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## Chiefs mascot makes an appearance at Northeast Regional Medical Center

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

The Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs mascot, KC Wolf, entertained patients, employees and visitors to Northeast Regional Medical Center on Wednesday, Feb. 7. The Chiefs defeated the San Francisco 49ers, 25-22 in the Super Bowl in Las Vegas last Sunday.



## Apartment fire breaks out on downtown square

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

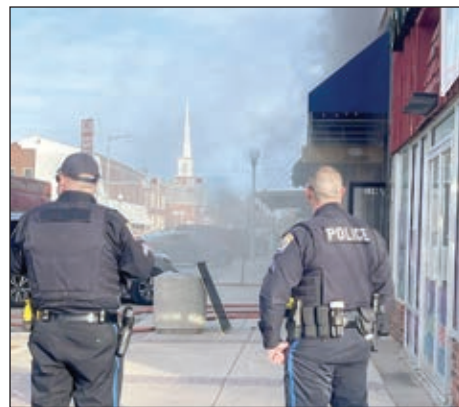
Kirksville firefighters did battle with a blaze in an apartment at 119-1/2 W. Washington Street near the corner of South Elson

Street on the downtown square, Saturday, Feb. 10.

Four fire trucks responded as well as Kirksville law enforcement. No injuries were reported but there was smoke and fire damage to the apartment and neigh-

boring units as well as water damage to the businesses below the apartment.

Firefighters believe the cause was an electrical issue. Firefighters responded to the call at 3:50 p.m. and remained on-scene until 6:30 p.m.



Police watch as smoke billows out of an apartment on West Washington Street across from the courthouse.



Firefighters on-scene at a fire on West Washington Street across from the courthouse.



Ben Bolden

## Bolden joins Kirksville Daily Express family

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

Ben Bolden has joined the Kirksville Daily Express advertising sales department, and started work on Monday of last week. From La Plata, Bolden has lived in the area most of his life. He attended Mineral Area College in South St. Louis before transferring to Quincy University in Quincy, Ill., where he played for the Hawks golf team.

Bolden went to Boone County Fire School and worked for the city of Macon as a firefighter for just over a year, before finding work in the golf industry as a superintendent of the city's golf course. He also went to Columbia where he worked in the pro shop for Links at Columbia Golf & Country Club and in Moberly at the Heritage Hills Golf Course pro shop. He is currently attending Professional 'Golf Management school.

While in college, Bolden sold AirEvac memberships and enjoyed the lifestyle it afforded him, allowing him to socialize with friends and neighbors while assisting them in attaining coverage.

"I just kind of like that aspect of going around, door to door, talking to people and stuff like that," he said. "It led me back this."

Bolden said he liked the idea of building up the number of advertisers in the Kirksville Daily Express, Kirksville Quarterly Magazine and NEMO Trader, while helping them to maximize the return on their investment.

"I like meeting business owners and helping them promote their products," he said.

Bolden said he wants to help them get the word out to area merchants of the advantages of being seen in the Kirksville Daily Express, Kirksville Quarterly Magazine and NEMO Trader.

"Local people read these publications and they're part of the conversations they have with their friends and neighbors," he said. "When those people are talking about you and your business, then I feel I've been successful in my job."

To get a hold of Ben, call him at 660-216-0599 or email him at [bbolden@kirksvilledailyexpress.com](mailto:bbolden@kirksvilledailyexpress.com)

## Memorial party held for Ray Klingensmith

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

A celebration of life was held for the late Ray Klingensmith on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Dukum Inn, 111 S. Elson Street in Kirksville. Over 200 people from all over the country attended the afternoon event, including an International Rotary Club president.

Klingensmith, an attorney who once served as president

of Rotary International himself, passed away on Jan. 17 of this year. He was the recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and its Distinguished Service Award as well as many other awards and recognition for his work and accomplishments.

Klingensmith founded the Chariton Valley Association, which provides services to the local developmentally disabled community.



## Future Business Leaders of America high school competitions held at Truman State

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

Truman State University's Violette Hall was the site of the District 3 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) high school competitions on Wednesday, Feb. 7, an event that brought hundreds of students from 16 schools to the campus.

According to Stacey Kaden, who was raised in Schuyler County and is the chair of the Truman State Accounting Department and an associate professor, FBLA fosters the development of future busi-

ness leaders. The organization is primarily in high schools though there are collegiate-level chapters. Kaden competed in FBLA event while attending high school in Schuyler County.

"When I was a student, I competed in FBLA contests as well, here on campus," she said, noting that Truman had gotten away from hosting the contest, coordinating it instead. "Last year, we brought it back and this year, too, and we just love the opportunity to have kids on campus."

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Damian Kelsall and Kelsey Tallman of Schuyler County High School, make a presentation to judges.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Kirksville Area Calendar of Events

#### Municipal election candidate forum to be held on Feb. 15

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 Kirksville 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.

#### Truman State Entrepreneur Speaker Series features alumna

Madelaine Anderson will speak from 12-12:50 p.m. Feb. 15 in the Doug & Diane Villhard Innovation Lab located in the Pickler Memorial Library, as part of the TRU-Entrepreneur Speaker Series. Anderson is the co-founder and creative director of Talus Films, a video production company that creates original documentary content and impactful films for purpose-driven brands. A 2011 graduate of the university, Anderson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in theater. Her diverse background includes project management,

producing, podcasting, professional acting, production design, aerial silks and a life-long passion for storytelling. Alongside her film work, Anderson hosts "The Wild We Share," a podcast fostering connection and stewardship outdoors.

#### Ofstad Scholar Explores Food and Identity

Award-winning author and journalist Nina Mukerjee Furstenau will participate in a reading and Q&A session at 7 p.m. Feb. 15 in the Baldwin Hall Little Theater as part of the Ofstad Visiting Scholar Program. Furstenau has a special interest in food and identity. Her food memoir, "Biting Through the Skin: An Indian Kitchen in America's Heartland," won the 2014 M.F.K. Fisher Book Award, and the International Grand Prize/Les Dames d'Escoffier for culinary literature, among other recognitions. She launched five business magazines and served as publisher of two of them for 15 years prior to coming to the University of Missouri Science and Agricultural Journalism program, 2010-18, where she was director of food systems communication. A Fulbright Global Scholar in Kolkata, India, in 2018-19, Furstenau was also a Peace Corps volunteer in Tunisia. Her most recent book, "Green Chili and Other Impostors," focuses on heritage foods and colonial power. Her textbook, "Food & Culture" has also recently been released.

#### Truman State Piano Festival Guest Artist Recital

The 41st Annual Truman Piano Festival will be held on Friday, Feb. 16, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Truman State University Ophelia Parrish Performance

Hall. The guest artist recital will be performed by Dr. Slawomir Dobrzanski. This recital is free and open to the public.

#### The complete Beethoven Cello and Piano Sonatas and Variations, Part 1, at Truman State

The Complete Beethoven Cello and Piano Sonatas and Variations Part 1, will be held on Saturday, 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.

#### The complete Beethoven Cello and Piano Sonatas and Variations, Part 2, at Truman State

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

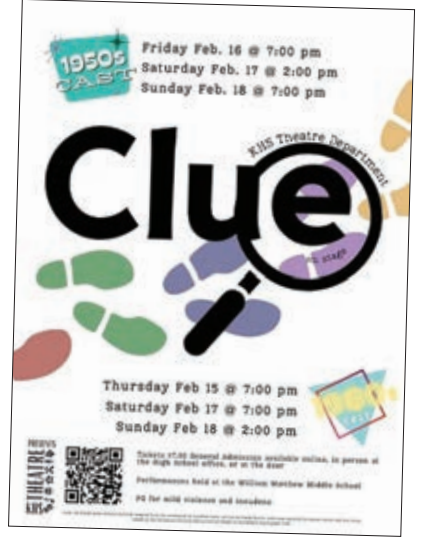
for non-members. No refunds for missed event but can be used for future workshop with instructor. Register and payment due on Feb. 9.

#### 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, loving 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>.

### Kirksville High School to hold winter play: CLUE

By Kirksville High School



It's a dark and stormy night at Boddy Manor when six guests are invited to a mysterious dinner where murder is on the menu in the Kirksville High School (KHS) Theatre winter play — CLUE, based on the board game and movie. KHS Theatre has two full casts presenting the show, which offers two distinct theatre experiences with the 1950s cast or the 1980s cast — both will be full of hijinks, laughs, blackmail, and multiplying murders. Performances are at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15-18 with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday and Sunday at the William Matthew Middle School Auditorium. Tickets are \$7 each and can be purchased online, at the KHS office, or at the door.

### Kirksville Planning & Zoning Commission meeting

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville's Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a meeting at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 14, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street. The commission will discuss an application for a Special Use Permit to operate a temporary rental at 215 N. Baltimore Street, and an application to rezone 1116 E. Jefferson Street from District R-1, Single-Family Residential District, to District C-1, Local Business District.

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## OBITUARIES

### Gene L. McClanahan

Dec 2, 1930 – Feb 9, 2024

Gene L. McClanahan, 93, longtime Atlanta, MO resident, passed peacefully from this life when his Lord and Savior called him home to Heaven on Friday, February 9, 2024 from the La Plata Nursing Home in La Plata, MO. Gene had been a resident there for the past two and a half years after his health began to fail, and he was also under the care of Northeast Missouri Hospice for the past ten days.



Gene was born December 2, 1930, in Fort Morgan, Colorado, the only child and beloved son of Gale and Beulah (Patterson) McClanahan. Gale and Beulah were both Adair County, MO natives, and had moved to Colorado where they lived on a ranch in northeastern Colorado for the first ten years of Gene's life. Early in life, Gene was taught the importance of hard work, completing all tasks to the best of his ability, and never backing down from a challenge.

Located many miles from the nearest town and high school and wanting Gene to receive a good education, the McClanahans moved to the Moody farm east of Atlanta, MO in early 1942, when Gene was eleven. That's when Gene Leo McClanahan met Donna Lou Belt and attended grade school together at Moody School. Gene was a proud graduate of the Atlanta High School Class of 1948 where he enjoyed vocal music and played basketball. In later years, Gene always enjoyed sharing stories about teammates and his team's "good games", and he never missed a class reunion.

Gene attended Kirksville State Teachers College for two years, while traveling home most weekends to help farm. On September 2, 1951, Gene married the love of his life, Donna Belt, and they spent the next 72 years together, living and working on the family farm east of Atlanta. Even after Gene entered the nursing home and/or spent time in the hospital, Donna visited him daily and they spent countless hours together.

Gene and his dad Gale farmed together for over 65 years, raising corn, soybeans, wheat, and livestock, especially Angus cattle. In the mid-1970s, they were among the original builders and co-owners of the Kirksville Livestock Market. In 1995, Gene's eldest grandson, Chad, joined the family farming operation, and continues to carry on the family legacy of agriculture.

In 1976, Gene was elected to the Macon Electric Cooperative Board of Directors, where he served faithfully for the next 30 years, until retiring after he suffered a stroke. He also served as a longtime board member of Northeast Missouri Power, the Associated Electric Missouri State Cooperative Board, and was a longtime delegate to the National Board of Rural Electric Cooperatives. It was said of Gene that he never missed any of those board meetings and put the interests of others above his own.

Gene had also served on Moody School Board, Atlanta C-3 School Board, MFA Oil Board, Bullion Cemetery Board, and Mt. Tabor Cemetery Board.

Faithfully attending and serving at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, east of Atlanta, Gene became a baptized believer there at age 14, making him currently the oldest and longest-time member. He taught a rowdy group of young boys' Sunday School class and enjoyed them immensely, served as longtime song leader, moderator, and had served as a deacon since 1976. He often shared with nurses and staff "The King is Coming...He's Coming for Me!"

Gene always worked hard, but he still found time to enjoy life. He was an avid quail hunter and many have called him a great shot (back in the day when quail were plentiful). He first hunted jackrabbits as a young boy, also enjoyed fishing, hunting trips back to Colorado for deer and elk, and especially hunting with his four grandsons and other good hunters.

Along with their two daughters Paula and Debbie, Gene and Donna were actively involved in many community activities, and some of Gene's favorite memories involved church activities, school events, 4-H beef leadership, proud spectator at sporting events, and encourager of young people. Gene had a great unconditional love for family, whether you were a close relative, or a friend who seemed like family!

Gene is survived by his loving wife, Donna, of the family home; his older daughter Paula and husband Gary Thompson, of rural La Plata, MO; son-in-law, Kenny Livingston of Macon, MO; four special grandsons: Chad (Johnna) Thompson of rural Atlanta, MO; Ryan (Mollie) Livingston of Brookfield, MO; Brett (Tabitha) Thompson of Camdenton, MO; and Deron Livingston of Atlanta, MO; seven great-grandchildren: Dylan (Megan) Thompson of Atlanta, MO; Madison Livingston of Kansas City, MO; Cole Thompson of Atlanta, MO; Logan Thompson of Camdenton, MO; Morgan Livingston of Brookfield, MO; Kolby Livingston of Brookfield, MO; and Karson Livingston of Brookfield, MO. He is also survived by one brother-in-law, Gary (Linda) Belt of Atlanta, MO.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Gale (2003) and Beulah (1994) McClanahan; his in-laws, Noel (1983) and Alma (2006) Belt; his younger daughter, Debbie Livingston (November 2022); many other relatives and a host of close friends.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at Travis Funeral Chapel in La Plata, Missouri, with the family receiving friends from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Funeral service will be held at 10 AM on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at the funeral home, with Rev. Gene Runnels officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Tabor Cemetery, east of Atlanta, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the donor's choice. Those may be left or mailed to Travis Funeral Chapel, 125 S. Church St., La Plata, MO 63549.

### Darrell Anthony Miller 'Tony'

May 9, 1958 – Feb 6, 2024

Darrell Anthony Miller 'Tony' 65, of Madera, California, passed away at his residence surrounded by family on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.



He was born to the union of Darral and Nina (Harl) Miller on May 9, 1958, in Sylmar, California.

He was a long haul truck driver and was employed by ABF Freight. In his spare time, Darrell liked to fish and hunt for deer, elk, ducks, quail & dove. He was known as "Motor Man" to many of his friends because of his ability to repair and restore anything on wheels.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents: Darral Miller and Nina Curtis.

He is survived by one son, Tyler Miller of California; two daughters, Deanne Miller and husband Kenneth of Eureka, Lora Limbert and Christopher Reis of Cape Girardeau; two brothers, Rick White of California, Greg White and wife Marcie of California; one sister, Roni Valle of California; six grandchildren, Jase Limbert, Adria Limbert, Aubrie Miller, Boston Limbert, Avery Miller, Cohen Reis; his chocolate lab, Dino Anthony Miller; other relatives and many friends.

Darrell's ashes will be spread at Mammoth Pools in the Sierra Nevada mountains where he enjoyed fishing. The family is served by Midlawn Funeral Home, Union, Missouri.

### Brandon Eugene Ault

Dec 22, 2003 – Feb 6, 2024

Brandon Eugene Ault, 20, of Kirksville passed away Tuesday, February 6th, 2024, at his home in Kirksville. The son of Jerry & Betty (Mills) Ault, Brandon was born December 22nd, 2003, in Kirksville, MO.



Brandon is survived by his Parents; his Girlfriend, Paige Williams and their little boy, Waylen Ault of Kirksville; Siblings, Bobby Ault of Oregon, Melissa Ault, Shannon Ault both of Kirksville, Joe Ault, Rusty Ault, Lora Gilliespie, Jeremy Ault; Aunt, Judy Mills of Kirksville; Uncle, Dean Mills of Kirksville; Nieces, Kaytee, Sabrina & Emily (Rolly); Nephew, Joshua (Watermelon Head); and Buddy, Chris Winn. He was preceded in death by both grandmas, Uncle Dale and Aunt Joanna.

Brandon grew up in Kirksville. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, music, and working on vehicles. He didn't let anyone else work on his mom's car. He loved playing with his son the most.

A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 10th, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home with Pastor Sam Burkholder. A visitation will be held an hour before the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the family.

ARRANGEMENTS are in the care of Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home

### Judith Ann Ballinger

Aug 7, 1947 – Feb 9, 2024

Judith Ann Ballinger, 76, of Kirksville, MO passed away Friday, February 9th, 2024 at The Pines in Kirksville. The daughter of Harvey and Clara (Eastman) Reed, Judith was born August 7th, 1947. On December 23rd, 1967, she was united in marriage to Ira Dee Ballinger.



Judith is survived by her husband Ira; Children, Tracy (Robert) Taylor, Kim (Mike) Moffitt, and Jeff (Angie) Ballinger; Grandchildren, Jacob and Matthew Taylor, Tricen (Jasmine) and Jaden Ballinger, and Montana and Kansas Moffitt; Great Grandchildren, Angelina and Artavius Ballinger; 4 brothers & 2 sisters. Preceded in death by her parents; son, Ira Dee Jr; siblings, Janet Weekley, Jessie McCoy, Ronnie Reed and Sandra Lyons.

Judith grew up in Kirksville and attended Kirksville Schools. She retired from Hollisters after 21 years of service. Judith enjoyed buggy rides around the lake, loved Elvis Presley and spending time with her grandkids.

Judith will be cremated and there will be a Celebration of life dinner on Saturday February 17th, 2024 at 3 p.m. at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer funeral home.

ARRANGEMENTS in the care of Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home.

### Edith Thompson Young Green Musick

Feb 9, 1926 – Feb 10, 2024

Edith Thompson Young Green Musick, age 98, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away on Saturday, February 10th, 2024 at The Pines Nursing Home in Kirksville. She was born to Leonard and Lela (Kephart) Thompson on February 9th, 1926.



On November 1st, 1947, she was united in marriage to James Franklin Young who preceded her in death on December 21st, 1983. To this union, four children were born.

On November 23, 1986, she married Kenneth (Jack) Green who preceded her in death on December 31st, 1990. On November 15th, 1991, she married Forest Musick who preceded her in death on January 27th, 2012.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers, Laverne Thompson of Kirksville and Leon Thompson of Albany, Georgia.

Surviving her are three daughters, Sue Scala (and husband Dave) of Surprise, Arizona; Nancy Peterson; Martha Young; and son James Donald Young, all of Kirksville, Missouri. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Jason Scala (and wife Jaimee); Gina (Scala) Martin (and husband Sean); Mick Boonyapricha; Tim Boonyapricha (and wife Yasmine); and James Peterson (and wife Randi). Also surviving are six great-grandchildren.

Edith was a lifelong resident of Adair County and received her 8th grade education in the Rural Dell School. She graduated from the Kirksville Senior High School in the Class of 1943 and had served as the Secretary and Treasurer of the class since graduation.

She was employed in the tax department of the City of Kirksville for 25 years. She spent 24 years as a franchisee for H&R Block Tax Preparation Services and 12 years doing business as Edith's Tax Service in Edina, Missouri. She loved her work and times with her clients, family, and friends. She was a member of the Bullion United Methodist Church.

Visitation will be held for one hour before the service from 10-11 a.m. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 14th, 2024, at the Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home. She will be laid to rest by her husband, James Young, at Pattonsburg Memorial Gardens (formally known as IOOF Cemetery) in Pattonsburg, Missouri. Reverend Chuck Watson will officiate. Suggested music is "One Day at a Time", and "I'll Fly Away".

ARRANGEMENTS in the care of Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home.

### Thomas Lee Thrasher

Jun 2, 1951 – Feb 8, 2024

Thomas Lee Thrasher, 72, of Aurora, Missouri passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at his home.



The son of Floyd "Rufus" and Leta (Couch) Thrasher. He was born June 2, 1951, in Kirksville, Missouri. On February 24, 1973, Tom was united in marriage to Sandra Morehouse in Bible Grove, Missouri. They were blessed to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary last year.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents, Floyd, and Leta Thrasher.

Tom is survived by his wife, Sandra, and six children, Traci Thrasher of Seneca, Missouri, Scott (Denise) Thrasher of Monett, Missouri, Terri (John) Miller of Neosho, Missouri, Tammi Bassett of Bella Vista, Arkansas, Brett Thrasher of Neosho, Missouri, and Courtney (Ethan) Moffitt of Ankeny, Iowa. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Reese Bassett of Aurora, Missouri, Ethan Bassett and Adeline Bassett of Bella Vista, Arkansas, Landon Thrasher and Alaina Thrasher of Monett, Missouri, and Eli Miller of Neosho, Missouri as well as one brother, Ted (Julia) Thrasher of Olathe, Kansas; two sisters-in-law, Rebecca (Daniel Zungura) Carameros of Aurora, Missouri, and Mary Lee Morehouse of Canyon Lake, Texas; one nephew, Trent (Leah) Thrasher of Big Spring, Texas, and one niece, Leah Smith of Overland Park, Kansas.

Tom was a graduate of Scotland R-I High School in Memphis, Missouri. Tom and Sandra owned and operated a grade A dairy farm in Scotland County, Missouri. Later, Tom owned and operated a successful fencing and deck business. Tom always took pride in his work and wanted to make sure each job was done right.

He was a faithful member of the Aurora church of Christ. He loved God, his church family, and teaching youth Bible class.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Aurora church of Christ in Aurora, Missouri. Visitation will be Monday, February 12, 2024, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Crafton-Cantrell Funeral Home in Aurora, Missouri. Interment will follow the service at the Maple Park Cemetery in Aurora.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Tom may be made to the La Palma Christian School. Memorials may be left at or mailed to Crafton-Cantrell Funeral Home 303 S. Jefferson Ave., Aurora, Missouri 65605.

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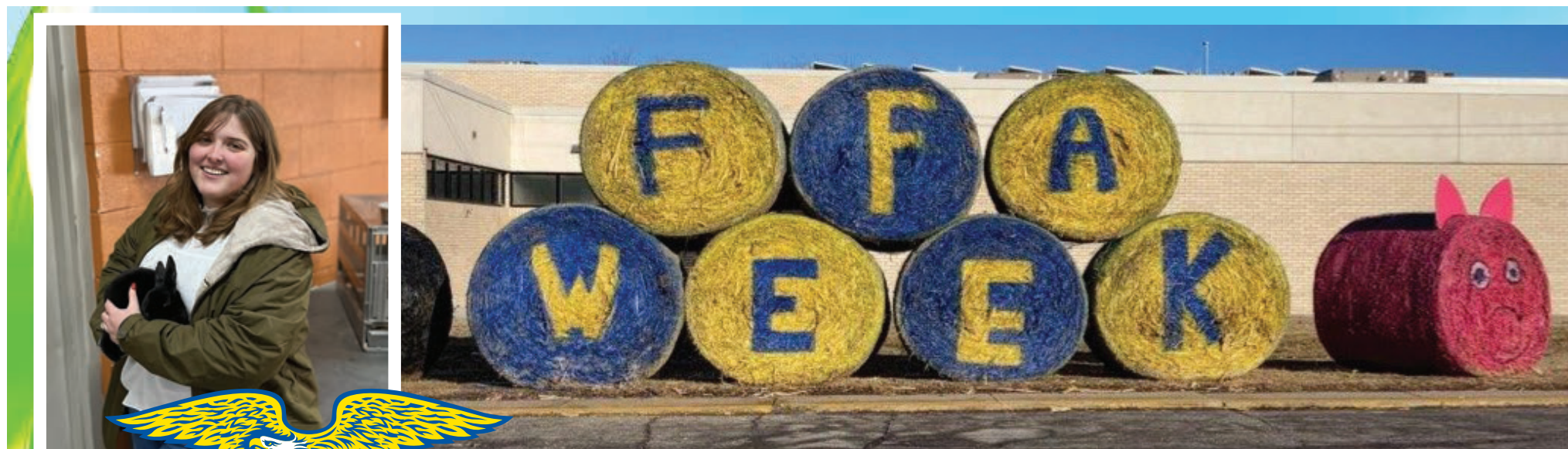
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## ROBIN WRITES

## Here's my heart

Seventh grade. I was 13 and in love for the first time.

My arithmetic teacher, Mr. Allmeroth (Vernon, in my dreams), was fresh out of college. He was young, as teachers go; funny, cute, and a boy. A grown-up, sophisticated boy. Not like the ones my age, who spent a lot of time punching each other in the arms and making rude noises.

I had to find a way to win his heart.

Mrs. Flora had given all the girls in her Sunday School class a tiny bottle of "Here's My Heart" cologne for Christmas that year. I was saving it for something special. This was that something.

Worksheet time finally arrived. As I scratched a pencil across my paper, I tracked his location at the first desk. In 11 more desks, he'd be with me.

All I could think about was what it said on the bottle. It echoed like a mantra in my brain: "HERE'S MY HEART, Mr. Allmeroth, HERE'S MY HEART".

The perfume would do the trick. He would take a whiff, see past the skinny, flat-chested girl I was on the outside and swoon over woman I was inside.

Just one desk away now; Joel was having trouble with triangles. Mr. Allmeroth crouched closer toward him to help. It was time for perfume. I reached into my purse and felt for the smooth, round lid. There—twist and tip.

The bottle slipped from my hands and fell upside down inside my plastic purse. I fumbled to catch it with both hands, turned the bottle back upright, and wiped my sopping hands on my skirt.

A groan flew around the room like a vicious rumor. Heads popped up from papers and nostrils twitched with bloodhound determination.

"PEEEUUUUWWW!" "WHAT IS THAT SMELL?" "MAN. SOMEBODY STINKS!"

Heads craned and fingers pointed toward the only motionless body in the class.

"It's ROBIN!!" My face boiled in humiliation as laughter and whispers ping-ponged around the room. "She's getting all smelly for Mr. Allmeroth!!"

Girls harrumphed in indignation; boy guffawed with glee. Coughing and choking sounds mingled with the stench of "Here's My Heart" all around me. I dipped my head as low as my neck would allow.

Mr. Allmeroth's back straightened up from its crouch over Joel's triangle page and he turned toward the classroom. I heard a low growl coming from my teacher's throat. He took a deep breath.

"The next person I hear will go to Mr. Baker's office."



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH  
ROBIN WRITES

I want eyes on papers. Heads down. Hands working. NOW."

In moments, his tasseled loafers headed toward my reeking desk. I could see Joel's shoulders bouncing up and down in jumping jacks of silent cackles.

Mr. Allmeroth leaned in over my desk. As he stood silently scanning my paper, I forced myself to look up at him. I had to see if he understood the desperate actions of a girl in love for the very first time. Was he laughing at me, too?

"You're doing just fine," he said quietly. His face showed no trace of ridicule or disgust. It was the face of a teacher checking a paper—nothing more. His eyes met mine for just a moment, and I knew he understood.

"What a nice compliment," he whispered. "Thank you."

He patted my back lightly and moved on to the next desk. My worksheet had an "OK" scribbled on the top, and I knew I would be okay, too.

I was only a girl, and he was a grown man. I would give my heart away many more times before it found a permanent home. But I would never forget the teacher who thanked me for offering it to him first.

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## HOME COUNTRY

## Yoga, not yogurt!

Ya know, I swear if somebody comes up with a concretation that included sucking dirty rocks, ol' Mame

the dame would sign up. Now don't git me wrong, I think Mamie Dilworth is a nice lady, and I enjoy seein' what she's up to next, ya know? She can't cook ... gives ya raw fish when you go over there ... but she has a perty nice smile and I can take it, ya know. So she told me jest t'other day to git ready, cuz we're goin' out for goat yoga. Well, natcherly I mentioned I'd had blueberry and strawberry, but goat-flavored seemed a little bit past the ol' rabbit-proof fence. She said it weren't yogurt, But yoga ... you know, where people who live in them Tibetty-type mountains tie theirselves in knots and hum to their belly buttons?

Yeah, them guys.

So I gits in the car with her and we go to a little farm outside-a town and there was some more women there puttin' their hands together and bowin' to each other, and then the head yogurt lady says positions! Well, I turned around and put my hands on the corral fence and spread my legs, but that weren't what ol' Yogurtina had in mind. Them ladies all laid down to do push ups, and this helper girl opened the chute and let in the goats. Little baby pigmy kinda goats. And them little boogers each of 'em jumped on a woman's back and went to dancin' 'round.

Honest.

If I'm lyin' may I wake up as a student in law school and have to eat raspberry torts. And change my name from Windy to Justin.



SLIM RANDES  
HOME COUNTRY

Yessir, And them ladies was gigglin' and push uppin' and then ol' Yogurtina says Downward-facing dog! Yes she did. And the ladies stuck their butts in the air like a stink bug and the goats went to prancin' around on top of 'em and underneath 'em, and I tell ya, it was somethin' to see. OK now, ladies, yells Yogurtina, let's PLANK! Down they go on their bellies again, with a comflagationary of goats leapin' all over 'em. On the ride home, ol' Mame says to me if I understood this here goat yoga and what I thought of it. She wanted me to do it with 'em next time. I told her I already did the super magnum goat yoga thingie and I were less than enthusiastic 'bout it.

I 'splained jest how I'd jest went from downward-facin' dog to flat plankin' in the arena and that bull had landed on me and I'd lunded in the hospital for four days and I thought I'd given that kinda exercise 'bout all it was gonna get outa me.

And you can tell 'em I said so.

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You didn't get a card... you didn't buy a gift... you're afraid someone special will curse?

Well, let's see what I can do... to help you out... let me think a minute or two, Roses are red... violets are blue... oh no, that won't do.

How about "True love is rare... it's a wonderful gift... something found by only a few, How lucky I am... to be by



your side... spending my life with you."

Well, another satisfied customer... and the old hermit poet... he's done it again,

The verses keep coming... the rhymes never stop... and the poems will never end.

— Daniel D. Donovan

## AGENT AFIELD

## 'Evening with Wildlife' program scheduled

What an incredible spring like February. Many outdoor enthusiasts are enjoying trails and even a little bit of fishing. The snow geese migration is underway throughout this month. The bright sunny days make it easy to see large flocks of snow geese, white-fronted geese, and even swans working their way back north. Although the weather has been favorable to be outside, the Missouri Department of Conservation would like to invite you to our "Evening with Wildlife" event on Feb. 23 from 6-9 p.m. The event will be hosted at William Matthew Middle School in Kirksville.

This two-part day will consist of presentations throughout the day for students to come and learn about many different conservation topics. There will be stations on beavers, bears in Missouri, natural history, fisheries, and conservation careers. After the busy school day has concluded, we encourage the public to join to view and discuss many other exhibits.



KEVIN POWELL  
CONSERVATION AGENT

The evening portion will feature trophy whitetails, a mountain lion display, and activities for kids of all ages. Other organizations that will be attending are Missouri Beekeepers Association, Missouri Trappers Association, and the Missouri Archaeological Society. The auditorium will also be in use featuring mountain lion response team lead Darrel Damron to discuss current monitoring efforts and areas of study. K-9 officer Don Cleaver and his partner Penny will also demonstrate their field work expertise.

Should you see a Wildlife Code violation, you can anonymously call the Operation Game Thief hotline at 1-800-392-1111 or Adair County Agent Kevin Powell at (660) 216-1389. I look forward to seeing you afield.

## THE ROCKWOOD FILES

## Mama, I love her

Writer remembers Barbies in bloom

Dear readers, I'm taking some time off this week to help my mom during her cancer treatment. But while I'm away, I'm sharing a column published nearly 14 years ago about a topic that has boomeranged back into pop culture in a big way. In a few weeks when the Academy Awards are handed out in Hollywood, the movie "Barbie" will be one of the films in the running to take home the Oscar. I watched the movie with my 17-year-old daughter, and we both laughed and loved it. It made me remember one of our earliest encounters with Barbie, which happened about 14 years ago. Here's that story about the time my then 3-year-old daughter and I fell in love with a doll in the toy aisle of Walmart:

Here's an ugly secret mothers try to deny, even to ourselves: Sometimes we buy our daughters a few extra things we probably shouldn't. Is it because we like the girls more? No. We love all our kids equally. Is it because the girls just need more stuff? Maybe sometimes they do, but that's not the reason, either.

It's because deep down, underneath our mature, practical mommy selves, there lives a little girl. And that little girl is wildly attracted to glittery purses, super-soft stuffed animals and precious outfits with cherries or butterflies on them. Sometimes when we're innocently walking down store aisles, that girl sneaks out and starts shopping.

I know this because it has happened to me. A few weeks ago, I was pushing 3-year-old Kate around in the shopping cart at Wal-Mart. She was singing the lyrics to "Be Our Guest" for the one-thousandth time. I was heading toward the back of the store, fully intending to walk past the toy aisle without pausing. But then Kate pointed and called out

so loudly that it startled me, and I turned to see what had caught her attention. "Beauty!" she said, her eyes wide with excitement. "Mama, it's Belle from Beauty and the Beast!"

I couldn't see exactly what she was talking about, but I was sure she was right because 3-year-old girls can spot a Disney princess from 50 yards away. I knew that, if we didn't turn down that toy aisle, there would be much weeping and gnashing of teeth. So I agreed to push the cart down the aisle so she could get a closer look, but first I issued this warning: "Okay, we'll go see what it is but we're just going to look, okay? Only looking, not getting. You understand?" She nodded her agreement, and we turned down the Barbie aisle.

Here's the thing about Barbie. She is, without a doubt, the most cloned woman on the face of the Earth. When I was a girl, there were only a couple of Barbies to collect — a blonde and a brunette. Of course, Ken was there, too, and there was the famous Barbie car. But I could fit my entire Barbie collection into one shoebox.

These days, you'd need a shoebox the size of Texas Stadium to store a complete Barbie collection. Not only has Barbie had 80 different occupations over the years, she also now has pets, furniture, and bath-version Barbies whose clothes turn different colors when you dip them in the tub.

And let's not even get started on the clothes. Since her debut, Barbie has had about one billion pieces of clothing and shoes produced for her and her friends.

So I shouldn't have been surprised to discover that Kate's favorite Disney movie has its own Barbie. She wears a beautiful yellow gown, just like her namesake in the movie. I picked her up and handed her to Kate, who noticed that she also comes with a rose-shaped magic wand. The package had a button marked "Try me!" so I did, purely out of curiosity. When I pushed it, the familiar theme song from Beauty and the Beast began to play and then red roses bloomed out



GWEN ROCKWOOD  
THE ROCKWOOD FILES

from the yellow ball gown. Suddenly my eyes got as wide as Kate's did.

"Oh! Look at the flowers," Kate said. Then, in a tone of awe and reverence, she added softly, "Mama, I love her."

And, as much as I hate to admit it, a little part of me loved her, too. My inner girl was seduced by the combination of nostalgia and technology. When I was little, Barbie didn't even have a belly button. And now she has roses magically blooming on her ball gown. Will wonders never cease?

I was torn. Inside my head, the Practical Mom side of me sternly said, "We did not come here to get a Barbie. We came here for milk, bread, and cereal. Step away from the doll." But it was very hard to hear what Practical Mom was saying because my Inner Girl was a lot louder and more insistent: "She plays music and has a magic wand that makes ROSES BLOOM ON HER DRESS! Are you kidding me? We MUST bring her home!"

I stood there for a few moments, as my Inner Girl and Practical Mom duked it out. Wisely, Kate did not plead or beg for the Barbie. She just sat there quietly adoring it, which softened up the Practical Mom just enough for the Inner Girl to win the day.

"Okay, we'll get her, but only this one time," I said. "We are not going to get a Barbie every time we go grocery shopping. You understand?"

And as the words came out of my mouth, I wasn't sure if I was saying them to her or to me. Either way, I hope both of us were listening.

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## TURNING THE PAGE

### This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

#### 115 Years Ago, February 11, 1909

Many of the employees at Kirksville's shoe factory who were working "piece" were making good wages. One young lady who worked in the vamping department made \$12.50 in a week. There were many young lady employees who earned nearly that amount. The men were making correspondingly higher wages. The new welting machinery was being installed, and the labor force was going to be increased.

#### 115 Years Ago, February 12, 1909

Mr. R. H. Price, of Wesson, Mississippi, who was operated on three weeks earlier for the removal of his cancerous stomach, left Kirksville for his home in satisfactory condition following a remarkable recovery. The surgery was performed by Dr. George Still. At the time of the surgery, neither Dr. Still, nor any of the other physicians had much hope for the recovery of Price because of the extensive nature of the growth. Mr. Price rallied well after the surgery and made such rapid progress that doctors said his recovery was little short of a miracle. In the preceding week Dr. Still had performed eight major abdominal operations at the ASO (American School of Osteopathy) Hospital. Dr. Still, who was acclaimed nationally and internationally for his surgical skills, was leaving the following week for St. Louis to lecture on the "Uses of the Plastic Cast on Fractures" before the physicians of that city.

#### 115 Years Ago, February 16, 1909

The Adair County Health Officer was doing all he could to prevent the spread of smallpox by strict enforcement of the quarantine regulations. Five of the homes that were quarantined housed about 25 cases of the highly infectious disease.

#### 110 Years Ago, February 14, 1914

Before Prohibition went into effect in the United States in 1920, Adair County was "dry". The county's law enforcement officers were constantly seizing alcoholic beverages and arresting the parties involved. Occasionally the seized beverages went missing or were stolen. Such was the case when 18 barrels of beer that were seized north of Connellsville were stolen from the Iowa and St. Louis Railroad Depot in Connellsville. The beer was seized by Adair County Deputies one afternoon and locked in the depot until arrangements could be made for the beer to be brought to Kirksville the next day. The depot agent had the only key, and according to his story the depot was broken into overnight and the beer stolen. The men who were originally caught hauling the beer were arrested and appeared in court where they were bonded out. The beer shipment which was addressed to a fictitious address in Worthington, Missouri, (Worthington is in Putnam County, which was "wet.") was manufactured in Quincy, Illinois. It was thought that the beer was shipped from Quincy to Novinger on the OK Railroad then transferred to the Iowa and St. Louis for shipment to Worthington. The seized beer was being transferred from Putnam County to Adair County. When the two men who were hauling the beer into Adair County were arrested, they asked the arresting officers how they knew about the overland hauling. They were told that wind blowing from the northwest carried the odor of the beer to Kirksville!

#### 105 Years Ago, February 11, 1919

Harry Blackmore, who lived on East Jefferson Street, was arraigned in Kirksville Police Court on a charge of letting his chickens run at large. He entered a plea of guilty to the charge and was fined \$1 and court costs which he refused to pay. Police Judge Kirk ordered him to be placed in jail until the fine was paid.



The judge offered to let him take his time in paying the fine, but Blackmore said he'd, "lay it out in jail."

#### 105 Years Ago, February 14, 1919

A petition signed by 181 of the 460 students at Kirksville High School (grades 8-12) who attended school in the high school building, was being presented to the Kirksville Board of Education. The petition asked that dancing be permitted in the high school. When presented to the school board, the vote on the motion to allow dancing in the high school ended in a tie of three for and three against. Since the line-up of the present board seemed permanent, no further action was taken. The students in presenting the petition stated that they were going to dance in any event and that it would be better to do so in a place under chaperonage than outside in other public places without chaperones.

#### 85 Years Ago, February 12, 1939

The Adair County Court judges were considering a proposition made to them that the county purchase the Quinlin Hotel, opposite the Wabash Depot, for use as a county hospital. The building contained 28 rooms, a large lobby and was modern in every respect. The county was badly in need of a large building for a hospital because of the crowded conditions at the existing hospital at 402 S. Elson Street. There were three to four people per room and more people needed hospital care. The county court made the decision to accept the proposition for purchase of the Quinlin, and in 1940 it opened its doors as the county hospital. It eventually became part of the Adair County Community Nursing Home system.

#### 80 Years Ago, February 16, 1944

A large group of Kirksville Senior High School students attended a party held for them at Kirksville's Teen Agers recreation center. Hot dogs and other refreshments were served to the group from the snack bar. Admittance to the Teen Agers center was by membership card only and membership cards were checked at the snack bar. Cards could be purchased for a quarter for a six-month membership. Jolene Underhill, chairman of the membership committee, oversaw card sales. Students of Novinger, Brashear, Adair, and Gibbs schools were invited to become members at a special introductory rate. The Teen Agers had many activities, including some to raise money to support the center. A "Rummage Night" was sponsored by the junior high school students with admittance to the center gained by presenting some sort of rummage that would later be sold at a rummage sale. The sale proceeds were to be used to purchase much needed furniture for the center.

#### 65 Years Ago, February 16, 1959

The MacDougall-Lowe Post of the American Legion was seeking the names of all Adair County boys who gave their lives in either World War II or the Korean War. The Post was purchasing a marble monument on which the names would be engraved. It would be placed in Kirksville's Memorial Park. The names of those being sought were of those who died in battle, of wounds, or service-incurred illness during the war period. Names were being sought because the War Department records, while they contained the information, was not readily available as War Department records were not arranged geographically. A list of the deceased was published in the newspaper for readers to review and add missing names.

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## EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

**Part 89**

### Battle of Kirksville - Chapter I

By Blytha Ellis, President

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In the summer of 1862, the Civil War had been a reality in the United States for about a year. Due to the lack of news sources in those days, citizens were not well informed about battles and skirmishes going on around them. They relied on newspapers and word of mouth coming through the stagecoach lines, railways or by telegraph. Unfortunately, Kirksville did not have the latter two sources in 1862. Perhaps the locals had heard of the Confederate defeat at the Battle of Pea Ridge in Arkansas in March 1862, but little did they know that one of the major officers in that battle, Major General Sterling Price, would soon send a man to northern Missouri to recruit young men for the Confederate Army.

In 1862, Kirksville was an agricultural community with a handful of buildings circling a two story, brick courthouse on the town square. Homes sat on and near the square, and gardens, pastures, and corn fields were in close proximity to downtown.

Although the border State of Missouri was considered a part of the Union, men from the state fought on both sides. When Confederate Colonel Joseph C. Porter was sent by General Price to Northeast Missouri, he successfully recruited troops throughout

the spring and summer of 1862. He planned to take these men back to Arkansas to train them for battle. Most were young men, farmers, inexperienced, who had no knowledge of war. The only thing they had ever used a gun for was to shoot wild animals, prey, food for their families. But, each was told if they had a gun, bring it with them. If not, they would be issued one after training in Arkansas. Thus, many remained unarmed as they gathered in Kirksville on August 6, 1862.

These recruitment efforts of Porter drew the attention of Union Major General John M. Schofield, and he wanted to prevent these Northern Missouri recruits, "greenhorns," from reaching the main Confederate Army in Arkansas. He ordered Colonel John McNeil, Commander of the Northeastern Division of Missouri troops, and Colonel Lewis Merrill's cavalry to pursue and break up Porter's command. In July 1862, the Federals began chasing Porter. Skirmishes and minor fighting occurred at several locales throughout Northeast Missouri as Porter was forced to keep moving.

In Adair County, there was a man named Tice Cain who was a Confederate Captain. His real name was Mathias Cain, but his nickname was "Tice." He was the son of James W. Cain (1799-1857) and a grandson of John Cain (1773-1856) who was discussed in Part 13 of this history. John Cain had come to pre-Adair County in 1830 after the Big Neck War and purchased the former cabin and property of James Myers, leader of the first settlement in Adair County.

Tice Cain, age 39, born in 1823 in Howard County, Mo., was now married to Elizabeth "Betsy" Ivie (1829-1865) and was the father of at least nine children. By 1862, he had joined Company H of the 1st NE Cavalry of the Confederacy in Schuyler County and attained the title of Captain. He was recruiting men from Northeast Missouri for the Confederate Army and reportedly was very successful. So successful that he had sent word to Confederate Colonel Joseph Porter urging him to come to Kirksville because he had "500 fresh recruits" for him. Whether this was true or an exaggeration is unknown.

Porter did come to Kirksville, but it is unknown if he ever made contact with Captain Tice Cain. Reportedly, Tice Cain mysteriously disappeared at this time and no one, not even his family, ever heard from him again. Whether he stayed for the Battle of Kirksville, was killed, or fled from Kirksville is unknown. It is known that when the Civil War was over in 1865, his son who was his namesake, Mathias Cain, who was age 16 in 1865, crossed the plains with his mother, three brothers and five sisters, and lived out his life in the Pacific Northwest. Tice's wife, Elizabeth (Ivie) Cain, died in November of 1865 soon after the family arrived in Oregon. One of the daughters, Louisa (Cain) Adkins, age 20, who had married in 1861, died along the Oregon Trail, leaving three children under 3 years of age.

The Town of Kirksville had a home guard militia of about a dozen soldiers in 1862, but these men were ordered south to Macon, Mo., only days before what would be the Battle of Kirksville. Therefore, when Colonel Porter and his men marched into Kirksville, they found little resistance to their arrival. With Union



The mysterious Confederate Captain Mathias "Tice" Cain who urged Colonel Joseph Porter to come to Kirksville, then disappeared



Colonel McNeil in continuous and close pursuit, Porter decided to take a stand against him in Kirksville. Perhaps he was counting on those "500 fresh recruits" that Captain Tice Cain had promised him.

Regardless, Porter had amassed about 2,000 men for the fight. However, only about half of these men were armed, some well armed and some lightly armed. The rest were completely unarmed. On the Union side, McNeil had about 1,000 Missouri and Iowa cavalymen and a section of the 3rd Indiana Artillery. They were fully armed. The striking difference was that they had cannons!

Porter placed his recruits within buildings around the Kirksville square and within the Adair County Courthouse, a two-story brick building with a tall cupola on top. Others he placed in surrounding corn fields and along a rail fence west of the courthouse.

Reportedly, the Confederates were able to easily take over the town due to considerable Confederate sympathies among the residents. Many of them had come to this area from the South. However, Kirksville citizens didn't suspect a battle was coming until they saw Porter's men being stationed around the downtown square. Porter himself began seizing the town's medical supplies and tools in preparation for mass casualties. Shopkeepers were warned to close their businesses for the day and leave town for their own safety. So, Kirksville citizens started abandoning store buildings and homes to distance themselves from the impending trouble. However, some did not go far away. They climbed onto roofs of houses and barns a distance away, curious to see what would happen. Others went into their cellars for safety.

Union Col. John McNeil approached Kirksville from the northeast. He set up what could be called a rear camp on the large estate of the wealthy and recently widowed William Henry Parcels, Jr. who lived in a stately mansion northeast of Kirksville with his ten children and his widowed mother. This home was located at what is now 1603 E. Illinois St., a block behind the current HyVee Store. (See Parts 68 and 69 of this history for details on the Parcels family.)

From the Parcels Mansion, the Union troops advanced toward the center of town and set up a forward camp in what is now Memorial Park, northeast of the square. On this property, the soldiers took temporary refuge in a large two-story frame building with a tall steeple which had been recently built as the Cumberland Academy, a Presbyterian school. The building had not been completely finished before the outbreak of the Civil War. After the war, this building would be rented in 1867 to a man named Joseph Baldwin. He would establish his Normal School in this building, and his school would eventually evolve into today's Truman State University.

But, on August 6, 1862, the grounds of Cumberland Academy were filled with Union soldiers pushing cannons and anticipating a bloody battle with Confederates in downtown Kirksville. (The battle begins in our next episode.)

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## Splash pads will replace wading pools at Brashear Park and PC Mills Park

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express



The Kirksville City Council, at their Feb. 5 regular meeting, approved a resolution that authorized the selection of Water's Edge Aquatic Design to provide engineering and design services for improvements to Brashear Park and PC Mills Park and authorizing the city manager to execute the required documents.

Parks Director Rodney Sadler told the council that the city had allocated funds in the 2024 budget to do major renovations to the two city parks.

"Both will see the removal of the existing wading pools and the installation of splash pads," Sadler said, noting that Water's Edge's biggest role was aquatic design.

He said that Brashear Park will be adding new playground features, some new sidewalks and a new shelter and that PC Mills Park will be getting new restrooms and some sidewalk connectivity, as well as additional parking.

"It's really going to transform both parks," Sadler said.

He said there were four submissions for the Request for Qualifications that was

put out in December last year, and that all four were evaluated by a city team, with Water's Edge being selected as the most qualified for that project. He said they faced a "pretty aggressive" schedule as they were hoping to have the project complete in 2024.

"By moving forward this evening, we'll be able to move forward with the base map and concept planning just in the next couple of months," Sadler said, noting there will be public engagement in an open house style format starting around April, where residents can see what the splash pads could look like as well as the playground designs and overall concepts.

He said that final drawings are projected to be done in June with bidding to happen in July and construction taking place in the fall.

"With Water's Edge's expertise, especially working here in our community

before around our Aquatic Center build as well as other splash pads in neighboring communities, we feel it's really going to work out well," he said.

Sadler said that six different priority one objectives from the parks department's master plan will be completed with this one project. He said that the funds were allocated into the budget and the contract for the services are to not exceed \$57,000. Sadler said that the existing playground features at Brashear Park will not be removed until the new playground is in place because it's in a different area of the park.

"The bathrooms will stay open during the entire process," he said. "It's very likely, based on the schedule that's outlined, that the wading pools will remain open for their regular season."

Sadler said that the only major part of a park that could be impacted is the bathrooms at PC Mills Park.

"We'll do our best to keep those open as long as we can during the summer season, but no other aspects of the park should be impacted during the busiest months of the summer," he said.

Sadler said that the features of the parks will be based on public input through either social media votes or open house exercises and that residents will have a lot of input, especially on the design and look of the features.

"Once we narrow it down to five or six general designs, we'll say 'okay everybody in Kirksville, what's your favorite and how might this best serve your neighborhood?'"

"I think this is very exciting with the way it'll change the way these parks look," said Council member John Gardner, noting that the splash pads would be more accessible to the public without having to staff them.

"Every parent I talked to in our community with kids is really excited about this," said Mayor Zac Burden. "There's been a conversation that's been coming for a while and I think folks are gonna be really happy that we're rolling with it."

The council vote to approve the resolution was unanimous.

## ADAIR COUNTY R-II HONOR ROLL

### Adair County R-II "A" Honor Roll

**12th:** Alexa Borgmeyer, Aubrey Borgmeyer, Carson Erwin, Lacey Fisher, Clancy Noe, Ashton Ray, Jack Reeves, Nate Triplett, Deyton White, Rhett Whitlow, Carly Willis, Joey Willis

**11th:** Cassidy Althide, Tayla Garlock, John Higgins, Serenity Holt, Bevyn March, Andi Shaw, Jacob Snyder, Paige Stutsman, Lana Vansickle, Riley Whitlow

**10th:** Adyn Carpenter, Bailee Crandall, Cole Erwin, Brayton Henrichs, Ryelee Holt, Taylor Houghton, Heidi Lay, Jacob Love, Marissa McMann, Maddie Moots, Noah Shannon, Avery Smith, Caden Taylor

**9th:** Levi Clark

**8th:** Cade Erwin, Kennedy Gray, Kaden Hettinger, Elyse Salter, Emily Youngman

**7th:** Danielle Blanton, Audrey Erwin, Kaiden Gorman, Landon Shannon

### Adair County R-II "B" Honor Roll

**12th:** Jake Holcomb, Alexis Sanchez

**11th:** Cory Holcomb

**10th:** Jayden Kugler, Bobbianne Magruder

**9th:** Emmett Lee, Kheegan Moots

**8th:** Zain Cornelison, Kaden McMann

**7th:** Maddie Mayfield, Aubree Newland

## ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE HOSTS LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS



At the Feb. 7 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, Deputy Fire Chief Travis Gregory and Battalion Chief Michael Robinson spoke about the emergency services and community education the Kirksville Fire Department provides, which are in addition to its fire fighting responsibilities. Gregory said they answered 3,047 calls last year, up from just under 1,900 calls in 2019 when he first joined the Kirksville Fire Department. Pictured from left are Rotarian Jennifer Chrisman, Gregory and Robinson. ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE

## DOLEH GIVES UPDATE ON THOUSAND HILLS STATE PARK PROGRAMS



The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Jessica Doleh to speak at their Feb. 8, meeting. Doleh is a park specialist at Thousand Hills State Park outside Kirksville. She provided the club an update on park programs and projects. Pictured are Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Dan McGurk (left) and Doleh. KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

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Exercises students participated in through the course of the day, included business plans, business management, job interviews, marketing, public speaking, graphic design, web design, broadcast journalism, digital video production, social media, hospitality and event management among others.

Some events were held online while others were done live and in person at Truman State. The winners were all announced at the end of the day before the students were loaded onto buses headed back to their schools.

Kaden said that giving students an opportunity to display what they are learning, or give them an opportunity to go into deeper understanding of certain topics, was a primary benefit of the FBLA program.

"They can come here and practice their soft skills of presenting, interacting — and it's nerve racking," she said. "If you talk to any student, they're very nervous until they're done competing."

Kaden said that often times people are put into nervous or uncomfortable situations but that in this case the students are in a safe environment to practice the skills they're going to need in future situations. She said that the judges are all either Truman faculty,

students, retired faculty members or people from the community.

"They're just super excited to be here and to encourage the students and to give them feedback," she said. "And the students have an opportunity to practice those skills here in this type of environment."

After the various presentations were made, an awards ceremony was held where the first, second and third place winners were announced. Students who earn top honors will go on to the state competition that will be held later this year. Those that are successful at the state level will then go on to the national competition.

"Part of why we like to host it is we want students to have a fun day on campus," Kaden said. "To get away from their high school for a day and get to experience, not full college life, but what it's like to hang out on a college campus."

She said that with the large crowd on campus, it would not be the best day to grab a quick Starbucks or Chick-fil-A on campus, but there will be a lot of Starbucks and Chick-fil-A sold.

"They just liked that opportunity to come to campus and have a change of scenery," she said. "So we just want them to have a positive, fun experience, and hopefully, know that they can do challenging and uncomfortable things and succeed and do well at it."

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## Nesbitt reflects on coaching career following retirement from Truman State

By Adam Tumino

The announcement of Truman State head football coach Gregg Nesbitt's retirement on Friday has put an end to the more than four-decade career of a Missouri football coaching mainstay. A member of the Missouri Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Nesbitt said that the decision to retire was a difficult one considering the implications of coaching changes.

"It certainly had been an emotional and not easy decision," he said. "The longer I've been in this business, I don't think there's ever a good time. There's such a domino effect from the coaches, to their wives, to the players, the players' parents, the athletic community. There's just a domino effect of people that are affected. Truth is that I've done it for 45 years and I think it's a good time for someone else to have an opportunity."

Another factor that Nesbitt considered was how to step down in the proper way. With the announcement coming just two days after National Signing Day, he said that it was important for the players currently on the roster and the ones who recently committed to be aware of the impending change at the coaching position.

"We let [the team] know on the Wednesday we got back from Christmas break," he said. "The reason we decided to do that then is that we were in the middle of recruiting. I'm a parent first and a coach second, and I just wouldn't feel very good about myself ethically if we recruited your son to

come here and after signing day we kind of pulled the rug out and blindsided you so to speak."

After playing football at Hannibal High School and then Truman State, from which he graduated in 1980, Nesbitt went back to his former high school to begin his coaching career. He spent 10 seasons there before becoming an assistant coach at Truman for four seasons.

After that, he spent 13 seasons as the head coach at Hickman High School in Columbia, guiding the program to several top-10 rankings and winning the State Tournament in 2004. He was named the Associated Press Missouri Coach of the Year, among other honors. Several assistant coaching gigs at the college level followed his time at Hickman before he returned to Truman to take over as head coach.

All these years later, Nesbitt said there have been countless changes to the ways in which coaches do their jobs, but one thing has remained the same through that time.

"The one constant through all the changes is that the kids, the hearts of the kids and the competitors, is the same now as it was when I first started," he said. "There's no change in that. The kids want to be taught. They want to be coached, they want to be inspired, they want to be motivated. They even want to be rebuked and disciplined, and that's been a constant."

Nesbitt has of course orchestrated a lot of success on the field in his coaching career, and was able to cap off his career by leading



Kirksville head coach Gregg Nesbitt addresses the defense on the sideline during the game against Saginaw Valley State on Sept. 16, 2023. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

his alma mater to one of the most successful runs in school history. The Bulldogs went 9-2 last season to end a five-season stretch in which they went 40-10. Truman won at least nine games in the four full seasons in that time and went 3-1 in the 2020 season, which was played in spring of 2021. His career record 89-59 gives him the second-most wins in program history, trailing only Maurice "Red" Wade's 99 wins from the 1951 to 1966 seasons. His 14 seasons at the helm also trail only Wade's 16.

He said that being able to put his stamp on a place that has such a rich legacy, and a deep personal importance to him, has been an experience he cherishes.

"It's been a thrill," he said. "This is the eighth-winningest football program in Division II football history with 619. There's only eight schools that have had 600 plus. When we got here, we had I think a 32% winning percentage over a 10-year period. So it was stuck a little bit, and to watch it grow and get back to where we like to think it once was, and right as good as it ever had been, quite honestly, over



Truman head coach Gregg Nesbitt returns to the sideline after talking with an official during the game against South Dakota Mines on Sept. 9, 2023.

the last 55 to 60 games. Don Faurot had a better run, beat Missouri so they fired their coach and hired Don, and it's now Faurot Field in Columbia. It certainly has been a thrill, no question."

Although he has compiled a resume full of accomplishments and success, Nesbitt said that it is the nature of the job of coaching to take more pride in the leadership role and the way you can impact the lives of young people.

"In this profession, and not just me but this profession in general, you have an opportunity to live

an impactful life," he said. "Most of the time the coach is not very important until it's your child, your kid [on the team], and then they become very important. There have been many kids that I haven't handled well through the years, but there's also been a lot of them that you've been fortunate enough to impact in a positive manner. Hopefully I've got a lot more of those than the other side of the ledger. It's been an impactful profession, and these kids have certainly impacted myself and my entire family."

## Krietemeyer stepping down as Kirksville head football coach

By Adam Tumino

Kirksville head football coach Kevin Krietemeyer informed his team on Thursday morning that he would be stepping down as head coach. Krietemeyer has been in the position for four seasons. He will also be stepping down from his role as a girls basketball varsity assistant coach.

Krietemeyer, who lives in Mexico, said that the decision was an extremely difficult one to make, but in the end it came down to doing what was best for his life with his wife and three kids.

"That's what it really boils down to, just wanting to be closer to home," he said. "As a dad you see some guys with their kids walking around practice and getting off the bus, and it kind of makes you jealous of the time you get to spend with your kids and that your kids get to spend with your players."

Krietemeyer said that during his time in Kirksville, just getting to be around the players and watching them learn and grow up has been the most rewarding aspect of the job.

"Just spending time with them, being able to joke around and have fun, that's what I enjoy the most," he said. "The funny stuff they do, the dances and TikToks was fun with the girls. With the boys, joking around and trying to make a nice, clean environment where they boys can be themselves and have fun and be loose. I'll miss those guys. I'm going to miss that time, and watching them grow. They're kids that start as freshmen and are knuckleheads and you seem them grow to seniors and become amazing young men who are going to go on to college or go on to become amazing young men in Kirksville working hard... That's what I'll miss the most."

Krietemeyer said that he believes whoever fills his shoes at Kirksville will be stepping into a program that has great kids to coach and an administration and surrounding community that will provide unwavering support.



Kirksville head coach Kevin Krietemeyer addresses his team after a preseason practice on Aug. 14, 2023. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO



Kirksville head coach Kevin Krietemeyer celebrates a touchdown with Kendrick Hartman during the game against Chillicothe on Sept. 2, 2022.

"Whoever takes over is a lucky dude," he said. "When [former head coach Conrad Schottel] called me and I talked to Conrad a couple years ago, he said 'you'll never find a better place of people, community, administration,' and he bragged and everything. What he said was 100% true. We have great kids here. I mean we truly have great kids here."

He added that the support he received from the Kirksville community meant a lot to him over the years.

"I'm blessed, I'm very, very

blessed to be here in Kirksville, and they've treated me way better than I truly ever deserve," he said. "They've supported me and backed me and were just very supportive. I'm going to miss that and whoever takes over is getting a first class community... I couldn't think of a better place to be and raise your kids, and I hope whoever decides to step in makes a life-long decision and retires here and continues to build on things we've built on. A lot of kids worked really hard to do what we did and I'm proud of them."



TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

## Emily Traube Wins Gold At GLVC Swimming & Diving Championships

By Truman State University Athletics

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – Emily Traube won the first individual conference championship since 2018 as she took first in the 100-freestyle swim on the final night of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Swimming and Diving Championships.

Traube earned her spot in the A-Final with a time of 50.80 which was the third fastest time. In the finals, she out swam Drury's Josie Bushell and Ashlyn Moore to the wall in 50.26 to their 50.48 to claim the gold medal. The last Truman State swimmer to bring back a gold from the conference meet was Natalie Galluzzo in the 200 breaststroke in 2018.

That gold by Traube came after Meg Heveroh took her second bronze medal of the meet. She finished third in the 1650 free that opened the evening session of the championships. Heveroh swam 16:56.71 after finishing third in the 1000 free earlier. Abby Bomball was 16th at 18:07.73.

Natalie Nguyen was the B-Final champion in the 200 back after she edged out teammate Emma Harris in the race. Nguyen was 12th after prelims with 2:08.55, while Harris was ninth at 2:06.99. In the final, Nguyen touched in 2:05.73 while Harris was at 2:06.39. Kylie Strobl was also in the B-Final and placed 13th overall at 2:07.61.

In the 200 breast, Chloe Myers was 16th (2:25.93), Sidney Durbin placed 18th (2:23.93) and Allison Heaney was 24th (2:29.33).

Alex Burkhardt was in the C-Final of the men's 200 back and placed 21st overall with a time of 1:50.63. He was also part of the men's 400 free relay that included Miles McIntyre, Cameron Lee and A.J. Kohler for a time of 3:06.36.

Heveroh, Nguyen, Strobl and Traube were in the women's 400 free and clocked 3:30.36 for sixth place.

Following the meet, next up for the team will be awaiting selections for the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships. The meet will be held in Geneva, Ohio on March 13-16.

## Kirksville's Corbett signs to Truman State for football

By Adam Tumino

Kirksville senior Michael Corbett rang in National Signing Day on Feb. 7 by committing to Truman State, a decision that will keep a local football standout as a local football standout. He signed to Truman during a ceremony held in the Kirksville High School library, while a crowd of friends, family, teammates and coaches looked on.

As Corbett prepares to take his talents a few blocks west from Spainhower Field to Stokes Stadium, he said that the experience of signing day was a nice final step in the process of picking his next destination.

"I woke up pretty excited," he said. "A lot of texts of support and congratulations. I got some texts that people weren't going to be there but they were still proud of me and stuff like that. It's been a fun day so far."

Corbett is coming off a senior season in which he was named to the All-Conference and All-District teams as both an offensive and defensive lineman. Being a decorated lineman is not something that is new to the Corbett family.

Michael's father Shawn Corbett was an All-Conference, All-District and All-State lineman for Truman in the late 1980s and



Kirksville senior Michael Corbett drags down a ballcarrier during the game against Excelsior Springs on Oct. 27, 2023.

was inducted into the Kirksville Football Hall of Fame in 2017. He went on to a stellar career at Southeast Missouri State and was named All-Conference in college four times before seeing time in the NFL with the then San Diego Chargers in 1993 and the Denver Broncos the following year.

Michael Corbett said that having this strong legacy of football in his family is something that helped him find success in the game.

"It's been around my life forever," Michael Corbett said. "My dad has really helped me, and it was just ingrained in the culture of my family that football was the sport that we play, and I love it now. It really helped me develop as a football player, even early on."

Shawn Corbett said that it was gratifying to see this lifetime of football culminate in Michael achieving his goal of playing at the next level.

"It's a wonderful experience as a parent when you get to see your child reach a goal that they've set for themselves," he said. "He had a goal that he wanted to play college football, or try to, and he's worked really hard to accomplish that goal."

Michael's mother Janine Corbett said that, seeing him work hard throughout his time playing football, she thinks his main motivation is his true love for the game.

"He's a hard worker," she said. "He's motivated to get better



Kirksville senior Michael Corbett signs his letter of commitment for Truman State football during a ceremony in the Kirksville High School library on Feb. 7. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

when he's had injuries, and I think it's just the excitement of the game that motivates him more than anything."

Kirksville head football coach Kevin Krietemeyer agreed that Michael Corbett is a player who truly loves the game, and as a result has put in the work necessary to play at the college level.

"He's really dedicated to being a good football player and a good teammate," Krietemeyer said. "Truman does a good job identifying those kids. They've nailed a couple of our kids from here, and over there they've had success. Michael fits that mold of Truman. He works hard, is a tough, hard-nosed kid, and just really loves the game of football. Coach Nesbitt and those guys do a good job of finding guys that love football."

Michael Corbett will join former Kirksville star wide receiver Noah Copeland as the only two Kirksville Tigers on the Bulldogs. Copeland had 14 catches for 157 yards as a sophomore last season.

Throughout his time in high school, Michael Corbett said that the leadership qualities he picked up are things he believes are important, and he will be looking to carry those forward.

"I'm definitely going to take the leadership aspect, because that's a really big thing for me," he said. "Not just having a team-

mate, but having a leader in the same position as you, basically, that you can ask what to do and how to do it. That's really what I'll take, mainly."

He said that Truman emerged as a possible destination when the program began to show interest in him early on in the 2023 football season. Once that process began, Corbett began to get more familiar with the players and coaches, which caused Truman to become his choice.

"The option became available pretty early in the season," he said. "They started talking to me and got interested in me. I went on an unofficial visit early in the season and then had an official visit, and that's when they really sold me. It was an overnight stay, and when that happened I got to see the players for who they really were and they just welcomed me. The coaches really felt like they cared, so that's really what sold me."

In addition to building an enticing culture within the program, the Bulldogs have found plenty of success on the field. The Bulldogs went 9-2 last season and 5-2 in GLVC play. This was the fourth-straight full season where Truman won nine or more games. They went 3-1 in the shortened 2020 season, playing in the spring of 2021. The Bulldogs have gone 40-10 over the last five seasons, which is one of the best stretches in program history.



Kirksville senior Michael Corbett poses with football teammates and coaches in the Kirksville High School Library on Feb. 7.

## Bulldogs take down pair of top GLVC teams on successful road trip

By Adam Tumino

The Truman State men's basketball team headed on a long road trip last week to play a pair of tough conference teams. After opening the trip with a win over a fourth-place Lewis team 60-59 on Thursday, the Bulldogs took down GLVC-leading Indianapolis 85-76 Saturday to extend their winning streak to four-straight games and improve to 8-6 in conference play this season. They stayed in sixth place in the conference standings. Indianapolis fell to 11-3 in conference play and remained in first place.

Truman entered the road trip at just 1-5 in conference road games while Lewis was 6-0 in conference play at home entering Thursday's game and Indianapolis was 7-0 prior to Saturday.

The Bulldogs had to come from behind against Lewis, going on a 15-4 run to end the first half after finding themselves down 24-7 with just over six minutes to go before halftime.

Lewis pulled back ahead by as many as 11 points in the second half, but Truman climbed back into the game over the final minutes. Trey Shearer then hit a three-pointer with 28 seconds left, giving the Bulldogs a 60-59 lead, their first lead since 7-6 in the first half. The Flyers missed the potential game-winner at the buzzer.

The Bulldogs managed to get the win despite shooting just 22-of-54 from the field and 5-of-21 from three. However, Lewis shot just 22-of-62 and 2-of-16 from deep. Shearer was just 1-of-8 from three before hitting

the game winner. He finished with 12 points, six rebounds and three assists. Xavier Hall led the team with 18 points while Matt Haefner had 10 points and four blocks off the bench.

There was no late comeback needed for Truman against Indianapolis. They led for nearly the entire game as they avenged an 86-48 home loss to Indianapolis on Jan. 3 with an 85-76 win.

The Greyhounds held several narrow leads in the opening minutes of the first half, but the Bulldogs led by as many as 21 points before taking a 52-32 lead into halftime. After trailing by double digits for nearly the entire second half, the Greyhounds managed to cut Truman's lead to nine points a few times in the waning seconds, with final time being with a layup at the buzzer.

The 85 points scored by Truman were the most given up by the Greyhounds this season. Truman got to that point by shooting a blazing 12-of-17 from three in the first half, finishing 13-of-24 from deep in the game. They shot 27-of-51 from the field. Indianapolis shot just 5-of-22 from three and 26-of-63 from the field.

Truman had four players score in double figures, led by Shearer with 22, Kobi Williams with 20 and Hall with 19. Hall also had five rebounds and five assists. Casen Lawrence shot 3-of-4 from three off the bench and finished with 13 points.

The Bulldogs will be at home this week for a pair of games against Maryville and Missouri S&T. Both teams are 6-8 in conference play this season and are in 10th and 11th place respectively.



Truman guard Trey Shearer looks to escape a pair of defenders in the game against Indianapolis on Jan. 3. ADAM TUMINO

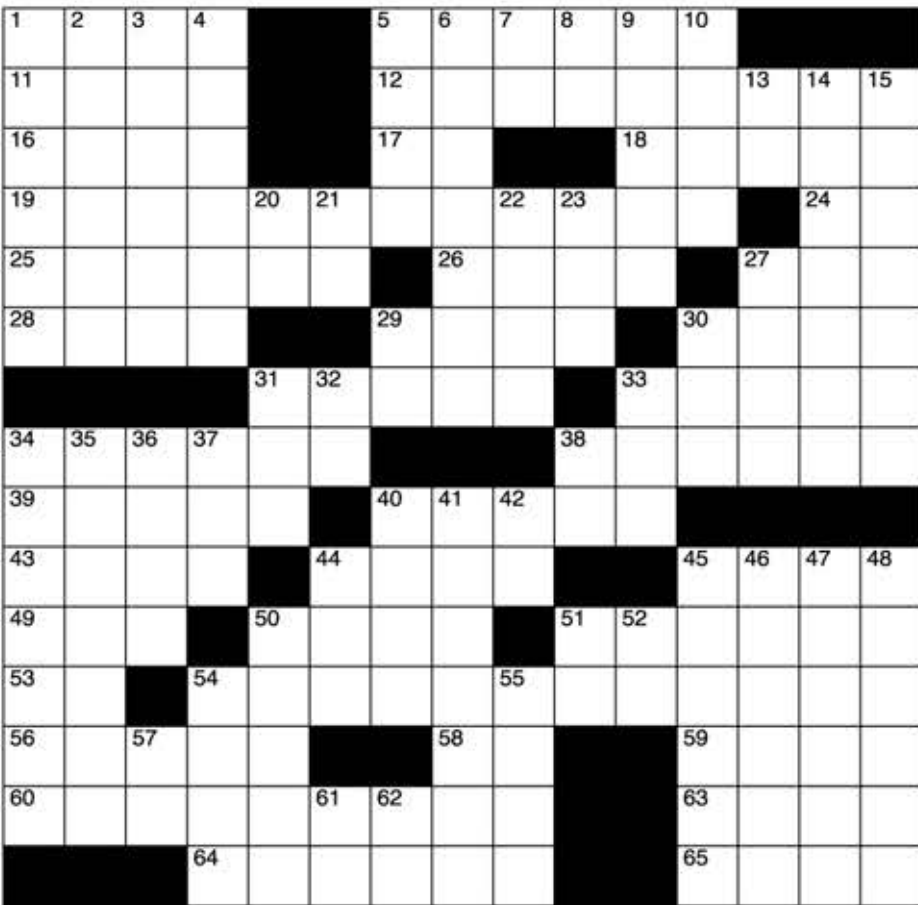
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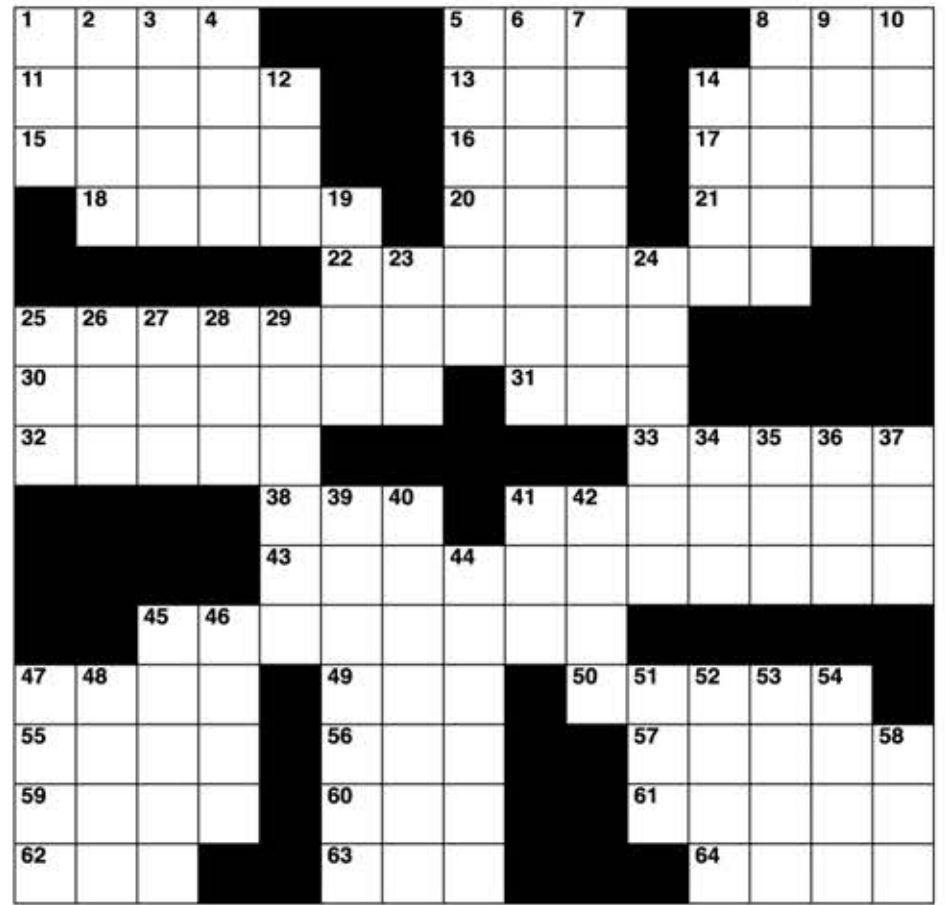


**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 5. Requesting
- 11. Give temporarily
- 12. Happiness
- 16. Military branch
- 17. -, denotes past
- 18. Middle Eastern city
- 19. Air hostesses
- 24. Partner to Pa
- 25. Percussion instrument
- 26. Popular computers
- 27. Decrease light
- 28. Valley in the Osh Region
- 29. "To \_ his own"
- 30. Absence of difficulty
- 31. Notice announcing intended marriage read out in church
- 33. Trims by cutting
- 34. Impact
- 38. Military member
- 39. A French river
- 40. Member of prehistoric people in Mexico
- 43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 44. Musician Clapton
- 45. Greek sophist
- 49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 50. Narrow valley
- 51. A way to disentangle
- 53. Indicates not an issue (abbr.)
- 54. Recommending
- 56. Genus of legumes
- 58. Friend to Larry and Curly
- 59. Off-Broadway theater award
- 60. Fencers
- 63. Small Eurasian deer
- 64. Denoting passerine birds
- 65. Separate by category

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Colorless fluid part of blood
- 2. Of a main artery
- 3. Photographic equipment
- 4. Confirms a point
- 5. Developed over time
- 6. Not the leader
- 7. \_ Lang (country singer)
- 8. Adults need one
- 9. Nests of pheasants
- 10. Antelopes
- 13. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 14. Japanese three-stringed lute
- 15. Type of cat
- 20. Cools your home
- 21. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 22. Pouches
- 23. Trigraph
- 27. Form of Persian spoken in Afghanistan
- 29. \_ route
- 30. Body part
- 31. Bridge building degree
- 32. Indicates position
- 33. Political action committee
- 34. Tasty snack
- 35. Part of a quadruped
- 36. Locate
- 37. Pitching statistic
- 38. Of I
- 40. City in Utah
- 41. Football players in the trenches
- 42. Hammer is one
- 44. A "nightmarish" street
- 45. Performers
- 46. Slang for cut or scrape
- 47. More breathable
- 48. Most slick
- 50. Provokes
- 51. Home to college's Flyers
- 52. Sodium
- 54. Large fish of mackerel family
- 55. Zero
- 57. \_ and behold
- 61. The Palmetto State
- 62. Popular Tom Cruise movie franchise (abbr.)



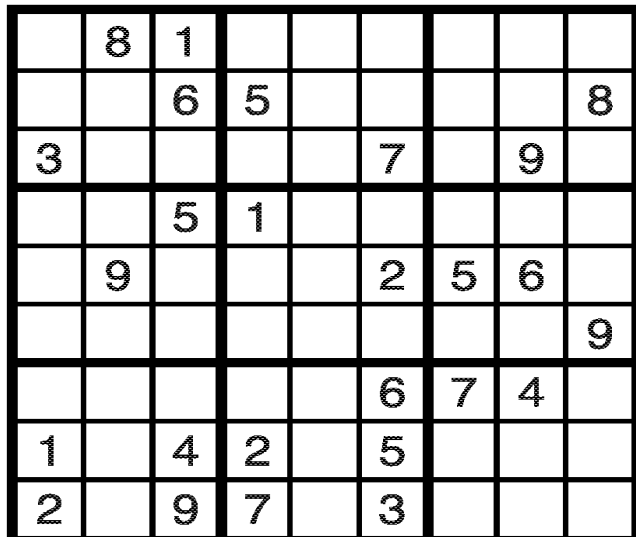
**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Golf scores
- 5. Shock therapy
- 8. Ballplayer's tool
- 11. Quench one's thirst
- 13. Female relatives of American war vets (abbr.)
- 14. Every one of two or more things
- 15. Member of Muslim people
- 16. Play
- 17. Type of cheese
- 18. Type of lounge chair
- 20. \_ King Cole, musician
- 21. Fellows
- 22. North, Central and South
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Foes
- 31. Georgia rockers
- 32. Cryptocurrency
- 33. Narrow path along a slope
- 38. Disallow
- 41. Joyousness
- 43. Inaccessible
- 45. Evoke emotions
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. Boston Celtic punk rockers (abbr.)
- 50. Sword
- 55. Actor Idris
- 56. Affirmative (slang)
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. One point north of northeast
- 60. Born of
- 61. Arabic name
- 62. Traumatic brain injury (abbr.)
- 63. Extremity
- 64. Post

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Pacific Standard Time
- 2. Protruding ridge on nematodes
- 3. Indian king
- 4. Type of milk
- 5. One who brings home the bacon
- 6. More comprehensible
- 7. Connected with sense of touch
- 8. Red mineral
- 9. Breezed through
- 10. Therefore
- 12. Supplement with difficulty
- 14. Early kingdom of Syria
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. They confuse doctors (abbr.)
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. Domesticated animal
- 26. Ribonucleic acid
- 27. Snakelike fish
- 28. Woman (French)
- 29. Economically-minded aircraft
- 34. When you hope to get somewhere
- 35. Tease
- 36. Actress Gretchen
- 37. Midway between northeast and east
- 39. Inoffensive
- 40. Yellowish cotton cloth
- 41. Consume
- 42. Does not tell the truth
- 44. Improved something
- 45. Spiritual leader
- 46. Abba \_, Israeli politician
- 47. Fix
- 48. Evergreen tree genus
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Major C. European river
- 54. Long, narrow strap
- 58. Male parent

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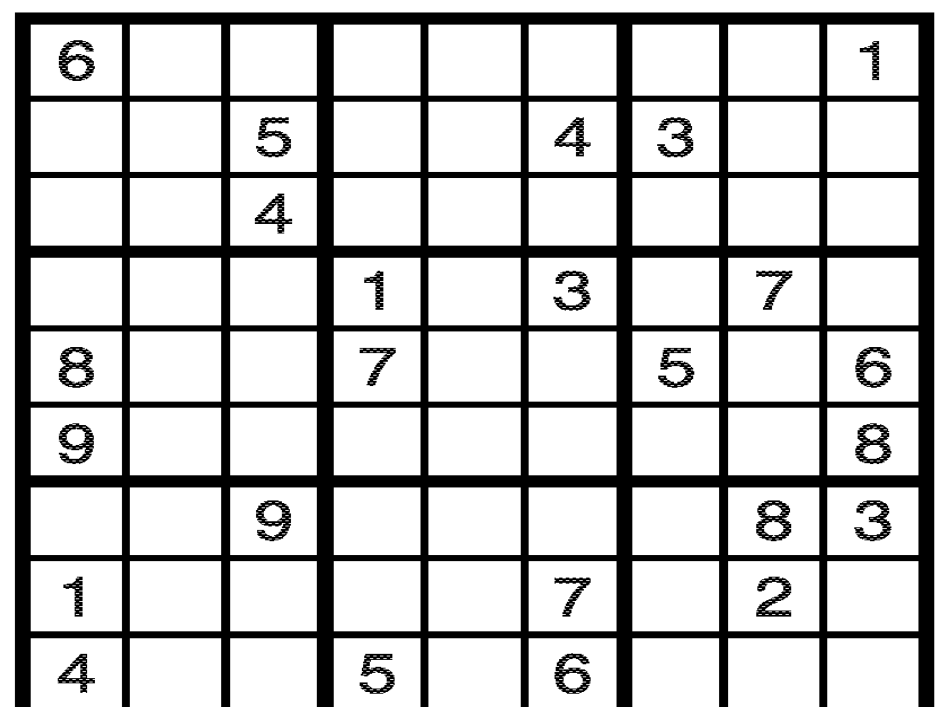
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The test for the Optical Scan System will be conducted in the County Clerk's office, on February 16, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.  
A pre-audited group of ballots will be processed. If an error is detected, the cause shall be determined and corrected and an errorless count shall be made before the tabulation equipment is approved. The test shall be open to the candidates, the news media and the public.  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT 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. It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the following newspapers:  
**Kirksville Daily Express**, a newspaper of general circulation in Adair County, Missouri  
**The Edina Sentinel**, a newspaper of general circulation in Knox County, Missouri.

**Publication shall be done once a week for six consecutive weeks.**  
A true copy from the record.  
Witness my hand and the seal of the court this **1-18-2024**  
First date of Publication: **01/31/2024**

**Martha Cole, Adair County Circuit Clerk**  
Clerk  
**/s/ Lacey Gottman**  
By Deputy Clerk

PUBLICATION DATES: 01/31/2024;02/07/2024;04/14/2024;02/21/2024;02/25/2024;03/06/2024

**Notice to Candidates Filing for Adair County Offices for Primary Election August 6, 2024**

The 2024 primary will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 (the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in August for even numbered years). The filing period for candidates is from **8:00 a.m. on February 27, 2024** and ends at **5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2024.** (Section 115.349, RSMo.)

**Established political parties in Missouri:** Republican, Democratic, Libertarian

**County Offices for Election:** County Commissioner 1st District, County Commissioner 2nd District, Sheriff, Assessor, Public Administrator, Coroner, Surveyor, and Township Committeepersons.

**When and Where to File:** Filing opens on February 27, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. and closes on March 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Candidate filing is held in the office of Sandy Collop, Adair County Clerk, on the 2nd floor of the Adair County Courthouse at 106 W. Washington in Kirksville, Missouri. (Section 115.349, RSMo.)

**Ballot Placement:** Candidates who file on the first day by 5:00 p.m. will select a number by random drawing. The random number drawn determines the candidate's primary ballot placement. After the first day, candidates are placed on the ballot in the order of their filing. (Section 115.395, RSMo.)

**Documents Needed for Filing:** (Sections 115.357, 115.306 RSMo.)

1. A \$100 filing fee for political party, or receipt of payment from the treasurer of the party's central committee (check or money order made out to the party's central committee) The clerk's office will NOT accept cash or credit cards.
2. Proof of Identity – Missouri driver's license, birth certificate, or other form of certified identification.
3. **A copy of an affidavit (Form 5120) which has been filed with the Department of Revenue.** A copy of the form may be found at <http://dor.mo.gov/forms/5120.pdf> and information about this requirement is available at <http://dor.mo.gov/personal/candidates>. (Section 115.306, RSMo.)
4. For **Public Administrator** a signed affidavit from a surety company authorized to do business in the state indicating that the candidate meets the bond requirements. The Associate Circuit Judge has set the bonding requirement for the Public Administrator at \$500,000.00. 473.730(1) RSMo.

**Committeepersons:** Declarations of candidacy may also be filed for the political offices of Township Committeemen and Committeewomen. These positions are elected at the Primary Election.

If you have any questions, you may contact Sandy Collop, Adair County Clerk/Election Authority at 660-665-3350

**NOTICE OF ABSENTEE VOTING  
ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS FEBRUARY 20, 2024  
FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
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**ABSENTEE** voting begins six weeks before every election and is available to any registered Adair County voter that will be unable to make it to their polling place on Election Day due to their absence from Adair County; incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability or caretaker residing at the same address; religious belief or practice; service as an election worker, first responder, health care worker, or member of law enforcement; incarceration but have retained qualifications for voting; or certified participant in the address confidentiality program established under section 589.660 to 589.681 Beginning February 20, 2024, you can vote an absentee ballot in person at the Adair County Annex building located at 300 N Franklin St, Kirksville, MO until 5:00 p.m. on April 2, 2024. Regular office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and March 30th 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **NEW PHOTO ID LAW WILL BE IN EFFECT**

To receive an absentee ballot by mail you must send your signed request for a ballot by letter or email to the County Clerk's office. Requests for ballots to be mailed will be accepted until **5:00 PM Wednesday, March 20, 2024.** Applications are available at [www.sos.mo.gov](http://www.sos.mo.gov) or call our office if you have any questions. Please include the address where you live and are registered, along with the address to which the ballot is to be mailed, your birth date or the last four (4) digits of your social security number for identification purposes.

Family members to the second degree may apply for a relative who is unable to do so.

All ballots must be received before the polls close at 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Persons that request an absentee ballot due to incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability or caretaker residing at same address, do not need to have their ballot return envelopes notarized. All other absentee ballot return envelopes must be notarized.

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**Invitation to Bidders**

Kirksville R-III School District hereby solicits written, sealed bids to be received (and subsequently publicly opened) for **ROOFING REPLACEMENTS 2024** no later than exactly 1:00 PM on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at the Administration Building, 1901 E Hamilton Street, Kirksville, Missouri 63501. Bidding documents will be available from BRS Architects, LLP after February 13, 2024, by calling (314) 402-5183. A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at the Administration Building. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason; to accept any bid which it deems to be in its best interest; and to reject all bids and solicit new bids. The District also reserves the right to waive any technicalities and negotiate any particulars within any bid. Bidders must provide, with the bid, a Bid Bond or cashier's check in the amount of 5% of the proposed contract sum. The successful bidder will be required to provide 100% Performance and Payment Bonds and to comply with the Missouri Prevailing Wage Law. All Bidders whose bids are in excess of \$5,000.00 must provide with their bid the Federal Work Authorization Program ("FWAP") Affidavit of Compliance and Verification Form with respect to employees working in connection with the contracted services, affirming enrollment in a FWAP. All workers on site must have completed OSHA Ten-Hour Training, prior to working on site.

**TRUSTEE'S SALE**

**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 Kirksville, County of Adair, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Adair County, State of Missouri, to wit:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF ADAIR, STATE OF MISSOURI, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 62, RANGE 16, SAID POINT BEING DUE EAST A DISTANCE OF 248 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 10; THENCE DUE SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 248 FEET, THENCE DUE WEST A DISTANCE OF 248 FEET; THENCE DUE NORTH A DISTANCE OF 139.37 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE, THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 108.73 FEET A DISTANCE 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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**IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**Case Number: 24AR-PR00009**  
(Date File Stamp)  
Judge or Division:  
PROBATE

In the Estate of MARTHA MATILDA BARNHILL, Deceased.  
**Notice to Creditors**  
(Small Estate)

**To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MARTHA MATILDA BARNHILL, Decedent.**

On January 10, 2024 a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMo, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

All creditors of Decedent, who died on October 5, 2023, are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo, sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of Decedent. A creditor may request that this estate be opened for administration.

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

Date of first publication is February 14, 2024.  
Martha Cole  
Adair County Circuit Clerk  
Publication Dates: 2-14-2024, 2-21-2024

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES**

The Region C Northeast Missouri Solid Waste Management District (NEMOSWMD) is seeking proposals for Administrative Services, Grant Coordination Services, and office space to be funded through a formula allocation received from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Solid Waste Management Program (MDNR). The NEMOSWMD serves the counties of Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Schuyler and Scotland.

NEMOSWMD intends to offer an annual contract renewable for up to five consecutive 12 month periods, beginning July 1, 2024.

Administrative and grant coordination services shall include, but are not limited to solid waste services planning, financial management including procurement, contract management, record keeping, accounting services, preparing grant calls, maintaining grant files for all sub-grantees, grant application preparation and submittal; maintaining an inventory of District assets, meeting scheduling and facilitating, maintaining compliance with MDNR reporting requirements, preparing an annual report, conducting bi-annual assessment of recycling services and other activities as directed by the NEMOSWMD Executive Board and Advisory Committee.

Information provided to the Solid Waste Management District shall include:

- A. The specialized experience and technical competence of the applicant with respect to grant administration and preparation and related work.
- B. The past record of performance of the applicant with respect to such factors as to the quality of work and ability to meet schedules.
- C. The applicant's proximity to and familiarity with the area where the projects are located.
- D. Capability of carrying out all aspects of professional and administration activities.
- E. Detailed cost of services and space provided (include description of space provided).
- F. Qualifications of key staff involved in program.

The NEMOSWMD encourages the submission of proposals from small, minority, and female owned firms.

The information requested above must be received as sealed bids clearly labeled "Administrative Services for Northeast Missouri Solid Waste Management District" on the outside of the envelope; addressed to David Wiggins, Chairman, NEMO Solid Waste Management District, Scotland County Courthouse, 117 S. Market St., Memphis, MO 63555 no later than 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 21st, 2024.

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## Northeast Regional Medical Center hosts cardiologist at Lunch and Learn event

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

February is American Heart Month and the folks at Northeast Regional Medical Center (NRMC) held a Lunch & Learn seminar with hospital cardiologist, Dr. Larry Handlin, D.O., at the Kirksville Aquatic Center on Friday, Feb. 9, as part of the month's activities.

Handlin, who came to Kirksville from Mexico, Mo., is working in his 30th year of fellowship in cardiology. He spoke and answered questions from a crowd of some 20-plus seniors who enjoyed a prepared lunch of sandwich wraps, grapes and baked chips.

According to Handlin, the hospital provides all cardiac procedures except bypass surgery. At NRMC, a patient can receive cardiac interventions as well as have a pacemaker installed in their hearts. He said that heart disease is the number one killer in the United States.

"More than 600,000 people will die in the U.S. this year alone, due to heart disease or complications thereof," he said, noting that sometimes people come into the hospital that have what appears to be an acute myocardial infarction, but more likely, it's more of a calcified buildup of the arteries over time.

Handlin discussed the hospital's new Shockwave technology for treating calcified and blocked arteries in heart disease patients. He explained

how Shockwave works by breaking down calcium deposits using waves, which expands the artery and improves blood flow.

He addressed concerns about the safety of the treatment and how it can be used in conjunction with other treatments, including the placement of stents in the arteries. He used a slideshow presentation to show the before and after pictures of the results of using the Shockwave software.

Handlin answered questions on the importance of regular exercise, ideal exercise duration, and aerobic activities, and emphasized walking 30 minutes a day for those who were able to.

"Hey, the more activity you do, the better," he said, noting that older people don't want to risk injuring their joints. "Do what you can do all within reason."

Some of the guests shared their personal experiences with pain management, blood pressure woes, heart beat rates and other ailments they suffered, getting answers and at times, reassurances from Handlin as they spoke of their personal conditions and treatments.

Handlin spoke of diet and how it affects cholesterol levels, suggesting that people lower their intake of fried foods and red meat. He said that eggs were ok to eat, jokingly noting that it depended on who's work you happen to be studying when learning about

eggs and their nutritional components.

"It raises your cholesterol but actually, there's enough substance in the eggs that it removes the cholesterol and helps you digest it better," he said. "It may change," he said, alluding to the longtime controversy of eggs and cholesterol.

He emphasized the importance of considering different factors and not jumping to conclusions when a person feels they're possibly suffering a heart attack. When asked about taking aspirin daily, Handlin said he believed it was a good thing. "I tell people though, if aspirin will not prevent you from having your first heart attack, it will prevent you from having your second heart attack," he said, noting that he felt aspirin would not be approved if it had hit the market today due to the fact that it can cause stomach upset.

"I'd almost rather you take a statin drug and get your cholesterol under control, then take an aspirin," he said.

He said that heart disease affects women differently than it does men, with men experiencing chest pain while women will complain of shortness of breath, fatigue and dizziness.

"Women are extremely different," he said. While he did not know exactly why women experienced heart disease different, he said that they have smaller arteries and that might be a reason.



Handlin said that with Valentine's Day approaching, the subject of chocolates and their benefits was a question often asked.

"Yes, chocolate is good for your heart," he said. An ounce of chocolate, which is full of flavonoids or antioxidants, does help with heart circulation — and so chocolate is good."

He said that a glass of red wine could also be beneficial due to the antioxidants in it, as long as the glass wasn't too big. He added that the best oils to cook with were safflower, sesame, canola and coconut while the best nuts to munch on were pistachios and walnuts.

Handlin said that while you can have a heart attack because you have heart disease, you can have heart disease and not have a heart attack.

He said that risk factors for heart disease rise based on a person's blood pressure, weight, sex, age and whether they are diabetic and/or smoke. He said it can also decrease when you exercise and

make similar lifestyle changes. He said that heart rates are unique to an individual and that it's not necessarily dependent upon a person's blood pressure.

"I usually tell people it's a sign, most of the time, that something else is going on," he said. "So if your heart rates a little faster, you may have a temperature; you may be lowering your blood count; your thyroid may be out of whack; your electrolytes may be out of whack; you may be running down the street — you know there's a lot of things that can increase your heart rate — not necessarily blood pressure."

After the meeting, Handlin spoke about American Heart Health Month, reiterating his concerns about a diet of fried foods and red meat.

"Fish is good for you," he said. "Usually the typical white meats — but also, exercise is good for you, too. And what I'm talking about is 30 minutes of activity, five days a week."

Handlin said that while

the winters are difficult in Kirksville, making it hard for people to get out, he suggested they explore walking around local stores such as Menard's or Walmart to get their 30 minutes of walking in. For those who find it difficult to walk, he suggested stationary bicycles and water aerobic activities.

Handlin suggested checking with the American Heart Association for more information on heart health and tips on the best ways to keep your heart healthy.

Before leaving, Handlin offered one more piece of advice for handling stress and improving heart health, particularly this weekend when the Kansas City Chiefs play the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl.

"As you're watching the big game over the weekend here, and maybe the team's behind at the half-time or whatnot, instead of going out and having a smoke and slamming a shot or a beer down your throat, eat some veggies and go for a walk to take the tension off."

## Sparklight donates to La Plata R-II School District following December fire

By Sparklight®

Sparklight® recently donated \$2,500 to La Plata R-II School District, following a December fire which resulted in the temporary closure of the elementary school and district kitchen while damages undergo repair. The company also upgraded internet service for the students' interim classroom to ensure uninterrupted academic instruction.

The elementary school students, who have been displaced since early December 2023, are using space at First Baptist Church in La Plata to continue their schooling. To ensure sufficient speeds and bandwidth for the stu-

dents, Sparklight provided a free upgrade to the church's internet service.

"Sparklight is deeply committed to the communities where we live and serve and we are pleased to support La Plata R-II School District during this difficult time," said Martin Stitzer, Sparklight's Kirksville general manager. "We understand the critical role the internet plays in education, and we want to ensure students and faculty stay connected to the essential online tools and resources necessary for learning."

"We want to express our sincere thanks to Sparklight for their generous support and concern for our school, students and



Left to right: Elementary Principal Chere Ball, Sparklight GM Martin Stitzer, and School Superintendent Dr. Lucas McKinnis. PHOTO COURTESY OF LOIS BRAGG

teachers," said Dr. Lucas McKinnis, superintendent of La Plata R-II School District. "It is this type of community partnership that makes a real difference in our community, and we are grateful for their ongoing support."

Being a strong local community partner is central to Sparklight's purpose and values. In addition to donations of time and resources to var-

ious community organizations, the company annually awards \$250,000 in grants to nonprofits across the company's footprint through its Charitable Giving Fund, which focuses on awarding grants to advance education and digital literacy, reduce food insecurity and enhance community development.

For more information about Sparklight, visit [www.sparklight.com](http://www.sparklight.com).

## Take control of your heart health with Complete Family Medicine

By Complete Family Medicine

February is National Heart Month. Complete Family Medicine and Hannibal Regional look to raise awareness about heart health and inspire individuals to take proactive steps towards improving their cardiovascular well-being.

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## Kirksville City Council tables motion to approve loan to Community Opportunities, Inc. after business closes its doors

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

The Kirksville City Council, at their Feb. 5 meeting, tabled discussion on a resolution authorizing the city manager to negotiate and execute a loan agreement through the city's revolving loan fund to provide financing to Community Opportunities, Inc., after learning of the business's closure.

According to the city staff report, the loan was for the organization to begin a new program of supported employment for developmentally disabled workers and major restructuring of current programs, all of which was contingent upon final approval by the Missouri Department of



Economic Development.

The loan request was originally agendized to be discussed at the council's Jan. 8 study session, but representatives of the organization cancelled their appearance at that meeting and withdrew its request. At the time, the council postponed the agenda item to the Feb. 5 meeting, which is why it

appeared on the agenda. Assistant City Manager Ashley Young told the council that the Community Opportunities, Inc. Board voted to close the business a week after they were scheduled to speak at the study session.

Young said that the city has reached out to High Hopes Recycling Center on Halliburton Street and

that they plan to scale up their operations.

"Certainly a loss for the community," said Councilman John Gardner.

"Absolutely," responded Mayor Zac Burden.

Community Opportunities, a local non-profit, employed 47 developmentally-disabled adults as of last summer, primarily providing recycling services to the community. In the aftermath of the pandemic, followed by record-high utility costs last winter and a deteriorating building, the organization began to feel financially pinched as summer approached. Another factor in their demise was an extreme drop in prices for cardboard and other recyclable materials.

## KIRKSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ARREST REPORTS: FEB. 3-8, 2024

Ranae Noel Breden, 30, of Kirksville, was arrested by Kirksville police after a traffic stop on East McPherson Street on Feb. 3 at 12:27 a.m. Breden is alleged to have been driving on a revoked or suspended driver's license, a misdemeanor first offense.

Bridgett L. Wolter, 34 of Knox City, was arrested on a warrant by Kirksville police at 2214 N. Baltimore Street at 3:17 a.m. on Feb. 3. Judge Kristie Jean Swaim issued a warrant for Wolter on Jan. 25. Wolter failed to appear in court on a felony drug possession charge and a misdemeanor charge of operating a motor vehicle while failing to maintain financial responsibility. Her bond is set at \$10,000.

Charles E. Veatch, 43, of Kirksville, was arrested on a warrant by Kirksville police at 1700 N. Centennial Avenue on Feb. 4 at 10:33 a.m. A warrant had been issued on Jan. 18 by Judge Kristie Jean Swaim. According to court documents, Veatch is alleged to have failed to appear on a misdemeanor charge of inhaling/smelling the fumes of a solvent from July 2023 as well as a pair of traffic infractions from Sept. 2023.

Christena J. Anders, 35, of Kirksville, was arrested by Kirksville police 2:52 p.m. on Feb. 5 at 516 S. Main Street on a probation violation warrant. The warrant was issued on Jan. 30 by Adair County Judge Corey R. Moon. Anders had been on probation for a June 2019 possession of a controlled substance felony charge.

A warrant led to the arrest of Necole Peek, 42, after Kirksville police responded to a harassment call at 919 W. Martha Street on Feb. 5 at 1:31 a.m.

Joey Leon Allensworth, 49, of Maywood, was arrested by Kirksville police on a failure to appear warrant after police made a traffic stop on Allensworth at 2001 N. Os-teopathy Street at 1:14 a.m. on Feb. 5. An extradition hearing to return Allensworth to Illinois was held on Feb. 6 in the court of Judge Kristie

Jean Swaim and the waiver of extradition order was upheld.

A traffic stop by Kirksville police on Baird Street on Feb. 8 at 11:39 p.m., led to the arrest of Brittney Steele, 36, of Kirksville, on a charge of driving while her li-

cense was suspended or revoked, allegedly her 2nd or 3rd misdemeanor offense.

A traffic stop by Kirksville police in the 500 block of South Baltimore Street on Feb. 9 at 2:40 a.m., led to the arrest of Roy Clark, 54,

on a felony charge of having no valid license, allegedly his 3rd or subsequent offense.

Kirksville police arrested Angela Priscilla Meinberg of Lancaster on Feb. 8, on a warrant that was issued by Judge Kelly Laree

Lovekamp on the same day. The warrant was issued on charges of statutory sodomy or attempted statutory sodomy-deviate sexual intercourse with a person under 12 and sexual intercourse with a person under 12. Both charges

are unclassified felonies that date back to March of 2022. Bond was set at \$100,000. An arraignment and bond hearing have been scheduled for Feb. 13. Meinberg was charged by the Schuyler County Prosecuting Attorney.

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# Kirkville preliminary updated floodplain map released; public appeal period to begin

By City of Kirkville

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been working to update its floodplain maps in the local area. Preliminary maps have now been released and there is a 90-day public appeal period before the maps are finalized.

These maps haven't been updated in Adair County since 1984, so there may be changes. New technology and surveying techniques were used by FEMA to create more accurate maps that show flood risk in Kirkville.

It is important to view the preliminary maps because if your property is in or near a flood zone, there may be impacts on your property. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for floodplain management mea-

asures, as well as keeping the city qualified for the National Flood Insurance Program.

The appeal process opens on Feb. 7 and will remain open for 90 days. Property owners who believe their property rights will be adversely affected by the proposed flood hazard determinations may submit an appeal to the city of Kirkville, which would then be submitted to FEMA. Only appeals of the proposed hazard determinations supported by scientific or technical data will be considered.

To submit an appeal or comment with the city of Kirkville or ask questions about the process, contact Code Enforcement Director Reid Yardley, the local floodplain administrator, by calling 660-627-1272 or emailing ryardley@kirkvillecity.com.

Below are instructions on how to view the map. Helpful links

can also be found at [KirkvilleCity.com/p/floodplain](http://KirkvilleCity.com/p/floodplain).

For additional info on the 90-day appeal period, visit [floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE\\_Status/bfe\\_main.asp](http://floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp) or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627). Specialists at the FMIX Customer Care Center can help you with questions about flood mapping and insurance.

Instructions to view the preliminary map (Please note that the site can be slow in loading), Go to <https://amecei.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=2ac0864241b747b4b-11302f2c4cc7bc9>

- 1) Zoom in on Kirkville
- 2) Click the fourth circle from the left on the bottom of the page. It should say Preliminary when you hover over it.



3) When the window opens, select Preliminary Special Flood Hazard Areas to see the proposed map

4) The hashed area is the floodway, where construction is very tough to get approved.

5) The blue area is the 100-year

floodplain, where there are restrictions and requirements that must be met to build in.

6) The orange area is the 200-year floodplain, which is not regulated at this time. However, it is important to note for prospective buyers or contractors.

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802 W. Hamilton  
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Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
**Southside Baptist Church**  
1010 W. Burton  
Pastor: Aaron Rodgers  
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10:30 Morning Worship  
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10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
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10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service  
[www.lakeroadchapel.org](http://www.lakeroadchapel.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**

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

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
124 N. Mulanix  
Rev. Amy L. Fallon, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
**Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
1301 N. Elson  
Curtis Denney, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sabbath School (Saturday)  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Saturday)  
Fellowship Dinner on 4th Saturday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**First Baptist Church**  
Winigan, Winigan, Mo.  
Sam Burkholder, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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

**Bible Missionary Church**  
508 S. Main St.  
Bro. Glenn Kiger, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
**LaPlata Christian Church**  
Scott McNay, Pastor

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
**Queen City Christian Church**  
Queen City, Mo.  
Justin Briney, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Bible School  
10:30 a.m. Communion/worship Hour

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

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

**First Baptist Church of LaPlata**  
B. J. McAlpin, Pastor  
9:00 am "Donut Hole" Fellowship  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Evening Worship  
6:00 pm Monday - AWANA  
<http://laplatafbc.org/>  
Email: [laplatafbc@gmail.com](mailto:laplatafbc@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

**St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA**  
North of Queen City go East on Rt. O  
Pastor, Bill Iammattéo-Code  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

**Colony Baptist Church**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday worship  
**Cornerstone Community Church**  
Meeting at the Fohn Family Center  
404N. Elson  
9:30 a.m. Sunday Small Group Bible Study designed for adults

**Locust Hill Community Church**  
Rt. I, Novelty, Mo  
William Gaines, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

**New Harmony Free Will Baptist**  
3 miles West of Greentop on Rt. K  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
**Word Alive!**

**Family Church**  
Hwy 63, Greentop  
Pastors: Robert Gange  
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship,  
Adult service, Childrens Church  
**Schuyler County Church of Faith**  
Highway 136 East, Lancaster  
Sonny Smyser, Pastor  
8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Sunday Services  
11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday Class  
3rd Sunday Fellowship dinner 12 noon

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

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

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