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Pickell Abstract has been a mainstay in the local community for 100 years

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

For 100 years now, Pickell Abstract, a fixture in the Kirksville community located on the courthouse square, has been a part of the real estate transactions of many local families, businesses and residents. The firm was founded by Ralph M. Pickell, an attorney who had once served as county prosecutor in Daviess County.

According to local historian Larry Evans, in 1903, Pickell moved to Kirksville where he worked for the Railway Mail Service and later the Kirksville Post Office. He served as Kirksville's Police Judge before opening the law and abstract office, which he operated for about 40 years before passing the business on to family members.

The business stayed in the Pickell family until 1973, when Janet Hunt, who had gone to work for Pickell Abstract in the 1960s, took over the operation. Upon passing in 2006, the firm was taken over by Hunt's daughter, Linda Ranson.

Ranson grew up with the family business but lived away from Kirksville for many years before returning to work with her mother in 2005.

"I knew the language, I knew the words, I knew the concept of how abstract and title and real es-



Pickell Abstract owner Linda Ranson.

tate transactions worked," she said, "But until I was actually here and working here, I didn't know the true function of the ins and outs of the business."

Ranson said that through the years she has experienced both the positive and negative sides of the business, but takes comfort in the fact that even when a transaction is prompted by the misfortune of a homeowner, the expertise Pickell Abstract personnel provide can make the experience less traumatic and help their clients to land more softly. She said that through the good and the bad, longtime relationships have been established with their clients and that is the primary reason for their 100-year reign.

"We built those relationships with everybody," she

said. "We treat everybody as though they are the primary at that moment. There's nothing else more important than them. This is the most important thing in their life at that moment and we let it be that way while they're here."

Over the course of 100 years, the business has weathered the ever-evolving economies of the world and country, and has witnessed and been a part of the growth of Kirksville and the surrounding area. When times are bright and folks are buying and selling, they need Pickell Abstract to assist with their transactions. When money's tight, they sometimes need Pickell Abstract to help as they sort things out financially. There's never a slow season as they are constantly providing their services to banks and lenders, as well as real estate brokers and agents.

"We don't like to see those things happen when the economy takes a downturn," Ranson said. "However, that's part of what we can do for the lenders. That's the relationship we've built with them. They know that we make sure that everything—all the documents—are in line for them to recapture property if necessary."

Another change the company has dealt with over the years is the growth of technology in the real estate industry. In Ranson's time at Pickell Abstract, they've gone from faxing dozens of documents a day, to sending out emails that allow electronic signatures. The company sends maybe a



Ralph M. Pickell, founder of Pickell Abstract.



Janet Hunt, who owned the business from 1973 to 2006.

handful of faxes in a month now. She said that in the past, closings were done at the real estate offices or at the bank, but not anymore.

"As the industry changed, we began to be the settlement agent," she said. "And so now we do the actual closings and conduct all of that."

She sees a future with the potential to have less of a papered society.

"We're seeing some more hybrid or online or electronic closings, so potentially the industry will change to a little bit more electronic," she said, noting that that's just in keeping with the rest of the financial world. "I don't know that we're ever going to be able to get away from paper."

She felt confident that the business will endure 100 years into the future due to its offering of a trusted resource other businesses and homeowners depend on.

"It's a service that when you need it, you need it," she said. "It's insurance. It's like health care. When you need it, you need it, so it's not going away."

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Truman State University's Annual Piano Festival scheduled for Feb. 16-17

By Truman State University

The 41st annual Truman Piano Festival will take place Feb. 16-17 in the Ophelia Parish Performance Hall.

This year's featured guest artist is Dr. Slawomir Dobrzanski, professor of piano at Kansas State University. At 7:30 p.m., Feb. 16, he will perform a solo recital featuring works by Beethoven, Szymanowska, Chopin, Schonberg and Prokofiev. At 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Feb. 17, he will conduct a master class featuring Truman piano majors. All events are free and open to the public.

As a soloist and chamber musician, Dobrzanski often performs in Asia, Europe, South America and throughout the United States and Canada. Under the London-based Acte Preadable label, Dobrzanski has released several critically acclaimed CD albums of previously unknown piano repertoire by Maria Szymanowska (complete piano music), Anton de Kontski, Wiktor Labunski (complete piano music) and Károly Aggházy. He has also recorded solo and chamber music for Polish radio and television in Warsaw.

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Municipal election candidate forum to be held on Feb. 15

By Adair County Democratic Club

The Adair County Democratic Club is hosting a candidate forum for the April Municipal Election. The forum will be held at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15 at the Kirksville Armory, 500 S. Elson Street.

All members of the community are invited to attend to meet and learn about the candidates for Kirksville City Council and the Kirks-

ville R-III School Board.

The ACDC has invited all candidates for these nonpartisan positions to participate. Each participating candidate will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and answer a few questions so that the community can make an informed decision.

Members of the community and candidates are invited to mingle and engage at the conclusion of the forum.



Kirksville Mayor Zac Burden will give the State of the City address on Feb. 26 at the Rieger Armory.

State of the City address scheduled for Feb. 26

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville will hold the annual State of the City address on Monday, Feb. 26, at 5:30 p.m., at the Rieger Armory and Community Center, 500 S. Elson Street, in Kirksville. The State of the City address will be delivered by Kirksville Mayor Zac Burden. Hear about key projects that will happen or begin this year, along with other priorities for the city

in 2024. You can also view the event live, online, on the city's YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/kirksvillecity>. It will also be recorded there and can be viewed after the fact.

An annual event, the State of the City address is part of the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce's "The Government in Focus - TGIF" series. For more information, contact city officials at 660-627-1225.



A birthday cake commemorates the 100th anniversary of Pickell Abstract.

Buchheit Inc. celebrates 90 years in business

By Buchheit Inc.

PERRYVILLE — Buchheit Inc. celebrates 90 years in business on Feb. 2. In honor of the company's milestone, Marketing Manager, Michael Sheppard, said, "We are excited to celebrate 90 years of serving our communities. It is rare to see a family-owned operation succeed now, much less into our 5th generation. We are blessed to have grown across all divisions for the last nine decades. We look forward to another 90 years. It is a very proud moment for all of us."

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Buchheit, Inc. celebrates 90 years in business on Feb. 2. Pictured is Buchheit founder, Rudy Buchheit, standing in front of the original Buchheit location in Biehle, Mo. This location has since been converted to the corporate office.

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Party for the late Ray Klingensmith

A celebration of life will be held for the late Ray Klingensmith on Saturday, Feb. 10 at Dukum Inn, 111 S. Elson Street in Kirksville, from 4-7 p.m. Please wear apparel that represents your connection to Ray (Putnam County, Truman State, Mizzou, Rotary, CVA, Kansas City Chiefs, etc.).

Kirksville Thousand Hills Rotary Club Game Night

The Kirksville Thousand Hills Rotary Club will hold a Game Night beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Kirksville Country Club, 1115 Country Club Drive in Kirksville. Enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun with the Thousand Hills Rotary Club members. Light refreshments served, cash bar.

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.

Trinity Episcopal Church to host New Orleans-style Mardi Gras feast

Trinity Episcopal Church, 124 N. Mulanix Street, Kirksville, will host a Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 6-8 p.m. (or until the food runs out). Sit-down meal of New Orleans favorites. Dress is casual. Free will donation is requested. Let the good times roll in Kirksville to start off the Lenten season! Join us for a Shrove Tuesday meal including such New Orleans favorites as beignets (ben-YAYS), jambalaya, grits, red beans and rice, and King Cake starting at 6 p.m. Use the entrance on the Harrison Street side and come on down into the "party room." Bring your beads and masks, if you like, to help celebrate. We'll be serving until 8 p.m. or until the food runs out. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Pantry for Adair County and Trinity's Little Free Food Pantry.

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The Complete Beethoven Cello and Piano Sonatas and Variations Part 2, will be held on Sunday, Feb. 17, beginning at 7:30 p.m., at the Truman State University Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. This performance is free and open to the public.

Barn Quilt Painting Workshop at Sue Ross Arts Center

Kirksville Arts Association will hold a Barn Quilt Painting Workshop led by Bohemian Folk Barn Quilts on Sunday, Feb. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sue Ross

Arts Center, 215 S. Franklin Street in Kirksville. Free refreshments will be provided as will primed and pattern drawn ready to paint two foot by two foot aluminum composite board and brushes, paint and tape. Participants will need to bring a hairdryer. Pattern must be selected at time of registration. Paint colors selected the day of workshop. Cost is \$130 for KAA members, \$140 for non-members. No refunds for missed event but can be used for future workshop with instructor. Register and payment due on Feb. 9.

25th Annual National Project Linus "Make A Blanket Day" Sew-In at Moose Lodge

The 25th Annual National Project Linus "Make A Blanket Day" Sew-In event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Kirksville Moose Lodge, at 2405 E. Illinois Street in Kirksville. The mission of Project Linus is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghan, lovingly created by volunteer "Blanketeers". Blankets for children in need will be assembled at the Moose Lodge and they would like to invite the community to attend. No sewing experience is needed to join the fun. Anyone who can learn to tie a square knot is invited to participate in the event anytime between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Volunteers may bring a completed blanket or bring their own sewing machine and complete one of the precut kits available during the event. Donations of new cotton fabric, acrylic yarn, fleece and other blanket-making supplies will be accepted during the event. The North Central Missouri Chapter of Project Linus has delivered over 18,500 blankets to area children in need. For more information on the Sew-In event, or to learn more about Project Linus, contact Conni Douvier at 660-947-4315, douvier@nemr.net, or visit their website at <http://www.projectlinus.org>

Adair County SB40 February Calendar

February Activities at the Community Learning Center:

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

Dance Aerobics – Come dance with Angela and get your workout in at the same time. Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

Fun with Music – Join Angela for fun activities that incorporate music. Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

Exercise Your Mind – The students from TSU's Health & Exercise Science Department will be back beginning Tuesday, Jan. 23. Join them for this favored class with fun and engaging activities that will keep your mind sharp with interesting theme based activities.

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

Get Fit – Have fun while getting healthy! Angela will help you get moving with fun workout videos, walks in the community and more. Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

Game Time – If you love getting together with friends and playing games, this activity is for you! Join them for lots of fun. You may even learn to play a new game. Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

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

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

Open Hearts Story Time – Come join Miss Bre from the Adair County Public Library for a fun story with easy art project. This new activity is great for visitors of all ages. Fridays at 11:30 a.m.

Other Activities and Information to Know:

Parent-to-Parent Group – This group is for any parent guardian of a child, birth-through the end of school, with a disability. Your child does not need to be receiving services through Adair County SB40 Developmental Disability Board to participate. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 15, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Community Learning Center. Contact the CLC by Friday, Feb. 9, if you will need childcare during the meeting.

People First of Northeast Missouri Meeting — CALLING ALL SELF-ADVOCATES! Come be a member of People First where you will learn how to



advocate for yourself and others, build self-determination skills, and stronger relationships with other self-advocates. They will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6-7 p.m., at the Community Learning Center.

15th Annual Community Engagement Conference – This year's conference will be held March 2, at William Matthew Middle School in Kirksville. This free conference is open to the entire Northeast Missouri community. There is something for everyone with 15 different breakout sessions, keynote speaker Cody Clark, a parent lunch panel, door prizes, and a free Sensory Friendly Magic Show with Cody. To receive lunch, contact Melissa or Angela at the Community Learning Center.

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

SAVE THE DATE!! Disability Rights Legislative Day – The Annual DRDL is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, at the Missouri State Capital in Jefferson City. Visit <https://moddcouncil.org> for more information.

The Missouri AAIDD Annual Conference, "Dignity, Choice, Risk," is scheduled for Thursday, March 21 at Stoney Creek Hotel in Columbia. This year's conference will feature speakers Christopher Robin Judson Worth, Educator, Researcher, Curriculum Developer, Trainer, Artist, Writer, Consultant, and Community Organizer along with Shannon Nehus, LTSS Program Director / DD & Employment and Community First CHOICES at Tennessee Division of TennCare. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Further details will be announced as information becomes available. You can also visit <https://www.moaaidd.org> for more information.

Organization offers free help with tax preparation

By Truman State University

Beta Alpha Psi will host Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) sessions from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 10, Feb. 24 and March 23 in Violette Hall 1424.

Clients who come to VITA should bring: social security cards for spouses and dependents; bank routing numbers and bank account numbers for direct deposit; wage and earnings statements such as W-2,

1098T and 1099; and a copy of last year's federal and state tax returns if available. VITA services will be completed by IRS-certified volunteers and will also offer free electronic filing to receive a faster return. Appointments are re-

quired and will be available to schedule beginning Feb. 1. Truman students can make appointments online. Truman staff and community members must call 660-785-6064 to schedule. For more information, visit bap.truman.edu/vita.

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OBITUARIES

Eldon Francis Weber

Apr 26, 1960 – Jan 30, 2023

Eldon Francis Weber, 63, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at Northeast Regional Medical Center in Kirksville.

The son of Frank Michael and Irene (Baskett) Weber Sr., Eldon was born April 26, 1960 in Kirksville, Missouri. His father and one daughter Kelly Lynn Weber preceded him in death.



Eldon is survived by his mother, Irene Weber of Kirksville, MO; one brother, Frank "Mike" Weber Jr. of Otley, IA; one sister, Nellie Etta Smith of Kirksville, MO; as well as several cousins.

Eldon was a graduate from Macon High School with the Class of 1978. He owned and operated Weber Electric Company from 1980 to 1990. He was employed in management for thirty-five years for PSF and Smithfield Foods in Kansas City and Milan. Eldon enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, genealogy, and was a high school basketball manager in Macon while in high school.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 4, 2024 with family receiving friends for one hour before service time in the chapel of Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville. Pastor Virgil Jones will officiate the service and interment will follow at Union Temple Cemetery in Novinger, Missouri.

Memorial donations in memory of Eldon may be made to the American Cancer Society or to Missouri Baptist Children's Home and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

Carol Lee Ammons

Feb 6, 1959 – Jan 26, 2024

Carol Lee Ammons, 64, of Edina, Missouri, passed away Friday, January 26, 2024, at the Scotland County Hospital in Memphis, Missouri.

She was born on February 6, 1959, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Hal B. and Susan Cook McIntosh Ammons.

Carol attended school in Gorin, Missouri and graduated from the Gorin High School in the Class of 1977. She continued her education at Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville, Missouri and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in History with a minor in Geography, in May of 1983.

She enjoyed seeing new places on family trips, gardening, sewing, needle work, candle making, cooking, genealogy, and painting.

She was busy with volunteer work with Northeast Regional Medical Center, and area nursing homes, taking care of children and the elderly.

Carol was active with the Kirksville First Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints of Kirksville, Missouri, and enjoyed her church family.

Carol is survived by several cousins, including; Nancy and Larry Platz of Brashear, Missouri; and a close and dear friend and longtime sweet heart, Brian Lee Ethridge of Kirksville, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hal and Susan Ammons; and a brother, Charles Wesley Ammons.

Funeral Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 1, 2024, at the Doss Funeral Home in Edina, Missouri.

Visitation will be from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home in Edina, Missouri.

Interment will be in the Gorin Cemetery at Gorin, Missouri.

An expression of sympathy in memory of Carol Ammons may be left to the Knox County Historical Society. A memorial may be left at or mailed to the Doss Funeral Home 208 N. Fourth Street, Edina, Missouri 63537.

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Alongside her film work, Anderson hosts "The Wild We Share," a podcast fostering connection and stewardship outdoors. An avid lover of being outside, she enjoys hiking, camping, backpacking and traveling with her family. After more than a decade in Chicago, she now



Madelaine Anderson

resides in Fort Collins, Colo., with her husband, daughter and black lab.

Missouri Secretary of State's office awards grant to Adair County Library

By Missouri Secretary of State

JEFFERSON CITY — The Adair County Library's "The Adventure Begins Here at the Library" program received a \$3,844 grant from the Missouri Secretary of State's office. The office has awarded over \$390,000 in additional funding for 49 summer library program grants distributed to several Missouri libraries.

These grants provide funding to public libraries for educational presentations, library materials and program supplies. The grant period begins Feb. 1 and runs until Aug. 15 of this year.

"Libraries serve as vital resource hubs for their communities," said Missouri Secretary of State, Jay Ashcroft. "These grants enhance our local libraries efforts to serve patrons of all ages

through literacy programs that are both educational and engaging."

Grants are administered by the Missouri State Library through an application process and awarded based on need, as well as the library's ability to effectively bring the project to fruition.

"Summer library programs have been an important way to encourage reading as a lifelong habit, en-



gage reluctant readers with fun activities and help students keep their skills up," said State Librarian Robin Westphal. "We are thrilled to provide a record number of 49 grants to Missouri's libraries."

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY HELD FOR NIGHTSHADE TATTOO AND BODY PIERCING



The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Nightshade Tattoo and Body Piercing, 208 N. Franklin Street in Kirksville, on Tuesday, Jan. 30. The shop offered refreshments and coffee to attendees of the event. According to their Facebook page, they opened on Dec. 29 of last year and are open everyday from 10-4 except Tuesday. MARTY BACHMAN / DAILY EXPRESS

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On Jan. 16, the company celebrated its 100th anniversary, but they plan to commemorate the founding for the entire year, offering incentives, special deals and gifts for their clients that close escrow. They plan to have special promotions throughout the year and will highlight the lenders and real estate firms they work with on their Facebook page.

"Different times we're going to do different things," Ranson said.

Having run the business for many years now, Ranson still gets a sense of overwhelming accomplishment from seeing the happiness on the faces of home buyers when they finally close escrow.

"We had a young couple buying their first home — young, just a few years out into the work world — and they just could not stop smiling they were so excited," she said. "They were so proud of themselves and I was thrilled for them. They were on top of it. They were excited. They were ready to make their life. They were ready

to start off in adulthood, so to speak."

She's equally affected when a family has to sell their "mama's" home because she's passed, recognizing the sadness behind the sale. To help them get past such an event, she encourages them to see the future of the home that may have been in their family for decades; to see that a new family is going to bring happiness to those halls again.

"There's going to be laughter in that home and that's really what they want," she said. "They want their memories to be cherished as much by the

next family that lives there and that's the bridge that we can provide between the past and the future."

She said that those are the clients Pickell Abstract has made a connection and built a rapport with that has sustained them through the last 100 years.

"We've had multiple generations in here buying and selling — and they know that they can trust us,"

she said. "We know our people, they're our friends or our family. They're the people that we've grown up with and so we have a connection and we tend to try to take care of them on a personal level, not just a professional level."

Ranson, who holds a degree in Child and Family Development, said she made the right decision to return to Kirksville and

take over the family business.

"We've been able to grow it some and we've been able to do some things that have not been done in the past," she said, noting that while neither she nor her mother had built the business, each owner left their own special stamp on the project. "We've been able to change it to continue to be a success."

PIANO

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Dobrzanski is a graduate of the Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw, Poland, and the University of Connecticut. In 1993, he won the Naftzger Young Artist Award and was the Naftzger Piano Division winner. Dobrzanski joined

the Kansas State University music faculty in 2005. Prior to his appointment at Kansas State, he was a member of music faculties at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., and the University of Rhode Island.

Dobrzanski's former piano students are currently pursuing artistic and academic careers all over the world, across North and

South America, Africa, Europe and Asia. Many have become highly successful soloists and chamber musicians, often while serving simultaneously on the music faculties of colleges, music conservatories and community music schools. He is the recipient of the 2021 Outstanding Teacher Award from Kansas Music Teachers Association.

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ROBIN WRITES

Recipes bring memories

When I married my high school sweetheart in the early '70s, Mom gave me a book of easy recipes that were as familiar as her smile. While she was not a gourmet cook, Mom knew how to feed a big family with a little budget.

Most of the dishes were one-pot meals with ingredients I could find at any local Kroger. Mushroom soup played a prominent role in most of the casseroles she described, and measurements were spelled out in terms I could understand:

"Get a round steak about as big as you two can eat." And, "Put a good, healthy, hunk of margarine in the skillet to sauté your onions." She was never precise in her own cooking and our meals were often a surprise of varying flavors...but always good.

I clung to that small recipe book like a life preserver my first year of marriage and subjected my husband to casseroles and burgers and pork chops that were edible, if a bit boring.

As time passed, I began to collect recipes from other places. Friends shared can't-miss chicken recipes. I clipped ideas from the local paper. And when area churches published their members' favorite cookbooks for annual fund raising, I was first in line for a copy. If a church lady loved a recipe, you would, too.

And those cans and boxes! The back of every one—from

cereal to rice—offered common-sense recipes (using their ingredients, of course).

Before long, I had a tin box of recipe cards I'd scribbled myself. And while most were still simple mixtures, I built up enough recipes to provide more variety in our meals.

I cooked and learned to enjoy it. Favorites were repeated in predictable regularity, as they had been in my childhood. Pot roast with potatoes and onions. Ham and beans. Lasagna. Fried chicken on Sunday.

My family grew up and outward as a result, and I felt, if not proficient, at least capable in the kitchen.

Cookies. Cakes. Pies. Summer cobbles. Desserts were fun to make, and I made a lot of them over the years. The recipe cards I used for them were a topography of cocoa and flour lumps, brushed away with shortening-slick fingers. But it was okay. That just meant they were popular.

Once my children grew up and began cooking in their own kitchens, I found myself using my recipe cards less often. I made most meals from memory, and as ready-to-eat and frozen meals evolved, I started to depend on them more and more.

But I still have my recipe box full of cards, and that 50-plus year-old recipe book Mom gave me. They're in a cabinet in the kitchen, too high to reach without a stool, and only brought out occasionally.



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH
ROBIN WRITES

I've shared Mom's "famous" Thanksgiving stuffing recipe with my daughter, who makes it better than I ever did. And I graciously divulged my secret, super-chocolatey cake recipe with her, not admitting that it came from the back of a Hershey's cocoa can.

When my mother-in-law died, I found her special recipe for the lemon cake she made nearly every time we visited. It's framed and hangs in my kitchen.

I wonder how many of today's households have physical recipe boxes. With Pinterest and YouTube, most food ideas are probably downloaded or pinned. But I'm hoping the women in my generation have passed down a few of their family's favorite recipes.

And while our tastes and caloric choices may have changed over the decades, the memories surrounding a home-cooked, homemade meal of childhood, written in Mom's or Grandma's handwriting, are sweeter than any new recipe.

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HOME COUNTRY

Looking out for his girl's reputation

Bob and Carol Burchell pulled into their driveway during the snowstorm, and were surprised to see their daughter, Katie, along with her boyfriend, Randy Jones, sitting on the porch swing, wrapped in a blanket. Both were shivering and smiling.

They followed her parents inside, and in minutes had some hot soup inside them. Randy and Katie watched a couple of television programs together, and then Randy said goodnight and walked home.

"Randy seems to be a really nice boy, Honey," Carol said.

"Thanks, Mom. I like him a lot."

Bob sat quietly, sucking on a cup of evening coffee as though it were dessert. He had a puzzled look on his face.

"Everything OK, Dad?" Katie said.

"Oh ... sure." He took another sip. "It's just ... well, I think maybe one of you doesn't show a lot of good sense."

Katie looked surprised.

Bob explained. "You see, it's one of those what's-wrong-with-this-picture things. Here you have a perfectly warm house, you have a key to the house, and here



SLIM RANGLES
HOME COUNTRY

are two seemingly intelligent young people wrapped in a blanket to keep from freezing to death, sitting out on a frozen steel porch swing. Is that a smart thing to do?"

"No it isn't," Katie said.

"That's what I told him. I said we could go in and get something to eat where we'd be comfortable. All he'd let me do is get that blanket."

"That was his idea, freezing on the porch?"

"Yes," Katie said, smiling.

"Randy said if we went in the house before you two got home, it might hurt my reputation, and he was willing to risk that."

Katie went into the other room. Bob looked at Carol and smiled.

"You know," he said. "I think I kinda like that boy."

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Might as well jump

Writer looks at the truth about "can't"



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When a thought or a random fact circles around and around in your head, looking for a place to land, sometimes it's trying to tell you something. Lately, it's elephants who keep tromping around in my brain.

I once read something about elephants that surprised me. They can't jump. As in, can't. Physically impossible. I checked with several reputable online sources to make sure this is accurate. They all said the same thing: Elephants are one of the few mammals that can't jump — not even a little skip or a hop. They can't bend their legs enough to push off the ground. Their bone structure simply won't allow it.

I immediately wanted to argue with this fact because most of us have seen circus elephants do all kinds of impressive things. Even though they weigh several tons, they can step up and down from platforms. They can even stand on two legs, although elephant trainers say it isn't natural, and they don't like it much. But elephants do not and cannot jump. Period.

This seemingly small piece of trivia has changed the way I think about the word "can't."

I'm guilty of using it too often, even when I don't say it out loud. I say it to myself way too often. "I can't get that work done. I can't cook well. I can't write that book. I can't find time to do that thing. I can't put down my phone."

Humans are quick to "can't" because it's such an easy default position. That's why, by early February, many of us are joking about how New Year's resolutions never stick. By now, we've had enough time to convince ourselves those goals "can't" work for various reasons. A solid "can't" lets us off

the hook. There's no need to even try if you can't.

But in most cases, our "can't" is a secret code for something else, like "I'm scared" or "I just don't want to." Being scared or unmotivated are both legitimate human feelings, but they make us feel ashamed when we admit them to ourselves.

But a "can't" is out of our hands. We want to make progress, take a chance, and jump into something new, but we just can't. "Can't" keeps us safely rooted to the same spot on the ground, no progress required.

But the truth is, we're not elephants in a long jump competition. If we were, we could rightfully claim our "can't," and the laws of physics would back us up. But we humans can do so many things, even extremely hard things. We might not do them well. We might feel silly or stupid in the process of trying. We might screw up. But, in most cases, we can — if only we will.

At the root of most uses of "can't" is stubborn fear. Can we convince our human will that it's not an elephant? Can we coax it into jumping, even when we're unsure where and how we'll land?

I haven't figured this out yet. A big part of me wants to cling to the impossibility of certain goals or dreams because it makes things simpler. But knowing this small fact about elephants has given me a new standard for judging what is and isn't possible.

This year, I'm hopeful I can convince my worry-prone human will that, even in the face of intimidating odds or the possibility of embarrassing failure, it can make a daring leap.

In the words of the great 1980s hair band Van Halen, "Might as well jump. JUMP!"

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POETRY CORNER

Once Upon a Time

I have a big screen TV... it's sitting right here... and it's off 'cause there's nothing I want to see,

What has happened?... Everything stinks... there's not a show that appeals to me.

Once upon a time... all the shows were good... and just 3 channels contained them all, And towards the end of the summer... excitement was in the air... new shows would start in the fall.

And what did we watch?... The list was long... just think of what we had in our past, Each day of the week... was always special... I never knew that it wouldn't last.

Fury, Flicka... Sky King and Sargent Preston... Roy Rogers, The Lone Ranger, and there's more,

Saturday mornings... were always the best... but each day had more in store.

Walt Disney and The Wild Kingdom... Bonanza and Ted Mack... and don't forget The Ed Sullivan Show, Hogan's Heroes, I Dream of Jeannie...The Wild, Wild, West... how many more do you know?

The Mickey Mouse Club, Leave it to Beaver... The Man from U.N.C.L.E.... can you see them in your mind? Andy Griffith, Carol Burnett... but Lawrence Welk...



I'd leave behind.

Each afternoon... it was Where the Action Is... were you there watching it too? And there was more... remember Shindig?... and we can't forget Hullabaloo. Looking at this list... and as you know... it's still not close to being done,

I'm just so very glad... that I was there... to experience life when it was clean and fun.

— Daniel D. Donovan

PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

National Cancer Prevention Month

By Brandon Carlyle, B.S., CHES®
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In this edition, we honor National Cancer Prevention Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of preventive measures in reducing the risk of cancer. As we delve into this crucial topic, let's explore ways we can collectively work towards a healthier, cancer-free future.

Understanding Cancer Prevention:

Cancer prevention involves adopting lifestyle choices and undergoing screenings that can reduce the risk of developing cancer. It's a proactive approach that empowers individuals to take charge of their health and well-being.

Key Strategies for Cancer Prevention:

Healthy Lifestyle Choices: Embrace a healthy lifestyle by maintaining a balanced diet, engaging in regular physical activity, and avoiding tobacco and excessive alcohol consumption. These choices contribute significantly to overall well-being and reduce the risk of several types of cancer.

Regular Screenings: Regular screenings and early detection

play a pivotal role in cancer prevention. Stay informed about recommended screenings for your age and gender, such as mammograms, colonoscopies, and skin cancer checks.

Sun Safety: Protect your skin from harmful UV rays by using sunscreen, wearing protective clothing, and avoiding prolonged exposure to the sun. These measures significantly reduce the risk of skin cancer.

Radon Testing: Radon is a radioactive, naturally occurring gas from soil that is known to cause lung cancer in people with exposure to high levels. Testing is the only way to know if radon levels in your home are within safe limits.

Promoting Awareness and Action:

Community Engagement: Engage with your community to spread awareness about cancer prevention. Organize informational sessions, workshops, or community events to educate individuals about the importance

of adopting preventive measures.

Encouraging Healthy Habits: Encourage friends, family, and colleagues to adopt healthier habits. Small changes in lifestyle, such as incorporating more fruits and vegetables into meals or engaging in regular physical activity, can have a profound impact on cancer prevention.

Supporting Cancer Research: Advocate for and support cancer research initiatives. Advances in research contribute to the development of innovative prevention strategies and treatment modalities.

Your Role in Cancer Prevention:

Each one of us plays a vital role in the collective effort to prevent cancer. By making informed choices, encouraging those around us to prioritize preventive measures, and supporting initiatives that promote a cancer-free world, we contribute to a healthier future.

Take this month as an opportunity to assess your lifestyle choices, schedule any overdue screenings, and inspire those around you to prioritize cancer prevention.

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

TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

115 Years Ago, February 5, 1909

Pigeons posed an environmental hazard and were a general nuisance around the Adair County Courthouse. The following article appeared in the Kirksville Daily Express after some local pigeon hunters took to the streets. "There was a hot time on the square yesterday evening when local nimrods took a few shots at the pigeons which have been making headquarters in the court house. To one who did not know what was going on, it made him think that perhaps the town was being bombarded by the Japs. There are several less pigeons in town today, however, than there was yesterday morning."

115 Years Ago, February 8, 1909

A Wabash freight train containing about fifty freight cars crashed into the new Wabash Depot. Fortunately, no one was injured, and slight damage was done to the train cars. The freight room of the depot sustained damage as one wall was leveled. The newly constructed depot was just dedicated weeks before. The freight train was a heavy one and was in the process of picking up two boarding cars which were standing on the siding near the depot. When the switching of cars was attempted, the engineer was unable to see the signal of the brakeman. The switch ran down grade and when the heavy train of cars struck the lighter boarding cars, they were driven into the south wall of the freight room displacing nearly every brick in the wall.

100 Years Ago, February 5, 1924

A paid fire department for the City of Kirksville became a reality as the city council voted to put four full time firemen on the department squad. Until this time Kirksville's Fire Department was entirely volunteer. With four men in the department on the big booster pump and truck, it was believed that Kirksville would have ample fire protection and should be able to cope with any ordinary fire. It was planned to have one man awake at all hours and near the telephone so alarms could be promptly responded to. The biggest problem was providing the space for the men to sleep.

100 Years Ago, February 6, 1924

"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." This was the creed that an Adair County mailman took seriously. The postman, G. A. Prosser, mail carrier on Route 2, took his 65-pound leather mail pouch, swung it over his shoulder, and walked fifteen miles in the cold wind and heavily drifted snow to make sure he accomplished his mission. With snow drifted from four to six feet deep in many places along the road, traveling by motor power or even horse power was impossible. Prosser walked and waded through snow in the road and part of the time he climbed fences and walked in the fields. He headed out of Kirksville against the northwest wind until he reached the Frank Conner farm, four miles north of town. There he left quite a bit of the mail for neighbors having called each one of them to find out if that would be all right. From the Conner home Prosser trudged his way across the fields to Mrs. Harvey's home, where he had dinner and took a short rest before finishing his mail deliveries. He arrived back in Kirksville about 4 p.m. tired enough to drop after his fifteen-mile jaunt.

100 Years Ago, February 7, 1924

John L. Porter, a seventy-year resident of Adair County, died suddenly at his home on North Elson Street in Kirksville. Porter was born in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 1834 and came to Jefferson City, Missouri, with his parents in 1839. In early manhood he went into the telegraph construction business and was superintendent of the building of the first telegraph line from St. Louis to Leavenworth, Kansas. In 1853 the family moved to Adair County and Porter became deputy circuit clerk. He was serving in that capacity when the Adair County Courthouse burned in 1865. It was through his efforts that most of the books of the circuit clerk's office were saved. He was later appointed probate judge of Adair County. During the Civil War he served in the enrolled Missouri Militia and was provost marshal for Northeast Missouri for a



John L. Porter, 1834-1924

time. Porter studied law and was admitted to the Adair County Bar, but never actively practiced law. Instead, he engaged in the real estate business. When the coals fields began to open up, he took an active part in it. In 1883 he made one of the first efforts to open a mine in Novinger. He sank an air shaft preparatory to sinking the main shaft, but the railroad company with which he had made a contract to haul the coal became insolvent. His contract was valueless, and he abandoned the project. Mr. Porter also owned several tracts of land and a large number of business and dwelling houses in Kirksville. He married Mary Ivie, and they had seven children.

100 Years Ago, February 10, 1924

In the early and mid-1920s the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan made a national resurgence. In Adair County it gained widespread recognition and acquired a significant number of members. It ran a full-page ad in the Kirksville Daily Express stating that the organization "Has Become a Permanent, Nation-Wide Organization Comprising Millions of the Best Citizens of the Nation." The Kirksville Klan-Realm of Missouri adopted several resolutions stating the principles for which they stood. One of the principles was "To defend, patronize, support and attend all protestant American Churches and Institutions."

90 Years Ago, February 6, 1934

Charles Lee Crowder, the three-year-old son of Mrs. Eunice Crowder, narrowly escaped death when the Crowder home caught fire. Mrs. Crowder had been washing clothes and hanging them on her clothesline. When she filled her clotheslines, she went to the home of a neighbor, Charles Vice, to hang out the remainder of the wash. While there, smoke was discovered coming from the Crowder home. Rushing back home, Mrs. Crowder discovered her son on a bed and the interior of the house ablaze. The son was near asphyxiation. With the aid of neighbors and those passing by, the fire was extinguished by tossing water from her wash tubs on the blaze.

70 Years Ago, February 7, 1954

Kirksville High School's traditional two-weeks of Mardi Gras activities culminated with a dance, musical program, and crowning of the Mardi Gras king and queen in Greenwood School gym. Sophomore candidates were John Giltner and Ruth Maxson; junior candidates, George Lehr and Viola Fleshman; and seniors, Tom Perry and Nilene Alger. Sophomore candidates Giltner and Maxson were selected Mardi Gras royalty. The winning candidates were chosen based on the most money turned into the student council by each of the three classes. The musical program later in the evening featured high school students: Linda Brooks, Ann Snyder, Francette Stickler, Jill Wimp, Faye Ewing, Mary Link, Larry Ratliff, Marla Jean Shipman, Sandra Wigal, Sandra Cragg, Glenda Burch, Linda Funk, and Jimmy Clifton. Leon Karel's orchestra provided the music for dancing.

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EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY Part 88

Aftermath of Corporal Hervey Dix's death in Adair County

By Blytha Ellis, President

Adair County Historical Society and Museum

each other. He formed the GAR on April 6, 1866, in Decatur, Illinois, and served as its first Commander.

This organization grew so large across the country that it probably far exceeded Dr. Stephenson's expectations. At its peak in 1890, the GAR could claim 400,000 members.

The GAR was one of the first organized advocacy groups in American history. They became a powerful political organization. They supported voting rights for Black veterans, helped make Memorial Day a national holiday, and lobbied Congress to establish regular pensions for veterans. They backed political candidates who had been Union soldiers, six of whom became U.S. Presidents.

Dr. Stephenson's organization outlived him. The GAR lasted until 1956 when the last living Union veteran passed away at age 106. That veteran was Albert Henry Woolson from Minnesota, who joined the Union Army in 1864 as a 14-year-old drummer boy. Late in life, he served as a Senior Vice-Commander in-Chief with the GAR.

Missouri's first GAR post was organized in Kirksville on October 1, 1866, and named for Corporal Hervey Dix because he had been the first to give his life for the Union in Adair County. GAR historian Robert R. Beath described this GAR post as "one of the most efficient posts in the interior of the state."

This particular post only lasted two years but was reorganized in 1882 and designated as Post No. 22 by the Missouri GAR. During its active years, the Kirksville Post helped establish posts in several Adair County communities including Brashear, Millard, Shibley's Point and Sublette. Locally, they sponsored annual soldiers' reunions and staged one of the earliest post-war battle reenactments when they recreated the 1862 Battle of Kirksville on the site of that engagement in 1868.

In the mid-1910s, the Corporal Dix Post raised funds for a monument in Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery to 15 Confederate soldiers who were executed the day after the Battle of Kirksville on charges of parole violation. After this, the post held observances each year at this memorial until the post disbanded. In the spring of 1934, there were only a few elderly soldiers left at the Kirksville Post, so they decided to close it. Their records were given to Northeast Missouri State Teachers College (now Truman State).

Back in Hervey Dix's county of residence, Clayton County, Iowa, a 25-foot Civil War monument was constructed with a statue of a Civil War soldier on top. It is dedicated "To those who sacrificed their lives in the great Civil War of 1861-65 for the preservation of our national union." This is located in Pleasant Grove Cemetery at the town of McGregor, Iowa. There are two sponsoring plaques at the bottom of this memorial engraved with the words, "Hervey Dix WHC [Women's Relief Corp] Post No. 69" and "Hervey Dix GAR Post No. 371." These were posts established in the Iowa county which Hervey Dix called home before his untimely death when he was only 20 years old.

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Last week, we learned about the first skirmish of the Civil War in Adair County at the Westenhaver home north of Kirksville. There, Corporal Hervey Dix from Iowa became Adair County's first casualty of that war.

Sgt. Jacob Alfred Tinsman (1834-1923), who later became a well-known Adair Countian, had been stationed a short distance from the Westenhaver farmhouse as a picket for Hervey Dix's squad while the men ate dinner. As soon as Jacob heard gunfire, he set out for Kirksville to sound the alarm about the trouble.

But, while Tinsman was gone, the appearance of Confederate reinforcements under Captain W. S. Richardson of Lewis County, Mo., compelled the rest of Hervey Dix's squad of Federals to flee. No men in Hervey's squad were harmed, other than Hervey himself. But, six rebels lay dead in Mr. Westenhaver's yard, and a seventh was mortally wounded. His body was riddled with eight bullets. A man named Lieutenant Crawford in the reinforcement troop reported that this wounded man said before his death, "Corporal Dix is the bravest man I ever saw. If the North has many such, we had better give up!" This story was written in the book, "War History 1861-1865 — Events at Home."

Upon Tinsman's alert in Kirksville, a Union detachment was sent out to the scene of the Westenhaver farm, but both the Federals and the rebels were gone, and the skirmish was over.

The death of Corporal Dix understandably cast a deep gloom over his whole company. Civil War deaths were relatively new at this time. A regimental history of the 3rd Iowa Infantry Volunteers was published in 1864, based on the diary of Lieutenant Seymour Dwight Thompson of Company F of this unit. In this history, we learn, "A flag of truce brought in Hervey Dix's body [into Kirksville], and the next evening at sunset, it was buried with military honors."

Hervey is buried near the east end of Forest Llewellyn Cemetery in Kirksville. At that time, it was simply called the City Cemetery. It was many years after this that a marker was placed at Hervey's grave by the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Kirksville Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Post No. 22 was named for Hervey Dix when it was organized in 1866. For those unfamiliar with this organization, the Grand Army of the Republic was a fraternal organization created by Dr. B. F. Stephenson (1823-1871) of Springfield, Illinois, for Union veterans of the Civil War. Dr. Stephenson graduated from medical college in Chicago then joined the Union Army in 1862. He was commissioned as Chief Surgeon of the 14th Illinois Volunteer Infantry and served two years.

After the war, Dr. Stephenson was concerned with the lives of the Union veterans and the impact the war had upon them. He felt that they would find great benefit in assembling together and emotionally supporting



Tombstone of Corporal Hervey Dix (1840-1861) at Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery in Kirksville, erected by the local GAR Chapter which was named for Corporal Dix

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Darrell Crooks speaks to Rotary Club of Kirksville

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

The speaker at the Jan. 31 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting was Darrell Crooks (left) of the Adair County Ambulance District. He has served 24 years as paramedic program director with a total of 44 years in the general field. Rotarian Jennifer Chrisman (pictured right) in her introduction said that Crooks is also the pastor of the Novinger Baptist Church.

Crooks said when you call 911, you should provide your phone number and address in case you are disconnected. Don't hang up; they will talk you through CPR. He said to secure any dogs in case they want to protect their owner. He spoke about three major efforts: (1) Stopping bleeding — If pushing on bleeding doesn't work, apply a tourniquet high and tight for



no more than 4-5 hours. A good tourniquet costs \$40. Don't use a belt or rope. (2) Strokes — Check for smile or eye droop, tongue going to the side, not center; and ask person to extend arms and hold — look for arm dropping. Check speech. After eight hours further efforts will not help. (3) Heart attack — push in center of chest hard and

fast to the beat of "Staying Alive" or "Walk the Line." Do compressions only, not along with breathing until help arrives. Heart attack symptoms vary, sometimes heavy chest pain but also pain in the back or left or right side. Sometimes there is an upset stomach. The person might become pale or sweat.

Adair County road work scheduled

By MoDOT

The following is a list of general highway maintenance work the Missouri Department of Transportation has planned in the Northern Missouri region for the next few

weeks. All road closures and planned roadwork may be viewed on the Traveler Information Map at <http://traveler.modot.org/map/>. Inclement weather may cause schedule changes in some of the planned work.

There may also be moving operations throughout the region, in addition to the work mentioned below. MoDOT asks drivers to work with us by buckling up, putting your phone down, slowing down and moving over in work zones.

Adair County

Missouri Route 6 – Feb. 12-16, Lane restriction for brush cutting from U.S. Route 63 to Route V between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Driver examination stations to close statewide for upcoming holidays

The Missouri State Highway Patrol would like to remind the public that driver examination stations throughout the state will be closed on the following dates: Monday, Feb. 12, in observance of Lincoln's birthday. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 13. Monday, Feb. 19, in observance of Washington's birthday. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Master Gardener course to be held in-person

For individuals interested in becoming a University of Missouri Extension Master Gardener, an in-person course will be held from Thursdays, Feb. 29 through May 16, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Kirksville Aquatic Center meeting room. Most classes will have a garden tour or hands-on learning opportunities. You can find registration information at <https://extension.missouri.edu/events/master-gardener-course-kirksville>. The mission of the Missouri Master Gardener Extension Program is "helping others learn to grow." The Master Gardener program provides in-depth horticultural training to individuals throughout Missouri who then volunteer their time applying what they have learned to help others in their communities learn about gardening and environmental education. After the course, individuals will be encouraged to join a local chapter, and complete 30 volunteer hours of service and six continuing education hours within the first year to become a certified Master Gardener. Local chapters have monthly meetings, social activities, garden tours, service projects, and much more. Chapters organize projects monthly so members can get their volunteer service hours. There is a fee for the course. For more information contact Jennifer Schutter, MU Extension Field Specialist in Horticulture at schutterj@missouri.edu or 660-665-9866.

Curtain Call Theater's classic film schedule

Curtain Call Theater's spring schedule of classic movie showings has been updated. The new schedule is below. All movies are at 7 p.m. with free admission and donations welcomed. Feb. 16 — In the Good Old Summertime; March 1 — Easter Parade; April 19 —

Casablanca; May 24 — The Guns of Navarone; June 14 — State Fair; July 12 — The Adventures of Robin Hood.

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.kirksvilleky.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.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

Beta Alpha Psi will host Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) sessions from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 10, Feb. 24 and March 23 in Violette Hall 1424. Clients who come to VITA should bring: social security cards for spouses and dependents; bank routing numbers and bank account numbers for direct deposit; wage and earnings statements such as W-2, 1098T and 1099; and a copy of last year's federal and state tax returns if available. VITA services will be completed by IRS-certified volunteers and will also offer free electronic filing to receive a faster return. Appointments are required and will be available to schedule beginning Feb. 1. Truman students can make appointments online. Truman staff and community members must call 660-785-6064 to schedule. For more information, visit bap.truman.edu/vita.

Brawner Insurance Agency joins Valley Insurance Agency Alliance

Owner Jared Brawner is seeking to expand his agency's services with the alliance's assistance

By Brawner Insurance Agency

Brawner Insurance Agency recently joined Valley Insurance Agency Alliance (VIAA), a cohesive family of more than 160 independent insurance agencies in Missouri and Illinois.

Founded in 1992, Brawner Insurance Agency is led by second generation owner Jared Brawner. The full-service agency is located at 2605 N. Baltimore Street in Kirksville. For more than 30 years, Brawner Insurance Agency has been providing protection for crop, Medicare, and personal insurance needs. By partnering with VIAA, the agency aims to expand its services to include employee benefits, farm, and commercial insurance, while

remaining a family-owned and independent company.

"The alliance offers resources to help provide stronger market access, keep up with industry trends, and leverage the expertise of a proven leader in the insurance industry," said Brawner Insurance Agency owner Jared Brawner. "VIAA is aligned with these objectives and, more importantly, understands our agency values. Their partnership and support have been a win-win with our staff and our clients as we navigate the ever-changing world of insurance."

Brawner added that VIAA will enable "our agency to expand the number of carriers we offer, as well as better serve our



Jared Brawner

community's farmers, businesses, and individuals."

Founded in 2006, Valley Insurance Agency Alliance generates more than \$600 million in written premium and is the regional founding member SIAA – The Agent Alliance, a \$12.5 billion national insurance network.

For more information about Brawner Insurance Agency, call (660) 665-1687 or visit www.brawnerinsurance.com.

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Founded in Perryville, the family-owned farm, ranch, and home retail company expanded its footprint in 2023 by acquiring 12 new locations, including its Kirksville store at 2302 S. Baltimore Street. The now 20 retail stores can be found serving their customers across the Midwest and Mid-South. Buchheit Inc. is comprised of Buchheit Logistics, Carriage House Premier Cabinets, Buchheit Metals, Central States Small Engine Repair, Buchheit Agricul-

ture, The American Tractor Museum, and Buchheit Retail Stores.

To celebrate the success of 2023 and the milestone anniversary, various promotions and activities will be organized throughout the year. Along with its sister companies, Buchheit Retail views 2024 with enthusiasm.

About Buchheit Enterprises Inc.

Buchheit Enterprises is based in Perryville, Mo. and was founded in 1934 by Rudy Buchheit. It now serves customers throughout the United States through one of its seven divisions. It is led by CEO Tim Buchheit and COO Eric Hasty.

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Kirksville wrestling teams have strong showings for senior night

By Adam Tumino

The Kirksville boys and girls wrestling teams competed in a tri meet with Macon and Battle on Feb. 1, a night that also served as senior night and the induction of the inaugural class of the Kirksville Wrestling Hall of Fame. Many Tiger wrestlers had strong showings with both teams looking to fully hit their stride as the district and state tournaments rapidly approach.

Girls Wrestling

Macon and Battle began the night with their dual before Kirksville and Battle took to the mats. The girls team fell to Battle 39-18 but the team's two seniors, Katlynn DeLeon and Madisynn Crawford, each picked up wins in their matches.

Tyne Melnick, Melody Hicks and BrookLyenn Radar Johnson each came up a bit short in their matches against Battle. DeLeon and Crawford were the only Tiger wrestlers that had matches in the girls team's matchup with Macon, and both picked up wins once again as Kirksville won 36-6.

Crawford is coming off a junior season in which she became the first female wrestler in school history to get a medal at state, finishing fifth. DeLeon is in her first year on the team.

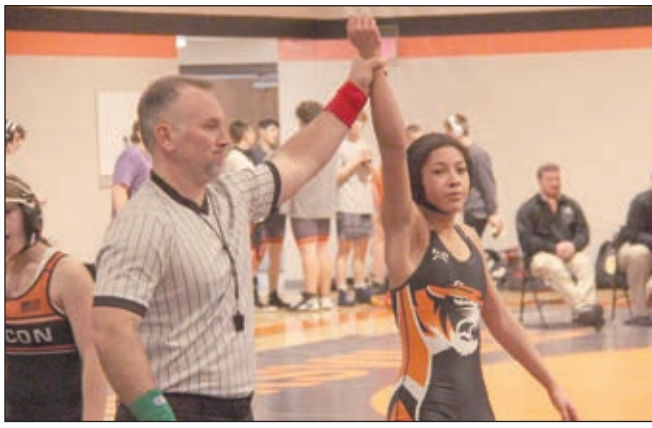
Head coach Nick Cook said that these seniors have

done a great job this season at putting in the work needed to improve both themselves and the team.

"What's really been impressive about those seniors is how hard they worked in the practice room, not only pushing themselves but also pushing the team and making the team better," he said. "Making all the right decisions to put themselves in an opportunity to have the success they did tonight, and it showed."

Head coach Nick Cook said he was happy with what he saw out of the team throughout the night, and with how they have been improving all season long.

"We lost some close matches tonight, when earlier in the season we would've struggled with those matches," he said. "The girls wrestle hard, the technique's getting better, their conditioning is just phenomenal. The mindset is something we've been working on and it really showed tonight with the guts and the fight they each showed. I'm real proud of them. Brooklynn Radar Johnson, she did good. It's her first year. She's coming along really well. Tyne Melnick and Melody Hicks, both returners, I'm just real proud of the way they wrestled tonight. I think if they keep that up they can surprise some people at districts."



Kirksville senior Katlynn DeLeon is named the winner of her match against Macon's Ava Rasmussen on Feb. 1.



Kirksville sophomore BrookeLyenn Radar Johnson battles on the mat with Battle's Synaya Lewis in the match on Feb. 1.

The district tournament will take place on Feb. 16 and 17 in Boonville with the state tournament to follow on Feb. 21 and 22. Cook said that the team needs to focus on maintaining control of their matches to find success in the final few weeks of the season.

"Just wrestle their match, I think that's going to be a big part of their success," he said. "Not letting it get too big in their head, just control the things that they can control, try to keep the matches close so we can take it into the third period and use our conditioning to win those close matches. I think if they do that they're going to be really successful, surprise a lot of people and we'll get several down to the state tournament."

Boys Wrestling

The boys team nearly took every match in their dual with Battle. Senior Isaiah Meinen won in the lone JV match of the night before

Jaden Crisp, Justin Schutter, Austyn Hunter and Lane Patterson each picked up varsity wins. Patterson's win was also his 100th career pin. Senior Cody Drury then dropped a close heavyweight match by decision. Kirksville won 60-6.

The boys team then did win every match against Macon as Schutter, senior Ty Rachinski, Hunter, Patterson and Luke Cahalan all picked up wins. Kirksville beat Macon 65-12.

Head coach James Alter said he was happy with the way the team went out and competed in front of a large senior night and half of fame crowd.

"Our guys wrestled tough," he said. "The stands were packed, which was great to see, and I think our guys went out there and competed and put on a show for the people that showed up."

Alter also praised the team's four seniors, pointing out their commitment



Kirksville senior Madisynn Crawford looks to pin Macon's Keely Hicks in a match on Feb. 1. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO



Kirksville sophomore Justin Schutter grapples with Battle's Jacob Bliven in their match on Feb. 1.



Kirksville senior Cody Drury looks for an advantage in his match against Battle's Wyatt Belcher-Key on Feb. 1.

and the way they emerged as leaders and set a strong example for the younger wrestlers on the team.

"They've been great," he said. "They've been coachable and they show up, and they've definitely been great leaders for those younger guys. They're going out there and competing and wearing the Kirksville Tiger singlet with pride."

With the district and state tournaments upcoming, the boys team will be looking to find success once again late in the season. Last year, six wrestlers qualified for state,

including Hunter, Schutter and Patterson. All three also received medals last season.

With the duals against Blair Oaks putting an end to the regular season two days after senior night, Alter said that the team is going to continue to tweak and improve things with the goal of once again having strong showings at districts and then potentially state.

"It's just fine-tuning things we need to work on, and making sure these guys are as prepared as possible for the district tournament," he said.



Kirksville sophomore Austyn Hunter looks for an opening in his match against Battle's Ray Dennison on Feb. 1.

Kirksville Wrestling Hall of Fame inducts Rentschler, Powell as inaugural class

By Adam Tumino

In front packed stands during the Kirksville wrestling tri meet with Battle and Macon on Feb. 2, two of Kirksville's most impactful wrestling figures were honored. Drew Rentschler and Kevin Powell became the first two members of the Kirksville Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Rentschler has been a fixture of Kirksville wrestling for decades after becoming a coach for the Kirksville Kid's Club in 1980 for several years. He then returned to the Kid's Club and coached there from 1990 until 2010.

Powell had a stellar career at Kirksville High School as both a wrestler and coach. During his coaching career, he led Kirksville to seven top-four finishes at state, accounting for 70% of the program's top-four finishes.

The two inductees had a lasting impact on generations of athletes, including current Kirksville head coach and former high school wrestler James Alter.

"Having both of those guys as coaches is pretty cool," he said. "Very well-deserving. Coach Rentschler kind of started Kirksville wrestling tradition, and coach Powell kept that going. Now we're just trying to keep it together and keep moving forward."

Current Kirksville senior Lane Patterson said the hall of fame induction just shows the strength of the Kirksville wrestling community.

"It just shows how hard Kirksville puts into their wrestlers," he said. "The sport of wrestling doesn't get looked at too much like



Drew Rentschler (left) accepts his plaque as he is inducted into the Kirksville Wrestling Hall of Fame on Feb. 1.

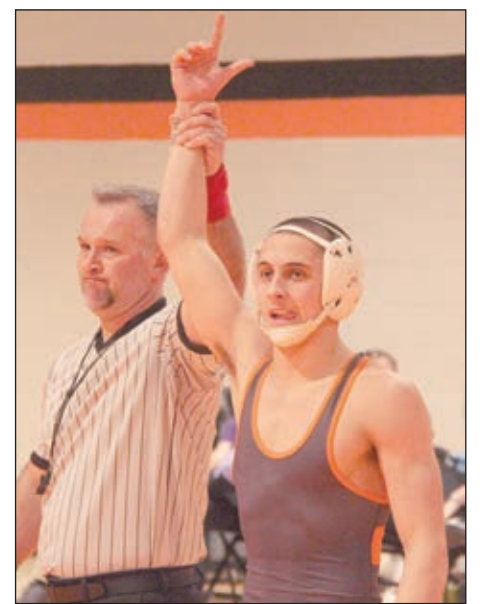


Kevin Powell (left) accepts his plaque as he is inducted into the Kirksville Wrestling Hall of Fame on Feb. 1. ADAM TUMINO

it should. It just shows that deep down the wrestling program gets support and they do the best they can. Seeing those guys out there from previous years kind of motivates you to do the same thing."



Kirksville senior Lane Patterson celebrates his 100th career pin with head coach James Alter (right) and assistant coach Justin VanHoose on Feb. 1. ADAM TUMINO



Kirksville senior Lane Patterson is declared the winner after recording his 100th career pin against Battle on Feb. 1.

Kirksville's Patterson notches 100th career pin on senior night

By Adam Tumino

Kirksville senior wrestler Lane Patterson had good timing for his milestone achievement in the tri meet with Battle and Macon on Thursday night. On a night that already featured senior night festivities and the induction of the inaugural class of the Kirksville Wrestling Hall of Fame, Patterson added to the celebration by recording his 100th career pin at the varsity level.

Patterson said that being able to reach the milestone in front of a capacity crowd was a nice way to achieve it.

"It feels pretty good," he said. "A lot of supporters out there. Definitely makes you feel special coming out here with all these people and all these fans

supporting you. Being able to get that 100th pin tonight felt pretty special, too. Just the crowd going nuts and the whole community being here makes you feel good."

Patterson's 100th pin came in his match against Battle's Reece Fredenburg. He also beat Macon's Heinrich Wooten later on, making short work of both competitors.

Head coach James Alter said that Patterson has always had a competitive nature that has allowed him to put together an excellent career, and in his final season is continuing to wrestle at a high level.

"He's always been a tough competitor," Alter said. "This year he's just going out there on the mat and taking care of business. He's very excit-

ing to watch and he's a great competitor. He's always been a competitor."

With senior night now in the rearview mirror, Patterson said he is looking to make the most of the limited time he has left at the high school level.

"I want to put it all out there, everything I've got," he said. "All or nothing. It's the last year of high school before I move on to college wrestling. My main goal is to go out there and give 100% and get the best outcome I can."

The Class 2 District 2 Tournament will take place in Boonville on Feb. 16 and 17 with the state tournament to follow on Feb. 21 and 22. Patterson placed fourth at 138 at state last season, earning his first career state medal.

Green City wins La Plata Invitational for 1st time

By Adam Tumino

For the first time in program history, the Green City boys' basketball team has won the La Plata Invitational. The top-seeded Gophers took down three seed Schuyler County 75-58 on Friday to claim the tournament title and improve to 17-2 on the season.

The Gophers finished in second place in the invitational last season and in the 2020-21 season, the last two times it was played. Including those runner up finishes, Green City had finished in second place six times in the last 19 tournaments before breaking through with the win this year.

Head coach Matt Ayers had experienced a number of those second-place finishes as either a player or coach, and said it felt good to come out on top this time.

"I'm super proud of the guys," he said. "We completed our butts off. First time in school history we've won this tournament. As a player I lost two times here, got second place twice, got second place last year. We were hungry. This is something we really wanted



The Green City boys basketball team celebrates winning the La Plata Invitational on Feb. 2. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO



Green City senior Asher Buggs-Tipton drives along the baseline against Schuyler County in the game on Feb. 2.

because we had a sour taste in our mouths from last year. We always have things to work on. There's things in that game we're going to continue to work on and improve on, but I am proud. It's a good night for Green City basketball."

Before beating Schuyler County, the Gophers took down host La Plata 70-39 in the opening round and a tough Canton team 54-47 in

the semifinals. Canton went on to beat Putnam County in the third-place game on Friday.

The Gophers have now won six games in a row after a loss to a 19-1 Salisbury team on Jan. 17 and have matched their 17-2 start from last season, when they went 25-5 and advanced to the state quarterfinals.

Even with the hot start, Ayers says the team still needs to iron

out some things if they want to win their fourth-straight district title and make a deep run again.

"I think a lot of it for us is staying focused," he said. "You could see in that game even, we lost focus at times and it allowed them to get a little bit back into the game at times. We know what we need to do, we have an identity, we understand what needs to

be done, but do we focus on every possession to make sure that happens? That's huge for us. We're much better than where we were but we have a long ways to go."

Green City will be back in action on the road against a winless Linn County on Feb. 6. The Gophers have one home game left in the regular season, which will be against Bevier on Feb. 13.

Truman State women drop 2 conference games at home

By Adam Tumino

The Truman State women's basketball team played McKendree and Missouri-St. Louis at home last week, losing to McKendree on Thursday and then to the Tritons on Saturday. They fell to 2-12 in conference play with the losses.

The Bulldogs opened the week of action on Thursday against GLVC frontrunners McKendree. These teams previously met in the conference opener on Nov. 25 with McKendree winning 75-71. Thursday's game saw the Bearcats take down the Bulldogs 74-61.

Although this matchup was not as close as the final buzzer as the first matchup was it was a back-and-forth game for the first half. The Bulldogs nearly matched the Bearcats in the fourth quarter, but a strong third from McKendree saw them build a solid lead that they were able to maintain.

The teams were tied 12-12 at the end of the first quarter. Truman took the lead to open the second led 22-19 with just over three minutes to go in the half before McKendree surged to take a 32-28 lead into halftime.

McKendree opened the third quarter on an 11-2 run to go up by 13 points and led by as many as 15 points in the quarter. Truman cut the

deficit to as low as six points in the fourth quarter, but McKendree outscored them 22-21 in the period to hold onto their double-digit lead.

Truman shot 40.4% from the field in the game while McKendree shot 45.6%, but Truman struggled from three while McKendree thrived. The Bearcats were 7-of-15 from deep while Truman was 3-of-22. The Bulldogs shot 0-of-7 from three in the first quarter to keep them from building up a lead and 0-of-6 in the third quarter as McKendree pulled away.

Freshman Molly Joyce led the team with 22 points while playing a season-high 38 minutes. Forward Ellie Weltha had 17 points and led the team with eight rebounds.

The game against Missouri-St. Louis on Saturday saw Truman drastically improve from deep, shooting 9-of-19 from three, but the Tritons were dominant in the second and third quarters to sink the Bulldogs 80-61.

The Bulldogs held a 15-11 lead after the first, but Missouri-St. Louis outscored them 52-27 over the next two quarters. Truman recovered a bit in the fourth and outscored the Tritons 19-17.

Missouri-St. Louis shot 30-of-57 from the field including 27-of-47 on two



Truman head coach Theo Dean talks with an official during a timeout in the game against Drury on Jan. 20. ADAM TUMINO

pointers while also scoring 32 points off turnovers. Truman, while shooting well from three, went just 12-of-28 from inside the arc.

Senior Claire Rake found her shot from deep after going 0-of-11 from three over the previous three games, making all four of her three point attempts on Saturday. She led the team with 16 points while Weltha had 12 points and seven rebounds. Joyce had just eight points in her sixth game after stepping into a starting role. In that span, she has averaged 13.8 points per game after averaging 7.4 points per game off the bench in the 14 games before that.

The Bulldogs will be on the road against Lewis and Indianapolis this week in a pair of tough games against teams in the top six in the standings.

Bulldogs move up to 6th place in GLVC with pair of home wins

By Adam Tumino

The Truman State men's basketball team climbed back to .500 in conference play thanks to a pair of home wins over McKendree and Missouri-St. Louis last week. They are now 6-6 in conference play and in sixth place in the GLVC.

The Bulldogs entered Thursday's game against McKendree riding a brief two-game losing streak, which came on the heels of a three-game winning streak. They got back on track with an 87-74 win, scoring their fourth-most points in a game this season and second-most in a conference game.

They jumped out to a 14-4 lead in the first seven minutes of the game and kept piling on from there, leading by as much as 23 points in the half and taking a 47-26 lead into the break.

The Bulldogs shot 19-of-32 from the field in the first half and made nine three pointers while holding McKendree to just 11-of-30 shooting and two threes on 16 attempts. The Bulldogs cooled off quite a bit in the second half, but not enough for their sizable lead to be in danger at any point.

They took a game-high 25-point lead seven minutes into the second half

and again a minute and a half later. McKendree never got their deficit back to single digits although they cut it to 11 points on multiple occasions.

Truman shot 12-of-28 from the field in the second half and 5-of-15 from three, but after having no free throw attempts in the first half, went 11-of-16 from the line in the final 20 minutes to help maintain the lead. Truman has not turned the ball over much this season, and on Thursday had just six turnovers leading just to a single basket for McKendree.

Truman had five players score in double figures, led by Landon Eiland with 16 points. Kobi Williams and Brennan Lovette each had 15 points while Xavier Hall added 10. Matt Haefner scored 11 points off the bench. Hall and Lovette tied for the team lead with five assists each.

Whereas Truman had to hold onto a big lead on Thursday, they found themselves having to come from behind to beat Missouri-St. Louis on Saturday. They of course managed to do that and beat the Tritons 73-60.

The Bulldogs were down 9-0 with 14:29 to go in the first half, but then snapped off an 11-0 run of their own to take the lead two

and half minutes later. There were four ties and three lead changes in the remainder of the half and the Tritons were up 32-28 at halftime.

Truman was soon down by nine points and was trailing 43-39 with 12:23 left in the game. Then the Bulldogs took off with an 18-4 run over the next six-plus minutes to take a 57-47 lead with just over six minutes left. The Bulldog lead grew as large as 18 before settling at 13 by the final buzzer.

Truman shot a blistering 10-of-13 in the second half to pull away for the win after going just 4-of-12 from deep in the first half. They shot 26-of-49 from the field overall.

Trey Shearer led the team with 17 points, shooting 6-of-12 from the field and 5-of-10 from three. Hall flirted with a double-double, scoring 11 points to go with a season-high nine assists. Eliand had 10 points and five rebounds while Blaise Porter tied his season-high with 13 points off the bench.

Truman will be back in action this week with road games against fourth-place Lewis and first-place Indianapolis in what will be a long and challenging road trip for the Bulldogs.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

There is a new person in your life who may become a source of inspiration, Aries. It's a new year and you are ready for all the novel experiences you can encounter.

TAURUS Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you could be feeling more grounded in your personal life than you have in some time. The people you surround yourself with accept and love you unconditionally.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21 Gemini, if a suggestion goes against your instincts this week, give it careful consideration nonetheless. This person may have some good ideas that you may not have thought of.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22 Cancer, you tend to be good about not letting work life bleed into your personal affairs. However, this week you may need to have some carryover to accomplish all that lies



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Some good news may arrive this week that will put you on cloud nine, Leo. Just don't let this enthusiasm distract you from getting all of your business wrapped up on time.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 23 A charming person may come into your life this week, Virgo. At first he or she may be a whirlwind and confuse you for some time. Eventually, you may catch on and go with the flow.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, use whatever opportunities you have to speak to older family members and jot down the memories they have. Time is fleeting and you want to learn all

you can.

SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 2

Surround yourself with people who bring positivity into your life, Scorpio. It is alright to take inventory and distance yourself from others who do not generate positive vibes.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23/Dec 21

People who believe they have a lot of power are going to be all around you this week, Sagittarius. Don't fall prey to any intimidation tactics. Continue to do your own thing.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

Dreams have been entertaining and awfully vivid lately, Capricorn. But you can't put too much stock in them. They may simply be your subconscious mind trying to work through things.

AQUARIUS Jan 21/Feb 18

Express gratitude when you are gifted something both thoughtful and ex-

pensive, Aquarius. This is something you have had your eye on for some time but never purchased yourself.

PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20

You're likely to be very busy soon enough, Pisces. Some loud and busy peo-

ple may come into your life in the next few days. It may prove hard to find a quiet moment afterwards.

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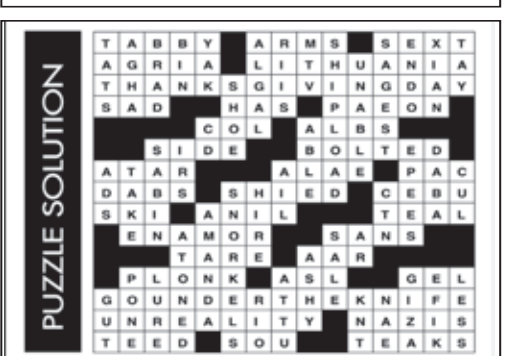
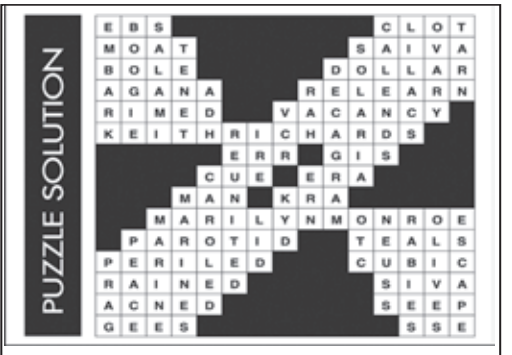
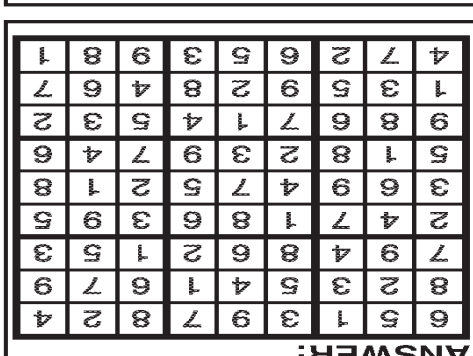
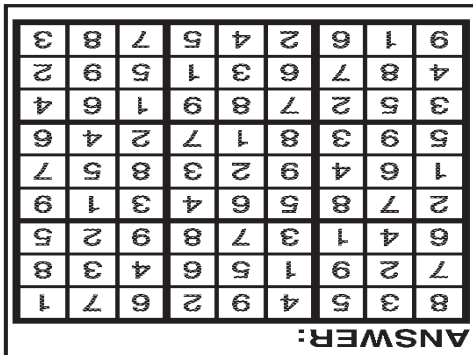
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Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Adair County, Missouri and Incorporated Areas

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Adair County, Missouri and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Adair County, Missouri and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp, or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

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IN THE CIRCUIT Estate Number: 21AR - PR00106 COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

In the Estate of JOAN ELMORE, Deceased.

Notice to Unknown Heirs
(Sec. 473.040, RSMo)

TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOAN (THOMAS) ELMORE Deceases.

You are hereby notified that JOAN (THOMAS) ELMORE died August 15, 2021. Letters of Administration were issued by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri on September 24, 2021.

As far as known, the decedent at the time of death was 86 years old. The personal description of the decedent was a former Adair County Clerk from 1991 to 1998 who had previously been employed by Southwestern Bell for several years, and had been a member of the Adair County Democratic Club and Highland Park Cemetery Board.

It is believed that the decedent was born in Knox County, Missouri.

The total appraised value of decedent's estates shown by the inventory thereof is a follow: \$226,078.63.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Sara Helmer, and John E. Helmer, 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 Kirkville, 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 DEGREES 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 BEGINNING, 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 CENTERLINE NORTH 84 DEGREES 53 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 180.66 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 5 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 267.13 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 10 SECONDS 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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PUBLISH ON: January 17, 2024 01/24/2024, 01/31/2024, 02/07/2024

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

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Elaine 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 Kirkville, 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 OF 107.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENT, THENCE DUE EAST A DISTANCE OF 139.37 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 1.358 ACRES EXCEPTING THAT PORTION ON THE NORTH AND WEST SIDES USED AS A PUBLIC ROAD, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI.

BEGINNING 313 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 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.

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Successor Trustee
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PUBLISH ON: January 24, 2024 01/31/2024, 02/07/2024, 02/14/2024

Sealed bids will be received by the Construction Manager Agent, S. M. Wilson & Co, for the Adair County R-II School District at **Brashear School** located at **205 West Dewey Street Brashear, Mo. 63533**, until **2:00 pm CDT, on Monday, February 19th, 2024**, for the Bid Packages described herein.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at Brashear School located at **205 West Dewey Street Brashear, MO. 63533.**

Bid Package No. 3 - Bus Barn

- 03A CONCRETE
- 06A GENERAL TRADES
- 07C INSULATION / SPRAY FOAM INSULATION (w/ 06A)
- 07I FLASHING & SHEET METAL (w/ 06A)
- 07Q JOINT SEALANTS (w/ 06A)
- 08A DOORS, FRAMES, HARDWARE (w/ 06A)
- 08D COILING DOORS & GRILLS (w/ 06A)
- 13F PRE-ENGINEERED STRUCTURES (Alternate #1)
- 22A PLUMBING
- 23A HVAC
- 26A ELECTRICAL
- 31A EARTHWORK
- 33A SITE UTILITIES

A Pre-bid Meeting for Bid Package No. 3 will begin at **10:00 am on Thursday, February 8th 2024**, at the Brashear School located at **205 West Dewey Street Brashear, Mo. 63533**. The purpose of this meeting is to address technical questions concerning the project from prospective bidders. Contractors shall not visit the site unless prior arrangements are made with the Construction Manager. The School District reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, and to waive informalities therein to determine the lowest and best bid.

The bid documents will be available for viewing on BuildingConnected.com. <https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5913928fce945d0a00d28943>

No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the specified time for receipt of Bids.

Any offer exceeding \$100,000 will be subject to a Bid Bond or Certified Check made payable to the Owner, in the amount of 5% of the Base Bid shall accompany the Bid Packages as a guarantee that the bidder, if awarded the Contract, will furnish a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond; execute the Contract; and proceed with the work. Upon failure to do so, he shall forfeit the deposit or amount of the Bid Bond as liquidated damages, and no mistakes or errors on the part of the Bidder shall excuse the Bidder or entitle him to a return of the deposit or Bid Bond.

The prevailing wage law is in effect on this project.

Bidders must be in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Fair Employment Practices Commission.

Participation by Minority and Female Business Enterprises is encouraged.

The Construction Management Agent for this project is S. M. Wilson & Co.

Contact info:
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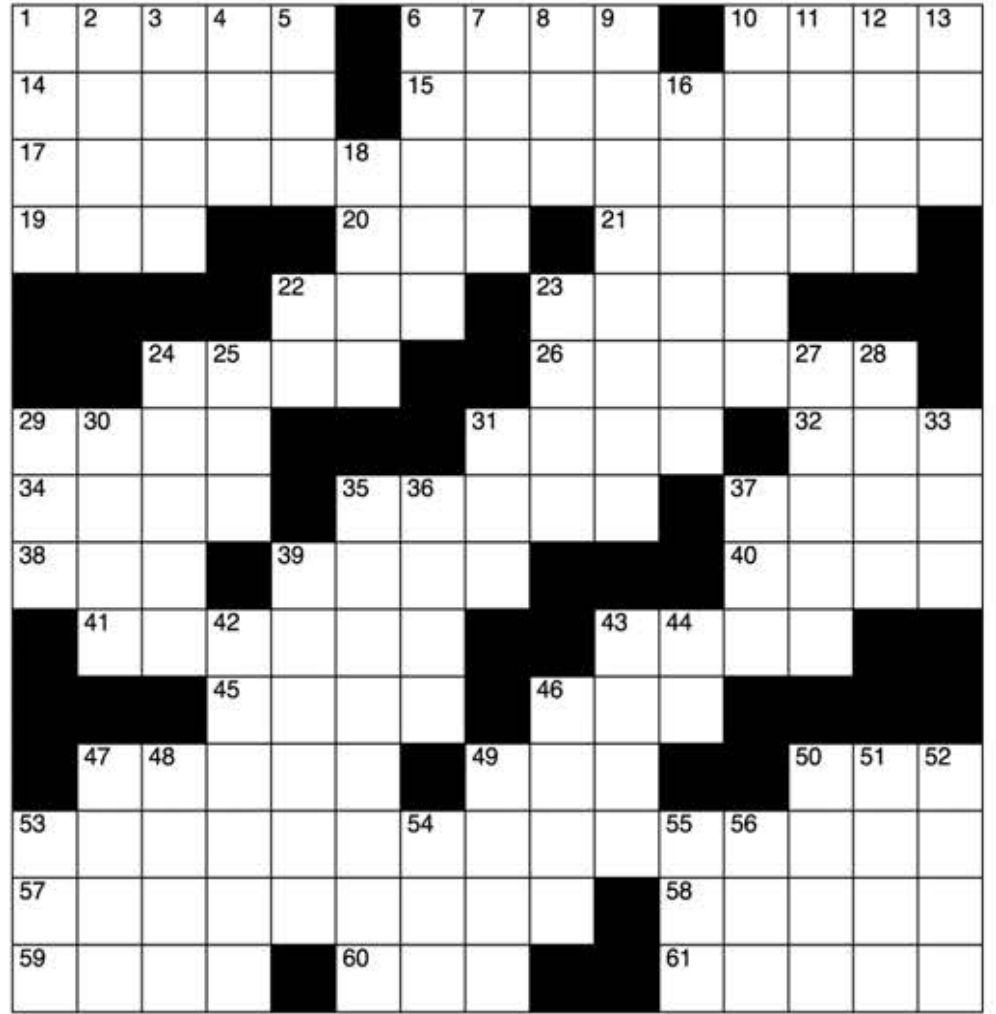
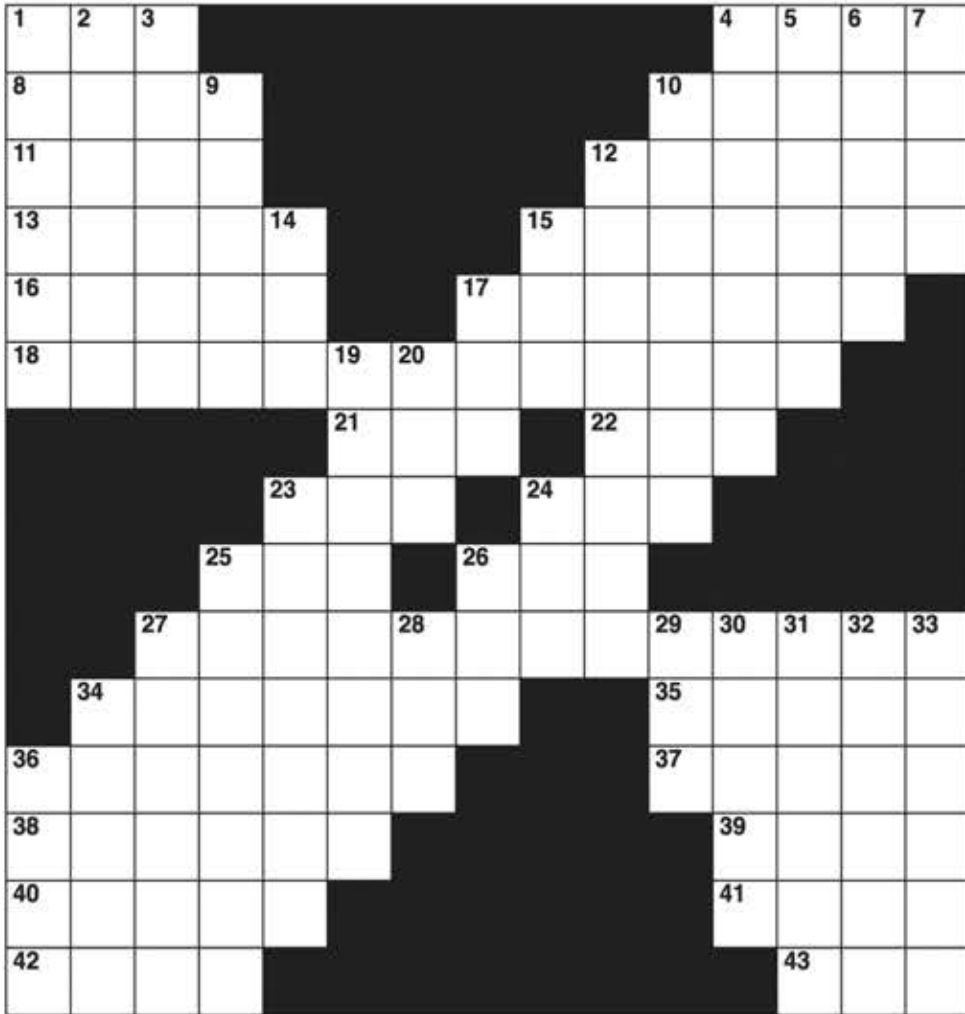
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- 1. One point south of due east
- 4. Coagulated blood
- 8. Fortifying ditch
- 10. Devotee of Hinduism
- 11. Trunk of a tree
- 12. Bank note
- 13. Capital of Guam
- 15. Study again
- 16. Covered with hoarfrost
- 17. Opening
- 18. Legendary Rolling Stone
- 21. Stray
- 22. Computer storing system
- 23. Signal
- 24. Pitching statistic
- 25. Human being
- 26. Malaysian isthmus
- 27. The "Blonde Bombshell"
- 34. A gland
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Endangered
- 37. Three-dimensional
- 38. In a way, precipitated
- 39. God associated with dissolution
- 40. Blemished
- 41. Flow or leak slowly
- 42. Disco legends The Bee
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A way to board
- 2. Get down
- 3. Highly seasoned sausage
- 4. First day of month
- 5. Eurasian shrubs
- 6. The organ that bears the ovules of a flower
- 7. Small lake
- 9. Belief
- 10. Sunrooms
- 12. Metric weight unit
- 14. Vasopressin
- 15. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 17. One-time family room staple
- 19. Got back together
- 20. Anger
- 23. Sang merrily
- 24. Sea eagle
- 25. Military men
- 26. Kilo yard (abbr.)
- 27. Found in the sea
- 28. Protects from weather
- 29. Type of medicine
- 30. City along the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Martini ingredients
- 33. Get away
- 34. Lack of disunity
- 36. One-time European Commission officer

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Type of cat
- 6. Weaponry
- 10. Western Christian Church service
- 14. Significant eruption of pustules
- 15. Baltic nation
- 17. Start of American holiday season
- 19. Unhappy
- 20. Maintains possession of
- 21. Metrical foot of one long and three short syllables
- 22. Mountain pass
- 23. Vestments
- 24. Type of dish
- 26. Escaped quickly
- 29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 31. Wings
- 32. Political action committee
- 34. Touches lightly
- 35. Stood back from
- 37. Philippine Island
- 38. Popular winter activity
- 39. Type of amine
- 40. Small freshwater duck
- 41. Filled with love
- 43. Without (French)
- 45. Vetch
- 46. Swiss river
- 47. Describes a sound
- 49. Sign language
- 50. Hair product
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Quality of being imaginary
- 58. Far-right German party
- 59. Drove
- 60. Former French coin of low value
- 61. Hard, durable timbers

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Body art
- 2. Middle East military title
- 3. Actor Pitt
- 4. Container
- 5. Speak incessantly
- 6. Relating to algae
- 7. Jacob ____, journalist
- 8. Rock TV channel
- 9. Boat's cargo
- 10. Most wise
- 11. Within
- 12. Chinese industrial city
- 13. Scotland's longest river
- 16. Not capable
- 18. Footwear
- 22. Savings account
- 23. Capable
- 24. Vaccine developer
- 25. Tax collector
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Native religion in China
- 29. Promotional materials
- 30. A shot in a film production
- 31. Afflict in mind or body
- 33. A passage with access only at one end
- 35. Breathing devices
- 36. Employ for wages
- 37. Kids' TV channel (abbr.)
- 39. Popular Boston song
- 42. Made amends
- 43. Selling at specially reduced prices
- 44. Atomic #18
- 46. With fireplace residue
- 47. Unleavened combread
- 48. Draw out
- 49. Southwestern Alaska island
- 50. Where the Pyramids are
- 51. People of Nigeria
- 52. Smaller quantity
- 53. Destroy the inside of
- 54. City
- 55. Chivalrous figure (abbr.)
- 56. No (Scottish)

SUDOKU

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

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SUDOKU

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

Level: Beginner

Moberly trout fishing opening

By Moberly Parks and Recreation

Moberly Parks and Recreation announced the opening of the harvest period for rainbow trout at Lion's Beuth Park on Beuth Road in Moberly. The park is a Winter Trout Fishing Area in partnership with Missouri Department of Conservation.

Moberly Parks and Recreation Director Troy Bock said, "The program provides greater access to trout fishing throughout the state, encourages recreational tourism, and provides one more avenue for people to unplug and reconnect with family and friends in Missouri's great outdoors."

Throughout the coming weeks and months, Moberly Parks and Recreation welcomes outdoor recreation enthusiasts to visit Moberly for its unique and countless outdoor recreation opportunities. In addition to trout fishing at Beuth Park, Moberly's crown jewel — the 467 acre Rothwell Park — offers numerous attractions including two lakes with boat ramps, a campground with full hookups, a nearly one mile long miniature train ride through the park, an aquatic center, seven-plus miles of nature trails for hiking, mountain biking, and horse riding, three miles



of asphalt trails, two 18-hole disc golf courses, volleyball, basketball, baseball/softball/football fields, pickleball, tennis, and more! Heritage Hills Golf Course is located approximately one mile from Rothwell Park. Moberly is blessed with opportunities for virtually everyone. (www.cityofmoberly.com or find them on Facebook)

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10:45 a.m. Worship

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

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10:00 a.m. Bible Study
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12:30 p.m. Noon Lunch

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

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

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

Union Temple Church
Southwest of Kirksville
Alan Coonfield, Pastor
Every Sunday Evening
5-5:30 p.m. Bible Study
5:30-6:30 p.m. Church Service

Sugar Creek Baptist Church
5 mi South on Hwy 3
Pastor, Virgil K. Jones
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Assembly of God
2401 S. High St., Kirksville
Shawn Meintz, Pastor
Sundays:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship Wednesdays:
6:30 p.m. Family First
www.kirksvillefirst.org
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First Liberty Full Gospel
1302 E. Filmore
Rev. Fred Baker, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

2000 E. Normal
Kirksville First Ward Bishop John Grider
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday Services
Kirksville Second Ward Bishop Isaac Ison
9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunday Services

Trinity Episcopal Church
124 N. Mulanix
Rev. Amy L. Fallon, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

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

Willow Bend Association East Center Community Church
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship

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

Baring Community Church
11:00 a.m. Worship.
Downing Christian Church
430 E. Prime Street
Minister Walker Franke
Associate Minister Larry Smith
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Evening Service
660-379-2329

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grace Bible Baptist Church
Greencastle, Mo.
Rev. Earl Baker, Pastor
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Evening Service

Winigan Christian Church
Ryan Crist, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

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 Iammatteo-Code
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Hurdland First Baptist Church
Robert Shobe, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
7:30 p.m. Sun. & Weds. Worship and/or Bible Study

Colony Baptist Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday worship

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

Locust Hill Community Church
Rt. I, Novelty, Mo
William Gaines, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
New Harmony Free Will Baptist
3 miles West of Greentop on Rt. K

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
Word Alive!
Family Church
Hwy 63, Greentop
Pastors: Robert Gange
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Adult service, Childrens Church

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

Gospel Outreach Church
209 W. Washington
Norman Keller, Pastor
Gonda Manning, Co pastor
7:00 p.m. Thursday Services
7:00 p.m. Sunday Services

Victory Baptist Church of Greentop
-Meets at the Willmathsville Community Church on Hwy A.
Pastor Joshua Wesley
10:30 a.m. Worship

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



6 Valentine's Day Traditions

Valentine's Day is a day of love nestled in the middle of February. Sweethearts use Valentine's Day as an opportunity to show the people they care about just how deep those feelings run. A 2023 survey from the National Retail Federation found consumers expected to spend \$25.9 billion on Valentine's Day, up from \$23.9 billion in 2022. Forecasters suspect spending is likely to increase this year as well.

Valentine's Day is awash in many different customs. Here's a deep look at some of those enduring traditions and others that some may feel should be brought back into favor or adopted entirely.

Handwritten cards

It's a common scene each year in card retailers and pharmacies: people three-deep in the aisle trying to pick out Valentine's Day cards in the eleventh hour. People can save themselves the hassle of fighting the crowds if they make their own handmade cards. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, sweethearts created unique cards from scratch, according to Country Living. And prior to products produced by Hallmark and other greeting card companies, people used to send one another cards customized with personalized messages.

Pampering gentlemen

It is common in North America for Valentine's Day celebrations to lean significantly toward favoring women, who are often on the receiving end of flowers and chocolates. However, in South Korea and Japan, it is the men who are pampered with such gifts. Women purchase chocolates for their male partners, family members and coworkers as tokens of appreciation and affection. Never fear, a month later on White Day (March 14) men reciprocate with candy, cake and flowers.

Bouquets

These days a dozen long-stemmed red roses might be the norm for Valentine's Day gifting. However, roses weren't always the preferred flower for the holiday. History.com reports that, in the nineteenth century, bouquets might contain all sorts of flowers, each chosen to convey certain messages. Individuals can research the meanings behind certain flowers and put together a Valentine's Day gift this year that expresses exactly what they are feeling.

Puzzle purses

Sweethearts in Victorian England created

"puzzle purses," which were a series of love letters that could be read separately, but also fit together to create a design and message. These intricately folded sheets of paper had parts of messages or verses written on different corners and were meant to be read in a specific order.

Heart-shaped chocolate boxes

British chocolatier Richard Cadbury is credited with creating the first heart-shaped box for Valentine's Day. The boxes were intended to be so beautiful they would be kept to hold trinkets or love letters. Ornate chocolate boxes are not quite as common today, although the gifting of chocolate for the holiday is still strong.

Celebrating in June?

Many Brazilians skip Valentine's Day in February and choose to celebrate Saint Anthony, the patron saint of marriage and matchmaking, on June 12. Celebrating both is fine for those who prefer to shower affection on loved ones multiple times a year. Valentine's Day traditions are still strong and can add a little something extra to celebrations this February.

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