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City Council candidates square off at Rieger Armory forum

By Marty Bachman
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The Adair County Democratic Club held a candidate's forum at the Rieger Armory on Thursday, Feb. 15. Two candidates for Kirkville City Council and two candidates for the Kirkville R-3 School Board appeared at the event.

John Gardner, Kevin A. Alm, Angie Sullivan and Grant Caleb Hart Gleason all filed to run for the one open seat on the city council, currently being held by Gardner, but only Alm and Gardner appeared at the event. (This story will just include the city council debate, due to length.)

Alm said he has live in Kirkville for 48 years and has ran for city council 31 times.

"I hope I get in this

time," he said.

Gardner, the incumbent who's served a full term on the city council and is currently the mayor pro tem, said he's been a member of the Kirkville community for the last 16 years and loves being here. He has been involved in youth sports, served on a church board and has been involved in a variety of different leadership opportunities.

"One of the reasons why I'm running for re-election is that I really think that Kirkville is moving in a good direction," Gardner said. "We have a lot of really wonderful things happening in this community."

He said that subtle changes that aren't always noticeable included fixed roads, parks and other infrastructure improvements. He said that the



Kevin Alm

John Gardner

city is about to start putting in a secondary water clarifier at its water treatment plant, which to many, doesn't sound that exciting.

"You know what's really exciting is clean water and redundancy in our water system — and things like that," he said.

Gardner mentioned that the city had recently received \$3.2 million from the federal government to build a new airport termi-

nal and said he was grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the changes in the city made over the past three years, a role he would like to continue in.

"I'd like to continue to serve on city council and so I hope I earn your vote," he said.

The first question for the council candidates was: "What do you think are the two most crucial issues impacting the city of Kirks-

ville and how would you address them? Gardner said that number one is infrastructure and that the city needs to continue to focus on infrastructure improvements in the community.

"Infrastructure is really important," he said. "When we talk about new businesses, when we talk about growth in our community, when we talk about moving people here, all of that is based on the concept that the infrastructure is there."

He said that issues like the secondary clarifier at the water treatment plant, improving the city's lift stations so that the water gets to where it needs to go, operating the wastewater treatment plant and fixing the roads in the Factory Addition in the south part of town, are all critical to everything else being able to happen.

He said the other most crucial issue is crime, though he felt it wasn't as big of an issue in Kirkville. He said that the city has worked hard over the course of the last three years to provide Kirkville police officers additional resources, and is continuing to provide them the resources they need, including talks about building a new police station. He said that property crimes have dropped significantly this past year, something he was really glad to see. He said that he would remain focused on crime though, due to its impact on the victims it leaves in its wake.

Alm said that job creation and helping homeless people were issues he felt needed to be addressed.

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Adair County Democratic Club holds forum for two school board candidates

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

The Adair County Democratic Club held a candidate's forum at the Rieger Armory on Thursday, Feb. 15, and two candidates for the Kirkville R-3 School Board, Ted Frushour and Angela Caraway (incumbent), appeared at the event.

Frushour said that he has lived in Kirkville since he arrived as a Truman State University freshman in the fall of 1997. He is the director of Student Success at A.T. Still University, and previous to that, he worked at Truman State. Also, he's been an adjunct instructor at Moberly Area Community College in Kirkville for many years.

"I really love our community and I try to serve it as best I can, whenever I can," Frushour said, noting that he has assumed leadership roles in The United Way of Northeast Missouri, Kirkville Kiwanis Club and their farmer's market, the Forest Lake Area Trail System and as a boy scout parent.

"I keep pretty busy," he said, noting that he had unsuccessfully ran for the board last year when there was a vacancy and was uncertain if

he should do it again.

"Ultimately, I kind of decided that if you want to do something, you just should put yourself out there," he said. "And so, you know, here I am."

He said that he valued the insight he gained as a candidate and he has followed the board closely since then. He said that overall, the school district is well managed and that from students to teachers to administrators and the board, he admired the work being done.

"There's really endless dedication to making our district a place where kids can reach their fullest potential," Frushour said. "I really, really admire the work that the board has done over the last several years."

Frushour said that he has a public school education and he believes that public schools are the heart of the community and an important pillar for stability, growth and success. He said he is a good listener and looks for value in everyone's perspective as well as a diversity of opinion.

"I think that the best decisions come from collaboration and compromise, and I'm kind of good at helping to find that middle ground," he said. "I'm



Ted Frushour

Angela Caraway

also curious and inquisitive by nature, so I relish learning the details of curriculum and academic achievement policy."

Caraway said she is a longtime resident of Kirkville and that her three children were raised here. She said that she attended Kirkville High School as did her husband and children, all of whom graduated from there.

"I have a love for the district and I have wonderful memories of our children growing up there, working with teachers and administration," she said, noting that she is at a place in life where she wants to give back.

Caraway said that it was the effects of covid and a time the "community was in crisis" that motivated her to originally run for the school board, which she currently serves on. She said that she had spent 20 years working in behavioral health as a crisis counselor before serving in administration for 17 years. She said that she could see kids in the community as well as their parents, struggling, and felt she had something to

bring to the table due to her background in crisis intervention and bringing people together.

"I've been given the opportunity to do that and be part of that healing process, and for that I definitely am very grateful," she said, noting that the school board has moved forward onto "more stable ground and more community."

She said that as a mental health professional, she saw there was a lot of "learning lost" and the "deterioration" of social skills due to school closures during the pandemic.

"I think it's best for our kids to be seen but I also think it was great during covid that we were able to provide options," she said.

The first question asked of the candidates was in reference to an April ballot issue. According to the forum hosts, the ballot language will read: "Shall the Kirkville R-3 School District issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$33 million for the purpose of constructing,

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Area veterans to be honored in exhibit

By Kirkville Arts Association

The Kirkville Arts Association will be honoring area veterans with a photography exhibit at the Sue Ross Arts Center from July 8 through Aug. 29. This will be the third year for the "Thank You for Your Service" exhibit.

All former military members are eligible to participate. This spring, a professional photographer will be taking photographs of the veteran holding a photo of when they were in the service, if they have one. The photographs will be on display at the arts center which is open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 9 am to 3 pm. A closing reception, which is open to the public, will be held on Aug. 29 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. At the close of the show, the framed photographs will be given to the participating veterans. There is no cost to



Veteran Ken Scott with his picture during the 2023 "Thank You For Your Service" photo exhibit. NEMO PHOTOGRAPHY

participate in the exhibit or to visit the arts center.

Anyone interested in participating in the exhibit or for more information, can call the Kirkville Arts Association at 660-665-0500.

The Sue Ross Arts Center is located at 215 S. Franklin Street in Kirkville.

Kuntz wins Missouri Professional Auctioneers Association's 2024 Bid Calling Championship

By Missouri Professional Auctioneers Association

COLUMBIA — Missouri Professional Auctioneers Association announced that Scott Kuntz of Scotty's Auction Service in Macon, has won the 2024 Missouri bid calling championship at the MPAA Winter Conference held at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Columbia, on Feb. 17. There were 14 contestants from four states entered in the competition. After a preliminary round, final-

ists answered two interview questions and then auctioneered two assigned items. The interview was weighted at 40 percent and Finals Bid Calling weighted at 60 percent to determine the total final round contestant score. The Champion Bid Caller receives a belt buckle, a plaque, a cash prize and next year's conference registration. They are then asked to return the following year and emcee the MPAA Bid Calling Contest and auctioneer for the Ringman competition.



Scott Kuntz

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

By Project Linus

The 25th Annual National Project Linus "Make A Blanket Day" Sew-In event was held on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Kirkville Moose Lodge in Kirkville. Approximately 130 people attend to make blankets for area children in need of a blanket "hug."

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".

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Kirksville Area Calendar of Events

United Way of Northeast Missouri to hold annual meeting and awards ceremony

The United Way of Northeast Missouri (UWNEMO) will hold their annual meeting and awards ceremony on Thursday, Feb. 29 at 5:30 p.m. at the Dukum Inn side room. Representatives of the United Way Agencies will be recognized. A Most Outstanding United Way Agency award and the United Way Hall of Fame Award for 2024 will be presented. The 2024 Campaign team will be recognized by Amanda Selby, the 2024 drive chair. Special awards for Donation in Kind, Retail Employee Giving, Largest Campaign Percentage Increase and the United Way Generosity Award (highest per capital giving) will be named. Members of the 2024 United Way Board of Directors will be officially sworn into their positions on the board and the total raised in the 2024 Campaign will be announced.

15th Annual Community Engagement Conference

The 15th Annual 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. This conference will offer 15 breakout sessions addressing the needs of people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities throughout their life and those of their families, support teams, and area professionals. Call 660-665-9400 for more information.

17th Annual Kirkville Polar Plunge

The 17th Annual Kirkville Polar Plunge will take place on March 2. Brave men and women from around the area will don Hawaiian-themed costumes and swimwear and take "polar" dips into Thousand Hills Beach for the athletes of Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO). All proceeds from this year's event will benefit training and competition for the thousands of SOMO athletes across the state, including the Kirkville area. The Polar Plunge is open to anyone 10 years or older. The event will take place at Thousand Hills State Park, 20431 MO-157, Kirkville. Day-of registration begins at 11 a.m., and the Plunge starts promptly at 1 p.m. Register online or paper registration forms are also available at the SOMO North Area office, 702 S Woodbine, St Joseph, MO 64507. Mail or deliver pre-registration forms and the minimum \$75 contribution to Special Olympics Missouri Plunge 702 S Woodbine, St Joseph, MO 64507.

Orchestra Concert 3 (Gold Medal Winners)

The Orchestra Concert 3 (Gold Medal Winners) will be held on March 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Truman State University Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall

Will Schwartz Senior Composition Recital

Will Schwartz Senior Composition Recital will be held at 4 p.m. on March 3 at the Truman State University Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Truman State alumni to perform at Lyceum event

The multiple Grammy Award-winning vocal ensemble Kansas City Chorale will perform the next Kohlenberg Lyceum Series event at 7 p.m. March 5 in Baldwin Hall Auditorium. The performance will be a homecoming for alumni Frank Fleschner ('05) and Daniel Hansen ('13, '15), both Truman music graduates. Tickets are available in the Union & Involvement Office in the Student Union Building, the Advancement Office in McClain Hall 205 or the Admissions Office in the Ruth W. Towne Museum and Visitors Center. Tickets are also available downtown at the Kirkville Arts Association. Any remaining tickets will be available at the window starting 30 minutes before the show. This season all Kohlenberg Lyceum Series events are provided free of charge thanks to the generous support of local sponsors. For more information, visit lyceum.truman.edu or call 660-785-4133.

Truman State Ofstad Series to feature award-winning poet

The Ofstad Reading Series will host scholar Julie L. Moore at 7 p.m. March 6 in Student Union Building Alumni Room. A Best of the Net and eight-time Pushcart Prize nominee, Moore is the author of four poetry collections, including "Full Worm Moon," which won a 2018 Woodrow Hall Top Shelf Award and received honorable mention for the Conference on Christianity and

Literature 2018 Book of the Year Award. Moore currently resides in Indiana and is a senior online advisor and instructor of first-year composition for Eastern University's LifeFlex program.

A Reading and Q&A with Visiting Ofstad Scholar Julie L. Moore

A Reading and Q&A with Visiting Ofstad Scholar Julie L. Moore will be held at 7 p.m. on March 6 at Truman State University Baldwin Hall.

Wind Symphony I Concert featuring Invitational Band

A Wind Symphony I Concert featuring Invitational Band will be held at 7:30 p.m. on March 6 at the Truman State University Baldwin Auditorium.

Kirkville Area Chamber 5 Under 40 annual banquet

The Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual 5 Under 40 banquet on Thursday, March 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the White Oaks Barn on State Hwy. 11. Among the evenings activities will be the Kirkville Young Professionals "Five Under 40" Awards, where 14 local young professionals are nominated and five are chosen.

Wind Symphony II and Concert Band

The Wind Symphony II and Concert Band will be held at 7:30 p.m. on March 7 at the Truman State University Baldwin Auditorium.

Adair County SB40 2024 Spotlight Awards

The Adair County SB40 2024 Spotlight Awards will be held on March 8 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone Church, 1702 N. Elson Street in Kirkville. RSVP: 660-665-9400.



Kirkville Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Commission meeting

By City of Kirkville

The city of Kirkville's Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Commission will hold a meeting at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 29, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street. The commission will review the financial reports - 4th Quarter 2022; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Quarters 2023; the Downtown TIF

Financials; and South 63 Corridor TIF Financials

Old business agenda includes a Downtown Revitalization Program update. New business agenda includes election of officers, chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary/treasurer. The meeting will conclude with the 2023 TIF Annual Report To view the meeting agenda, click [HERE](#).



Truman State Lyceum to feature award-winning Kansas City Chorale

By Truman State University

The multiple Grammy Award-winning vocal ensemble Kansas City Chorale will perform the next Truman State University Kohlenberg Lyceum Se-

ries event at 7 p.m. March 5 in Baldwin Hall Auditorium.

The Kansas City Chorale debuted in 1982 and has been an integral part of the community ever since. Charles Bruffy has been artistic director since 1988 and has brought the choir international recognition. Together they have produced 11 recordings and have performed everywhere from New York City to South Korea.

The performance will be a homecoming for alumni Frank Fleschner ('05) and Daniel Hansen ('13, '15), both Truman music graduates.

Tickets will be available starting Feb. 21 downtown at the Kirkville Arts Association and at the Truman's Ruth W. Towne Museum and Visitors Center located at the corner of Franklin Street and Normal Avenue. Tickets will also be available at the window starting 30 minutes before the performance.

This season all Kohlenberg Lyceum Series events are provided free of charge thanks to the generous support of local sponsors, the Friends of the Lyceum program and the Truman State University Foundation. Friends of the Lyceum receive exclusive benefits including reserved seating, special parking and a commemorative gift of the season based on the level of their donation.

For more information, visit lyceum.truman.edu or call (660) 785-4133.

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KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Missouri caucus process starts Saturday with Republicans

The first caucus to select a presidential candidate for the state of Missouri will begin on Saturday, March 2. Missouri voters will only be able to select a presidential candidate through the caucus system instead of voting in a primary. Two years ago, Missouri lawmakers voted to get rid of the state's presidential preference primary at the polls and have political party caucuses as Missouri's only show of support for a candidate. The Missouri Republican Party will hold presidential caucuses in each county and the city of St. Louis on Saturday.

Adair County participants will meet at Cornerstone Church, 1702 N. Elson Street in Kirksville.

'Clifford Lewis Warner, The Roaming Artist (1895-1955)' at Sue Ross Arts Center

Kirksville Arts Association will present "Clifford Lewis Warner, The Roaming Artist (1895-1955)", March 4-22 at the Sue Ross Arts Center, 215 S. Franklin Street, Kirksville. Reception and presentation of information about the artist will be held on March 7 from 5:30-7 p.m. Art gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 660-665-0500 for more information or email kirksvilleart@gmail.com. Funded by Missouri Arts Council.

Master Gardener course to be held in-person in Kirksville

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

Extension Field Specialist in Horticulture at schutterj@missouri.edu or 660-665-9866.

Second Annual Regional High School Art Show seeks entries

The Kirksville Arts Association will be holding their second annual Regional High School Art Show April 16-25, at the Sue Ross Arts Center, 215 S. Franklin Street in Kirksville. Any high school age student from Adair, Knox, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, or Sullivan counties is eligible to enter. Entry forms can be obtained by contacting the Kirksville Arts Association at 660-665-0500. The show will be judged by a professional artist and cash awards will be given to the First, Second and Third place winners. Cash awards will also be given to five Honorable Mention award winners. In addition, the teacher of the First-place student will also receive a cash award to purchase art supplies for the classroom. The Kirksville Arts Association is a private, not for profit, community arts organization that hosts exhibits throughout the year at the Sue Ross Arts Center including local and nationally award-winning artists. There is no charge to view exhibits. The arts center is open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact the Kirksville Arts Association at 660-665-0500, or kirksvilleart@gmail.com.

CAPNEMO ADVOCATES SPEAKS TO ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE



At the Feb. 21 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, Community Action Partnership of Northeast Missouri Client Advocate Andrea Thurman spoke about the services available for low income and homeless individuals in the five counties they service: Adair, Clark, Knox, Schuyler and Scotland. The services involve providing electricity, food, clothing and temporary housing. CAPNEMO, which also sponsors Head Start, is funded by grants and fundraising. The speaker is pictured with Rotarian Dale Schenewerk who introduced her. ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE

KIRKSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ANNOUNCES NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department announced the launch of its new Scholarship Program, an initiative to reduce financial barriers for participation in the department's wide array of activities and programs.

To be eligible for a scholarship, you must reside within the city limits of Kirksville and meet the household size/yearly income requirements, which can be found on the application. Applicants meeting the el-

igibility guidelines are awarded a 50 percent scholarship on programs and events, including the Kirksville Baseball and Softball Leagues, Little Sluggers Tee Ball, Kids Mini Mud Mile, Group Swim Lessons and more.

Guidelines and the scholarship application can be found online at kirksvillecity.com/p/parks-recreation, or picked up in person at the Kirksville Aquatic Center.

For more information, contact the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

COUNCIL

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"We need to get something done," Alm said. "I can't do it alone. I'd like to have ideas from everybody, not just a handful of people."

The second question asked of the candidates was: "Over the past year there has been extreme weather in Kirksville, from record setting low temperatures to flash flooding. What steps should be taken to make Kirksville more resilient to natural disasters?"

Alm said that over the years he has seen extreme temperatures, trees are dying and water shortage in different places.

"It's getting harder and harder to do things and we need to figure out how to make things better," he said, noting that he felt that this summer will be hotter than ever.

Gardner said that "it's definitely been a hard year for Kirksville" related to weather. He said his family has been personally affected by flooding but he believed there were things the city council could do to minimize risks to city residents.

"One is looking at those areas where there are potential risks for weather issues," Gardner said. "For example, right now we're looking at flood maps and we're making sure that we're having conversations with those folks that live in those areas to see what they can do in order to make their homes more resilient for that type of issue."

He said that with recent temperatures as low as minus-21, the city needs to think about what folks can do with their homes in order to make them more resistant to that type of weather.

"I also think what the city can do in order to be more responsive when those things do go wrong," he said, suggesting the city might provide a means where community members can get access to plumbers, electricians, HVAC workers or other resources if they need assistance in those moments.

"Not necessarily paying for those types of things, but getting access to who those folks are and who the resources are in our community to help in those emergency situations," he said. "Also, being able to respond to things as simple as being able to shut off water so the disaster doesn't get worse. Once water starts flowing in a place if you have a broken pipe or something like that, it gets real bad real fast."

He suggested educating people on how to do those things as well.

"There's some low cost things that we can do that are preventative, that can make it a lot easier for folks, especially folks that are maybe in older homes and those kinds of things," he said.

Gardner said the city has American Rescue Plan Act money that can be made available for residents who may need a new roof, siding, window or door issues.

"I think those are a few different things we can do to address this issue," he said.

The third question asked was based on reviews of Contour Airlines, which provides airline service from Kirksville to Chicago. "How can we increase ease of

transportation to Kirksville from nearby metropolitan centers?"

Gardner said he has communicated with people that love Contour and people that hate it. He said that the benefits are they can get more people on flights to Chicago airports, which gives them access to more locations.

"I think getting people to the airport is something that we need to think about," he said, noting that the airport is "a little bit" outside of town. He said that without flights to Kansas City or St. Louis, the city needs to look at options that include bus transportation or group transportation.

"I think those are a little tricky, they're expensive, but we could maybe look into something like that," Gardner said.

He said that he felt the benefit of having Contour and it's flights to Chicago will pay off in the end.

"But I think getting folks to and from other major metropolitan areas is going to be a little bit tricky, just to be honest with you," he said.

Alm said he would rather see American taxi service to Kansas City or St. Louis.

The final question asked of the city council candidates was: "Do you think Kirksville's Main Street downtown is healthy and successful? If not what would you do to change that?"

Alm said that the city needs to have more social

time around the square on Friday and Saturday nights and that people need to spread the word about downtown.

Gardner said that he felt downtown has some "really wonderful aspects" and noted the "magic" of the Christmas parade last year, the tree lighting and the music afterwards.

"Those kinds of moments you just don't get anywhere else," Gardner said, noting the Red Barn festival and the Whiskey and Turkey events. "There's a lot of really great things happening down there and a number of wonderful stores and shops

in our downtown area."

He said that it's not perfect but there's "a lot of wonderful things going on."

He gave credit to the city's facade program, which he said has transformed the square over the last several years. He said he hoped to see more businesses and restaurants locating downtown

"That being the hub of a lot of different things we do is really a magical place," he said, noting that he wanted to see it become more successful for the stores, businesses and restaurants and that he wanted to see more events going on there.



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ROBIN WRITES

Age matters

Our country is having a senior moment. We're all focused on age and how it affects our ability to function as a productive member of society. Particularly, the emphasis is falling to whether older adults can effectively lead a government.

Because both our current presidential candidates are elderly, the playing field is even for conversation about this topic without sharing my personal political views. My vote will do that.

In other cultures, old people are revered and considered vessels of wisdom. Their infirmities are not the focus; their presence is valued. In our country, we tend to see the stumbles and dismiss their wealth of experience and knowledge.

We all get older, but we fight tooth and nail to both avoid and deny its inevitability. From facelifts to supplements, the costs of trying to maintain youth are only exceeded by the price we'll pay for the health-care we will need in our later years.

I remember nodding naïvely to the song, "My Generation" in the mid-'60s. Its line: "I hope I die before I get old" was a defiant mantra for teens who could never imagine how fervently they would concentrate on maintaining their health in their actual 60s.

I'm adjusting to the fact that I am, indeed, a senior citizen. I don't like the term, and I rankle against the connotations it implies, but my feelings won't change it.

The truth is this: I'm not the person I was in my 30s. Or 40s. Or even 50s. Instead, I am an older version of the me I feel in my soul.

Some changes I've seen are as obvious as the reflection in my mirror. Some show themselves when I try to "pop up" from the couch or "hop in" the car. Yes, I could exercise more and eat more healthily. I could get a facelift, I guess.

But the changes I fear—the most troubling—happen when I forget what I came into the kitchen for or struggle to remember a word I know as well as my own name.

Of all the effects of age, the loss of the sharp thinking and keen memory we enjoyed all our lives is what we dread. It is what we worry about when we can't sleep. When we are swept into complex situations in a world that is speeding past our 20th century frames of reference.

I like to think of it as having used up valuable brain space on a lifetime of thoughts.

I wish I could decide what to retain and what to forget. I'd like to sweep away the times tables and old phone numbers to make more room, but I'd still want to keep poems I memo-



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rized as a child, precious days of motherhood, and moments that shaped who I am.

Unfortunately, we're not able to pick and choose our memories. Our lives are contained in the things we remember, and they are vital to our well-being.

I wouldn't trade a single moment of love or joy in my past with the ability to remember the name of a restaurant I visited last month.

But it isn't easy, this process of getting older. All we can do is trust ourselves to keep going and function as well as we can for as long as we can, trying to maintain a sound mind and mobile body.

I doubt our society will change in my lifetime. But maybe, before we go, at least we "Boomers" can exemplify kindness to each other as we all travel the same inevitable path.

As Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel said: "When I was young, I admired clever people. Now that I am old, I admire kind people."

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HOME COUNTRY

Seven-Dog Slim

This Saturday morning, an old man here in New Mexico will act just a bit silly again as he has these past 50-odd years on the first Saturday in March.

I admit to being the silly old man in this case. So what will I do on Saturday? I'll open my closet and carefully take down my handmade gold parka that makes me look like a walking bunch of pillows stuffed in a down sleeping bag. Then I'll walk around and remember seven sled dogs who shared a famous trail with me those many long years ago. They certainly weren't the best sled dogs in that first Iditarod Dogsled Race from Anchorage to Nome, but they were the best I had. Well, six of them were. I had to borrow a dog to make a team of seven, which was the minimum-sized team that first year.

I didn't win any of that prize money. In fact, I didn't make it to Nome. I went about 350 miles and crushed an ankle under the sled runner and a couple of kids who didn't appear to be old enough to shave flew me and the team to a hospital in Anchorage in a helicopter. The wonderful lady who made that parka for me and ran race headquarters and was my wife at that time was named Pam. She died on



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Christmas Eve.

For the next five years, I served as a race official. And, after that first year, the minimum-sized team was expanded to nine dogs. I was the only fool, ever, to start that race with only seven dogs.

Here, let me bow and introduce myself ... Seven-Dog Slim at your service.

I won't be out on that trail this year because it's warmer here in my New Mexico home with the furnace working properly. But part of me will be there when those teams leave Anchorage Saturday morning. Part of me will always be there, wishing brave dog mushers well doesn't get old, even if we do. Be careful, guys and gals, and have a safe and wonderful race. It's a very long way to Nome.

Best wishes from Seven-Dog Slim.

Brought to you by the Anchorage animal shelter, who kept me in good, workable, loving dogs back in the 70s. Thank you.

PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER



Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month

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Welcome to Public Health Corner In this special edition, we shine a spotlight on Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month, dedicated to raising awareness about the prevalence of teen dating violence and empowering individuals to take action against it. Let's join hands to create safer, healthier relationships for teenagers across our community.

Understanding Teen Dating Violence:

Teen dating violence encompasses a range of abusive behaviors, including physical, emotional, or sexual abuse, as well as controlling or manipulative relationships, occurring in romantic relationships among adolescents. It's a pervasive issue that affects individuals of all backgrounds and can have lasting effects on mental and physical well-being.

Key Strategies for Prevention:

Education and Awareness: Educate teenagers about healthy relationships, consent, and boundaries. Promote open dialogue about dating violence, encouraging young people to recognize warning signs and seek help if needed.

Promoting Healthy Communication: Emphasize the importance of respectful communication and conflict resolution skills in relationships. Encourage teenagers to express their feelings and concerns openly and to listen to their partner's perspectives.

Empowering Peer Support: Foster a culture of support among peers, where teenagers feel comfortable seeking advice and assistance from friends if

they encounter dating violence. Encourage bystander intervention and empower peers to speak out against abusive behavior.

Taking Action:

Community Engagement: Engage schools, youth organizations, and community groups in Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month activities. Host workshops, seminars, or awareness campaigns to educate teenagers and adults alike about the importance of preventing dating violence.

Support Services: Ensure access to resources and support services for teenagers experiencing dating violence. Promote helplines, counseling services, and safe spaces where teenagers can seek assistance and guidance confidentially.

Advocacy and Policy Change: Advocate for policies and legislation that address teen dating violence prevention in schools and communities. Support initiatives that promote healthy relationship education and provide funding for prevention programs.

Your Role in Prevention:

As members of the community, we all have a role to play in preventing teen dating violence. By promoting healthy relationship dynamics, raising awareness, and supporting teenagers in accessing resources and support services, we can create a safer and more supportive environment for young people.

Let's stand together this Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month to raise our voices against dating violence and empower teenagers to build healthy, respectful relationships.

Thank you for your commitment to the well-being of our youth.

THE ROCKWOOD FILES

Are you the bomb or the balm?

What to do when the explosive has a pulse

When there's a bomb threat or, God forbid, an explosion, we run away and report it so attackers can be arrested and punished.

But what if the "bomb" in your surroundings is a person? Someone with volatile reactions and weaponized emotions? What do you do then?

I've been thinking about this for a few weeks after making a phone call to schedule a medical procedure for my mom. The sweet woman who answered the phone confirmed that they'd received the doctor's referral, and then she told me the name of the person who would be scheduling it. I thanked her and said I'd follow up in a day or so.

"Oh, no. Don't do that," she whispered with alarm in her voice. "She has a strict way of doing things, so she will call you when she's ready. You shouldn't call her. I don't want to get on her bad side. If you call her... well, I can tell you that it will not be appreciated."

The receptionist's nervous caution made me realize what she meant but couldn't say. She has a co-worker who explodes like a bomb if things don't go exactly how she wants. People have learned (probably the hard way) to tip-toe around her like a silent cat in a field of landmines.

Human "bombs" can be anywhere — workplaces, homes,

schools, family reunions, roads, airplanes, and sometimes even churches. It's scary and unnerving — to see what looks like a regular human suddenly explode with anger, sending emotional shrapnel far and wide. When we see someone "go off," we often diffuse the situation by giving apologies that aren't deserved or by retreating to a safer place.

Unfortunately, when we duck and cover or try to appease the bomb, it reinforces the idea that adult temper tantrums are effective. It's mean and manipulative, but the bomb will do what works. They'll pounce on any excuse to vent their rage.

People who work or live around human bombs balance on eggshells and dodge invisible hair triggers just to get through the day. These innocent bystanders who've seen and heard too much will say things like, "That's just how she is," or "He's been through a lot and has a bad temper."

Last time I checked, we all feel anger because it's a basic human emotion. Some of us manage it, and some explode — loudly or passive-aggressively. But bombs of any kind don't deserve a pass.

More and more, I'm learning that grown-ups and adults aren't always the same thing. Grown-ups have done the work of growing up physically and emotionally, and it shows even during their difficult moments. But some adults are just toddlers with mortgages. We mostly avoid them. But when possible, we've got to stand against lousy behavior with truth and consequences.



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Because the world is scattered with human bombs, the rest of us need to be a "balm" — the kind of person who makes someone feel better for no other reason than kindness and because they can. A balm who soothes the spirit and comforts old wounds.

Sometimes, even the smallest gesture can be a balm. A few days ago, I was in a McDonald's drive-thru, and the young man who slid open the window to take my credit card said, "Good morning," looked me in the eyes, and smiled in such a warm, genuine way that it felt like he was happy to see me — a tired, middle-aged, stressed-out lady in a wrinkled t-shirt who obviously hadn't showered in days. That three-second exchange made the morning feel hopeful. It made me want to be a balm, too.

If emotions are contagious, and I do believe they are, I want to be a grown-up who spreads the good ones.

Are you the bomb or the balm? Who do you know who's one or the other?

None of us are "how we are" with no capacity for change. It's a choice we make from one moment to the next.

May we all make the right one.

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POETRY CORNER

Special Times

As I look back... over my life... and at special times from my past,

I never realized... when special times... at some point would be my last.

Eating a fried chicken leg sandwich... a picnic with Grandma... oh, that tasted so good, We had to walk through the pasture... past the pond... heading all the way back to the woods. Spending the night with Aunt Bess... we bought a book about coins... coins that were so old,

In her living room that night... she emptied her purse... an 1853 large cent in front of me rolled. That book of coins... I showed my Grandma... she said "Let me grab something for years that I've carried".

In her hand was a penny... she said "It's very special"... from 1917, the year she and Grandpa were married.

So many memories... each one so special... and special memories all of us have had, Now looking back... knowing those days are long gone... you know that makes me sad.

— Daniel D. Donovan

OBITUARIES

Willis Hadley Hoyt III

Aug 29, 1943 – Feb 12, 2024

Willis Hadley Hoyt III, D.O., FAOCOO "Hadley" passed away at his home on February 12th, 2024. He was born August 29, 1943 in Kirksville, Missouri, the son of Dr. W. Hadley Hoyt Jr., and Helen Carver Hoyt. He was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Junia McCoy. He is survived by his wife Anita (Gatlin) Hoyt, his son, Dr. Will Hoyt IV and his wife, Dr. Autumn Clark of Springfield, MO, his daughter Tiffany Tinson and her husband, Jim, of Bronxville, NY and five beautiful grandchildren—Cara, William and Max Tinson, and Monica Ann and Willis Hoyt V. Also his sister, Martha Emerson of Portland ME, brother-in-law Ted Gatlin and wife Linda, Unionville, MO, sister-in-law Georgann Chandler, Kirksville, MO and nephews; Randy Clark, Chad (and Beth) Gatlin, Shane (and Katrina) Gatlin, Thomas (and Kathy) McCoy, Jared Emerson, and many great nephews and nieces.



He grew up in North Reading, Massachusetts and graduated from high school there. He attended Truman State University graduating Cum Laude with a degree in chemistry. While a Junior there he served as President of his class. He was a member of the Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity.

In 1966, while both were still students, he married his soulmate, Anita Gatlin from Unionville, MO. They were married 57 years, and he often referred to her as "the best decision I ever made."

He received his medical degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1968 and interned at Capitol Region Hospital in Jefferson City, MO.

He practiced Family medicine in Park Hills, MO with his dear friend and partner, Dr. Gerald Roberts, from 1969 to 1981.

In 1981, he started a residency under the direction of Dr. Larry McIntire in Otolaryngology that took him to study in many different places—Cleveland Clinic, Chicago Childrens, House Ear Institute, Los Angeles, Barnes Hospital, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, DC and others. He was forever grateful to Dr. McIntire for his training, and felt it was his responsibility to use his training for the good of all whom he could help.

Upon completion of his residency, he and his family moved to Des Moines, Iowa where he practiced for 15 years. In Des Moines, he established a residency-training program in Otolaryngology, served as the President of the Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association, and later as National President of his Specialty College. He served on the National Board of Examiners for Specialty Certification and was a Distinguished Fellow of the College. He was a member of the Christian Society of Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery. He served as an Elder at Central Presbyterian Church in Des Moines. He loved the extensive bike trails in Des Moines, and was an avid biker, jogger and triathlon participant.

In 1999, because of a worsening spinal condition, he and Anita moved to their lake home in Osage Beach, MO where he continued his surgical practice part time. He and Anita joined Harper Chapel United Methodist Church in 1999. He retired in 2020. He was a life-long learner and took Continuing Medical Education courses until the time of his death.

He did Medical Mission work in Mexico, Guatemala, and at the Tutwiler Clinic in Tutwiler, MS. Following the destruction of hurricane Katrina he volunteered in a lean-to clinic in D'Iberville, MS with minimal electricity and no running water.

Hadley had a real zest for life and made each day count, often saying he believed in "Life before death—don't waste it!" He cherished his many friends and deeply loved his family. He appreciated being able to travel the world and meet people of all different cultures, and sample exotic foods. He was an IFR private pilot and loved visiting every state in our country. He truly enjoyed being on the water, going fast in his offshore racer, and later in life, just cruising. He loved traveling in his motorhome, fishing, golfing, British cars and photography. He had a strong affection for animals and was known to foster abandoned wildlife to adulthood. Most of all, he loved his title of Grampy and spending time with his Grandchildren that he called his "Grands". He delighted in playing with the electric train "town" he built with them, towing them behind the boat, and teaching them archery, chess, and how to play pranks on each other.

Hadley had a big heart with a big capacity to love, and openly demonstrated it. For those who knew and loved him, the world will be a little colder without him.

Visitation will be this Sunday, February 18, from 2:00-4:00 at Hedges-Scott Millard Funeral Home in Osage Beach, MO. A Celebration of his Life will be held later this spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donation to Lake Regional Hospice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hedges-Scott-Millard Funeral Homes, 514 Highway 42, Osage Beach, MO 65065 (573) 348-3232. Condolences may be left online for the family at www.hedgesscott-millard.com.

Ronald Wayne Current

Nov 8, 1961 – Feb 14, 2024

Ronald Wayne Current, 62, of Kirksville, MO passed away Wednesday, February 14th, 2024 at the Northeast Regional Medical Center in Kirksville.

The son of Raymond Junior and Martha Viola (Hurley) Current, Ronald was born November 8th, 1961 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Ronald is survived by his Spouse, Karla Walker; Son, Damon Current of Iowa; Daughter, Shawna (Current) Wiebers of Iowa; Step-Children, Joshua Craig, Roselene Smith both of Kirksville, and Elizabeth Chatterton of Williston, North Dakota; Brother, Tim Current and Wife Connie Goodwin of Memphis, MO; Sister, Brenda Drobny of LaPlata, MO. He is also survived by thirteen grandchildren, Serenity and Gauge Craig, Mystikal Fordyce, Bella and Harper Craig, Brayden Young, Brady and Anna Barfuss, Joshua Call, Jaxston and Oaklynn Chatterton, Raedon Pruet and Jacob Wiebers; Niece, Kandi Peavler; Great-Nephew, Dakota Peavler; Great-Niece, ShyAnn Peavler; and many friends.

Ronald is preceded in death by his Parents and several Aunts and Uncles.

Ronald was born and raised in the Memphis and Lancaster area where he attended school. He received his GED. He was a roofer for many years and in construction and maintenance. He worked at the Baymont Motel in Kirksville in maintenance and also worked at the Crossing Church Thrift Store until he retired due to a disability. Ronald liked to fish, he loved his family near and far, and especially loved all his many grandchildren. He also liked fixing things for people and he would come help no matter what he was doing. He loved a lot of humor. Ronald was baptized in the Lancaster Baptist Church.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 24th, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home in Kirksville, MO with Pastor Sonny Smyser officiating. A visitation will be held one hour before the start of the service from 1-2 p.m. Burial will follow at Bullion Cemetery outside of Kirksville.

Pallbearers will be Joshua Craig, Jeremy Veach, Donnie Hurley, JR Risher, and Brady Barfuss with Honorary Pallbearers, Norman Miner and Richard Hurley.

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



James M. Stribling

Jun 11, 1938 – Feb 20, 2024

James M. Stribling, 85, of Kirksville, MO passed away Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at the LaPlata Nursing Home in LaPlata, MO.

The son of Thomas Wilson and Noema Ruth (Fortney) Stribling, James was born June 11, 1938 in Adair County, MO. On August 27, 1960, he was united in marriage to Donna Long, who survives.

He is also survived by his daughter, Teresa Detwiler and husband, Mark of Troy, MO; three grandchildren, Rachel Detwiler of Kansas City, KS, Meghan Deal and husband, Chris of Columbia, MO and Thomas Detwiler and wife, Allison of Moscow Mills, MO; and two great grandchildren, Theo and Jase.

James was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Patricia Leonard and her husband, Jimmie.

James was raised on a farm in Gibbs, MO. He graduated from Brashear High School with the Class of 1957. James served in the National Guard and he farmed most of his life in the Gibbs community. He and Donna moved to Kirksville in 2002 and he worked odd jobs. He liked cars and antique tractors. He attended the Brashear Community Bible Church and Life Church of Kirksville.

A graveside service will be held Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 2:00 PM at Park View Memorial Gardens in Kirksville, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Diabetes Association.



Joe Allen Briggs

Jun 27, 1947 – Feb 18, 2024

Joe Allen Briggs, 76, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away Sunday, February 18, 2024 at Moberly Regional Medical Center in Moberly, Missouri.

Born June 27, 1947 in Kirksville, Missouri, Joe was the son of the late Lesco and Alberta (Decker) Briggs. Joe was preceded in death by three brothers, Lowell "Buster" Briggs, Larry "Wally" Briggs, and Jim Briggs and one sister, Ruby Vincent. On February 15, 1980 in Kirksville, Missouri, Joe was united in marriage to Bernice Diana Morris who also preceded Joe in death on June 2, 2019.

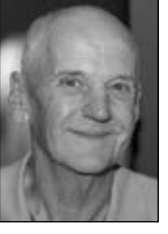
Joe was a wonderful and loving husband and father. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Wayne Butterbrodt of Killeen, TX; his daughter, Raquel Merryman of Grayslake, IL; his daughter and son-in-law, Victoria and Kyle Boris of Hillsboro, OH; his son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Beth Briggs of O'Fallon, MO; one brother Bill Briggs of Kirksville, MO; one sister, Cathy Cunningham of Kirksville, MO; eight grandchildren, Derek, Keaton, Deegan, Kaden, Lauren, Sydney, Benjamin and Travis; one great-grandchild, Kylee, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Joe enlisted in the United States Army in 1966 and was honorably discharged in 1968. In 1977 Joe enlisted in the Army National Guard where he served honorably until his retirement in 1996. Joe was employed at the Florsheim Shoe Company until its closure, after which he worked as a lab carrier for the Kirksville Osteopathic Medical Center (KOMC), and later as a general contractor in construction for many years.

Joe was an avid bowler and pool player, winning numerous trophies. He loved picking on the banjo and guitar as well as being a member of the Kirksville Moose Lodge #1751. Although he enjoyed many activities, his favorite pastime was spending quality time with his family, particularly in his cherished role as 'Best Grandpa' to his beloved grandchildren.

In accordance with Joe's wishes, he will be cremated and a graveside inurnment with full military honors will take place at the Forest Llewellyn Cemetery in Kirksville on March 8, 2024 at 2 p.m., under the direction of Travis-Noe Funeral Home.

Memorial donations in memory of Mr. Briggs may be made to a charity of your choice and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.



Glenda Sue Chalstrom

Feb 18, 1954 – Feb 12, 2024

Glenda Sue Chalstrom, age 69 of Las Vegas, Nevada, passed away Monday, February 12, 2024, at Nathan Adelson Hospice in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Born February 18, 1954, in Kirksville, Missouri, the daughter of Glen and Mary (Bruno) Harvey. On August 11, 1984, in Lincoln, Nebraska, she was united in marriage to Wade Chalstrom who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Drew of Columbia, Missouri and Tyler of West Des Moines, Iowa; one brother, Larry (June) Harvey of Macon, Missouri; nephew and niece, Chris (Cegan) Harvey of Kansas City, Missouri and Sarah (Ian) Markley of Independence, Missouri; and two great nephews, Orion and Alex Markley.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Sue was a 1972 graduate of La Plata High School and attended the College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Missouri. She worked in the banking industry for years before becoming a stay-at-home mom. Later she would venture back to work, making crowns for teeth.

The absolute love of her life was her two sons. She was at all the different sporting events or programs that they were involved in. Sue loved seeing them do things together. The day before she died, she got to see her boys dress up and go to the Super Bowl which was a bucket list item of theirs.

Sue enjoyed her two fur babies, Shadow and Kacy. She would dress them up and take pictures. Another great love of Sue's was the Lake of the Ozarks. Shortly after retiring Sue and Wade found a place on the lake. She called it her Happy Place. Whether it was on the water, in the water, with friends or family, she was loving it.

Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at Travis Funeral Chapel in La Plata, Missouri. Visitation was from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial was in the La Plata Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Nathan Adelson Hospice. They may be sent to or left at Travis Funeral Chapel, 125 S. Church St., La Plata, MO 63549.



Dr. Patricia Arlene Mead Smiser

Apr 12, 1936 – Dec 22, 2023

Dr. Patricia Arlene Mead Smiser died Friday December 22, 2023. She was born April 12, 1936, at home in Wayne County Iowa to Wilfred and Maxine Mead.



Pat graduated from Cambria High School in Cambria, Iowa. She started College in the fall of 1954 at Northeast Missouri State Teachers College. This is where she met her future husband at a summer college event. Ed was the acting student council president for the event and Pat happened to be placed in his square-dancing group. Ed said she wore black dress, was very tan and outstandingly gorgeous. Later he was told by a good friend that Pat was out of his league.

Pat married Ed Smiser May 31, 1959, in Chariton Iowa at the Methodist church.

Surviving, along with her husband Ed, are two daughters and a son. Leslie (Dale) Motter of Kirksville, MO, James (Terri) Smiser of Kirksville, MO, and Stephanie (Tim)Murphy of Las Vegas, NV. Grandchildren: Jeri (Bradley) Speak of Kirksville, MO Dee (Scott) Coleman of Callao, MO, Jimi Motter of Kirksville, MO, Robyn Brown of Kirksville, MO, Drew Smiser of Kirksville, MO, and Adam Smiser of Springfield, MO, Aidan Murphy, Emma Murphy and Keira Murphy of Las Vegas, NV. Great grandchildren: Ty Rachinski, Jordan Speak, Jocelyn Speak, Ryan Macedo, Lincoln Irwin all of Kirksville, MO and Charley Coleman, Andijane Coleman, and Randi Coleman all of Callao, MO., Janet Scott of Osage, MO (Terri's sister) Pat and Ed's extra daughter.

Pat had a gazillion nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and their families. She loved all of them very much and would be very excited to know about what was going on in their lives. Mead blood is strong with us all. There was always holiday get togethers, cousin retreats, reunions, and Christmas! Plenty of jokes about Iowans and Missourians.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Wilfred and Maxine Mead, Sisters Barbra Ilene Campbell, Kay Garton, Sue Halferty, and brother Rex Mead, a niece and three nephews. A very large hole in her heart, being the last in her immediate family to pass. She loved them immensely.

Family was the core of her heart after God. Pat was a great prayer warrior

and prayed for many people in her life up until the day she passed. On her last day she was consoling and praying for a young tech at the hospital who was trying to do her CAT scan, and getting interrupted by other nurses and tests.

Pat was driven by her love of education and her students. Pat received her bachelor's degree and master's degree from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College. She then went on to receive her Specialist and Doctorate degrees from The University of Missouri Columbia.

Pat's first teaching job was in Maxwell Elementary, Story County, Iowa (school years 1956-1957 and 1957-1958). Then Alm Clay Garfield, Chariton Iowa (school years 1958-1959 and 1959-1960). LaPlata Elementary School (school years 1961-1962 and 1962-1963). Washington School, Kirksville MO (school years 1963-1964 through 1973-1974), Administrative Assistant to Superintendent (school year 1974-1975), missing the students she returned to teaching at Benton School in Kirksville until she retired May 31, 1993. Pat worked at the Northeast MO. Community Action Agency From 7-19-93 to 12-30-94. Pat taught at Truman State University from 1996 - 2003 when she retired. Each place she taught is listed because she cared about every student and client.

Pat Smiser was a true educator and a lifelong learner. She obtained much of her education while working and raising her family. Pat taught through many different changes in the education system. She always wanted to know the latest theories in education, even through her final days.

Pat was a member of the First Baptist Church and Fellowship Baptist Church in Kirksville. A very faithful and active member giving of herself in many roles, committees, and teaching positions. She and Ed raised their family in church and the faith, and we are all blessed for this.

Pat was an avid reader. A book in her hand was a common site. She loved reading to her grand and great grand kids, and gifting books. She was a believer in the power of reading.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, March 10, 2024 at Fellowship Baptist Church in Kirksville, Missouri, with Rev. Larry Gibson and Rev. Ralph Wheeler officiating.

Please in lieu of flowers Pat would love, those wishing to do so, to donate to the American Diabetes Association. Thank-You

BLANKETS

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Blankets for children in need were assembled at the Moose Lodge and many brought a completed blanket or their own sewing machine to complete one of the precut kits that were available during the event. Donations were also made of new cotton fabric, acrylic yarn, fleece and other blanket-making supplies 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 about Project Linus, contact Conni Douvier at 660-947-4315, douvier@nemr.net, or visit their website at <http://www.projectlinus.org>.



Harper Sarna, 9, of Bloomfield, Iowa, won the grand prize...a new Babylock sewing machine. Tina Miller of Sewn@701 is shown presenting Harper with her new machine.



SCHOOL

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improving, renovating, preparing, furnishing and equipping new and existing school facilities, including installing a new secure entryway and safety improvements at the district's high school and constructing a new Education Center for the Performing Arts?"

If this question is approved, according to the forum hosts, the district's debt service property tax levy is estimated to remain unchanged at 0.8190 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of real and personal property."

"What do you tell undecided voters about this question?" the forum host asked.

Caraway said that children were the district's most precious commodity and that they need to look at a lot of the safety aspects that the district's assessment team brought to the board, including securing entrances and doors as well as providing updates to the high school, which she said is the oldest standing building in the district.

She felt that the performing arts center would be nice for the community and that while the district has spent a lot of money on sports, and she had children that played sports in and on those facilities, a performing arts center was the big ticket item in the bond proposal.

"I think it's very needed," she said.

Frushour said he mostly agreed with Caraway and that he believed "it's a really important project." He said that performing arts is what gets some students to school, gets them through algebra classes and gym —the option to play their music or participate in the theater.

"We have so many kids participate and giving them a real chance to do that on stage and in a place that fits the size of the program, I think that's very good — and that's in addition to providing learning opportunities," he said. "It's a way for students to engage and introduce themselves."

He said that other pieces of the bond proposal, the security, the updates to the roofs and parking lots, were critical to the district.

"I think this is going to get a lot closer to a level of security that comes from the protection of our most precious resource, our children," he said, noting that a vote for the tax will not increase the tax rate. "It's not a huge amount and it's hard for some people, but I think it's really worth it."

The second question asked was: "What issues do you think the district needs to address and what changes would you recommend?"

Frushour said that he felt the district was pretty well run and that he didn't see any giant gaps in the way

that they have organized the schools, the course offerings or performance issues.

"Everything is coming along pretty well," he said, noting, "There's always room for improvement in every area."

He said the district is still recovering from covid and that he's seen, from experience, a deterioration in behaviors. He said that there's more students who are struggling, particularly in the younger grades, and so finding ways to intervene in a timely manner to get the students who need extra help the help that they need, it takes the burden off of the classroom teacher to work with the students who are at grade level.

"Continuing to work towards providing that for every student is really, really important," he said.

He said that busing students to school was another issue that needed to be addressed, as most bus drivers do it as a side gig, and that the retention of bus drivers was a problem as well. He said that as bus rides become less reliable, it makes the school day longer and makes everything harder for students.

Caraway said that she felt some of the issues start with recruiting and retaining personnel, which is often made harder by workforce shortages that she said have created issues across the state and country. She said the board is looking at creative ideas, from providing scholarships to growing their own personnel.

"The district has consistently had teachers start at a higher salary than even what the governor is presenting," she said. "That's something that's key as far as our board is concerned."

Secondly, she said, is the culture and climate in the schools since covid, where there have been struggles with the professional development of teachers in how they manage classrooms with problematic students and behaviors, without distracting other students and taking them away from their learning. She said the

district has implemented a program called "Capturing Kids' Hearts," which is a social emotional learning model that makes the district more focused on how they treat people and how they build relationships.

"That's something that you definitely want to keep going as far as adding the sort of practices because some of the behaviors have just reached that level and I think there needs to be special attention of accountability," she said.

The third question asked was: "In your opinion, how should members of the school board be evaluated? How can the community evaluate the school board members effectiveness?"

Caraway said that the school board holds open meetings that people are welcome to attend and that all of the meeting minutes and voting records are open to the public.

"If you're concerned about how someone's voting, you're able to go to your district office and get that information," she said.

She said the board members try to develop relationships with teacher groups and hold forums with them, visit with them about things that are going on in their buildings and try to have that relationship with the board and the teachers.

"So we are making informed decisions when we come to the board meetings," she said about the board member efforts.

She said that she was against against board recalls being discussed in the last legislative session, because she thinks that citizens elect their board members and there is a process in place for recalls. She said that due to low voter turnout in rural areas, it doesn't take a whole lot to flip and change the dynamics of what the citizens of the community voted for and what they wanted.

Frushour said that the election is probably the most clear evaluation of a board member's performance and that the board meetings are all open with just a portion of votes being determined

in closed session.

"Community members are welcome to observe and listen to what board members have to say and review their voting records," Frushour said. "I think that as long as a board member is actively participating, has done their homework, is asking questions during meetings and is voting when they're supposed to vote, they're doing what they were elected to do."

He said that another way to learn is to receive feedback from employees in the district because those are the people the board is ultimately charged with recruiting and retaining.

"If employees in the district feel like this particular board member is not pulling their weight, that's something that can be heard — but ultimately it comes down to election time. That's that's when we make these decisions."

The last question asked was: "What do you think the district could continue, expand and improve upon, or add to to increase the safety and security of our students?"

Frushour said that the bond issue and its infrastructure improvements were "definitely top of mind" to him when it comes to safety and keeping the buildings as secure as possible.

"Managing the coming in and coming out using whether it's key cards or a ring or with cameras or the secretary— whoever's managing the doors can see who's coming in — that's pretty easy," he said. "Other things I think that really could help are probably safety measures within the school."

He said that he felt most students feel safe when they come to school but there are behaviors that can rise from classroom disruption to something that could risk a student's safety. He said that the more interventions that can be put in place on the behavioral side, whether that's prep, additional counseling, social work, school psychiatrist or paraprofessionals people who can be there in the classroom when a student is dealing with

behavioral issues and starts to disrupt the scene, they can be intervened on and everyone can feel safe.

"That's pretty key," he said, noting that there are processes the board can work on in terms of approach to counseling and leadership education within the buildings that will give students a sense of ownership of their behavior and will help the student self regulate.

"Those are things that I think we can work on as well," he said.

Caraway said that the district has been in conversations with the sheriff's department and local law enforcement about a second school resource officer employed by the police. She said that due to workplace shortages, that was probably not a direction the district could go but they can explore a contract with a security service similar to what she said the courthouse has, as well as a school protection officer, which also has the ability to be a commissioned officer but as a school district employee and not a shared employee with law enforcement.

"Those are conversations that are being had by the board and that's something that we want to pursue; more in-depth information about both options so we can make an informed decision," she said. "The second thing is to continue building positive culture and climate in our buildings."

She reiterated that mental health is her expertise and that she is aware of different school-based therapies that have been introduced in the school system. She said that they have clinicians in the schools to help ease access to services to parents that can't leave work in the middle of the day to take someone to a counseling session or take their child or family member.

"Having that ability to do that on site, I think has been tremendous," she said, noting that she has received a lot of positive feedback from others and the clinicians are also involved in opportunities for students of concern.





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TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

110 Years Ago, February 25, 1914

Three tramps were taken into custody by Adair County Sheriff Willis for breaking and entering the Porter Schoolhouse northwest of Kirksville. They planned to spend the night in the schoolhouse but were caught after their presence there was discovered. The three appeared before Circuit Court Judge Stewart and were each fined \$10 plus court costs. They had no money so were held in the county jail to lay out their fines at the rate of \$2 per day. There was a time when the Porter schoolhouse door was left open so tramps and nomads might use it for sleeping. The schoolhouse was near the Wabash railroad track, and some farmers were afraid to put a lock on the door because they believed the tramps, finding the door locked, would retaliate by setting fire to barns and cribs in the neighborhood, where they might otherwise spend the night. It had been a longstanding custom to leave the latchstring out for anyone who wanted to spend the night in the building. Consequently, the schoolhouse was unattractive to pupils when they went to school the next day and found refuse from the tramps' foraging on the floor and the interior spattered with tobacco juice. When the nationally acclaimed teacher, Marie Turner Harvey (1866-1952) took control of the school, things changed. Porter School was designated a "model school" by the Kirksville Normal School as part of their teacher education curriculum. Mrs. Harvey was the coordinator. She saw to it that improvements were initiated, and the open latchstring policy ended.

Kirksville High School as it appeared shortly after construction in 1914. The 1959-1960 school year was the last year it served as a high school. The current high school on South Cottage Grove Street opened in the fall of 1960. Adair County Historical Society photo.

110 Years Ago, March 2, 1914

The Kirksville School Board selected and purchased a site for the new Kirksville High School after voters approved a construction bond issue. The site selected by the board was a half block known as the "Fowler track" on East McPherson Street between Mulanix and Florence Streets. There were three residences on the site, and they were to be vacated

within the next few weeks. The school board planned to sell the houses, which would be moved to another site or salvaged. Work on the site was to begin within the next few weeks as soon as the residents moved out. The board paid \$11,500 for the property and hoped to get at least \$1,500 for the three residences. The board would be left with \$70,000 with which to construct and equip the new school building. The site was three blocks from the post office and only about two blocks north of the center of the population of Kirksville. The price paid by the board was as reasonable as could be found for a tract of that size that was centrally located. The Mulanix Street side of the building had the advantage of pavement and the roadway on McPherson Street was good, but unpaved. The main entrance to the building was on the south side of the building facing McPherson and there were entrances on the east and west ends of the building. The structure would contain a gymnasium that was twice as large as the gym at the Normal School. The one drawback was that the spot acquired did not have enough space for field sports. A tract of land large enough to accommodate an athletic field could not be secured anywhere near the center of population.

105 Years Ago, February 28, 1919

The ASO (American School of Osteopathy, now A. T. Still University) announced it was developing a new Reconstruction Department. The purpose was to provide free treatment and hospital care to all returning servicemen who served in a foreign country during World War I. The servicemen were to receive free surgical, orthopedic, and osteopathic treatment, however in the case they had to be hospitalized they would be required to pay their room and board. Even the hospital expense was to be free to all members of Company C who went from Adair and adjoining counties as well as all students and graduates of the ASO who served in the war effort. The free medical service was offered for the years of 1919 and 1920. A special staff including doctors and medical personnel were being recruited to provide the care for the returning servicemen. Several staff members were doctors who had served in the war zone and were well prepared to treat war casualties. Within just a couple of days after



the announcement, soldiers were showing up to receive free medical care. Two of those who sought care were victims of unhealed war wounds and another was being treated for a stroke he suffered after his return home.

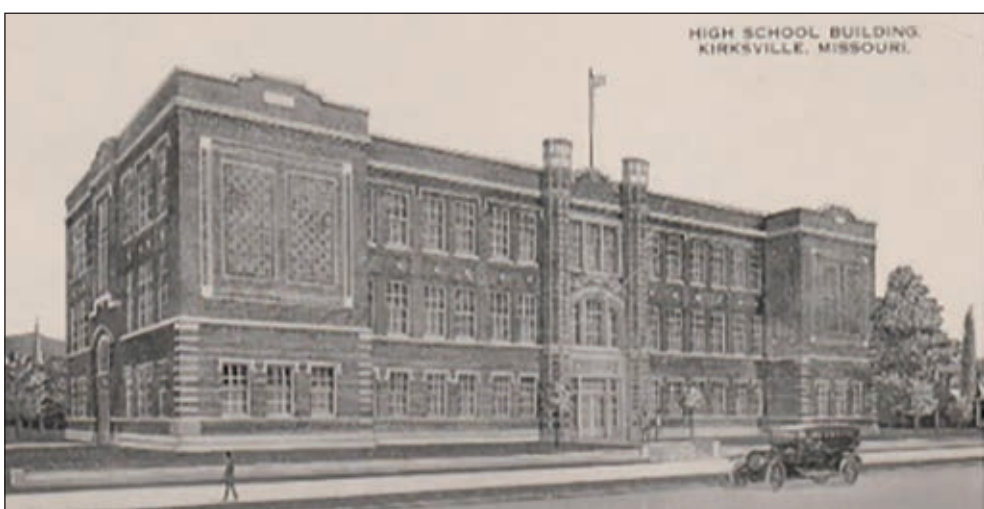
70 Years Ago, March 2, 1954

A Kirksville doctor and a minister were killed in an automobile accident near Troy, Missouri. Dr. George Grim, president and chief surgeon of the Grim-Smith Memorial Hospital was driving the vehicle that crashed head on into a truck on Highway 61 south of Troy. He was wedged inside the automobile and after some time in extricating him from the vehicle, he was taken to Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Troy where he died of injuries an hour later. Killed instantly in the crash was Rev. Dr. Duncan MacLennan, interim pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Kirksville, who was thrown from the vehicle. He was temporarily filling the pulpit of the Rev. Herbert Manning who was in Scotland. The two men were on their way to St. Louis to attend a Presbyterian meeting. The driver of the truck and his passenger sustained cuts and bruises as well as burns when the truck caught fire after the impact. The accident occurred at the crest of a hill that was the scene of previous serious vehicle accidents. The highway was in poor driving condition due to a thin glaze of ice and snow.

50 Years Ago, February 26, 1974

Four students at Kirksville Junior High School admitted to police that they were involved in a bomb hoax at the Ophelia Parrish Junior High School on January 15. The three boys and a girl said they were sitting in the Student Union on the campus of Truman State University discussing how they could keep from going to school that day when one of them said, "Let's call the school and say there's a bomb set to go off." Thus, the plan was hatched, and one of the boys agreed to make the call. The youths confessed to making the bomb threat after several junior high students were questioned by police and provided enough information to lead authorities to the suspects.

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EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Part 91

Battle of Kirksville - Chapter 3

By Blytha Ellis, President
Adair County Historical Society and Museum

In our previous episode, we made it through the Battle of Kirksville, and now residents are telling their stories about what they experienced on August 6, 1862.

Nancy Ann Sloan was the youngest of 13 known children of the first residents of Kirksville, David and Mary Polly (East) Sloan. (Refer back to their story in Parts 33 through 37 of this history.) Nancy was born in 1840, and her father died only two years later at the age of 48, leaving her mother with several minor children. In 1858, Nancy married Ohio native, Otis P. Miller (1833-1925), and they farmed northeast of Kirksville until the Civil War broke out.

Otis Miller joined Company A of the 37th Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and Nancy moved to a house on North High Street in Kirksville with their two young daughters, Mary, age 3, and Minnie, age 1, while Otis was gone.

On the morning of August 6, 1862, Nancy went to her sister's home near the Kirksville square to borrow a washboard. She was not aware that soldiers were in town until she reached her sister's home and found it full of rebels. Nancy reported that they were "much excited and talking of the coming fight."

Nancy hurried home where the first thing she saw at her house was a toy drum, which belonged to her children. On the drum was painted a picture of a Union flag. Fearing some Confederate soldier might see this toy and harm her or her children, she took the toy and hid it in the cellar.

Nancy later wrote, "I was preparing to take my two children and go to the cellar for safety when my mother came and, against my protest, sent the children to the country with a minister who was riding an old flea-bitten horse."

Later, Nancy's mother sent the minister back for her. But, before they had ridden two blocks, "the muskets were cracking like corn in a popper." They stopped at a location north of town and stood on an old rail fence to watch the Battle of Kirksville.

The position of Nancy's house on High Street was in direct line from Memorial Park and the Cumberland Academy where the Union had its forward camp and the Adair County Courthouse where the Confederates were primarily located. However, rebels were also dispersed in houses along this route. So, Nancy's home was severely overrun during the battle.



Otis and Nancy (Sloan) Miller and a grandchild



At about dusk, Nancy was reunited with her children, and they returned home. She wrote, "Our house was so mutilated that we could no longer live here. Most everything on the place had either been destroyed or stolen." Somebody had dropped a pair of pillows across her back fence as they were confiscating her bedding, and they apparently could not carry the whole load.

"When I stepped inside," Nancy graphically recorded, "my feet were in a great clot of human blood. Several rebels had been killed there. We supposed our sheets and other white goods were taken to the academy [the Cumberland Academy Building on the corner of Hickory and Mulanix Streets] which was being used as a hospital, to be used for binding the wounds of the soldiers."

Nancy found that the walls of her home were full of holes from cannon balls fired by the Union soldiers. "One ball, which had cut through several studding in the wall, broke the side rail of the bed. Another, entering through the fireplace, busted the cook stove to mere fragments."

Nancy took her daughters, Mary and Minnie, and went to spend the night with a woman named Mrs. Turner. On the way, she saw nine dead rebel soldiers taken from a cornfield "about where Mrs. Sarah Avery's residence now stands."

Nancy went on to write, "A man came to Mrs. Turner's door and asked to see the lady whose house had been so badly shot up. I went to the door. He had a bolt of purple calico which had been unrolled and then wrapped about his arms. This he asked me to take to make dresses for me and the children. I refused, but he left it for me, knowing I needed it. It came from one of the stores which had that day been rifled."

Nancy's final comments in her writings

several years after the Battle of Kirksville were, "The turbulent times of the Civil War are passed; the old wounds are healed, and many of its stirring episodes have been forgotten. One of the tangible evidences of the heart rending scenes through which we passed, as well as one of our treasured souvenirs, is a piece of board which was a part of the siding of our old home. It is perforated with a cannon ball, one of the missiles which almost destroyed our home on the day of the battle."

Sadly, one month after the Battle of Kirksville, on September 18, 1862, 18-month-old Minnie Miller, who had ridden to safety on an old horse with her sister and a minister to escape the battle, died of unknown causes.

After his wife's experiences during the Battle of Kirksville, Otis Miller, who was with Union forces away from home, continued to serve in the war and was in the company which participated in the Battle of Centralia on September 27, 1864. He was fortunate in that his Major had sent him to Paris, Mo., on that day to take care of some men and equipment, so Otis escaped the fighting. However, his Company lost their Captain and 56 men of the 106 in their company in that battle.

Otis had initially enlisted as a private with Co. A of the 37th Mo. Infantry but was made Sergeant, later Sergeant Major, then promoted to Second Lieutenant in Company I, 41st Regiment Missouri Volunteer Infantry.

After the war, Otis returned to his family in Adair County and they moved to a 140-acre farm northeast of Kirksville where eight more children were born to them. In 1899, Otis and Nancy retired from farming and moved to Kirksville. On April 27, 1899, their Kirksville home was destroyed in the severe tornado which ripped through town. Nancy and one of her daughters were severely injured but survived.

Otis died on March 28, 1925, at the age of 91, and Nancy died three days later at age 85. They are buried in Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery in Kirksville.

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KIRKSVILLE POLICE ARREST REPORTS: FEB. 16-26, 2024

Following are the Kirksville Police Department arrest reports for Feb. 16-26, 2024:

Amanda L. Lewis, 37 of 1700 N. Centennial Avenue, Kirksville, was arrested and charged with misdemeanor trespassing in the 1st degree at 12:29 a.m. on Feb. 26.

Brendon J. Norduane, 25, of Las Vegas, Nev., was arrested and charged with not having a valid driver's license, a misdemeanor 1st offense, on Main Street at 11:22 p.m. on Feb. 25.

Linda Kay Cain, 53, of Kirksville, was arrested by Kirksville police on a warrant at 1025 Don Street, at 8:09 p.m. on Feb. 25. Warrants were issued by Judge Kristie Jean Swaim on Feb. 22, charging Cain twice with felony possession of a controlled substance, both derived from a search warrant that was executed by police on Jan. 5, where drugs and a glass pipe were found. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Bradley Wayne Cain, 62, of Kirksville, was arrested by Kirksville police at 1025 Don Street at 7:02 p.m. on Feb. 25, on a warrant for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, felony amphetamine drug possession, and an Adair County warrant. Warrants were

issued by Judge Kristie Jean Swaim on Feb. 22 for felony possession of a controlled substance charge that originated on Jan. 5. According to a probable cause statement, on Jan. 5, police served a search warrant and located a light bulb with the base hollowed out and white residue inside the bulb on a dresser in a room Cain slept in. Police also found a baggie with white residue on top of the dresser, as well as one in the dresser drawer and one in a tote next to the bed. The bags later tested positive for methamphetamine. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Sean Farmer, 36, of Kirksville, was arrested 503 S. Franklin Street, at 4:27 p.m. on Feb. 25. Farmer was charged with shoplifting; felony stealing a motor vehicle, watercraft or aircraft; felony possession of a controlled substance (drugs); felony interfering/ resisting arrest; felony unlawful possession of a firearm; misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia; and misdemeanor stealing from a building.

A 17-year-old juvenile was detained by Kirksville police at 1009 N. Osteopathy Street at 1:20 p.m. on Feb. 25, for being a minor in possession of intoxicants.

Kirk Anthony Van Dusen, 51, of Kirksville, was arrested for misdemeanor stealing from a building at 4:44 p.m. on Feb. 24 at 2206 N. Baltimore Street.

Breanna Allen was arrested by Kirksville police at 301 W. Washington Street at 8:22 a.m. on Feb. 25 on a warrant, as well as charges of trespassing and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Matthew Wilson issued a felony probation violation warrant for possession of a controlled substance except 35 grams or less of marijuana/synthetic cannabinoid on Feb. 6. No bond was authorized. Allen was sentenced to five years of supervised probation and a \$46 fine on Sept. 19, 2023. She failed to report to her probation officer on Feb. 5.

Keysha Kay Orton, 26, of Kirksville, was arrested on East Jefferson Street at 12:02 a.m. on Feb. 24, charged with driving with a license that has been revoked/suspended, a misdemeanor 1st offense, and an Adair County warrant as well.

Dakota N. Hawkins-Cross, 30, a homeles resident, was arrested by Kirksville police on a warrant at 1700

N. Baltimore Street, at 2:07 a.m. on Feb. 22. No bail probation violation warrants for Hawkins-Cross arrest were issued on Feb. 15 by Judge Matthew Wilson, one for felony 3rd degree domestic assault dating to October 2022 and a misdemeanor violation of an adult order of protection from October 2023 as well.

Jackie Stark, 29 of Kirksville, was arrested at 3:04 p.m. on Feb. 21 for trespassing at 2206 N. Baltimore Street.

Elledie Owings, 49, was arrested by Kirksville police on Feb. 20 at 9:29 p.m. at 1003 E. Washington Street, on charges of misdemeanor 4th degree assault/domestic, a 1st/2nd offense, misdemeanor false reporting and protective custody.

Kourtney Dawn Redmon, 35, of Kirksville, was arrested on a warrant at 816 W. LaHarpe Street at 6:18 p.m. on Feb. 20. Redmon was also charged with felony possession of a controlled substance (drugs). A no bail failure to appear warrant was issued for Redmon by Judge Matthew Wilson on Feb. 20 over a May 2023 driving with a license that was revoked or suspended charge.



Andrew Tyler Walker-Bullock, 30, of Kirksville, was arrested by Kirksville police at 2310 E. Illinois Street at 3:27 p.m. on Feb. 19, on a no bail probation violation warrant that was issued on Feb. 15 by Judge Matthew Wilson from an original felony possession of controlled substance charge from June 15, 2023. On Dec. 19, 2023, Walker-Bullock was sentenced to seven years in the Department of Corrections (suspended), five years of supervised probation and restitution of \$475.

Eric Joseph Brinkley, 45, of Kirksville, was arrested at 2809 Breezewood Drive at 5:49 p.m. on Feb. 18, charged with felony possession of a controlled substance (drugs) and a warrant.

Cody A. Murphy and Destiny Stufflebean were both arrested and charged with felony abuse of a child.

Jason F. Barnett, Jr. of Kirksville, was charged with misdemeanor 4th degree assault pursuant to subdivisions (1) (5).

Grettle Vaeao, 29, of Kirksville, was arrested on North Green Street at 10:36 p.m. on Feb. 17, charged with not having a valid driver's license, a misdemeanor 1st offense.

Radonna Daniels, 56, of Kirksville, was arrested by Kirksville police on a warrant on Pfeiffer Avenue, on Feb. 17 at 1:43 p.m. A failure to appear warrant was issued for her arrest on Dec. 7, 2023 by Judge Kristie Jean Swaim for a misdemeanor traffic infraction dated September 2023. Bond was set at \$121.50.

Natacha A. Jean, 42, of Kirksville, was arrested at 1108 N. Osteopathy Street 1:08 p.m. on Feb. 16, and charged with 1st degree misdemeanor trespass.

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Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

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5:30-6:30 p.m. Church Service

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Pastor, Virgil K. Jones
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11:00 a.m. Preaching

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10:30 Morning Worship
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Novinger, Mo.
7:30 a.m. Sunday

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Jeremy Pingle, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

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Pastor Rev Jeff Carter
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship Service

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Sunday 10 am - Morning Worship
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Preacher, Harold R. Engel
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10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Worship
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10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

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1601 N. Elson
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10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
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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

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

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

Seventh Day Adventist Church
1301 N. Elson
Kent Dunwoody, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sabbath School (Saturday)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Saturday)
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United Methodist Church
Brashear Charge, Brashear Lay Minister, Nancy Douglas
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
7:00 p.m. Singspiration - 1st Sunday

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

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

Downing Christian Church
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Associate Minister Larry Smith
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
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9:15 a.m. Bible Stud
10:00 a.m. Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bible Missionary Church
508 S. Main St.
Bro. Glenn Kiger, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. 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
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First Baptist Church of LaPlata
B. J. McAlpin, Pastor
9:30 am "Donut Hole" Fellowship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Evening Worship

Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church
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Tim Hodges, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Locust Hill Community Church
Rt. 1, Novelty, Mo
William Gaines, Pastor
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10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

New Harmony Free Will Baptist
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10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

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Hwy 63, Greentop
Pastors: Robert Gange
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Highway 136 East, Lancaster
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5:00 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Worship

Crawford wins 2nd career medal with 3rd-place finish at state

By Adam Tumino

Kirksville senior wrestler Madisynn Crawford capped off her high school career with a third-place finish at 170 at the Class 1 Girls State Wrestling Tournament in Columbia on Feb. 22. After becoming the first female wrestler in school history to medal with a fifth-place finish in 2023, Crawford added another achievement to her resume in the growing sport of girls wrestling.

After punching her ticket to state with a third-place finish at districts on Feb. 10, Crawford said that additional work put in between then and state helped her push through the high level of competition.

"It feels really good," she said. "We've been working really hard these last few weeks since districts to get where we are now... We've had a lot of conditioning which definitely helps get to those third period wins, and chain wrestling, being able to go move-to-move and going fast."

Crawford needed to compete in some three-period matches and pull through with some key wins. After winning by fall in the first round, and then losing by decision

in the quarterfinals to eventual state runner up Carli Vargas of Kearney, Crawford held on for a close win by an 8-6 decision in the second round of wrestlebacks.

She then pinned her next two opponents leading to a match-up with Marshfield's Isabella Whitlock. After an early injury suffered by Whitlock, the match briefly resumed. But Whitlock soon had to bow out of the match, with Crawford picking up the win.

Kirksville head coach Nick Cook said that Crawford had worked hard throughout the season to have another strong showing at state, and was able to capitalize on all of it.

"All the hard work that we put in throughout the year, she just showed that this weekend at the state tournament," he said. "She wrestled her tail off, stayed composed, wrestled her match. She didn't let the atmosphere get the better of her, didn't let it get too big. Just focused on what she needed to do and came out with a third place finish."

Kirksville is looking to keep building up its girls wrestling program and helping to grow a sport that is still relatively new. This year marked the sixth year of the MSHSAA Girls Wrestling



Kirksville senior Madisynn Crawford looks to take down Marshfield's Isabella Whitlock in the third-place match on Feb. 22. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

Championships. Cook said that the Kirksville wrestling community has the foundation in place to keep growing the sport.

"We're still looking to grow girls wrestling with the kids' club," he said. "It takes a whole community to grow the sport of wrestling, and Kirksville has always had a great tradition with the sport. We're wanting to continue that with girls wrestling in Kirksville. In the state of Missouri and other states starting to adopt girls wrestling, it's just going to explode and get bigger and bigger."

Crawford is now a medalist at two of the six girls wrestling tournaments held at the state level, and said that it felt great to be a part of the girls wrestling foundation being built in Kirksville.



Kirksville's Madisynn Crawford is named the winner of the third-place match on Feb. 22.

Kirksville's Hunter, Crisp earn medals at state wrestling tournament

By Adam Tumino

The Kirksville boys wrestling team sent four athletes to Columbia for the Class 2 Boys State Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 21 and 22. Sophomore Austyn Hunter and junior Jaden Crisp wrestled deep into the final day of the tournament and earned medals, with Hunter placing third at 138 and Crisp placing sixth at 113.

Also making the trip to state were sophomore Justin Schutter and junior Luke Cahalan, with both coming up a bit short of reaching the medal matches. Head coach James Alter said that he was pleased with the effort he saw from each of the state qualifiers, and with the effort from the entire team throughout the season.

"It's a roller coaster when you get here, filled with highs and lows," he said. "It's a team effort with everyone at home, coaching staff, and parents as well. I'm happy for the two that medaled. They've wrestled tough all year. The other two that didn't, they've shown consistency throughout the year. I'm pretty excited we'll get them back next year."

For Hunter, the third-place medal was his second-straight to start his high school career. He also placed third at 120 as a freshman last season. After winning his first round match, Hunter lost in the quarterfinals to eventual state runner up Caiden Davison of Odessa. He then advanced to the third-place match where he beat Boonville's Xavier Flippin.



Kirksville's Austyn Hunter is named the winner of the third-place match at state on Feb. 22.

Hunter said that the tournament was of course a challenge, and his mindset after the early loss was to just go out and leave it all on the mat to finish up strong.

"It's been tough," he said. "I've just been grinding every match, doing the best I can and going out there and showing off the stuff I've been working toward all season. Had a tough loss yesterday and then came back to the mat like I had nothing to lose."

Crisp's sixth-place medal was his second career medal. He medaled as a freshman before missing out on state last year. He said that it felt nice to be back on the big stage, and he has pinpointed some things he wants to work on to get another medal as a senior.

"I'm glad to be back. Just hoping to go again next year," he said. "I'm going to have to get takedown going, get better on my feet at neutral. But other than that, nothing else."

Crisp won his opening round match before falling in the quarterfinals to Zachary Green of Osage. He then won his first two matches in wrestlebacks before falling to fourth-place medalist Will Erickson of Cameron. Crisp and Green met again in the fifth-place match, with Green once again having an edge.

Schutter fell in the first round before winning his first two matches in wrestlebacks. He came just one match shy of earning his second-straight medal, falling in the third round



Kirksville sophomore Austyn Hunter wrestles Boonville's Xavier Flippin in the third-place match on Feb. 22. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO



Kirksville sophomore Justin Schutter grapples with Harrisonville's Luke DeVenney in the first-round match on Feb. 21.

of wrestlebacks to eventual fourth-place finisher Steven Buddenmeyer of Owensville.

Cahalan, making his first career appearance at state, lost a narrow 9-7 decision in the first round to eventual fifth-place medalist Gage Gross of Saint Genevieve. He lost another decision in the first round of wrestlebacks to sixth-place medalist Caden McLallen of Plattsburg.

Alter said that each wrestler managed to compete

at a high level, and will be willing to work hard and put themselves in a position to return to state in 2025.

"Our guys have shown they're capable," he said. "Even the guys that came a little short of their goal, they're willing to put in the work. We have a good room, and if they put in the work good things are going to happen."

He also said that, as a program, Kirksville is in a solid position to send com-

petitors to state going forward, thanks in large part to the solid foundation the program is built on.

"We've had some youth in the room, and the four guys here are great work-out partners for them," he said. "I'm seeing the group we brought rub off on the younger guys, and as a program we'll continue to develop our younger guys so they'll have the opportunity to wrestle in the postseason."



Kirksville junior Jaden Crisp looks to gain an advantage in one of his matches on Feb. 22.



Kirksville's Jaden Crisp begins the fifth-place match against Will Erickson of Cameron on Feb. 22.



Kirksville junior Luke Cahalan looks to bring down Gage Gross of Saint Genevieve in the first round on Feb. 21.

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Schuyler County senior Raina Small drives toward the basket in the game against La Plata on Feb. 23. ADAM TUMINO

Schuyler County holds on for upset win over La Plata in district championship

By Adam Tumino

The Schuyler County girls basketball team fought off a furious comeback attempt from La Plata in the Class 2 District 6 Tournament championship game on Friday night, holding on for a 58-52 win. The Rams have now won back-to-back district titles after having gone the previous 24 years without one.

The Rams are now 17-11 heading into sectionals while the Bulldogs have their outstanding season come to an end at 22-5.

Schuyler County head coach Lance Dempsay said that the team did a great job of playing sound basketball down the stretch when La Plata started clawing back into the game.

"Right now is probably the best those girls have played," he said. "We had a 16 point lead and we lost a lot of that, but the reason that it's the best is because we've had trouble handling pressure all season long, and we'd turn the ball over. There at the very end when it counted, we took care of the ball. I couldn't be more proud of the girls."

After La Plata started the game on a quick 5-0 run, the Rams responded with an 11-2 run and continued to build the lead from there. They led 18-12 at the end of the first, which tied their biggest lead of the quarter, and then led by as many as 17 points in the second. They carried a 37-21 lead into halftime.

La Plata pushed back a bit early in the third, but Schuyler County managed to maintain the lead and was back up by 17 at 45-28 with just over two minutes left in the quarter. La Plata finished the quarter on a 7-0 run to cut the deficit back to 10 points entering the fourth.

The Rams managed to keep La Plata at arms length for much of the third and

led by seven points at 50-43 with just over two minutes to go in the game. Then with Schuyler County up 52-47 and just over a minute to go, La Plata senior Claire Coy converted on an and-one in transition to cut the deficit to just two points.

Schuyler County's Raina Small was fouled making a layup on the ensuing possession to make it 54-50. When she then missed the free throw, Claudia Dixon kept the ball alive for the Rams, fighting for the ball and tapping it outside for a key offensive rebound. That extra possession led to two more free throws for the Rams and all but put the game away at 56-50 with under a minute to go. The teams exchanged free throws in the final minutes and the Rams walked away with a 58-52 win.

Small led the Rams with a game-high 22 points, seven of which came in the fourth quarter. Dixon made key rebounds on both ends of the floor all night and was a force in the paint for Schuyler County, finishing second among all players with 15 points.

Dempsay said that Dixon is a key part of what the team tries to do each night, and she managed to come up big and set the tone in the biggest game of the year so far.

"That's always been one of our keys as well; we've got to keep Claudia in the game," he said. "There were a lot of times tonight where we had to get her out because of foul trouble, but when she's in the game we're so much better. She's such a big presence in the middle. Rebounding has always been one of our focuses, that and turnovers, and tonight we actually were able to accomplish both of our goals and do well in both those areas."

La Plata had four players score in double figures, led

by Coy and Ashlynn Lewis with 14 points each. Layne Mack and Emmagin Travis each had 10.

The district title for the Rams also comes toward the end of a season that started with uncertainty. Dempsay only took over as head coach just before the start of the season, replacing Jana Calhoun, who herself had just taken over in June following the resignation of long-time coach Thomas Kirkland.

Dempsay credited assistant coach MaKinley Aeschliman for really handling most of the coaching duties throughout the season, and also applauded the players for keeping level heads throughout all the changes.

"I was thrown into kind of a unique situation. The old coach quit about a week before and I said I would do it for a year. Our assistant coach, she's really been more of the coach. I've been more of the figurehead if you will. The girls have been thrown in the mix of all that, trying to figure out the landscape of that, and the girls have done a wonderful job. They didn't complain. They just kept going with it and playing through all that stuff. Whatever kind of thing we've got going right now is working. If it's not broke, don't fix it. So we're going to keep continuing the way we're doing things."

The Rams will play a 21-6 Clopton team on the road for sectionals on Monday. Schuyler County is now on a five-game winning streak that came on the heels of a five-game losing streak, and Dempsay said they just need to keep riding that momentum heading forward.

"What I'm looking forward to is seeing if they can just continue this ride we're on now, five in a row," he said. "We had a little lull there and things got tough, but we're riding a high right now. We just need to keep going."

Green City boys cruise to 4th-straight district championship

By Adam Tumino

The Green City boys basketball team took control early on in the Class 1 District 11 Tournament championship game on Saturday against Marion County, and managed to cruise to a 47-18 win and fourth-straight district crown. The Gophers head into sectionals with a 25-2 record.

The Gophers jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter and led 17-4 by the end of the quarter. The scoring then dried up a bit, but the Gophers still led 23-8 at halftime, 38-12 at the end of the third and then 47-18 by the final buzzer.

The 18 points allowed tied the second-lowest total for Green City this season. They won the season opener 89-6 to a Madison team that ended the year with a 1-17 record. They also allowed 18 points in a senior day win over 7-17 win over Bevier on Feb. 13. Head coach Matt Ayers said that this effort, allowing 18 points against a 16-win Marion County team that averaged 54.3 points per game this season, was the Gophers' best defensive performance of the year.

"I thought that was the best defense we've played all year," he said. "There was effort the whole time. I've never seen them play defense that good. The defense was unreal and they just played their butts off, and I'm extremely proud of them."

The Gophers have averaged 68.2 points per game on offense this season, and 75.4 points per game in the eight games prior to Saturday's contest. Although there were times when the scoring went a bit cold in the game, Ayers said that can be expected when the defensive intensity gets cranked up in postseason play.

"Postseason basketball is hard," he said. "A lot of those games end up being low-scoring games. Offense comes a little harder, defense is ramped up. Defense is what carries you. They showed a lot of grit on the offensive end too. I felt like when we had possessions where we moved the ball from side-to-side and got several passes into it, and five guys touched the ball in a possession, all of the sudden we get a layup or [the defense] breaks down. That's some-

thing we haven't done all year, but I'm starting to see more and more glimpses of it. I feel like we're starting to play some of our better ball offensively down the stretch here."

Being in the position to make a deep postseason run is not a new experience for the Gophers. They won their sectional game in each of the last three years before then falling in the state quarterfinal round each time. Ayers said that maintaining focus is key at this time of year if the team hopes to return to the quarterfinals or get even further.

"I think we just have to stay focused," he said. "I think we played an extremely focused game today. I preach focus on every play, detail on every play and every possession. Even off the floor: when are you going to bed, what are you eating, what are you drinking? It's all the stuff that plays into these runs. You have to take care of all of the little things."

The Gophers will face District 12 champions Brunswick in sectionals. The Wildcats entered the game with a 21-7 record.



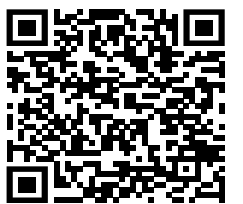
The Green City boys basketball team celebrates their district championship win over Marion County on Feb. 24. ADAM TUMINO

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- Patty Talbert - 7 Red cows, 4 to SS ages, mated to a Red bull for an early March calving start

Breeding Bulls

- Richard Morelock - 1 registered Angus bull, 3 years old, "RW Mead 316", #20139004, +10 CED,
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FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024 AT 10:00 AM^{CT}



99 TAXABLE ACRES ± • 1 TRACT

The farm is located approximately 6.5 miles north of Williamstown, MO or 15 miles southwest of Kahoka, MO. It is further described as being located in Sections 26 & 35, T64N-R9W, Washington Township, Clark County, Missouri. The farm is directly located on the northeast side of Hwy D and Hwy A junction.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 AT 10:00 AM^{CT}



121.80 TAXABLE ACRES ± • 1 TRACT

The Palmer farm is located 4.8 miles east of Novelty, MO on County Road 372 just off Hwy 15, or 5 miles northwest of Plevna, MO. The farm is further described as being located in Section 10, T60N-R11W, Bourbon Township, Knox County, Missouri.

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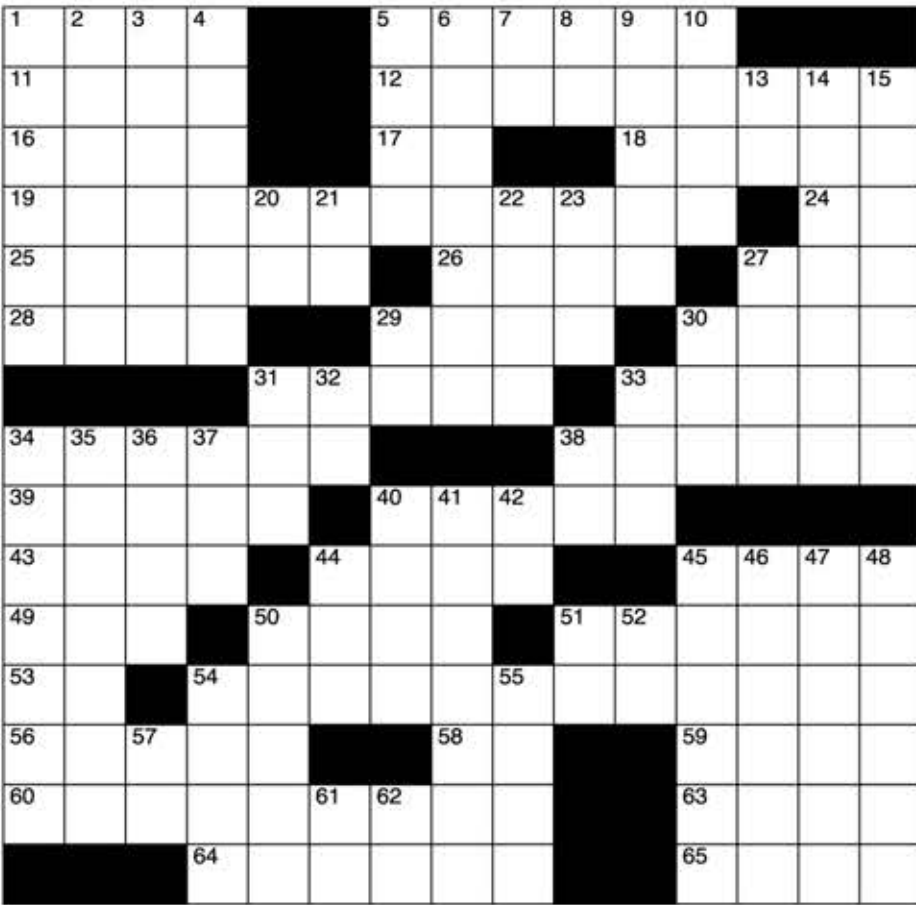
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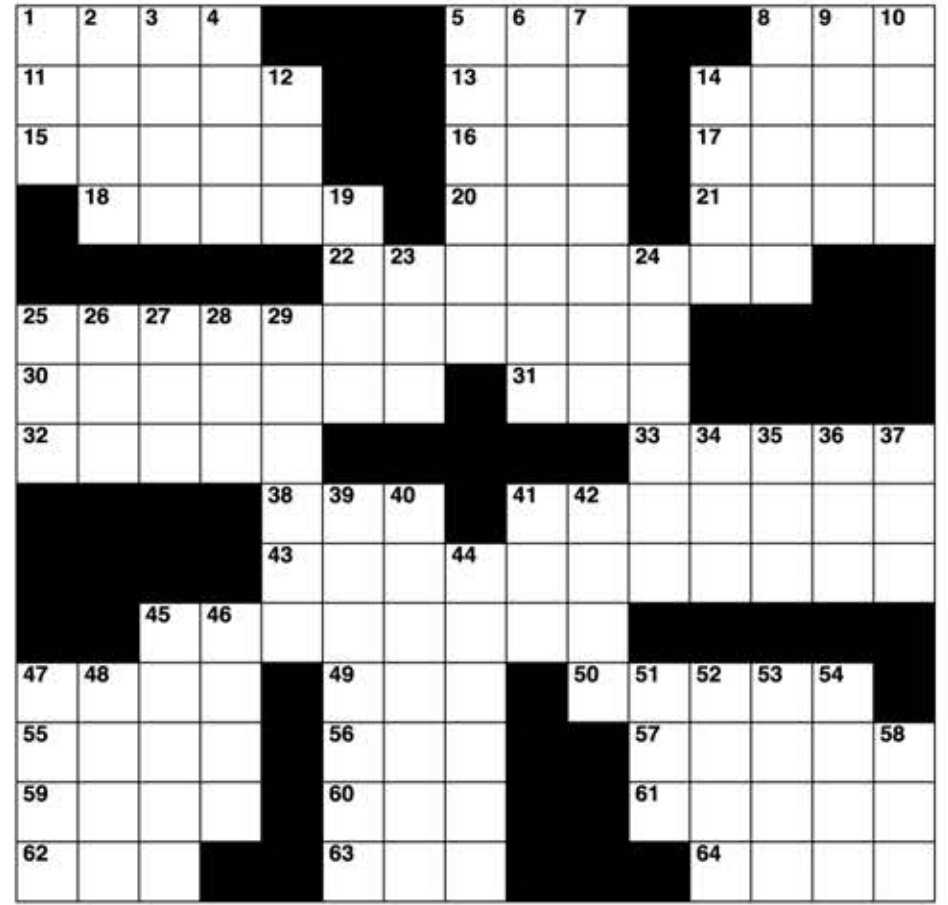


CLUES ACROSS

- 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.)



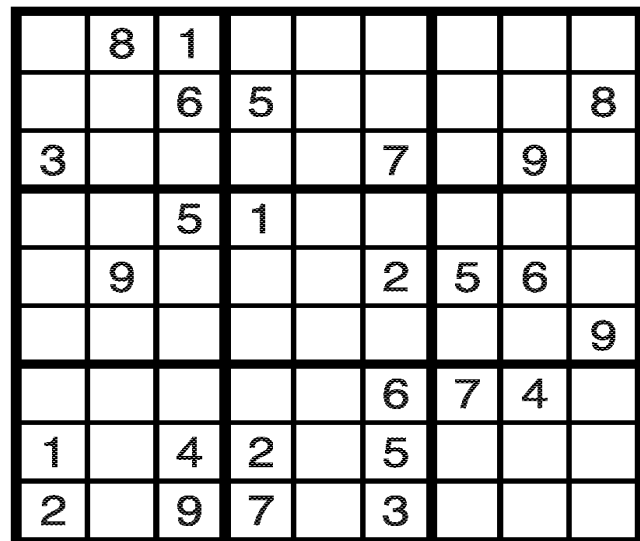
CLUES ACROSS

- 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

SUDOKU



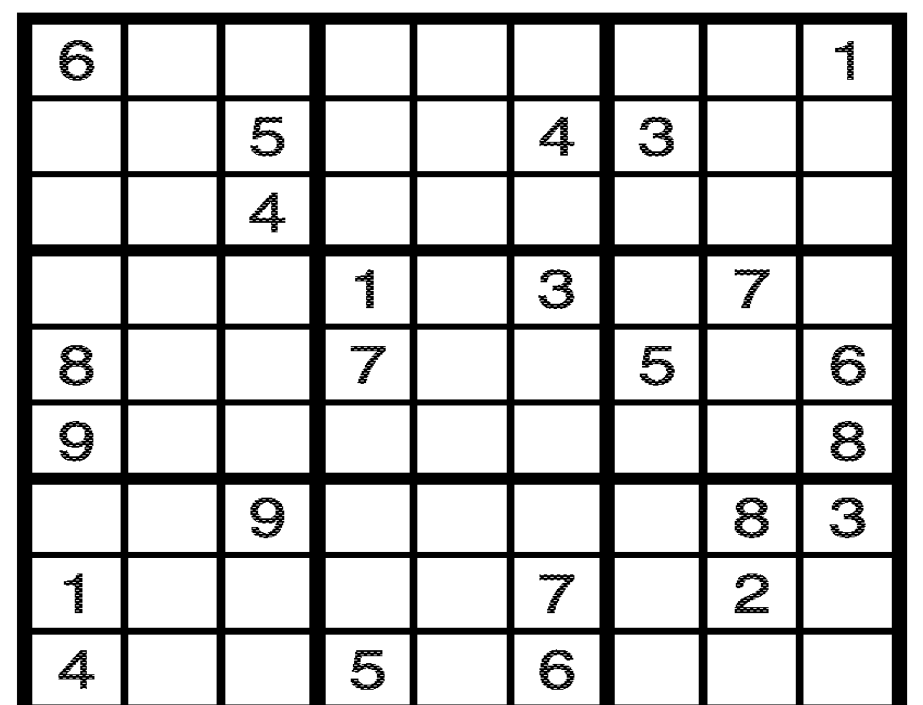
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The Adair County Health Department will be transitioning from a Home Health program to a Community Health program in order to better meet the needs of the community. Therefore, as of close of business on March 31, 2024, the Adair County Health Department will no longer provide home health services. The Health Department Clinic will continue and potentially be expanding services. Providers and patients may call 660-665-8491 and speak with Administrator Lori Guffey with any questions regarding this transition.

IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI
Case Number: 23AR-PR00107 (Date File Stamp)
Judge or Division: PROBATE
In the Estate of RICHARD LEE MCFARLAND, Deceased.
Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Supervised Administration)
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of RICHARD LEE MCFARLAND, Decedent:
On February 9, 2024, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of RICHARD LEE MCFARLAND, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.
The personal representative's business address is: Michelle Brinkman, 801 Vine Street, Macon, Missouri 63552.
The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: Wallace Trosen, One Crown Drive, Suite 102, P.O. Box 267, Kirksville, Missouri, 63501, 660-665-4070
All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.
Date of the decedent's death: May 19, 2023
Martha Cole
Adair County Circuit Clerk
PUBLICATION DATES: 2-21-2024, 2-28-2024, 3-6-2024, 3-13-2024

TRUSTEE'S SALE
IN RE: Roger L. Logston and Tammy R. Logston, husband and wife Trustee's Sale:
For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Roger L. Logston and Tammy R. Logston, husband and wife dated August 22, 2016 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Adair County, Missouri in Book 1033, Page 763 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, March 26, 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:
A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWEST FOURTH OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 62 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH QUARTER POINT OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE ALONG THE QUARTER SECTION LINE, NORTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 622.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE DESCRIPTION HEREIN; TO WIT: THENCE LEAVING THE LAST DESCRIBED LINE, NORTH 19 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 182.98 FEET; THENCE NORTH 59 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 479.99 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 38 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 43.32 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 403.35 FEET TO A POINT ON THE AFOREMENTIONED QUARTER SECTION LINE; THENCE ALONG SAID LINE, SOUTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 507.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL EASEMENTS OF RECORD.
to satisfy said debt and cost.
MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C.,
Successor Trustee
612 Spirit Drive
St. Louis, MO 63005
(636) 537-0110
File No: 218511.032624.438352 FC
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PUBLISH ON: February 28, 2024 03/06/2024, 03/13/2024, 03/20/2024

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

IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI
Judge or Division: PROBATE) Case Number: 24AR-PR00020
In the Estate of DARIN HAL HENDERSON, Deceased.
Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted
(Supervised Administration)
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of DARIN HAL HENDERSON, Decedent:
On February 09, 2024, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of DARIN HAL HENDERSON, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of ADAIR COUNTY, Missouri.
The name, business address of the personal representative is:
Barbara Lynn Clark, 19195 White Oak Trail , Kirksville, Missouri 63501
The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:
Wallace Trosen, #1 Crown Drive, Suite 102, P.O. Box 267, Kirksville, Missouri , 660-665-4070
All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.
Date of the decedent's death: March 21, 2023
Date of first publication: February 21, 2024
Martha Cole
Adair County Circuit Clerk
Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.
PUBLICATION DATES: 2-21-2024, 2-28-2024, 3-6-2024, 3-13-2024

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
ADAIR COUNTY MISSOURI
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

As compiled by Sandy Collop, agent designated by the County Commission to prepare the Financial Statement.

Total bonded debt of Adair County December 31, 2023	0.00
County long term debt (Bonds, Leases, Loans, Etc.)	
First State Community Bank (Capital Improvement Project)	6,773,811.74

TAXATION:

(a) Total valuation of County for taxation purposes	429,328,873
(b) Maximum constitutional rate permitted for County Purposes	0.5000
(c) Tax rate levied by County Commission for County purposes for year ending December 31, 2023	0.1121
(d) Maximum constitutional rate permitted for Road & Bridge Purposes	0.3500
(e) Rate levied by County Commission for Road & Bridge purposes for year ending December 31, 2023	0.2685

GENERAL REVENUE FUND (\$0.0050 sales tax):

Cash on Hand: January 1, 2023	1,470,440.46
Receipts:	
Property Tax Revenues	507,290.65
Sales Tax Revenues	2,238,288.03
Intergovernmental Revenue	111,716.07
Charges for Services	554,928.39
Interest Income	36,894.58
Other Revenues	53,917.86
Transfers In	5,201.75
Total Revenue:	3,508,237.33
Total Disbursements:	3,371,449.67
Balance: December 31, 2023	1,607,228.12

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND:

Cash on Hand: January 1, 2023	1,017,048.96
Receipts:	
Property Tax Revenues	1,225,595.08
Use tax	782,694.84
Intergovernmental revenue	1,826,232.21
Charges for Service	42,026.62
Interest Income	25,404.49
Other Revenues	263,394.96
Total Revenue:	4,165,348.20
Total Disbursements:	4,320,438.91
Balance: December 31, 2023	861,958.25

ASSESSMENT FUND:

Cash on Hand: January 1, 2023	590,417.16
Receipts:	
Intergovernmental Revenue	479,166.42
Interest Income	15,921.52
Other Revenues	11,594.07
Transfers In	85,000.00
Total Revenue:	591,682.01
Total Disbursements:	442,517.52
Balance: December 31, 2023	739,581.65

LAW ENFORCEMENT GENERAL (\$0.0025 sales tax):

Cash on Hand: January 1, 2023	503,552.36
Sales Tax Revenue	1,118,146.97
Charges for Services	135,759.01
Interest Income	7,346.82
Other Revenue	127,137.89
Transfers In	1,257,293.73
Total Revenue:	2,645,684.42
Total Disbursements:	2,683,064.93
Balance: December 31, 2023	466,171.85

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES (\$0.0025 sales tax):

Cash on Hand: January 1, 2023	1,011,343.02
Receipts:	
Sales Tax Revenue	1,118,168.21
Intergovernmental revenue	9,308.16
Interest Income	20,555.79
Other Revenue	1,920.003
Total Revenue	1,149,952.16
Total Disbursements:	1,450,525.87
Balance: December 31, 2023	710,769.31

ASSESSED VALUATION, TAX LEVIES AND DELINQUENT TAXES

2023 Assessed Valuation	429,328,873	Tax Rate Ceilings	Tax Rate Levied
General Revenue	.3613		.1121
Road and Bridge	.2685		.2685
Debt Service	.0000		.0000
Delinquent Taxes (Personal/Real) 12/31/23	584,137.01		

District Schools		Beginning Cash Balance: January 1, 2023	0.00
Receipts:			
Property Tax	\$14,794,439.81		
Railroad & Utilities	\$3,779,247.65		
Financial Inst Tax/Interest	\$4,126.70		
Total Available:	\$18,577,814.16		

Disbursements: (Total Paid to Each School)	
Kirkville R-III	\$15,523,633.23
Adair Co. R-I Novinger	\$1,143,995.38
Adair Co. R-II Brashear	\$1,735,714.63
La Plata School	\$174,470.69
Total Disbursements	\$18,577,813.93
Balance: December 31, 2023	0.23

General Revenue

By virtue and authority of the discretionary power conferred upon the county commissions of the several counties of this state to levy a tax of not to exceed 50 cents on the \$100 assessed valuation of the county commission of Adair County did for the year covered by this report levy a tax rate of 11.21 cents on the \$100 assessed valuation which said tax amounted to \$507,290.65 and was disbursed or expended as follows:

Adams, Rebecca	26,206.90	Kelley, Heather V	30,676.45
Booster, Andrew	50,684.36	King, William J	31,205.04
Briggs, Gary D	42,507.48	Kramer, Karla K	29,730.36
Buster, Dana L	30,049.78	Kriegel, Kimberly A	7,495.23
Coin, Dana	1,138.56	Lambert, Elizabeth M	30,100.92
Collop, Sandra J	43,203.33	Miller, Tammy J	38,764.91
Gentry, Linda K	1,611.30	Nicol, Joey L	32,247.15
Goring, David D	95,991.22	Noe, Brian C	19,758.86
Hammons, Karen K	396.23	Noe, Rhonda R	51,006.76
Harden, Sonja C	47,940.91	Opal, Lisa R	24,134.69
Hunter, Tracy M	50,932.18	Orskog, Michael T	21,080.25
Hupfeld, Tabitha J	26,367.00	Pipes, Christina R	8,650.67
		Platz, Angela K	27,603.55
		Probasco, Sharon	565.18
		Salter, Kimberly B	3,535.97
		Shahan, Betty S	25,297.55
		Shahan, Mark A	29,490.06
		Sizemore, Wanda K	5,372.66
		Slaughter, Anita J	4,354.01
		Smith, Lori J	46,600.83
		Snow, Michelle A	25,017.99
		Story, Shelley J	28,166.76
		Sullivan, Teresa L	28,880.16
		Taylor, Janet	2,014.59
		Thompson, Mark L	34,686.29
		Treasure, Sherry D	21,276.45
		Williams, Vicky L	1,030.62

Appanoose Co, la Sheriff	Court service	152.40	of not to exceed 35 cents on	Hunter, Gary L	26,333.70	
At&T	Phones	42,213.14	the \$100 assessed valuation	Keim, James L	13,247.27	
At&T Mobility	Cradlepoints	1,643.52	of the county commission of	Lunsford, Dustin T	23,825.69	
B&S Contractors Inc.	Remove & Cap Fire Hydrant Patt	500.00	Adair County did for the year	Mccarty, Robert E	32,891.61	
Bailey'S Window Cleaning	Window Cleaning	1,839.00	covered by this report levy a tax	Moffett, Gary L	27,754.02	
Betty Shahan	Training Reimbursement	25.30	rate of 26.85 cents on the \$100	Sayre, Jerid K	31,374.77	
Buscomm	Headsets	71.25	assessed valuation which said	Smith, Todd A	4,110.14	
Cathy March	Cleaning	1,170.00	tax amounted to \$1,225,595.08	Snyder, Randall N	33,805.06	
Centurylink	Phones	85.27	and was disbursed or expended	Sullivan, Dillon P	27,535.45	
City Of Kirkville	Water	15,633.86	as follows:	Summers, Tyler D	30,504.47	
Clear Basin	Software	16,850.00		Thomas, Diana L	32,349.60	
Coins Lawn Service	LaborAnnex Ramp	2,650.00	Coin, Hayden E	21,122.53	Vanwyke, Scott L	32,863.57
Community Opportunities	2023 Recycle Service	197.00	Gunnels, Johnny R	11,618.32	Waddle, Jeffrey L	16,744.59
Countryside Service	Backflow Preventor Insp.	70.00	Hamlin, James B	48,027.66	Watson, Randall D	28,065.48
County Commissioners Assoc.	Conference registration	350.00	Harris, Lonnie D	32,484.85	Yos, John R	15,165.34
Crescent Electric Supply	Supplies	487.88	Harris, Rusty L	24,735.37		
Crist Properties, Llc	Public Def Rent	13,347.72	Adair Co Retirement Fund		Retirement	20,180.26
Culligan	Water	731.83	Adair County Family Ymca		Memberships	229.60
Daniel Jones & Associates	Accounting services	5,800.00	Aflac		Insurance	7,654.19
David Jacobs	Service A/C	465.00	Airgas		Welding supplies	989.43
Davis Co, la Sheriff Dept	Court service	51.50	Altorfer Inc		Graders and repairs	694,184.81
Department Of Revenue	Employment taxes	403.62	Ameren Missouri		Utilities	2,376.62
Div/ Employment Security	Unemployment	44.73	Asi -Agri-Systems		Air Compressor	4,163.64
Dominion Voting	Annual License/Warranty	7,219.00	At&T		phones	994.17
Easley Floor Covering	Installation Vinyl Plank	1,179.00	Ayers Oil Company		Diesel	32,145.73
Ecoblab Pest Elimination	Exterminator	554.04	Ball Volvo Truck And Tire		Vehicle repair	5,151.29
Edward J Rice Co Inc	Printing services	454.11	Barco Municipal Products		Supplies	1,979.41
Elkins-Swyers Co Inc	Printing/election services	2,903.88	Best Drive		Tires	11,096.30
Erica Speiser	Plaster work	19,797.00	Bg Davis Distributing		Fuel-Lubs/Heavy Equipment	3,529.83
Emeralda Inc	Rent	6,222.82	Billy Scott		Grader parking	450.00
Fidlar Technologies Inc	Software	12,962.98	Boyer Ridge Manufacturing		Equipment	684.82
First Citizens Bank & Tru	Office equipment lease	33,707.88	Brookfield Tractor		Parts	4,960.93
Fitzgerald And Floyd Cpas	Accounting services	75.00	Brozene Hydraulic Service		Parts/repair	9,928.18
Gawen Lawrence	Rent	10,200.00	Brs Construction Llc		Bridge construction	328,555.50
Group Benefit Servc	Insurance	442,607.30	Buck Bros. Sunny Slope LI		Vehicle Maintenance	312.87
Great West Trust Company	Retirement	42,895.62	Carter'S Trailer Sales		Trailer	6,500.00
Henry M Adkins & Son Inc	Supplies	107.38	Centurylink		Phones	29.53
Hightower Wholesale	Supplies	1,267.96	Christensen Asphalt		cold Patch	6,154.80
Huber & Associates, Inc	Computer Maint	128,451.59	Cintas First Aid And Safe		First Aid Supplies	1,188.33
Hy-Vee	Supplies	189.59	City Of Kirkville		Water	641.67
Inclusion Solutions Llc	Equipment	6,280.67	Compulink Ltd		Software	1,558.00
Intellcorp	Service fee	20.00	David Pulliam		Grader Parking	600.00
Interpreters, Inc.	Court Interpreter	2,735.59	Davidson Auto Supply		Parts	9,148.00
J And K Tire And Auto Llc	Vehicle Equipment/Maint	110.64	Deery Brothers Chevrolet		Truck	68,570.00
Jackson Electric	Auto Door maintenance	1,293.00	Div/ Employment Security		Unemployment	12.97
Jaren Ingersoll	Moving	90.87	Edina Farm & Home		Supplies	1,875.91
Johnny Contratto	Move/Labor	1,290.00	Ejs Supply		Equipment	2,071.92
Jury Payments	Jury Payments	3,265.45	Ertel Custom Welding		Truck Bed	2,500.00
K-Redi	Annual Payment	6,000.00	Faber And Brand, Llc		Garnishment	314.48
Karen Hoskins	Cleaning	1,690.00	Fastenal Company		Supplies	196.48
Kenneth Read	Rent	51,493.40	Group Benefit Services		Insurance	224,735.01
Kims Carpet L.L.C.	Carpet Tile	467.13	Gene'S Small Engines		parts	360.00
King Appliance	Furniture	2,259.00	Good Guys Glass & Auto		Glass replacement	598.00
King, Bill	Reimbursement	193.76	Great West Trust Company,		Retirement	18,721.84
Kirksville Brake & Muffle	Vehicle Maintenance	693.02	Hightower Wholesale		supplies	54.10
Kirksville E-911 Joinservices	E911 agreement	42,602.00	Howe Company Llc		Bridge Engineering	163,162.06
Kmet Consulting	Hr Consulting	233.18	Hunter Tire		Vehicle Maintenance	571.00
Knoxink	Poll Pad Annual License	3,000.00	Jireh Incorporated		Tires	28,906.20
Knox Co Treasurer	Jury Costs	1,607.00	John Deere Financial		Equipment	8,892.00
Kone	Elevator Maint.	6,956.64	Kirksville Lumber Co		Lumber	69.95
Kristie Swaim	Reimbursement	1,040.27	Knapheide Truck Equip		Equipment	2,478.00
Language Line Services, In	Interpretation Services	578.34	Knox County Stone		Rock	1,100,445.31
Learning Opportunities/Qu	Janitorial Services	3,983.88	L & B Electronics		Tools	3,656.00
Lee Co, la Sheriff Office	Court service	20.00	Lawson Products, Inc		Supplies	2,525.54
Lewis Co Treasurer	Jury Costs	3,942.33	Liberty Utilities		Utilities	3,467.40
Liberty Utilities	Utilities	12,010.58	Logan Curtis		Supplies	400.00
Lori Smith	Reimbursement	1,549.13	Mac		Worker'S Comp Insurance	27,362.19
M&C Solar Screens And Sha	Window Shades	13,280.00	Main Creek Repair		Supplies	778.00
MAC	Conference/Dues	8,096.35	Manish Petel		Reimbursement	35.00
MAPACJ	Dues/Conference	200.00	Mark Shahan		Reimbursement	14.50
Mark Shahan	Reimbursement	575.96	Mcknight Tire & Auto		Tires	2,697.80
Marmic Fire & Safety Co.,	Fire Extinguisher Service/Insp	415.85	Metal Culverts Inc		Culverts	17,064.50
Marshall Custom Woodworks	Counters	2,800.00	Mfa Agri Services		Grass Seed	313.00
Martha Cole, Adair County	Reimbursement	7,724.36	Mfa Oil & Propane		Fuel	9,229.85
MCTA	Treas Assoc Reg/Dues	400.00	Mfa Oil Company		Bulk Oil	98,390.29
Michael Miller	Flower Care	153.00	Midway Freightliner		Heavy Truck	315,290.23
Miller Bros. Concrete Llc	Repair Concrete, Parking Lot	3,850.00	Midwest Wheel Companies		Parts	623.74
Missouri Assoc Co Clerks	Conference/Dues	1,200.00	Missouri Lagers		Retirement	81,082.09
Missouri Association Of Counties	Legislative Day Reg	5,296.00	Missouri Withholding		Withholding Tax	18,247.00
Missouri Circuit Clerks Assoc.	Dues/Conference	500.00	Mo State Agency Surplus P		Supplies	1,805.00
Missouri Lagers	Retirement	170,782.58	Mo Vocational Enterprises		supplies	3,759.75
Missouri Withholding	Withholding Tax	40,872.00	Mutual Wheel		Parts	197.48
Mo Assoc Of Public Administrators	Convention Registration	500.00	Nemr Rural Telephone		Telephone	691.63
Mo Div Of Fire Safety	Elevator Operating Certific	25.00	O'Reilly Automotive Store		Supplies	963.27
Mo Vocational Enterprises	Supplies/equipment	4,243.00	Oden Enterprises		Bridge construction	62,646.94
Naco	Dues	512.00	Outback Welding & Machini		Welding	9,251.91
Nebraska Furniture	Desks	5,036.97	Owen'S Trenching & Tile		Culverts	88,488.04
Nicol Joe	Reimbursement	266.47	Pe Jepson Lumber Co		Lumber	1,446.25
Northeast Mo Regional Planning	Dues	2,148.10	Peters Heating & Air		Supplies	365.60
Office Essentials	supplies	882.30	Phillips Media Group Llc		Publications	534.00
Pacars	Retirement	17,752.95	Powell & Son Safety Servi		Heavy Equipment Repairs	3,750.90
Pagliari'S Pizza	Jury supplies	158.00	PrairieLand Fs Inc		Fuel & Lubes	139,659.21
Peckosh Landscaping	Landscaping/lawn care	1,208.00	Pro-Tech Company Inc		Office Expenses	131.36

Legal Notice

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Table with 3 columns: Vendor Name, Description, Amount. Includes items like Fund: 301 Law Enforcement Services, Adair Co Retirement Fund, Retirement, 144.00.

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Table with 4 columns: FUND, BALANCE, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes financial data for various funds.

I, Sandy Collop, the duly authorized agent appointed by the County Commission of Adair County, State of Missouri, to prepare for publication the financial statement as required by Section 50.800 RSMo, hereby certify that I have diligently checked the records of the county and that the above foregoing is complete and correct statement of every item of information required in Section 50.800 RSMo, for the year ending December 31, 2023, and especially have I checked the receipt from every source whatsoever and every disbursement of expenditures of every kind and to whom and for what each disbursement of expenditure was made and that each receipt or revenue and disbursement of expenditure is accurately shown.

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Jurors At \$14.00 Per Day (Appearing): \$20.00 Per day (Serving) Plus \$0.07 Mileage:

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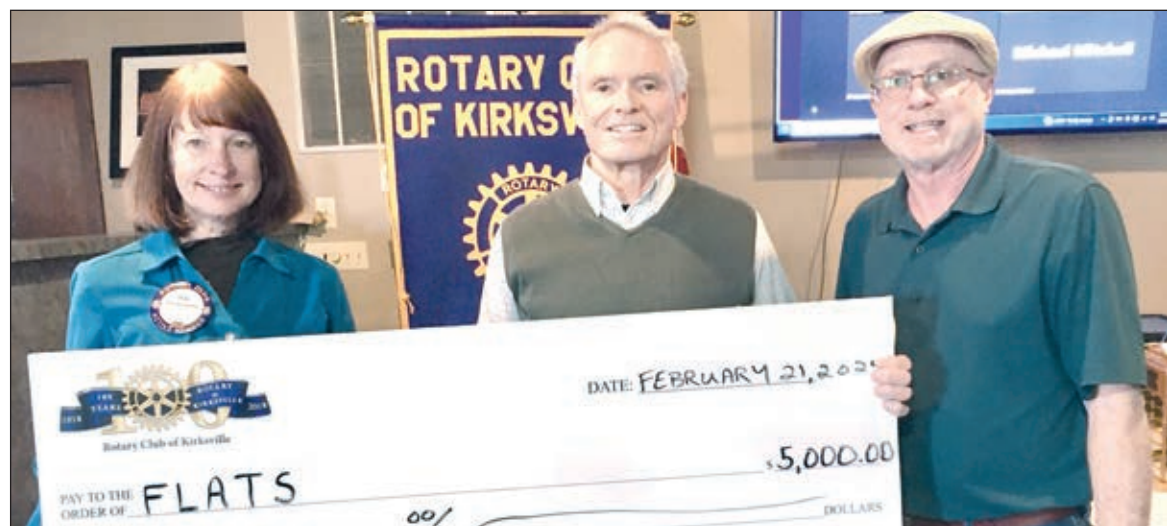
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21-Feb-24

Sandy Collop, Adair County Clerk Clerk of the County Commission and ex officio designated to prepare financial statement required by section 50.800, RSMo.



Rotary Club of Kirkville donates to Forest Lake Area Trail System

By Rotary Club of Kirkville

At the Feb. 21 Rotary Club of Kirkville meeting, a \$5,000 check from a matching grant was presented to the Forest Lake Area Trail System (FLATS) Chair Dan Martin for trailhead electricity, which

is being installed this week. FLATS in turn received a \$5,000 matching grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation which covered the entire \$10,000 installation cost. The grants will provide electricity to the pavilion, a restroom, and two telephone poles which were

donated by Ameren. Later this spring, concrete sidewalks, a pavilion pad and parking lot will be poured. The FLATS Trailhead will soon become a Kirkville city park. Pictured from left are FLATS committee members Debi Boughton, Martin and Randy Smith.

Northeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club meets

By Northeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

The regular meeting of the Northeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was held on Feb. 11, at the Adair County Ambulance Training Center. Fourteen members and two guests were present. The following officers were elected for 2024:

- President
Jim Farmer (KA0BAT)
- Vice President
Patrick McGillan (KA9PDK)
- Secretary
Dan Aaronson (KE0WHL)
- Treasurer
Don Binder (AE0TF)



Field Day will be held on June 22-24 at Thousand Hills State Park. The public is invited to observe ham radios in use.

The next club meeting is March 10 at 1:30 p.m. at the Adair County Ambulance Training Center. Anyone interested in ham radio is welcome to attend.

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New Federal Reporting Requirements Impact Small Business

Effective January 1, 2024, under the Corporate Transparency Act, many companies in the United States must report information about their beneficial owners—the individuals who ultimately own or control the company—to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Filing is simple, secure, and free of charge.

Below are a few frequently asked question from fincen.org intended to help navigate the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) and beneficial ownership information (BOI) reporting.

Who Has to Report?
Companies required to report are called reporting companies. Reporting companies may have to obtain information from their beneficial owners and report that information to FinCEN.

Your company may need to report information about its beneficial owners if it is:

- a corporation, a limited liability company (LLC), or was otherwise created in the United States by filing a document with a secretary of state or any similar office under the law of a state or Indian tribe; or
- a foreign company and was registered to do business in any U.S. state or Indian tribe by such a filing.

Who Does Not Have to Report?
Twenty-three types of entities are exempt from beneficial ownership information reporting requirements, including publicly traded companies, nonprofits, and certain large operating companies.

How Do I Report?
Reporting companies report beneficial ownership information electronically through FinCEN's website: www.fincen.gov/boi. The system provides a confirmation of receipt once a completed report is filed with FinCEN.

When Do I Report?

- If your company was created or registered prior to January 1, 2024, you will have until January 1, 2025 to report BOI.
- If your company is created or registered in 2024, you must report BOI within 90 calendar days after receiving actual or public notice that your company's creation or registration is effective, whichever is earlier.

The above information and more information about the CTA and BOI can be found on fincen.org.

The Small Business Development Center is here to help.

If you need help filing a Beneficial Ownership Information Report or need more resources to determine whether or not you should file, the SBDC is a great place to start! Give us a call to schedule an appointment at 660-665-3348.

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