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Jessica has invested her entire life into the business, which recently relocated to a new location on South Baltimore Street. Being community driven, she hopes to be an inspiration to young girls and women that are struggling to find or re-find their purpose, encouraging them that even at mid-life, you can change who you are and become a better you.

Sometimes there's more to life than what you think there is and Jessica, by winning on her own terms, aims to prove that theory to other women who might feel overwhelmed and afraid to take that step into an unknown future.

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Kirksville Arts Association showcases the local area's culture and diversity

In a city filled with talented artists, the Kirksville Arts Association's Sue Ross Arts Center, just off the square in downtown Kirksville, is the cultural hub of the local art community.

Throughout the year the arts center provides a home to local painters, quilters, photographers and craftsmen that live locally or have a connection to Kirksville.

In addition, the Arts Center sponsors performing arts, notably the Summer on the Square concert series on the lawn of the Adair County Courthouse, with popular local bands performing on Friday nights when the weather cooperates.

The organization, which traces its roots back to the first Red Barn Arts and Crafts Festival held in 1974, will celebrate its "Golden Anniversary" — 50 years — on Sept. 28 when Red Barn returns.

With approximately 200 members, Kirksville Arts Association President Linda Treasure can recall the very



TOP PHOTO: Wares of a craftsman displayed at the annual Red Barn Arts and Crafts Festival. **RIGHT:** Linda Treasure, president of the Kirksville Arts Association with tile mosaics that were saved from the building that housed the organization until it was destroyed in a fire. **BOTTOM:** A girl checks out handmade dolls at the Red Barn festival





A band performs as part of the Kirksville Arts Association's Summer on the Square concert series.

first festival, which has become a city tradition and set in motion a course, through tragedy and triumph, that resulted in the organization's current residency in the "artistically" designed Sue Ross Arts Center.

"Red Barn was really the event that initially brought people together — and it was just a group of people who were interested in having an arts and crafts festival. It was originally held near the red barn on Truman campus," Treasure said, noting that from those roots, the Red Barn "name just stuck."

At one time Red Barn was a two-day festival but with that came many obstacles. Today it is a one-day affair coinciding with Truman State University's Family Day and the Kiwanis



Art displayed by renowned Kirksville artist Clara Straight. An upstairs room of the Sue Ross Arts Center is named for Straight and features her work.

Sue Ross Arts Center

Club's Farmer's Market, with dozens and dozens of artists and craftspeople selling their wares at locations around the courthouse square and the surrounding streets.

But from that one successful festival, the Kirksville Arts Association has greatly expanded their offerings, with year-round exhibits and shows for 2024.

They opened the year with the Regional Artist Exhibit that continues to run through Feb 23. From March 4-22, they will host Clifford Lewis Warner's "The Roaming Artist" with an opening reception on March 7 from 5:30-7 p.m. The KHS Exhibit opens April 1 and runs through the 11th with a closing reception on April 11 from 5:30-7 p.m. The Regional High School Showcase will run from April 16-25 with a closing reception and awards presentation on April 25 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Other events include the Truman Graphic Arts Capstone in May; the Walker Family Exhibition that runs from May into June. The annual "Thank You for Your Service Photography Exhibit" in July and August; the annual "Hands of Friendship Quilt Guild" show in September and October; and the Holiday Marketplace that takes place during the holiday season, November/December.

Several more events planned for 2024 include the Barn Quilt Painting Workshop on Feb. 17; a Basket Weaving Workshop in either March or April; Tea to Remember on April 21; and the Summer on the Square concert series that kicks off in June and runs through August.

According to Treasure, the mission of the Kirksville Arts



TOP: Shoppers visit the Holiday Marketplace in the Sue Ross Arts Center during the Christmas season. BOTTOM: A dragonfly is embedded into the sink counter in a rest room at the Sue Ross Arts Center.





TOP: Kirksville veteran Jim Gardner receives a free quilt from Alice Allinson of the Hands of Friendship Quilt Guild, part of the Kirksville Arts Association's "Thank You For Your Service" photo exhibit. BOTTOM: Veteran Ken Scott with his picture during the "Thank You For Your Service" photo exhibit.

Association is to "celebrate, foster and share the arts" with a vision that residents and visitors to the community become engaged with and develop an interest and an appreciation for the arts.

"People may not recognize the importance of the arts in their life until it's no longer there," Treasure said, noting the time the organization's original building burned down and with it a lot of valued works. Saved though, was much of tile mosaics that graced the outside facade of the building. These works line the hallway walls of the Sue Ross Arts Center, between the main floor and the stairs leading to other showcase rooms.

"I think when people saw there was the possibility of that all being gone, then I think people realized, 'Hey, I like that. You know, I may not have spent a lot of time going in and seeing the exhibits or being involved with the arts, but I want it there in case I do want to become involved.'"

The Sue Ross Arts Center is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They can be reached at 660-665-0500 or kirksvilleart@gmail.com.



Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet will be held on Thursday, March 7 at the White Oaks Barn on State Hwy. 11. Among the evenings activities will be the Kirksville Young Professionals "Five Under 40" Awards, where 14 local young professionals are nominated and five are chosen. Visit kirksvilledailyexpress.com for further details.



Eastern Star Chapter 184 hosts their 9th Annual Princess Tea

The Eastern Star Chapter 184 will host their 9th Annual Princess Tea on Saturday, April 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Masonic Temple located at 217 E. Harrison St. in Kirksville. The event is open to Princesses ages 3 to 12 years of age and has a Fairyland Theme with flowers, butterflies and gnomes. Admission is \$5 per person at the door and includes a light lunch, games, arts, crafts, and prizes.



St. Patrick's Day 5000 Meter Run

The 39th annual St. Patrick's Day 5000 Meter Run will be held on Saturday, March 16, at the DuKum Inn, 111 S. Elson Street in Kirksville (Visit kirksville-dailyexpress.com for more details).

The run is a way to celebrate the holiday while supporting the Forest Lake Area Trail System (FLATS).

All registered runners and walkers receive a T-shirt, post race refreshments, and a chance to win door prizes.

Both the 5K run and 1.5 mile walk start at the same time with the course beginning and ending at the DuKum Inn. The course is mostly flat running on Kirksville streets.



Novinger Area-Wide Yard Sales & Flea Market

The annual Novinger Area Yard Sales & Flea Market event will be held again on Saturday, April 27, beginning at 8 a.m.

Residents of Novinger and the surrounding area (west of Kirksville, east of Green Castle, and along Highway 157) are encouraged to participate in selling yard sale items, funky junk, 2nd chance goods, antiques and collectibles, flea market items, crafts and commercial products.



Kirksville Diversity Festival celebrates with food, performances and activities

The Kirksville Diversity Festival will be held Saturday, April 27, from 1-4 p.m. at the Rieger Armory. Sponsored by the city of Kirksville, A.T. Still University and Truman State University, this unique and free event celebrates the community's diversity through food, performances and activities for all ages.

According to John Gardner, an organizer of the event, members of the community from the city of Kirksville, Truman State and A.T. Still University, all came together as a part of the city's Think 2040 strategic plan, which is made up of groups that address community issues. This particular subcommittee was exploring more community cultural events and thus was born the Diversity Festival, a way to bring community members together.

"The idea is to share the breadth and depth of the diversity of our Kirksville community," Gardner said in a 2022 interview. "See what kind of services are out there, what kind of opportunities for members of our community and also just to bring people together, something fun to do on a Saturday afternoon. It's just getting the community together, respecting our differences and what makes us all unique while also what makes all so similar being a part of this community."



Hannibal Regional 'Pink Out' Nights



Hannibal Regional Healthcare System is holding two "Pink Out" events to raise money for their "Inspire Hope" campaign, which helps cancer patients who travel or are going to have to travel long distances for radiation/oncology appointments.

On Feb. 1, the first Pink Out will be held at Brashear High School where the Tigers will face the Knox County Eagles.

According to Krista Garth, a marketing coordinator for Hannibal Regional, a t-shirt will be designed and sold for the game to help raise funds. Others will arrive to the game wearing pink to show their support.

"Usually, when you get to the game, everybody's wear-

ing some form of pink," Garth said.

A Pink Out game between the Kirksville Tigers and Fulton High School Hornets will be held on Feb. 9 at Kirksville High School.

Local high schools that want to participate in a "Pink Out" game at one of their contests can contact Garth at Krista.Garth@cfmcares.com

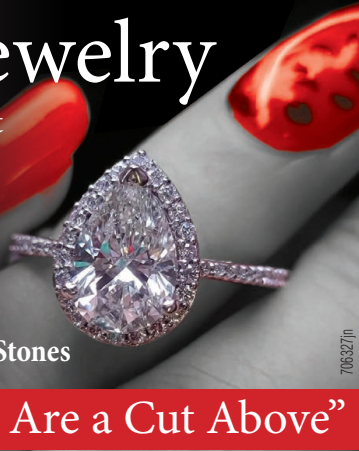
While pink is often used to represent breast cancer, the Inspire Hope campaign is for all types of cancers though they're still keeping with the pink theme. A small ceremony will be held at the game to honor cancer patients and there may be a raffle or bake sale to further add to the donations.

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ge. All children ages 2 to 12 are invited to
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Thousand Hills State Park Calendar of Events

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

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

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

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

Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Learn 2 Aim
 Begin your archer journey by attending a hands-on workshop this spring! This is a great opportunity to learn new skills with joint instruction on the basics of archery and atlatl throwing. Prior Registration is required. REGISTER AT: mostateparks.com/learn2

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



Saturday, April 20
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Earth Day

Come connect with the earth and nature through unique opportunities facilitated by community members! There will be activities and educational booths for all ages at this free event! Stations around the beach parking lot and paved trail.

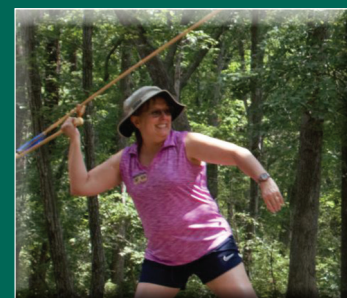
Friday, April 26
5 p.m.- 7 p.m.
Learn to Fish

Come learn to fish with us! There will be some equipment available for use. If you have your own fishing gear, please bring it. Fishers 15 or younger do not need a fishing license. Fishers 65 and up who are Missouri Residents do not need a fishing license. All other participants will need a fishing license to participate. Day permits can be purchased at the Missouri

Department of Conservation's Regional Office or online at <https://mdc-web.s3licensing.com/> Location TBD.

Saturday, April 27
10 a.m. Tree ID Hike

Have you ever wanted to learn to identify the different types of trees at Thousand Hills State Park? Join park staff to learn to identify some common native trees. Learn what to look for when starting to identify trees and common tips and tricks to help you better understand the trees around you. Meet at the Oak Trail next to the playground on Big Loop Trail Rd.



24th Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance to be held on April 26

The 24th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance is scheduled for April 26 at the NEMO Fair-ground Multi-purpose Building (Visit kirksvilledailyexpress.com for more details). In the past guests were offered free concessions, a photo booth, giveaways, and crafts. Proceeds of the event go toward supporting Heartland Task Force programming and activities.

The Heartland Task Force is working to reduce substance abuse among youth and adults through a systems approach to community-wide substance prevention — by increasing protective factors/developmental assets and decreasing risk factors. Proceeds of the event will go to support Heartland Task Force activities throughout the community, such as substance abuse prevention education programming in the after-school programs, support of the Strong Kids Campaign, 4-H sponsorships at the NEMO Fair, and other community programming events and sponsorships.



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Earth Day at Thousand Hills State Park



Earth Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Thousand Hills State Park in Kirksville. To celebrate nature, local organizations will have stations and activities set up around the beach parking lot and the paved trail. The event is weather permitting. Contact Thousand Hills State Park for more details.



NEMO Spring Job Fair

The NEMO Job Fair will be held at Moberly Area Community College on Friday, April 19 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The fair includes free admission, drawings for prizes, veteran services available, and there is a virtual option available. Employers at the event will include many local, state and federal entities..



2024 UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST MISSOURI ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS CEREMONY

The United Way of Northeast Missouri usually holds their annual meeting and awards ceremony in February (Visit kirksvilledailyexpress.com for more details).

Last year the United Way exceeded their goal of \$170,000 by bringing in \$184,049 or 108.3 percent of their goal for the last year.

Fundraisers throughout the year include Trivia Night in April, Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournaments held during both April and October, the annual pie and ice cream auction during the city's 4th of July celebration, the Wooden Nickel Golf Tournament, and a virtual talent show.

The annual campaign kickoff was held at the White Oaks Wedding Barn in September. Teaming with the Kirksville Daily Express, the organization held their second-ever annual holiday light contest this past December.

"Each of our partner agencies work hard every day to provide essential programs to help people in our community," said United Way Executive Director Bill Castles.




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3rd Annual United Way Trivia Night

The United Way of Northeast Missouri will host its 3rd annual Charity Trivia Night in April (Visit kirksvilledailyexpress.com for dates and times). Last year, a total of \$6,600 was raised through the charity event, with 18 teams, raising funds for the 11 local agencies who are funded by the United Way of Northeast Missouri.

Besides playing Trivia, there will be a raffle and participants will also play "heads or tails" and High/Low games.

Agencies of the United Way which benefit from the event include: Adair County 4H Council, Adair County Family YMCA, Boy Scouts of America/Great



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



Rotary Club Reverse Raffle

The Thousand Hills Rotary Club will hold their 10th Annual Reverse Raffle and silent auction at the Moose Lodge on Saturday night, April 27, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$125 and go on sale in mid-February. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time. The benefit provides support to a couple dozen local organizations.





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Feb. 22-24 at 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 25 at 2 p.m.
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55th Annual Phi Mu Alpha Jazz Festival

February 24
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Kansas City Chorale Kohlenberg Lyceum Event

March 5 • 7 p.m.
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Orchestra Concert III (Gold Medal Winners)

March 2 • 7:30 p.m.
Ophelia Parrish
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Opera Scenes 2024

March 23 • 7:30 p.m.
March 24 • 2 p.m.
Ophelia Parrish
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Concert Percussion

Ensemble II Spring Concert

April 7 • 4:30 p.m.
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This concert is free
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“Rocky Horror Show” Theatre Production

Performance Dates:
April 11-13, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.
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April 17 • 7:30 p.m.
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“Charlotte’s Web” Theatre Production

April 25-27 • 7:30 p.m.
April 28 • 2 p.m.
Black Box Theatre, Ophelia
Parrish Building
Seating is limited
Tickets: are \$10 and may be
purchased on boxoffice.truman.edu

Orchestra Concert IV

April 27 • 7:30 p.m.
The fourth and final orchestra concert of the 2023-2024 school year. Dr. Paul Grobey, conductor. This concert is free and open to the public. Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall

Spring Choral Concert

April 28 • 2 p.m.
A spring choral concert, featuring Voci, Chorus, and Cantorial! Concert is free and open to the public. Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

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2024 Community Engagement Conference encourages guests to 'Make Your Life Magical'

The 2024 Community Engagement Conference will be held on Saturday, March 2, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at William Matthew Middle School in Kirksville.

This free, one-day conference will bring individuals with disabilities and their families, provider agencies, professionals and community members together to focus on learning how to Be Magical and Make Your Life Magical.

Keynote Speaker, Cody Clark, will lead discussions on how you can use the many resources in your daily life to plan for and live the life you want.



Time to register for Little League

Registration for the 2024 Kirksville Baseball and Softball Leagues will open on Monday, Feb. 12. For more information on dates, times and registration fees, contact the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485



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19th Annual Kirksville Polar Plunge will raise funds for Special Olympics Missouri

The 19th Annual Kirksville Special Olympics Polar Plunge will be held on March 2 from 1-2 p.m. at Thousand Hills State Park. The event raised almost \$30,000 last year for Special Olympics Missouri.

Online fundraising is ongoing and organizers of the Plunge still hope to raise an additional \$2,500 to reach the goal of \$32,000.

For more information about the Polar Plunge, visit www.somo.org/plunge.



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

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

Local Cub Scout Troop to host Pinewood Derbies

Local Scout Troop Pack 404 will host both a Community Pinewood Derby and the Pack 404 Derby on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the First United Methodist Church.

The Community Pinewood Derby will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the entry fee is \$30, which includes the car and breakfast. There are 32 racing spots available.

The Pack 404 Pinewood Derby will take place the same day with check in at 1:30 p.m. and racing at 2 p.m. This is the chance to re-live the Pinewood Derby days of your youth. Who will make it into the winner's circle?

The day will begin with an "All you can eat Pancake Breakfast" at First United Methodist Church between 6 -11 a.m. Tickets are \$10

Other activities planned by Pack 404 include the Black Diamond District Pinewood Derby on March 9 at 9 a.m. at the Mary Immaculate School Gym, and the Friends of Troop 404



Bottomless BBQ Feed at the Fairgrounds on April 6 serving from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person.

For information on any of the activities, contact Erin Nolan at 660-216-2152.



Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament

The United Way of Northeast Missouri holds their semi-annual Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament fundraiser in April (Visit kirksvilledailyexpress.com for dates and times). Last year they raised \$2,680 when 40 local poker players came together to play for three cash prizes and a poker trophy.

"This poker tournament has been a traditional fundraiser that our United Way board and players look forward to each year. The tournament has been going on for 11 years and it has only gotten more popular and gained more players," said organizer Luke Callaghan after last year's tournament.



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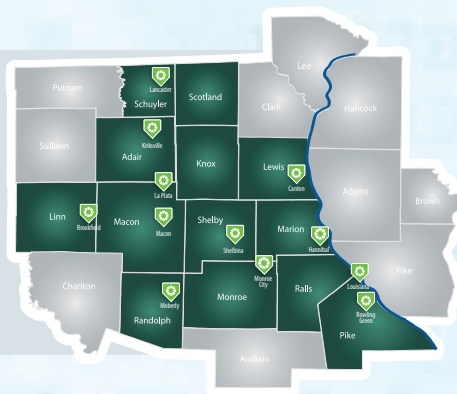
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