic counseling can provide valuable information about risks and options.

Avoiding Harmful Substances: Substance abuse during pregnancy, including alcohol, tobacco, and certain medications, can increase the risk of birth defects. Seeking guidance from healthcare providers is essential.

Managing Chronic Conditions: Proper management of chronic conditions, such as diabetes, before and during pregnancy can reduce the risk of birth defects.

Promoting Awareness and Support:

Educational Initiatives: Spread awareness by sharing information about birth defects within your community. Knowledge empowers individuals to make informed choices during pregnancy.

Birth Defects Awareness Month

Support for Affected Families: Families dealing with the challenges of birth defects may benefit from support groups, counseling, and access to resources. Creating a supportive environment is crucial.

Advocacy for Research: Support research initiatives focused on understanding the causes of birth defects and developing preventive measures. Advocacy plays a vital role in advancing public health.

Your Role in Birth Defects Prevention:

As members of our community, we can contribute to birth defects prevention by fostering a culture of support, understanding, and awareness. Whether you are a parent, healthcare professional, educator, or advocate, your involvement matters.

If you have concerns or questions about birth defects, reach out to your healthcare provider or local health department for guidance. Let's work together to create a community that prioritizes the well-being of mothers and infants.

Thank you for your commitment to the health of our community.

ROBIN WRITES

Still got it

was at my chiropractor's office, waiting in the private cubicle for a crack at my turn. After putting on the "Velcro in the back" gown, I glanced in the mirror on the wall to be sure my hair was not sticking up and I had no traces of breakfast on my face.

There I was, dressed as if heading for surgery, in a flowery sack draped against a matronly body. I grimaced and turned away.

The rooms aren't soundproofed, and music streams from overhead speakers to mask conversation in the treatment room. My chiropractor has great taste in music.

In moments, an all-time favorite song from my teen years wiggled into my ears. It wound itself around my memories, taking me back to a time when music accompanied every aspect of existence.

This was not a love song. It didn't remind me of fumbling embraces or sighs of heartbreak. And it wasn't an ethereal instrumental of technical beauty. No "Love is Blue" or "Classical Gas."

I was surrounded by the thumping rhythm of a bass guitar. The swish of a drum brush. Synthesizer whines. Clicks and taps. In seconds, the melody strummed against my spine.

I knew the song the second it began.

"Come Together" by the Beatles grabbed me where I stood and took me to another

I closed my eyes to absorb the sensation; music like this demanded concentration. It was meant to be "felt" in the soul.

I can't explain what happened at that moment. Maybe I was temporarily hypnotized by the chiropractor with subliminal messages beneath the tune. Maybe I experienced sudden amnesia that erased all the years between 1969-2024.

My body started to gyrate. The beat gave my legs reason to slide this way and that, as if tiny Swiffers were attached to my shoe soles. My artificial knees earned their investment, bending slightly and springing back, following my feet as they swiveled.

I was feeling so cool. I was at the Armory building in



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH ROBIN WRITES

my small hometown, dancing with my best friend, Donna, and giving flirty glances to all boys in the vicinity. We WOULD dance with a boy before the dance was over. We were sure of our allure.

My flowered gown changed to a flowy miniskirt that swirled around my young, skinny legs, and my generic sneakers became my favorite lace-up, white sandals. I had slept in brush rollers the night before, so my scalp was sore, but my hair poofed out and flipped perfectly at the ends.

I had no need for a chiropractor at that moment. My limbs were as bendable as Gumby's. My neck bobbed side to side without a click or twinge. And my hips swiveled in patterns I thought I had forgotten.

I wobbled around, mindful of the beat and keeping perfect time. My hands lifted as if in supplication to a higher power. The Beatles were wailing about 'feet down below his knees.' They were so groovy.

I turned toward the wall and slowly lifted my eyelids (I was getting a bit dizzy). Two worlds collided in a single second.

That girl of the 60s, who fell in love weekly and knew everything about everything, stared into the face of a woman nearing her 7th decade. The lady's hands were facing the glass as if warding off an attacker.

She had a couple chins, progressive lenses, and thinning hair with a telltale stripe of gray along the part. Her mouth, pursed into what used to be an "oh so seductive" pout, now made her look as if she had just licked a lemon.

After a second or two, I laughed. I stared deeply into my own, still sparkly eyes. That girl was still there. I kept dancing.

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POETRY CORNER

What is Your Purpose?

What is your purpose?.. Do you ever think about that?.. Do you wonder why you're here?
Have you ever given thought... to what the world would be

like... if you had never appeared?
What void did you fill?.. What souls have you touched?.. What lives are now better because of you?

The answers to these questions... you may never know... but those that you've touched certainly do.

— Daniel D. Donovan



THE ROCKWOOD FILES

Music and madness

t least once a day, I run across a room yelling, "No, no, no!" Then I lunge for the remote control, the way a soldier dives for a grenade before it explodes.

I push that mute button like my sanity depends on it — because it does. If I don't hit mute or fast-forward in time, Tom and I might hear one of the many commercial jingles designed to burrow into the human brain and never, ever leave. (We're looking at you, Skyrizi, Jardiance, and Ozempic. Your jingles are jangling our nerves, and we don't like it.)

Now that we're officially middle-aged, we must block out this noise as much as possible. There's no extra room in my brain. My headspace is more crowded now than it has ever been. And every time I hear another pharmaceutical jingle, that catchy little tune moves into my head while something far more important falls out — like my Amazon password or which row I parked on at Walmart.

I understand why drug companies do this. They think if people are busy humming along to the song while watching a lady dance with a mailman, they might not hear the subtle disclaimers behind the melody — lines like "may cause serious side effects like ketoacidosis that may be fatal, dehydration that can lead to sudden worsening of kidney function, or genital yeast or urinary tract infections." Then they slip in this little nugget of info right before the music swells to a finish: "A rare, life-threatening bacterial infection of the skin of the perineum could occur."

What's a perineum? Not sure. I was too busy singing to pay attention to the whispered warnings.

I know this isn't a new problem. Marketing experts have been selling us stuff with addictive melodies long before the first "plop-plop, fizz-fizz" of the 1970s. They know that if the brain absorbs new information in the form of a song, it's much more likely to remember it — especially if you repeat it roughly two zillion times a day.

Years ago, I used this tactic on my own kids when they were in preschool. For safety reasons, I needed to make sure they knew our home address and phone number (because tiny humans didn't have smartphones or Apple Air Tags back then). So I made up a song using the information as lyrics, and I'd ask them to sing it to me at random times to make sure they really knew it. To this day, those three kids, who are now 22, 19, and 17, say that they can't write down our address without hearing that song in their head — to which I say, "Mission accomplished."

But what today's drug commercials are doing is different. They're not putting "Oh, oh, oh, Ozempic" in my head for safety reasons. They want me to sing it while I wait at red lights and hum it all the way into a doctor's office where I ask for a prescription.

Capitalism is corrupting our music, people! If we're not careful, these 30-second earworms will become a nationwide problem. (Nationwide is on your side.)

These dangerous ditties are the siren song of mindless con-



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sumerism. We have to wake up! (The best part of waking up is Folgers in your cup.)

After all, we're not easily manipulated children. We have to grow up. (I don't wanna grow up. I'm a Toys R Us kid.) Because that's what responsible adults do. (Do a dollop, do-do a dollop of Daisy.)

But maybe I'm being paranoid — just making something out of nothing. However, if you ask the singer of the Skyrizi jingle, "Nothing is everything." See what I mean? These earworms will make us all nuts! (Sometimes you feel like a nut... sometimes you don't. Almond Joy's got nuts. Mounds don't.)

got nuts. Mounds don't.)

If we can't create a national ban on these jingles, maybe we could limit the frequency. We could send all advertisers a strongly worded letter from the collective TV watchers of America and kindly ask if they would just give us a break. (Gimme a break... Break me off

a piece of that Kit Kat bar!)
Now, if you'll excuse me, I
need to go buy some chocolate.
I'll let you know when it's time
to sign that letter. In the meantime, for your own safety, keep
your finger on that mute button.

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HOME COUNTRY

Look both ways

lmost all of us know how to pronounce pandemic now, and we have a pretty good idea of what it means since everyone we know spent more than a year under virtual house arrest.

But that didn't help Billy much. Billy's our town dog, of course. He's been our town dog since Sally passed away on Doc's porch, and Billy's owner died two weeks later. Sometimes an honored position doesn't require an election.

Billy took right to it. He made his daily rounds to the back door of the Chinese restaurant and the Mule Barn coffee shop. He drifted over to the Rest of Your Life retirement home often to give the old folks another reason to enjoy life.

And there was his job, too.
Every weekday morning Billy was on duty at the street crossing where the kids went to school. Martin, the crossing guard, was always there with his vest and his sign, and Billy was the official cross-the-street escort.



SLIM RANDLES HOME COUNTRY

But when the pandemic hit, the kids were suddenly home schooled and Martin stayed home as well. This threw a big monkey wrench into Billy's gear box.

So about once a week, a bunch of us masked coffee drinkers would go to the school intersection and stand there until Billy showed up. He'd look both ways and take us across the street, and then continue on his daily rounds.

Just because we're in a pandemic doesn't mean we can't do our job.

Brought to you by your local classic country radio station which carries Home Country Radio with Slim Randles. Costs you nothing. Just tune in and grin.

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TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

110 Years Ago, January 26, 1914

A Kirksville blacksmith, H. M. Blanchard, who had just purchased the blacksmith shop on West Washington Street, was severely burned when he attempted to start a fire at the shop with gasoline which he mistook for coal oil. The gasoline exploded in a flash and Blanchard was a mass of flames. Fortunately, he had the presence of mind to jump into the cooling tub of water that was sitting nearby. His coat and overalls were burned on his body and his hands were severely burned. Other parts of his body, including face, neck, and arms were scorched, but not as severely as his hands. After the incident, he walked to a nearby doctor's office where he was treated. Blanchard had come to Kirksville the week previous and was in the process of getting his blacksmith shop operational.

105 Years Ago, January 24, 1919

An Adair County Grand Jury convened and returned its first indictment in the case of a young man, Denton Plumlee, whose idea of a joke led to the indictment and a fine. Plumlee was charged with riding a horse into the Kohlmyer school house while school was in session. The jury's action resulted in a "true bill" which required Plumlee to appear in court. He pled guilty and was fined \$5 and court costs.

100 Years Ago, January 27, 1924

The Davis and Wilson Undertaking firm completed the purchase of the property at 202 East Washington Street and announced plans to build a large, modern funeral home. The property was purchased from Dr. Ezra Grim, and the house that was on the lot was being moved to another location. Construction was expected to begin as soon as the transaction was finalized if the weather permitted. Completion of the new facility was slated for June 1, 1924. The new funeral home would have the morgue, funeral parlors, restrooms, and everything to make it both comfortable and modern in every detail. The facility was later operated under the names of Davis & Davis Funeral Home and the Davis-Playle Funeral Home. The building is still standing.

95 Years Ago. January 28, 1929

A section of the business district of Novinger was destroyed in an early morning fire. Four business houses were a total loss in the \$30,000 fire. The firms sustaining loss were the Elsea Store, Emery Howerton's Drug Store, Sam Halley's barber shop, and the offices occupied by the dentist, Dr. E.E. Trunnel, and physician and surgeon Dr. H. T. Garrison. The buildings were located at the south end of the east side of Main Street, just south of the Novinger Bank. All were of brick construction and only the walls were left standing. Nearly all the goods and equipment in the stores and offices were burned. The fire was discovered in the Elsea store about 5 a.m. by Joe Rabbitt and another miner who were on their way to work. They immediately turned in the fire by ringing the fire bell, but since Novinger did not have a fire department not much could be done to fight the fire. Most of the volunteer efforts were devoted to saving the buildings to the north of the fire area which were separated by an alley. Sheets of tin were placed over the windows of the Novinger Bank, and by using water on the structure no damage was done. Fortunately, a strong wind out of the north blew the heat and flames to the south. A call was placed to the Kirksville Fire Department which responded, but by the time the truck arrived the buildings



were completely engulfed. The Elsea Store, managed by Everett Elsea, sustained the biggest loss as it carried a stock of general merchandise and groceries estimated at from \$8,000 to \$10,000. Elsea also owned the two buildings which he occupied. They were valued at between \$4,000 and \$5,000. All the equipment and furnishings in the doctor's and dentist's offices were lost. In the past, the business section of Novinger had been unfortunate as far as fires were concerned as practically every part of it had sustained one or more fires. In nearly every instance the buildings were not replaced, which left the business district scattered.

90 Years Ago, January 21, 1934

Dr. Ralph O. Stickler, medical practitioner and surgeon in Kirksville since 1926 and one of the owners of the Ellis-Stickler Hospital for several years, purchased the hospital when it was offered at a trustee's sale at the courthouse. Dr. Stickler planned to continue operating it as the Stickler Hospital. He also announced that Dr. H. B. Elkins, of Brashear, would become a resident physician and maintain an office at the hospital. Dr. Elkins would also oversee the X-ray and internal medicine departments. Dr. Ellis, formerly of the Ellis-Stickler Hospital, moved to a downtown office.

85 Years Ago, January 25, 1939

Dr. C. M. C. Willcox, a Kirksville and Adair County, physician and druggist, died at his home. Dr. Willcox's family came to Adair County from Ohio in 1857 and began a farming operation and eventually went into the mercantile business in Kirksville. Dr. Willcox was born in Kirksville in 1871, attended the local schools, and was a graduate of the Kirksville Normal School. He graduated from the College of Physicians at Keokuk, Iowa, in 1891. He then practiced medicine for ten years at Millard before moving to Kirksville in 1902. In 1913 he established the Willcox Drug Company. He served four terms as coroner of Adair County and was County Health Officer and County Physician for twelve years. He was elected to the Missouri legislature in 1916 and served one term. During World War I, Dr. Willcox was commissioned a captain in the Medical Corps of the regular army. He later served as a captain in the Medical Reserve

Corps for ten years.

85 Years Ago, January 29, 1939 A sixteen-year-old boy from Kirksville, Clell Frederick Speaks, was killed by a freight train in Mulberry, Kansas. Speaks, the son of Albert Speaks, was one of three Kirksville boys who ran away from their homes earlier in the week. According to information received in Kirksville, the boys were riding on ladders at the ends of different cars. Although no one witnessed the tragedy, it was thought that the Speaks boy fell in between the cars and was run over. The three boys had left Kirksville on a Wabash passenger train headed for Kansas City where they planned to hop a freight train.

70 Years Ago, January 26, 1954

Three Kirksville persons were each fined \$1 in police court for "smooching" in Carol Dean's Tavern, 114 S. Main. Two adult males, an adult female, and a female minor were involved in the "smooching." The minor, a sixteen-year-old girl, was also brought before the judge but was not fined because of her age. Technically, public "smooching" was a violation of the city ordinances under the definition of disturbing the peace. The tavern owner had brought the charges.

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EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Memories of Emily Alice (Corbin) Burke Conklin

By Blytha Ellis, President Adair County Historical Society and Museum

Emily Alice Corbin (1860-1963) lived to be 103 years old. She was born in Kirksville, a descendant of the Ownbey family, attended college, became a teacher, raised two children, outlived two husbands, became a postmistress, and was a prolific writer. With her life, we will end our saga of the Ownbey family.

Emily was the granddaughter of Canada and Lucinda (Walker) Ownbey. She was the daughter of Cassandra "Cassie" (Ownbey) and Early Corbin, the "radical" school teacher who named Radical Ridge country school in Adair County. Ben Ownbey who started Ownbey Lake in Kirksville was her maternal uncle.

In her later years around 1940, Emily wrote not only her own life story, but also a history of Logan County, Colorado, a history of her church, and a genealogy of several branches of her ancestors. In her writings about growing up in Adair County, she gives us a unique look at life in days gone by.

Emily was born in a log cabin in Adair County in 1860, the year that Abraham Lincoln was elected President. One of her earliest childhood memories was when she was 4 years old in the heat of the Civil War. "I remember going with my father and mother to visit the family of my uncle the day before he was leaving for the Army. I recall my aunt crying all day as she went about her work and packing his belongings for his departure. He was killed, and we never saw him again."

The uncle's name was William Hamilton Corbin (1832-1861), and he was killed in the Battle of Centralia, Mo. He was buried in a mass grave in Jefferson City. His name appears on a large monument there. He was the oldest brother of Early Corbin.

Emily recalled another extremely sad time in her family's life when her beloved younger brother, William C. "Billy" Corbin (1864-1875), died at the age of 11. "I remember so well what a blow it was to us all." Emily said that Billy had a big red apple on one of their apple trees that he was watching and guarding carefully, waiting for it to become fully ripe before he picked it and ate it. But, he never got to eat it. He passed away before it was ready. One day, their father said, "We will eat Billy's apple." He cut it and gave each of the family members a piece. When they had finished eating it, in a tearful voice, their father began to sing the old hymn "Thou Hath Left Us." Some of the words are, "Here thy loss we deeply feel, but 'tis God who hath berelf [deprived] us. He can all our sorrows heal." Their father sang all the stanzas "while tears

streamed down all our faces." Emily wrote that when she thought of the "utter absence of conveniences" in her early life and that of her family, she was amazed at the "contentment of the pioneers." She guessed that they may have been depressed, but "knew it not." "For light, there were homemade tallow candles and later coal oil lamps. Water was carried from outside wells for all purposes. Hickory-bottomed chairs were 'bottomed' by father. Wood was chopped by father for the big fireplace and 'stove wood' for the kitchen, all carried in and piled high on the porch by us children."

Emily said she could see "the old coffee mill fastened to the kitchen wall, operated by a crank, where we ground the



freshly parched coffee always bought 'green,' We browned it in a large hot skillet, stirring constantly to insure perfect uniformity in color and the desired aroma."

She remembered "the high and mighty feather beds, so comfy in our frigidaire bedrooms. We would have frozen to death on a mattress." In winter, she marveled at the "heavy high shoes, knitted wool stockings, heavy wool underthings reaching from neck to heels, woolen hoods, and mittens; anyway we could play in the snow all day and never feel the cold." Her memories of Christmas were of "doughnuts, cookies, apples, taffy, popcorn, hazel, hickory and black walnuts in our stockings, or when stockings were found inadequate for so many goodies, mother suggested that we each 'set a plate' for Santa's use in distributing his gifts to good little boys and girls. In the absence of evergreen trees in our part of the country, the leafless trees of the forest were used for Christmas trees, the branches being wrapped with strips of green paper to simulate leaves. I was almost grown before I ever saw an evergreen tree so used."

Emily recalled "pickles, chow chows ... put up by the bushel, and sauerkraut by the barrel; apple butter, peach butter, sorghum were all made in large vats at the cane mill." Boys were in short supply in her family, so she and her five sisters had to help on the farm with "planting, hoeing, garnering the crops, hauling shocks, and even helping with sheep shearing. The wool from the sheep was home washed, then home-carded into rolls, homespun and woven into cloth for clothing, blankets and wonderful coverlets."

Emily remembered, "In my grandmother's house, I have counted one hundred blankets," folded and stacked to the ceiling. When grandchildren, 20 or more, came to visit, there was no lack of covers "to bed them down, adequately and comfortably."

Emily stated, "For many years, we wove our own carpets ... and one summer I carpeted our country home floors with 100 yards of brightly colored carpet of my own weaving." In those early days, Emily said most families "owned their own looms, spinning wheels, cards for making the wool into rolls, ready for spinning, reels which wound the yarn into hanks, and whatever else was required for the transformation of wool into cloth."

She added, "Then, too, there was the housework, sewing, washing, ironing, cooking, churning ... always plenty of work in a big family, but oodles of fun." Emily couldn't forget the time when she was 13 and her mother got the first sewing machine in the neighborhood, and learning to operate it. "The neighbors came in to admire and comment."

Piecing quilts, however, was something that Emily thought was a waste of energy. She always thought of more interesting and profitable ways to spend her time. However, she did, nonetheless, make some quilts in her time.

One of the thrills of Emily's childhood was when the Normal School opened in Kirksville. She was impressed that it was a "state institution." She attended the big cornerstone-laying ceremony on September 6, 1871. She went with



Emily Alice (Corbin) Burke Conklin (1860-1963) Cutting her birthday cake in 1963 at age 103

her father, and even though she was only 11 at the time, "I saw myself a student there, and some day a teacher!"

The completed building of the new Normal School was dedicated on January 13, 1873, and a year later, Emily, at the age of only 14 in the fall of 1874, was able to be enrolled at the Normal School. "I sailed forth the happiest girl in Missouri, with my blessed father, who walked proudly up to the secretary's desk and planked down the \$10 tuition fee for the 10-weeks term, and on that first Tuesday in September, I was duly enrolled as a freshman in that great school." Emily felt that her father was as happy as she was because he was an ambitious person, too.

Emily described the Normal School as the biggest building she had ever seen, and it had 42 rooms! She marveled at the electric bells that regulated all the movements of the students. The bells were rung by a programmed clock, the first, they were told, ever used by any school for this

Emily attended three terms at the Normal, took the teacher exam and received a certificate in the spring of 1875 but was too young to teach. She had to wait until the next year when she turned 16 to begin her teaching career. In 1876, she taught a 4-month school term at Sloan's Point in Adair County for \$25 a month. She paid \$2 a week for her room and board. After that, she went back to the Normal for two terms. She eventually achieved the equivalent of three vears of college. In 1878-79, she taught at Hardscrabble School two miles from her family home, so she walked there every day. (This school was later known as Lone Star, District 49.) Next, she taught at Troy Mills School in 1879-80. For the next three years, she taught at Benton Elementary School in Kirksville, then at Washington School in Kirksville (1884-86).

Emily left her native state of Missouri when she was 28 In Sentember, 1888, she met a friend on a street in Kirksville and learned she was leaving for a teaching job in Colorado. Emily casually said she wished she was going, too, and if a vacancy ever came up in that school, to let her know. Three weeks later, that Colorado Board of Education notified her of a teaching position for 5th and 6th grades, and Emily left for Sterling, Colorado. There, she married and "found home, children and happiness for 47 years." From 1907-1912, she was Postmistress of Sterling, Colorado.

Emily's first husband died in 1905, and her second husband died in 1935 after being struck by a car while walking home from a church meeting.

Emily died August 17, 1963, at the age of 103. She was living in Whittier, Calif., at that time with her daughter, Eva. Emily is buried in her adopted state of Colorado. The book she wrote in 1939 about the history of Logan County, Colo., was widely used as a textbook for children in that area for many years.

(Quotes were taken from Emily's genealogy book, "Allied Families," the chapter entitled "My Years," available at the Adair County Historical Society Museum.)

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News

Kirksville R-III community partnership:

'I Think I Can Foundation'

By Kirksville R-III School District

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Never heard of them? They can be fairly stealthy; and they want to keep it that way. Back in 2009, the small group got started after realizing the needs of some of our students here in Kirksville. We cannot count the amount of help they have given ever since. If a teacher realizes that a student in his or her class is not performing well because of hunger, the I Think I Can Foundation fixes that from behind the scenes. If a school nurse has a run on over-the-counter supplies and is left needing a lot more of something, the ITICF again steps up. If a coach notices that a player is struggling to afford new shoes, you get it, the foundation is there.

Thank you to the I Think I Can Foundation, for everything they do for our community's students. They truly are superheroes in disguise while living amongst us. We won't name names, they prefer it that way, but we will quote their goal as inspiration for us all, "To level the playing field, stand back and cheer on the victors."

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LEGEND

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"He was a great mentor to me both personally and professionally," she wrote. "He was a loyal friend, who always believed in me and challenged me to be better. I learned so much from him. What a great man who will be greatly missed!"

According to Bowers, Klinginsmith was a very independent man who struggled to make sense of what was happening to him in his final days, when he needed care and counted on her and others for help.

"I'm honored that he let me do that," she said.

On Nov. 8 of last year, Klinginsmith was honored with the prestigious Faculty and Alumni Award for Distinguished Service from the Mizzou Alumni Association at the Noon Rotary Club meeting at the Kirksville Country Club and struggled to stand as he received the honor. He privately expressed concern about a sharp decline in his health but remained gracious and appreciative of those who came to see him that day.

"I tell people that he was the epitome of humble and kind," Bowers said.

A celebration of Ray's life will be held on Feb. 10, from 4-7 p.m. at the Dukum Inn. All his friends are invited.

SAFETY

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- Replacement of current pavement markings or installation of new types
- Creation of new crosswalks
- Addition or reconstruction of curb ramps
- Upgrades to new industry standards for lights or signage, such as crosswalk lights that are only enabled at the presence of a pedestrian

No speed limit issues were found as part of the study, so no changes were recommended with those. Of the surveyed areas, only four crashes with a pedestrian or cyclist have been reported since 2012. However, some crosswalks showed either pedestrians or motorists paid little attention to signage or light-

"Reducing the chance for something to go wrong is vital," said Public Works Director Adam Dorrell. "If a new light gets a driver to make sure they slow down before a crosswalk, or a sign in a better spot can get someone to look both ways before they cross, that reduces those chances."

The total project cost is estimated to be \$425,000. The grant covers 80 percent, or \$340,000, with the city paying the remainder.

The city of Kirksville looks forward to working with the schools and stakeholders to address the needs at these various crosswalks.

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Sports

Bulldogs outlast Drury for 3rd-straight win

By Adam Tumino

Thanks to a strong defensive effort in the second half and some timely shooting, the Truman State men's basketball team has now won three games in a row. The Bulldogs beat Drury 68-63 on Saturday to improve to 4-4 in conference play. Drury dropped to 3-6 in conference play with the loss, which was their second-straight loss after three-straight wins.

After winning the conference opener 97-85 against Upper Iowa, a game that saw the Bulldogs outpace one of the nation's highest-scoring teams, the Bulldogs lost their next four conference games. First was a 105-79 road loss to a vengeance-seeking Upper Iowa team, which was followed by a blowout home loss to first-place Indianapolis. They then lost to Missouri-St. Louis and Quincy on the road before getting a road win over second-place Illinois-Springfield.

The Bulldogs then returned home and blew out last-place Southwest Baptist on Thursday before Saturday's close win over Drury.

Truman head coach Jeff Horner said that the team was able to hang in there during a very tough slate of games to start conference season, and now have a chance to start solidifying their position in the standings, where they currently rank seventh.



Truman guard Xavier looks to finish a layup through contact in the game against Drury on Jan. 20. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

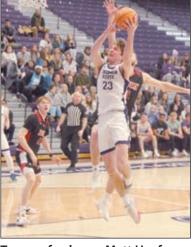
"I would say that probably our first seven games were extremely difficult in conference," he said. "We play Upper Iowa at home and get a win there and then play at Upper Iowa, which is always a tough place to play. Then you come back and you've got UIndy and UMSL, you've got Springfield and Quincy, with Indy being the only one at home. I really think that prepared us. We fought and battled in every one of those games, obviously only came out with a win at Springfield. Now I feel like we're in some games where we can really get back into things and make our run to get a good seed in the conference tournament. Then anything can happen from there."

Truman got off to a hot start against Drury and held a 23-5 lead just eight minutes into the game. But Drury fought back from there and cut the deficit to 39-38 by halftime. Both teams made 15 shots from the field in the first half, Truman on 31 attempts and Drury on 28. Drury had an edge from three, going 8-of-15 while Truman was 4-of-11.

The second half was a low-scoring affair, especially for a Drury team that ranks fourth in the GLVC in points per game. Neither team scored until nearly four minutes had elapsed in the half, which is when a Drury three pointer gave the Panthers their first lead of the game at 41-39. Truman freshman Matt Haefner then scored the next eight points of the game to put the Bulldogs back up by six points.

Truman got the lead as high as eight points, but Drury once again reclaimed the lead at 58-56, and again at 61-58 with 4:36 left in the game. Truman sophomore Casen Lawrence tied the score at 61 with his first three of the game, but not his biggest three of the game.

That came with 48 seconds left and the score tied at 63-63. Lawrence's three gave the Bulldogs the lead back for good, and although they went 2-of-4 from three after that, they got several



Truman freshman Matt Haefner drives toward the basket in the game against Drury on Jan. 20.

defensive stops to pick up the win.

Horner subbed Lawrence into the game with just over five minutes to go, and the sophomore played the remainder of the game. He originally came in for Xavier Hall, who was struggling from the field but ended with a team-high seven assists. Hall did re-enter the game with 2:41 left and had a key steal and had the assist on Lawrence's go-ahead three in the final minute.

Horner said it can be tough at times to manage minutes among his group of talented guards, but felt Lawrence's shooting ability was needed down the stretch.

"I keep saying that I need to get Casen Lawrence a little more time because of the way he shoots the basketball, but it's been so hard because we do have really good guards playing out there too," Horner said. "I saw something late where I didn't think Xavier was shooting the ball that great. He played a great floor game, but I felt like we needed another shooter on the floor. Casen comes in and hits two big threes... Probably the happiest guy for him was Xavier. That's what makes our team so great."

All six of Lawrence's points came on his clutch threes and he is now shooting 28-of-61 from three on the season. He is not among the qualifiers for three-point percentage in the GLVC,

but his mark of 45.9% would rank him seventh, right between his Bulldog teammates Kobi Williams and Trey Shearer.

Haefner, thanks to his hot stretch of play early in the second half, had a career day. He led the team with 20 points and eight rebounds, both career highs for the freshman forward. After scoring 22 total points in the first two games of the season, Haefner had just 44 points over the next 12 for an average of 3.7 points per game. And after going 3-of-5 from three in the season opener, he was just 7-of-25 from deep since.

He shot 4-of-6 from three on Saturday. Lawrence and Haefner were a combined 6-of-10 from three while the rest of the team struggled from deep, going a combined 2-of-14. Williams and Shearer are normally two of the best three-point shooters in the GLVC, but Williams was just 1-of-4 from three and Shearer did not attempt a three for the first time since the final game of his freshman season on Feb. 12, 2022, a game in which he played just six minutes.

Young players like Lawrence, and particularly a struggling Haefner, having the ability to step up and make big shots is something that Horner said was very valuable on Saturday and also bodes well for the future.

"Matt Haefner has been struggling a little bit, but he's a freshman," Horner said. "A lot of freshmen are doing that. But I thought he came in and made some big shots. I thought he played really well defensively and I thought he rebounded his butt off, too. He's one of those guys where he's got to stop thinking so much and just play a little bit. I think he gets in his head a little bit, and that's normal for a freshman to do. Any time we can have young guys step up is huge for us. I feel really good about where the program's at right now for sure."

Truman will look to keep their winning streak alive in a pair of upcoming road games. First up is a game at Rockhurst on Jan. 25 followed by one against William Jewell on Jan. 27. They will then return home and host McKendree on Feb. 1.



Truman freshman Kobi Williams plays perimeter defense in the game against Drury on Jan. 20.

Drury pulls away late from Truman women as Bulldogs fall 92-82

By Adam Tumino

Coming off their first conference win of the season, the Truman State women's basketball team was looking to make it back-to-back victories when hosting a tough Drury team on Saturday. Drury jumped out to an early lead and went up by as many as 17 points in the third quarter before Truman climbed back into the game. The Bulldogs pulled within four points late in the fourth quarter, but ultimately came up short and fell 92-82.

Truman is now 1-9 in conference play so far and 4-12 overall. Drury improved to 8-3 in conference play and 13-4 overall with the win.

Sitting at 1-9 through the first 10 conference games is not where the Bulldogs expected or hoped to be, especially coming off 12 straight seasons with a winning conference record. In those 12 years, the Bulldogs averaged 12.4 conference wins per season and they had 15 wins in GLVC games last season.

But Saturday's close loss to Drury came after five of the previous eight conference losses came by five or fewer points. At least in theory, the Bulldogs are a few bounces per game away from potentially being 7-3 in conference play.

Head coach Theo Dean said that, while 1-9 if of course not ideal, he likes how the team has been playing through conference season so far.

"I like where we are right now, and I like where we're headed," he said. "We're headed in the right direction. Even in the last two games, we gave up a high amount of points in regards to what we want to give up... but I thought a lot of those kids just hit shots and we defended exactly how we were supposed to. This was another day where we didn't give up a ton of offensive rebounds as well, which is something we've been focusing on. So I definitely like the direction we're heading in."

Saturday's game saw Truman jump out to a 20-14 lead before Drury, the conference's high-



Truman guard Gracie Neff passes the ball along the baseline in the game against Drury on Jan. 20. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

est-scoring team, finished the quarter on a 16-2 run. Truman responded, though, going on a 14-2 run of their own to open the second quarter and grab a 36-32 lead. The trend continued as a Drury run saw them claim a 45-41 lead heading into halftime.

Drury's offense came out strong to start the third, and the Panthers soon had a 78-61 lead with 1:31 left in the third. The Panthers shot 12-of-16 from the field in the third quarter and 5-of-7 from three. Truman still shot a very respectable 7-of-12 from the field and put up 22 points in the quarter, but were just 1-of-5 from deep.

Three-point shooting was a major factor in Truman's first conference win over Southwest Baptist on Thursday, when they went 16-of-33 from deep and well surpassed their season averages in threes made and three-point percentage.

Well that shooting performance is difficult to replicate, Dean said he thought the team had some bad tendencies beyond the arc that led to the third-quarter shortcomings.

"I thought in the second quarter, we took probably three or four threes that I didn't like personally," he said. "I thought they were a little bit too early, some were forced. Then in that third quarter when we had a cold stretch from the three

point line, I think we put a lot of pressure on ourselves by giving up shots and we were trying to match it. You never want to put yourself in a position to match point for point. It's really hard when you put a lot of pressure on yourself offensively. Today was just a day where we couldn't match those shots."

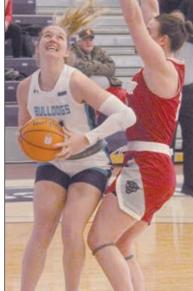
The Bulldogs still went 10-of-28 from three, eclipsing their season averages of 7.1 made threes per game and their 30.1% three-point percentage.

Defensively, Truman held Drury to just 2-of-7 shooting from the field in the fourth-quarter. The Panthers went 9-of-10 from the free throw line, though, and went 8-of-8 from the line after Truman cut the deficit to four points with just over two minutes to go.

Individually, freshman guard Molly Joyce had a career day for the Bulldogs. She scored a team and career high in points with 24 while shooting 9-of-14 from the field and 3-of-6 from three. She also played a career-high 34 minutes in what was her second start of the season, both coming in the last two games.

Dean said that she stands out to him as a conference freshman of the year candidate with how she has played so far this season.

"She's the freshman of the year in my eyes. There's no freshman



Truman forward Emma Bulman battles under the basket in the game against Drury on Jan. 20.

as good as she is. There's no freshman stepping up and doing things like she can on a big stage. She's done it all season. If you look at non-conference games, she's the one that sparked a lot of somebacks and different things."

Joyce has scored in double fig-

ures six times in her first season, with four of those games coming in the last six contests. In that span, she has increased her scoring average from 6.4 points per game to 8.3, which ranks fourth on the team.

Finishing just behind Joyce in scoring on Saturday was forward Ellie Weltha, who recorded her seventh double-double of the season with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Guard Gracie Neff also posted a double-double with 13 points and 10 assists, both career highs. Maddie Niemeier also scored in double figures with 11 points to go with six rebounds and four assists.

Drury was led by Beth Matas Martin with 28 points, Caitlynn Daniels with 26 points and Reese Schaaf with 18 points. These three are all among the top 18 scorers in the GLVC this season.

Truman will be back in action with road games against Rockhurst on Jan. 25 and William Jewell on Jan. 27. The Bulldogs will be back at home on Feb. 1 against McKendree.



Truman guard Molly Joyce closes out on defense in the game against Drury on Jan. 20.

Sports

Truman's Weltha become 3rd player with 1,000 career points, 1,000 career rebounds

By Adam Tumino

Truman State forward Ellie Weltha recorded another career milestone in the game against Drury on Saturday. After surpassing the 1,000-point mark last season, Weltha eclipsed 1,000 career rebounds on Saturday, making her one of just three players in program history to have more than 1,000 points and rebounds.

Now a graduate student, Weltha has been with the Bulldogs for five seasons. After coming off the bench 18 times in her first season, Weltha has started every game for the Bulldogs in the last four seasons. She has a career scoring average of 12.8 points and 8.7 rebounds per game. Over the last four seasons, those averages are 14.9 points per game and 10.1 rebounds per game. She now has 1,468 points and 1,001 rebounds in her career.

Head coach Theo Dean was that Weltha has been valuable not only as a ver-



Truman forward Ellie Weltha attempts a shot from the paint in the game against Drury on Jan. 20.

veteran leader.

"She's someone that the team can lean on," he said. "She's played in big games, she's hit big shots and she's gotten big stops in her five

satile player, but also as a years here. She's been someone that's just been reliable, someone that's been calm, someone that has just done everything you can ask and been the model senior, the model Fans in the Truman student section celebrate forward Ellie Weltha's 1,000th career

rebound in the game against Drury on Jan. 20. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

captain. There's not more that I can ask for out of her at all."

Weltha currently ranks third in the GLVC with nine rebounds per game and fifth with 17.3 points per

game. Should she keep up this pace, this will be her third-straight season in the top 10 in the conference in scoring and fourth-straight year in the top 10 in rebounding. She also looks to

be on pace for her fourthstraight All-GLVC selection. She has been named first team All-GLVC each of the last two seasons and was a third-team selection for the 2020-21 season.

Kelce scores twice and Chiefs beat Bills 27-24 to advance to face Ravens in AFC championship

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — No matter the setting — Arrowhead Stadium or Orchard Park — Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs keep finding ways to beat Josh Allen and Buffalo Bills in the playoffs.

Mahomes threw two touchdown passes to Travis Kelce and the defending Super Bowl champion Chiefs advanced to their sixth straight AFC championship game with a 27-24 win over the Bills on Sunday night.

The Chiefs move on to Balson and the conference's top-seeded Ravens, who beat Houston 34-10 on Saturday.

Kansas City is 0-1 in the playoffs against the Ravens, following a 30-7 loss in the 2010 wild-card round. Baltimore defeated Kansas City 36-35 in their most recent regular-season matchup in Week 2 of the 2021 season.

"There's no weakness there," Mahomes said of the Ravens. "It's going to take our best effort. Defense, offense, special

teams, they do it all. It's always a great challenge and that stadium's going to be rocking, so we're excited for the challenge."

Mahomes passed his first test by winning his first true road playoff game not including Super Bowl neutral sites — and improving his postseason record

"First of all, this is a great environment, man," Mahomes said of Buffalo. "It really is. We did hear it all week, man, about playing a road game, and we're here to prove a point and show that we can play anywhere."

The Chiefs are accustomed to ending the Bills' season, having done it now in three of the past four playoffs, with the first two wins coming at home in the 2020 AFC championship game and the 2021 divisional round.

"All-time classic again. Any time we play Sean's teams, it comes right down to the end," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said, referring to Bills coach Sean McDermott.

The Chiefs scored on five of their first six possessions, not including a kneeldown at halftime, and went ahead for good on Isiah Pacheco's 4-yard touchdown run 40 seconds into the fourth quarter.

Neither team led by more than seven points and they traded leads five times. The outcome was decided when Buffalo kicker Tyler Bass missed a potential game-tying field goal wide right from 44 yards, allowing the Chiefs to run out the remaining 1:47.

"Ultimately, completely on me," said Bass, who had a field goal blocked and missed from 27 yards in a playoff-opening 31-17 win over Pittsburgh last week. "I feel terrible. I love this team, man. It hurts. This one hurts bad."

Allen blamed himself for having Buffalo's final drive stall at the Chiefs 26 following two incompletions — the last a throwaway after he was flushed out of the pocket.

"I wish he wouldn't have been put in that situation. You win as a team you lose as a team. One play doesn't define a game, doesn't define a season," Allen said. "Losing sucks. Losing to them, losing to anybody."

The Bills keep finding different ways to lose to the Chiefs. After being blown out 38-24 at Kansas City in the 2020 season AFC championship game, Buffalo came up short in a 42-36 overtime loss in the divisional round a vear later.

The game has since been dubbed "13 Seconds" because that's how much time was left for Mahomes to march the Chiefs 44 yards on two plays to set up Harrison Butker's 49-yard field goal. Mahomes then clinched the win with a 9-yard touchdown pass to — who else? — Kelce.

The tight end didn't stick around to address reporters after this win, as he was perhaps busy rushing out to visit with girlfriend, pop music superstar Taylor Swift, and his brother Jason, who celebrated watching his two-TD outing from a suite.

Travis Kelce celebrated his first touchdown catch a 22-yarder — by making



Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce (87) scores a touchdown against the Buffalo Bills during the second quarter of an NFL AFC division playoff football game, Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024, in Orchard Park, N.Y. AP PHOTO/ADRIAN KRAUS

a heart gesture with his out there and make plays in hands and directed toward big games," Mahomes said. Swift's suite at the oppo- "Passing anything that has site end of the field. And Brady and Gronk in it is Jason Kelce celebrated the touchdown shirtless while holding a can of beer.

Mahomes was 17 of 23 for 215 yards, and the two TD passes to Kelce were the 15th and 16th times they've combined for scores in the playoffs. They have one more than Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski for the NFL record for most playoff TDs for a quarterback-receiver combination.

"It speaks to Travis and his work, to be able to go

special. Because those are two of the greatest players."

Allen went 26 of 39 for 186 yards and a touchdown, and also ran for two scores. His team-leading 72 yards rushing increased his career playoff total to 563, the second most among NFL quarterbacks in league history and trailing only Steve Young (594).

It was another disappointing finish for a Bills team that won its fourth consecutive AFC East title, and was on a six-game roll since a 20-17 win at Kansas City on Dec. 10.

"Just lost in the playoffs to a team that's kicked us out," safety Jordan Pover said. "It's tough. You work so hard throughout the season to fight and claw back, our backs against the wall, everybody doubting us midway through the season and we get here and just that close."





How colonoscopy screenings help prevent colon cancer

By Northeast Regional Medical Center

According to the American Cancer Society, colorectal cancer is the third-leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States. Despite being preventable and treatable, many individuals still die from this disease due to a lack of awareness about preventive care.

Northeast Regional Medical Center is committed to promoting early detection and prevention of colon cancer through regular colonoscopy screenings because, when detected early, the survival rate for colon cancer is approximately 90 percent.

During this non-invasive procedure, doctors examine the colon and rectum for pre-cancerous polyps, which can be removed during the same process, reducing the risk of developing colon cancer in the future. They also can screen for cancer. This is important, as studies show those who



Dr. Steven Lyons

undergo regular screenings are less likely to die from colon cancer.

Many people fear that there might be discomfort and pain associated with a colonoscopy. However, it's important to know that you will be in a "twilight sleep." Unlike general anesthesia, which puts patients to sleep completely, conscious sedation keeps patients drowsy and comfortable, yet awake enough to respond to questions and follow instructions.

"Colonoscopy procedures are one of the greatest advancements in the

history of Medicine because it allows us to identify very small, pre-cancerous polyps, and remove them before they turn into cancer," said Dr. Steven Lyons, general surgeon at Northeast Regional Medical Center. "Colonoscopies have prevented morbid cancer diagnoses for countless people and provided the early treatment of cancer, allowing the potential for full recovery. I hope that everyone will take a positive step for their own health and get up

to date on their colonosco-

py screening."

Colonoscopy screening should start at 45 for those at average risk, with regular screenings continuing every 10 years. However, the screening frequency and start date may differ for individuals at higher risk of developing the disease, as colorectal cancer incidence is higher in certain populations such as people with a family history of colorectal cancer and men.

In addition, researchers have observed a noticeable increase in cases and fatalities in the 20 to 49 age group over the last 20 years. The cause behind this trend, however, remains uncertain and demands further examination.

Age also plays a big factor when it comes to risk. On average, those 50 and older are the most likely to suffer from colorectal cancer. Men are typically diagnosed around 68, while women tend to be 72. Both men and women with rectal cancer usually are diagnosed at 63.

While age and family history cannot be changed, there are several lifestyle factors that you can modify to lower your risk, including losing weight, maintaining a healthy diet, limiting alcohol, quitting smoking and regular exercise.

"Because of advanced technology and improved patient comfort, it's a good time to prioritize your colon health," Dr. Lyons said. "Early detection is key, and by getting a screening colonoscopy, one could potentially save your life."

Talk to your healthcare provider about your risk level and the appropriate timing and frequency of in part, by physicians.

screenings. To schedule an appointment with a primary care provider, visit northeastspecialtygroup. com or call 660-627-3363. Remember, you're never too young to take charge of vour health.

About Northeast Regional Medical Center

Northeast Regional Medical Center is a 93-bed facility with a Level III trauma center, Level III STEMI center, Joint Commission Acute Stroke Ready certification, and ACC Certified Chest Pain Center. With over 500 healthcare professionals, NRMC is a teaching hospital associated with the founding school of osteopathic medicine, A.T. Still University. NRMC has a 4-Star CMS Quality Star rating. Additionally, NRMC earned an "A" Safety Grade from the Leapfrog Group for Spring 2023. For more information, visit nermc.com or www.facebook.com/NortheastRegionalMedicalCenter. Northeast Regional Medical Center is owned,

KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Pantry for Adair County 'Souper Bowl'

Get ready for the 2024 Souper Bowl extravaganza! Join Pantry for Adair County in tackling hunger within Adair County by donating cans of soup or funds for soup to PAC. The Souper Bowl runs through Feb. 12. Donations accepted at 2012 S. Halliburton, Kirksville. Get in the Game – Fight Hunger.

Build A Buddy registration now open

Looking for the perfect Valentine's Day activity with your kids? The Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department announced that its Build A Buddy program is back. Sign up for Build A Buddy and choose from five different kits. Each kit contains everything you need to build your very own stuffed buddy. Each kit contains a 15-inch stuffable animal, stuffing, mini heart, birth certificate, and step-by-step instructions. Build A Buddy kits may be picked up from Feb. 12 to 18 at the Kirksville Aquatic Center. Register today for \$15 per kit at parks.kirksvillecity.com, or in person at the Kirksville Aquatic Center. Supplies are limited, so complete your registration soon. For more information, contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

Registration for the 15th Annual Community Engagement Conference open

Registration for the 15th Annual Community Engagement Conference is open. This year the conference will feature magician and self-advocate, Cody Clark. Clark will share his magic along with how he became successful in his career. In addition to Clark's keynote presentation, he will offer a 30-minute question and answer session, a breakout session and a full magic show at the end of the conference. This year's conference also offers five tracks of three

breakout sessions with information for all. Track 1 — The Magic of Advocacy: This track will offer information about advocating for yourself and living your best life.

Track 2 — The Magic of Childhood: At the request of conference attendees, this new track will offer information for parents and guardians of children from birth through pre-teen.

Track 3 — The Magic of Planning for Adulthood: In this track, attendees will learn about resources available for young adults preparing for adulthood.

Track 4 — Using the Magic of Assistive Technology — Breakout sessions in this track will provide information about how using various types of assistive technology can help you to live a more independent life.

Track 5 — The Magic of Resiliency — Attendees to breakout sessions in this track will learn how to be more resilient and care for themselves, as well as, the people they support.

NEW THIS YEAR — In honor of this being the 15th year for the conference, t-shirts are available for purchase. All t-shirt purchases must be submitted no later than Friday, Feb. 16. Contact Melissa Cline at melissacline@sb40life.org

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 Friday, Jan. 26, 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 Sunday, 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.

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 through March 10. During this nine-week challenge, participants will complete either a half triathlon, full triathlon, or ULTRA triathlon. Participants will have full access to the YMCA and the Kirksville Aquatic Center, as well as all classes offered at those facilities.

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

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

Food Bank Adopt a Buddy Pack program

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

Join the Kirksville **Young Professionals Committee**

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

Michael Turner awarded Community Volunteer Spotlight Award for Jan. 2024

By Adair County SB40

Congratulations to Michael Turner of Kirksville, who has been selected to receive Adair County SB40's January 2024 Spotlight Award for his community volunteerism.

Turner was nominated for this award by Matthew Barry, a lead support professional with Chariton Valley Association/CHS of Kirksville. Barry said: "Michael has been volunteering his services at the Adair County Food Pantry for several months. Michael has been helping unload the delivery truck, stock shelves and prepare food bags for those who need help. He is very grateful for the opportunity to serve."

Krista Tinney, Adair County Pantry manager stated: "Michael, with his pleasant manner and nice smile, is a wonderful volunteer at the Pantry for Adair County. We are very grateful for his ability to learn new tasks and for doing them so well. He is anxious to help do anything needed at the pantry. We are blessed by his presence

every day he is with us". Turner had initially started at the food pantry to gain some work experience to help him find a job. "Michael expressed to me that he felt this is what God wants him to be doing, serving others at the food pantry," Barry said. "Michael has a very giving personality and loves the opportunity the food pantry gives him to serve and give to those who stand in need."

Crystal Aminirad, executive director of Adair





Michael Turner and Matthew Barry at Adair County **Food Pantry**

County SB40, congratulated Turner, saying, "Com munity volunteerism creates a sense of belonging and builds meaningful connections. The positive impact extends far beyond the volunteer themselves, influencing the whole community to embrace diversity and appreciate the strengths of every

community member." Turner's interests are puzzles, collecting old tools, and gardening. He started gardening last year and is looking forward to the upcoming gardening season so that he can donate some of his fresh produce to share at the food pantry. He also participates in Special Olympics basketball and bowling. He looks forward to continue in Special Olympics and sharing his talents with those around him.

"Just like anyone else, people with developmental disabilities have a wide range of passions, hobbies, and pursuits that contribute to the vibrant diversity of our community," added Aminirad.

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

- · Kids Inclusion Spotlight Award for children in kindergarten — 8th grade
- Youth Leadership Spotlight Award for youth in grades 9-12
- Community Volunteer Spotlight Award (any age)
- Entrepreneur or Employee Spotlight Award (any age)

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

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



Ameren's Electric Fuel **Adjustment Charge** approved by MPSC

By Missouri Public Service Commission

JEFFERSON CITY - The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved a filing made by Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri to adjust the fuel adjustment clause (FAC) charge on the bills of its electric customers.

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

For a residential customer using 1,000 kWh (kilowatt-hours) of electricity a month, the FAC will decrease by approximately \$0.54 a month, from a current FAC of approximately \$3.09 a month to

an FAC of approximately \$2.55 a month. The change will take effect on Feb. 1.

The FAC tariff allows the company to pass increases or decreases in its net fuel and purchased power costs to customers outside of a general rate case.

The FAC allows the company to recover most

up to 95 percent — of its costs, but not all, to encourage conservation and prudence in fuel use by the company. Any charges resulting from the fuel adjustment clause must appear in a separate category on customers' bills.

Fuel adjustment charges are intended to help companies deal with volatility in fuel pricing. The FAC tariff requires regular adjustments to reflect changes in prices the company has incurred for fuel and for wholesale power purchased to serve customers.

Ameren Missouri provides electric service to approximately 1.2 million electric customers in Missouri.

Truman State announces list of fall graduates

By Truman State University

Truman State University has released the names of students who graduated at the conclusion of the fall semester.

The names of the graduates can be found online at truman.edu/honors/fall-2023-graduation-list. Students who graduated with honors will have that distinction noted by their names. Cum laude recognizes those who earned a grade point average of 3.50-3.74. Magna cum laude is for graduates with a grade point average of 3.75-3.89. Summa cum laude honors graduates with a grade point average of 3.9 or better.

Master's degree recipients will have that distinction noted by their names.

The list is organized by state and hometown. Hometowns are based upon the permanent address given to the University by the student. Students who have requested a directory hold on their information will not be included on the list. Any questions regarding student eligibility for inclusion on the list can be directed to the Registrar's Office at (660) 785-4143.

Truman conducted commencement ceremonies Dec. 16 at Pershing Arena. A recording of the ceremony is available at truman.edu/registrar/commencement/commencement-video. A photo gallery can also be found at photos. truman.edu.

Area graduates include:

Kirksville: Austin Edward William Allen: Xin Bai; Jayden Leigh Bell; Shikha Bhattarai,



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Cum Laude; Andrew Shelby Alexander Breedlove; Jacob Aaron Capps; Jesse Lee Cash; Ruonan Chang; Catherine Elizabeth Clark; Taylor Ann Clayton, Magna Cum Laude; Blaine Ryan DeVolld, Cum Laude; Madison Easley; Melissa Rennee Eaton, Cum Laude; William Harrison Gibson; Emmanuella Ewenam Goe, Magna Cum Laude; Cortney Goodman, Magna Cum Laude; Ansar Gubin, Cum Laude; Olivia Grace Halma, Master of Science; Elizabeth Ann Hamlin; Riley Elizabeth Holzmeier; Mason Thomas Huddleston; Zixian Jiang, Magna Cum Laude; Shiyu Liao, Summa Cum Laude; Elias Mains; Kaitlyn Elizabeth McDaniel, Magna Cum Laude; Jenna Lynn Minor; Holly Claire Olson; William Seth Overall; Olivia G. Pursley; Anna Renee Rhein, Summa Cum Laude; Samuel Levi Sardis, Cum Laude; Raistlyn Kaylyn Kiiri Sevits, Cum Laude; Egor A. Smirnov; Austin James Sopko; Cody Alexander Speh; Siqi Tong; Zirui Xie, Magna Cum Laude; Xinran Yu, Cum Laude

La Plata: Taylor Nicole Henness; Nicole Renee Yowell, Magna Cum Laude

Lancaster: Teagan Sarah Wilson, Master of Arts in Education

Macon: Audrey Blair Lane

Unionville License Office temporarily closed

By Missouri Department of Revenue

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Department of Revenue has announced the temporary closing of the license office in Unionville, located at 1507 Main. The last day of operations was Jan. 5.

License offices are operated by independent contractors but overseen by the Missouri Department of Revenue. All license office contracts in Missouri are awarded through a competitive bid process. The Unionville License Office contract will be placed out for bid on Missouri's statewide electronic procurement system, MissouriBUYS. Until a new contract has been awarded, the Department encourages customers to visit one of the following nearby locations to receive assistance with their motor vehicle and driver licensing needs:

Milan License Office - 200 E 3rd St., Milan.

Princeton License Office - 703 Hickland, Suite B. Princeton.

Kirksville License Office - 105

W Potter Ave, Kirksville. A full list of license office locations and hours of operation can be found at dor.mo.gov/license-office-locator/.



The following online services are also available:

• License Plate Renewal — The Online License Plate Renewal System is a convenient way to renew your license plates. If your county participates by sharing personal property tax information with the Department, you have an easy registration option. Check here to see if your county participates.

• Renewal Requirements Inquiry — Online inquiry to obtain information regarding registration renewal requirements.

Get answers 24/7 with the help of the Department's chatbot, DORA, a virtual assistant programmed to respond to common taxation, motor vehicle and driver licensing questions.

Citizens may also renew vehicle and watercraft registrations by phone at (573) 751-1957, Monday -Friday, 8 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Truman State University announces President's Academic Honor Roll

By Truman State University

Truman State University has released the President's Academic Honor Roll for the fall 2023 semester.

To qualify for this list, an undergraduate student must attain a semester grade point average of 4.0 and must complete 12 semester hours of credit.

A list of honorees, organized by state and hometown, can be accessed at truman.edu/honors/ fall-2023-presidents-list. Hometowns are based upon the permanent address given to the University by the student. Students who have requested a directory hold on their information are not included on the list. Any questions regarding student eligibility for inclusion on the list can be directed to the Academic Affairs Office at (660) 785-4105.

Area honorees include: Brashear: Laura Hudson

Kirksville: Tesenim Musteri Abdikebir; Betelhem Abebe; Alex Abrams; Esme AuBuchon; Evan AuBuchon; Jayden Bell; Hattie Berke; Ashish Bhatta; Navin Bhattarai; Jacob Brown; Tobi Bunch; Peyton Carr; Rosemarie Carter; Upendra Chapagain; Rahul Chaudhari; Krishna Chebolu; Taylor Clayton; Katherinne Colmenero Cortez; Nyssia Crandall; Giacomo Dal Canton; Ash Deierling; Tsion Dessalegn; Blaine DeVolld; Valeria Di Francesco; Idongesitabasi Ekanem; Parker Ellsworth; Tacy Ensign; Leo-Paul Garlenc-Ricci; Bryan Garth; Fred Garvey; Pujan Gauli; Aagya Gautam Upadhay; Jean-Jacques Gbekou; Saron Gebremichael; Prabeen Giri; Emmanuella Goe; Cortney Goodman; Kensleigh Griego; Aubrie Grubbs; Parker Hart; Jake Hartzell; Wes Henshaw; Mason Huddleston; Abbie

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Emma Bunton, Singer (48)

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La Plata: Taylor Henness; Maria Pareja Avalos

Unionville: Whitney Boyce

Weekly Horoscopes

ARIES Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you may have an artistic talent that you haven't explored yet. Events this week may spur you on to try something new because inspiration is high for you right now.

TAURUS Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, your household may not agree on which remodeling changes to make. Unless you come up with a compromise, nothing will get done at all. **GEMINI**

May 22/Jun 21

A miscommunication with a loved one could have you trying to make amends soon enough, Gemini. Don't worry, you will easily resolve your differences in

CANCER Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you might be asked for assistance by a close friend having financial troubles. Be careful about lending out money at this juncture because



you don't want to cause issues for yourself.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

This week you may have a hard time integrating yourself into a group, Leo. Make a concerted effort to be supportive of others. This can be an effective way to get back into the group's good graces.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22 Speaking with friends this week could help to address a number of things you're wrestling with, Virgo. Don't hesitate to lean on this support network.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, when you discover a mutual interest with someone you consider a friend, your bond may grow even deeper. Have fun spending time together.

SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 2

Scorpio, something important to you doesn't seem to be moving along at the pace you had hoped it would. You might have to be a little more patient in this situation.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23/Dec 21

General malaise may have you wondering if you are sick. It's likely nothing more than stress and fatigue. Keep an eye on symptoms moving forward.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, a romantic encounter you have been counting on may not pan out this week, or it may be less exciting than you imagined. Wait a few days before reevaluating things.

AQUARIUS Jan 21/Feb 18

Don't put all of your trust in new information this week, Aquarius. It is likely unreliable, so take everything that is said with a grain of

PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20

Your imagination is riding high this week, Pisces. Don't hinder it in any way so you can explore all of the creativity that is flowing out of you right now.

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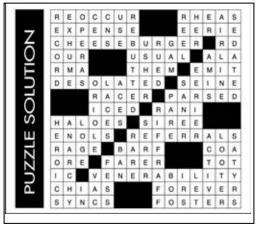
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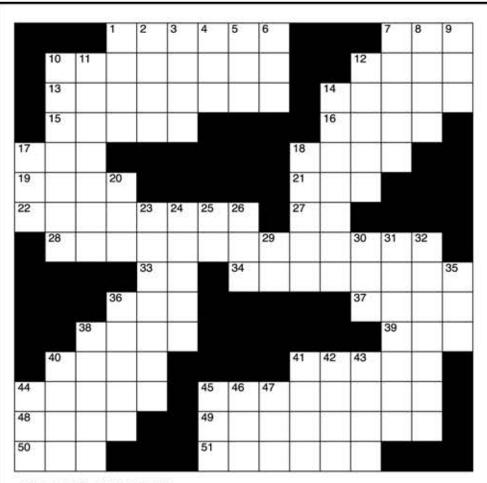
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Bailey Zimmerman, Singer (24)

Matthew Lillard, Actor (54)

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Winged nut
- Humbug!
- 10. One who sets apart
- 13. Unpleasantly loud and harsh
- Expressed pleasure
- 15. Feminine given name Company of badgers
- 17. Popular Dodge pickup truck
- 18. Witty sayings
- Leader
- 22. Premolar
- 27. Atomic #28
- 28. Holiday decorative item
- 33. Exclamation of surprise

- 34. Rusk or cracker
- 36. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 12. Circle above a saint's head 37. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
 - 38. Eat
 - Marxist economics theory (abbr.)
 - 40. Ceases to exist
 - 41. Male Arabic name
 - 44. Series of ridges on an organ wall
 - 45. Places where bees are kept
- 21. Autonomic nervous system 48. One-time Yankees sensation Kevin
 - 49. Church office
 - 50. Single lens reflex
 - 51. Pieces of fibrous tissue

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Classify
- 2. Dismounted
- Produced Consumed
- Director Howard
- 6. The products of human creativity
- 7. Thai monetary units
- 8. Away from wind
- 9. Builder's trough
- 10. Relating to Islam
- 11. It can sometimes ache
- 12. Small quantities (Scot.)
- 14. Poisonous plant
- 17. Laugh at
- 18. Vogul
- 20. C. European river

23. Type of cat

- Exclamation of disgust
- Stephen King novel
- 26. Without armies
- 29. Expression of sympathy
- 30. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 31. Previously
- 32. Illegal drug
- 35. Kiloelectronvolt
- 36. Large, flightless birds
- 38. For smoking
- 40. Binary
- 41. Competition
- 42. Mark resembling an arrow
- 43. Containers
- 44. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 45. Commercials
- 46. I.M. , architect
- 47. 007's creator

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- 1. Happen again
- 8. Large flightless birds
- 13. A type of account
- 14. Beyond what is natural
- 15. Beloved comfort food
- 19. Rural delivery 20. Belonging to us
- 21. Typical 22. Pie ___ mode
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 24. Not us
- 25. Discharge
- 26. Made empty
- 30. Fishing net
- 31. Fast-moving, harmless snake
- 32. Analyzed into its parts
- 33. In a way, chilled 34. Hindu queen

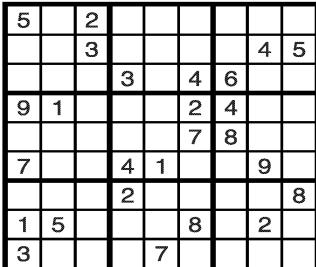
- 35. Circles around the sun
- 38. Used for emphasis
- Reactive structures
- 40. Recommendations
- 44. Feel intense anger
- 45. Puke
- 46. Rural Northern Ireland community
- 47. Naturally occurring solid material
- 48. British watch brand
- 49. Toddler
- 50. Integrated circuit
- 51. Being revered
- 55. "Pets" you can grow 57. Continual
- 58. Puts together in time 59. Houses temporarily

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- 1. Vital public document
- 2. Disinter
- 3. Musical performances
- 4. After B
- 5. Every body has one (abbr.)
- Utilize
- 7. In a way, disproved
- 8. Fisherman's tool 9. Of she
- 10. Trauma center
- 11. Commercial flyer
- 12. Administered medicine to calm 43. Butterflies with brown wings 16. Popular R&B performer
- Regretted
- 18. Leg (slang) 22. "Night Train" author
- 25. More supernatural
- 27. Baltimore ballplayer

- 29. Scores perfectly
- 30. More lucid
- 32. Trim by cutting
- 34. Disreputable people 35. Dramatic behaviors
- 36. Disorder
- 37. Private box in a theater
- 38. More dried-up
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- 41. In operation
- 42. Pillager
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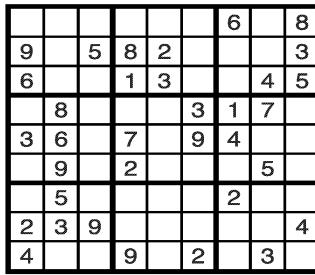
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Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Kirksville, Missouri will conduct two (2) public hearings at Kirksville City Hall, 201 S. Franklin St., 6:00 pm on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 concerning: a special use permit application at 215 N. Baltimore St. to operate a temporary rental of less than 31 days; a rezoning application for 1116 E. Jefferson St. from R-1, Single Family Residential to C-1, Local Business District.

Notice of Disability Accommodations

Any person with a disability desiring reasonable accommodation to attend this meeting may contact the City Clerk at 660.627.1225 to make such arrangement.

ADAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

Total Cash	\$881,115.20
Coroner Training	(\$47.00)
Certificates	\$325,772.23
Bank Balance	\$555,089.97
1-Jan-23 Petty Cash	\$300.00

\$2,159,283,58 2023 Receipts 2023 Disbursements \$2,579,343,79

31-Dec-23 Petty Cash \$300.00 232,599.58 Bank Balance Certificates 228,186.41 (\$31.00)**Coroner Training** \$461,054.99 **Total Cash**

Statement includes Medical Reserve Corps & Community Volunteer Corps funds.

Details of financial information may be seen at the ADAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 1001 SOUTH JAMISON STREET KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI 63501

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IN RE: Elaina Rimer, an unmarried woman Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Elaina Rimer, an unmarried woman dated September 16, 2022 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Adair County, Missouri in Book 1142, Page 91 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 3:30 PM), at the South Front Door of the Court House, City of Kirksville, County of Adair, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Adair County, State of Missouri, to wit:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF ADAIR, STATE OF MISSOURI, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 62, RANGE 16, SAID POINT BEING DUE EAST A DISTANCE OF 248 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 10; THENCE DUE SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 248 FEET, THENCE DUE WEST A DISTANCE OF 248 FEET; THENCE DUE NORTH A DISTANCE OF 139.37 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE, THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 108.73 FEET A DISTANCE OF107.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENT, THENCE DUE EAST A DISTANCE OF 139.37 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 1.358 ACRES EX-CEPTING THAT PORTION ON THE NORTH AND WEST SIDES USED AS A PUB-LIC ROAD, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI.

BEGINNING 313 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SEC-TION 10, TOWNSHIP 62, RANGE 16, THENCE SOUTH 433 FEET, THENCE WEST 347 FEET, THENCE NORTH 185 FEET, THENCE EAST 248 FEET, THENCE NORTH 248 FEET, THENCE EAST 99 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI.

BEGINNING 313 FEET WEST AND 433 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 62, RANGE 16, THENCE WEST 347 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 411 FEET, THENCE EAST 9 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 278 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 8 ACRES OF THE SOUTH 14 ACRES OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 10, THENCE EAST 338 FEET, THENCE NORTH TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI. to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C., Successor Trustee 612 Spirit Drive St. Louis, MO 63005 (636) 537-0110 File No: 216847.022024.438221 FC

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IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL Case Number: 24AR-PR00007 CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI (Date File Stamp)

Judge or Division:

In the Estate of WILLIAM MORRIS WADDINGTON, III, Deceased.

Notice to Creditors (Small Estate)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of WILLIAM MORRIS WADDINGTON, III, Decedent.

On January 5, 2024 a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMo, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

All creditors of Decedent, who died on December 11, 2022, are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo, sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of Decedent. A creditor may request that this estate be opened for administration.

Receipt of this notice should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient may possibly have a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, may possibly be determined from the affidavit on this estate filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. Date of first publication is January 17, 2024

Martha Cole Adair County Circuit Clerk

PUBLICATION DATES: 1-17-2024, 1-24-2024

TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Brian A. Jones, a single man dated July 15, 2020 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Adair County, Missouri in Book 1096, Page 734 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 3:30 PM), at the South Front Door of the Court House, City of Kirksville, County of Adair, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Adair County, State of

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

to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C., Successor Trustee 612 Spirit Drive St. Louis, MO 63005 (636) 537-0110 File No: 216675.021324.438377 FC

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Sara Heimer, and John E. Heimer, wife and husband Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Sara Heimer, and John E. Heimer, wife and husband dated July 19, 2012 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Adair County, Missouri in Book 971, Page 62 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 3:30 PM), at the South Front Door of the Court House, City of Kirksville, County of Adair, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Adair County, State of Missouri, to wit:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SW1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 64 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST., NORTH 89 DE-GREES 15 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 608.0 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF COUNTY ROAD THE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES, NORTH 17 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 58.77 FEET; THENCE NORTH 34 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST. A DISTANCE OF 141.92 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGIN-NING, THENCE NORTH 34 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST. A DISTANCE OF 38.11 FEET; THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 24 MINUTES WEST. A DISTANCE OF 108.43 FEET; THENCE NORTH 13 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 112.29 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID CEN-TERLINE NORTH 84 DEGREES 53 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 180.66 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 5 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST A DIS-TANCE OF 267.13 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 10 SEC-ONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 233.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE SE 1/4 SW 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 36.

to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C., Successor Trustee 612 Spirit Drive St. Louis, MO 63005 (636) 537-0110 File No: 218163.021324.437747 FC

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OTHER FUNDS <u>Revenue</u> Community Development Block Grant 372,530 Walking and Cycling Trail Grant 55,503 **Baltimore Commons CID** 19,034 Downtown TIF District 51.643 South 63 Corridor TIF District 18,718 South 63 Corridor CID 18,785 Franklin Street CID 14,501 **Emergency Communication Center** 396,714 North Baltimore Street CID 111.679 Community Partnership 603 Missouri Rural Enterprise & Innovation Center 205,692 Economic Development Sales Tax 975,585 Kirk Tran 117,056 Tourism 179,892 405.320 Airport Parks and Recreation 1,239,090 Revolving Loan 8,175 Capital Improvement Sales Tax 598.926 Transportation Sales Tax 1,061,346 Central Garage 426.537 Insurance 204,574 Veterans Memorial Tri-Centennial Trust Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery Trust 771 Nancy Reed Fugate Trust 15

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24,068,786

2023 Assessed Valuation 152,686,170 52,089,574 14,079,624 460,465 219,315,833 TOTAL Cash & Cash Equivalent Assets 26,911,507

Pooled 891,593 Insurance & Benefits 658,020 Water Deposits-Restricted 1,288,219 Other Restricted 10,048,125 Certificates of Deposit

Real Estate

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JEFFERSON CITY - Nominations are now open for the state of Missouri's highest awards honoring first responders for heroic actions beyond the call of duty performed in 2023. The awards are the Red, White and Blue Heart Award, Missouri Medal of Valor, and Governor's Medal. The state will also once again be conferring the Public Safety Civilian Partnership Award. The awards will be presented during a ceremony

in Jefferson City in late 2024.

The deadline for leaders of public safety agencies to nominate a member(s) for any of the Public Safety Medals for actions performed in 2023 is Feb. 29. Nominations must come from the leader of the public safety agency. Nomination forms and additional information about the awards, including who is eligible to make a nomination, is available at: http://dps.mo.gov/medal/. There is a different nomination form for each award.

For the purposes of these awards, a public safety officer is defined as a person serving a public agency, with or without compensation, as a firefighter, law enforcement officer, or emergency personnel or emergency management personnel. The term "law enforcement officer" includes a person who is a state or local corrections or court officer. EMS personnel are eligible.

Here are summaries of the awards:

The Red, White and Blue Heart Award may be presented to any Missouri peace officer, firefighter, paramedic, EMT or emergency first responder who under honorable circumstances is critically, seriously or fatally injured while performing official duties in the line of duty. It is conferred in recognition of first responders seriously injured and sustaining permanent impairment of health or death. The injury or condition must require long-term treatment by a medical professional and considerable loss of time from duty. In a fatality incident, the award will be presented to a family member.

The Missouri Medal of Valor recognizes heroic service by first responders in an effort to save a life. The Medal of Valor is Missouri's highest award for public safety officers and is awarded to those who exhibit exceptional courage, decisiveness and swift action without regard for their own safety in their attempt to save a life. Law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services, state and local corrections officers, court officers and emergency management personnel are eligible.

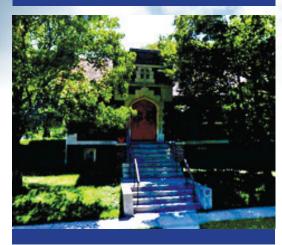
The Governor's Medal recognizes extraordinary actions by an organized or ad hoc team of first responders for brave actions above and beyond the call of normal duty during a critical situation in which their teamwork was essential to the successful resolution of the situation. Law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services, state and local corrections officers, court officers and emergency management personnel are eligible.

The Public Safety Civilian Partnership Award honors a civilian



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1602 E. Illinois Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer

9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship **Southside Baptist Church**

1010 W. Burton Pastor: Aaron Rodgerson 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Preaching 6.30 p.m. Evening Service

First Church of God

2900 S. Halliburton Chad Earhart 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

www.kirksvillechurchofgod.com **Central Church of Christ** 2010 S. Halliburton

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 am. Worship Service

Faith Baptist Church

502 N. Florence Pastor: Brandon Rhea

10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

12:30 p.m. Noon Lunch **The Crossing Church** 810 E. Shepherd Ave

9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service www.thecrossing.net

Grace Community Bible Church 1501 E. Northtown Rd. Benjamin Jorden, Pastor Affiliated with the Evangelical 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 www.KirksvilleGCBC.com .

First United Methodist Church 300 E. Washington Pastors - Rev. Scott Beard &

660.665.1615

Rev. Jennifer Finley 9:30 a.m. Worship In Person & Online

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

TBA Bible Study **Church of God of Prophecy** 807 Benton Way

Pastor: Rob Linhart 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Service Fellowship Baptist Church

1701 S. Jamison St., Kirksville Larry Gibson, Pastor 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study fbck@sbcglobal.net

www.fellowshipbc.org • 660-665-0633 **Yarrow Methodist Church** Highway N., Yarrow Guest Pastors 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

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

Union Temple Church Southwest of Kirksville Alan Coonfield, Pastor

Every Sunday Evening 5-5:30 p.m. Bible Study 5:30-6:30 p.m. Church Service Sugar Creek Baptist Church 5 mi South on Hwy 3

Pastor, Virgil K. Jones 10:00 a.m. Worship Service **Hazel Creek Primitive Baptist Church**

2 mi. W. Greentop on Rt. K then 1/2 mi. S. Elder Dillion Thurman, ministe Services on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 10:30 a.m. Song Service

11:00 a.m. Preaching **Meadow Brook Christian Church**

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

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

10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Service nity Presbyterian 210 N. Owensby, LaPlata, Mo Pastor Rev Jeff Carter

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Worship Service

Cornerstone Church 1702 N Elson St Kirksville, MO Jeremy Broach, Senior Pastor

Chad Stearman, Associate Pastor Sunday 10 am - Morning Worship Wednesday 6:30 pm-8 pm Family Minis-

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 Thomp-

son, David Kelly 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

www.lakeroadchapel.org **Church of God (Holiness)**

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

Evangelical Church 620 Steer Creek Way 9:30 - 10:20 a.m. Bible Class

10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time **10:30 a.m.** Praise & Worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship Darrell Draper, Pastor 660-341-0000 Jim Maxey, Calling Pastor 660-665-6949 or 660-216-4183

First Assembly of God 2401 S. High St., Kirksville Shawn Meintz, Pastor Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

6:30 p.m. Family Night

www.kirksvillefirst.org info@kirksvillefirst.org First Liberty Full Gospel Rev. Fred Baker, Pastor

10:40 a.m. Worship Wednesdays

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**

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

High & Harrison

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

Kirksville Second Ward Bishop Isaac Ison 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunday Services

Trinity Episcopal Church 124 N. Mulanix

Rev. Amy L. Fallon, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist **Seventh Day Adventist Church**

United Methodist 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.

Brashear Charge, Brashear Lay Minister, Nancy Douglas 10:00 a.m. Sunday School **11:00 a.m.** Worshíp 7:00 p.m. Singspiration - 1st Sunday

Willow Bend Association East Center Community Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Illinois Bend Community Church Highway 3

Pastor Terry Hunsaker 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Bible Study

660-349-0052 **Baring Community Church** 11:00 a.m. Worship. **Downing Christian Church**

430 E. Prime Street Minister Walker Franke 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 Schedu **New Hope Methodist** Reformed

Church - Millard 9:15 a.m. Bible Stud 10:00 a.m. Worship **Greentop Community Church**

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

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

10:00 a.m. Sunday School **Lancaster United**

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

Shekinah Mennonite Church 15981 Blueberry Way, Kirksville John Mark Miller, Pastor Roger Berry 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday - hymn sing 6:00 p.m. 4th Sunday of month Topic **Bethel Community Church** 12 miles NE of Kirksville on Rt. 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

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship **6:00 p.m.** Evening Worship Grace Bible **Baptist Church** Greencastle, Mo

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

5:00 p.m. Evening Service Winigan Christian Church Ryan Crist, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Rev. Earl Baker, Pastor 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

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

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Fairview Baptist Church 53610 Knob Hill Road, Pollock Sam Burkholder, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Bible Missionary Church 508 S. Main St Bro. Glenn Kiger, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Evening Worship **LaPlata Christian Church** Scott McNay, Pastor **9:00 a.m.** Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service **Queen City Christian Church**

Queen City, Mo. Justin Briney, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Bible School 10:30 a.m. Communion/worship Hour **United Pentecostal Church**

1502 E. Northtown Road David E. Brown, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship **Brashear Community Bible Church**

Donny Powell, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 660-323-5305

First Baptist Church of LaPlata B. J. McAlpin, Pastor 9:00 am "Donut Hole" Fellowship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service

6:00 pm Evening Worship **6:00 pm** Monday – AWANA http://laplatafbc.org/ Email: laplatafbc@gmail.com **Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church**

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

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

The Salvation Army

1004 W. Gardner Brian and Michelle Bump, Pastors 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Queen City First Baptist Church 6th at Washington St. Sam Burkholder, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA North of Queen City go East on Rt. O Pastor, Bill lammatteo-Code 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service **Hurdland First Baptist Church** Robert Shobe Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

7:30 p.m. Sun. & Weds. Worship

and/or Bible Study **Colony Baptist Church** 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday worship

Cornerstone **Community Church** Meeting at the Fohn Family Center 404N, Elson

9:30 a.m. Sunday Small Group Bible Study designed for adults **Locust Hill Community Church** Rt. I. Noveltv. 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

Gonda Manning, Co pastor 7:00 p.m. Thursday Services 7:00 p.m. Sunday Services **Victory Baptist Church**

Norman Keller Pastor

Of Greentop -Meets at the Willmathsville Community Church on Hwy A.

10:30 a.m. Worship **Union Temple** Pastor Alan Coonfield Sunday evening worship

Pastor Joshua Weslev

5:00 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Worship