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Bond proposal will finance school district security enhancements; Education Center for Performing Arts

By Marty Bachman
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The Kirksville R-III School District is moving forward with promoting a bond proposal on the April 2 ballot, to raise an initial \$33 million to be used for district improvements that include security enhancements and an Education Center for Performing Arts.

The new tax will not increase costs to voters as the percentage will remain at what is currently being paid, 0.8190 per \$100 of assessed valuation of real and personal property. With a positive vote on the proposed bond, district taxpayers will continue paying what they have since the mid-1990s, when they first approved a plan to finance some of the district's capital expenses.

The current 20-year bond was approved by taxpayers in 2005 and then refinanced by the school board in 2016 to take advantage



OPTION E — Entrance with curve.



A rendering of an entrance into Kirksville High School.

of low interest rates, which allowed them to pay it off faster and save taxpayer money. That bond will expire on April 25.

Kirksville R-III Superintendent Bob Webb said that a facility steering committee pinpointed the current essential needs of the district, which must raise \$65 million of capital overall, to complete 11 projects over two phases. Webb

said that the district has about \$43 million in bonding capacity, though it's only asking for \$33 million for the first phase of the project. He said they are able to keep the bond rate consistent with what it was over 20 years ago, due to the rise in value of Kirksville real estate.

"We don't want to put more burden on people than we need, so we're just not going to ask,"

Webb said. "We can do it this way — it's feasible — it really is."

In the first phase, if the current bond tax extension is approved, the district expects to raise \$33 million to be spent on four primary projects: first being enhanced security of the district's buildings and entrances; second, the construction of the Education Center for Performing Arts that

will also serve as a mandated storm shelter; third, a renovation of Kirksville High School areas that were originally built in 1960; and fourth, add more parking spaces for the arts center along with a reconfiguration of at least one parking lot to improve parent pick up and drop off traffic flow.

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Mayor Zac Burden gives State of the City address

By Marty Bachman
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Kirksville Mayor Zac Burden delivered the annual State of the City address on Monday, Feb. 26, at the Rieger Armory in Kirksville.

Burden began by inviting youth to be engaged with city leaders, working to ensure they feel welcome as full fledged members of the community and act positively for the town.

"While so many city operations support these opportunities for children in our community, none is perhaps more visible than what is offered through our parks and recreation system," he said, noting that in the past year, children were involved in high numbers in swim lessons at the Aquatic Center, creative programming like theater, unique one time events like the cardboard box races and various sports programs.

Burden said that in the first year of the city taking over the local youth recreational baseball and softball leagues, the program saw a 40 percent increase in participation and even more were expected to play.

"Ensuring that all kids can come together for these kinds of activities is important," he said. "With the city council's blessing, parks and recreation is offering scholarship opportunities for students whose families may have costs as a barrier to participation."

Burden said that people and businesses in the community are encouraged to support the scholarships to help all Kirksville kids get connected positively.

"These are dollars well spent with lasting impact on our community," he said. "I applaud this creative solution-driven approach to youth engagement."

Burden said that all city residents will be able to see "tangible results" of new and exciting things happening in the city's park system with the addition of splash pads, one in P.C. Mills Park and the other in Brashear Park.

"Once completed, safe and ready to use water features will be available for kids throughout the summer months that they can use at any time in the park, as always," he said, noting that the splash pads are features parents have been asking the city to build.

Burden also cited the planned construction of new bathrooms and playground equipment in city parks, as well as expanded walking trails being built by the city.

"City staff continues to come through on the commitment to use the parks and recreation sales tax responsibly and wisely to make these additions that are needed to our system, and with the plans to continue that work into the future," he said. "The results of this concerted effort include a more well connected community as we engage with one another in our parks."

Burden said that the improvements made to city parks also yields kids who are more engaged in positive activities.

Speaking about safety features in the community, Burden mentioned the clean drinking water the city provides, city streets he said were well engineered and maintained, and a 911 emergency staff that is available 24/7 to care for residents in crisis.

"We have fire crews who will race to the scene for medical and fire emergencies and police working to hold us all accountable to the laws and standards of our community," he said.

He said that while calls for services were up in 2023, the city council had purchased new equipment for the 911 Call Center that better connected residents to emergency services. He said that the 911 Call Center, the police and fire departments have all developed long-term strategic plans to improve public safety, and that while calls for service have increased, crime continues to "drop across the board" in Kirksville.

Burden said that residents can expect to see an increase in patrol cars on the streets as the city moves from having three patrol sectors to four. He said that the city will continue to recruit and retain officers for what he called, "the finest police department in Northeast Missouri."

Burden said that Kirksville fire crews are now able to use their newly-acquired advanced life saving skills to assist people in crisis, having received new licensure and cooperation in alignment with the Adair County Ambulance District. He said that never before have the residents of Kirksville had better trained police and firefighters.

"The city council is proud to support those efforts and their the funding requests," Burden said, thanking all city staff, police, fire and 911 operators for their response to the record rainfalls back in August. "I thank you for your willingness to jump in to take action for the people of our city," he said.



Kirksville Mayor Zac Burden.

Burden said that in the future, he hoped the city can better service the community, both locally and regionally. He said that in partnership with Adair County, Kirksville is using grant monies to construct a new community building that will focus on training emergency personnel.

"With a dedicated space for training, we can begin to offer these training sessions with other departments as well," he said. "Instead of traveling to Columbia, Kansas City or St. Louis for training, local emergency personnel from northern Missouri and even southern Iowa, could be getting their advanced training right here in Kirksville."

He said that by building the center, it will increase the professional reputation of the city and county first responders.

Burden said that the new facility is just one the city council will need to address in the coming year, in order to better support first responders and other staff in the city. He said the council has been in discussions for many months about new and expanded facilities to better support police, fire and city service operations.

"Our police have long made do with a jury-rigged former bank serving as the police department building," he said. "As we are expanding the size of the team and adding equipment and looking for ways to increase officer safety, it is time for Kirksville to construct a purpose-built police station for our community."

He said that local officers deserve a space designed to effectively serve Kirksville and noted that the city's fire department is also running out of space for their firefighting and life saving equipment — and with response times on the north end of town taking longer than elsewhere in community, there was a need for a second fire station to be built on the north side of town.

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15th Annual Community Engagement Conference held in Kirksville

Staff Reports

The 15th Annual Community Engagement Conference was held on Saturday, March 2 at William Matthew Middle School in Kirksville. The free, one-day conference brought 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 lead discussions on how you can use the many resources in your daily life to plan for and live the life you want. The conference offered 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.

Dozens of vendors had tables in the exhibition room and over 300 people attended the event.



Northeast Regional Medical Center celebrates 100th robotic surgical procedure

By Northeast Regional Medical Center

Northeast Regional Medical Center (NRMC) is celebrating the completion of the 100th robotic surgical procedure. Robotic surgery was

introduced at NRMC in June 2023 offering a wide range of surgical needs including anti-reflux fundoplication, hernia, prostate, certain gynecological procedures and more.

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Kirksville Area Calendar of Events

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.

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.

Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce 5 Under 40 annual banquet

The Kirksville 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 Kirksville 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 Kirksville. RSVP: 660-665-9400.

Vinola Trio (violin, clarinet, piano) guest ensemble

The Vinola Trio (violin, clarinet, piano) guest ensemble will perform at 1:30 p.m. on March 19 at the Truman State University Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

TRU-Biz Forum welcomes leadership experts

The Truman State University School of Business is hosting its third TRU-Biz Forum at 3:30 p.m. March 20 in Violette Hall 1000. The TRU-Biz Forum invites business leaders in a variety of fields to share their expertise and insights. The upcoming forum focuses on leadership-related topics with renowned experts in the area and will be moderated by students Alex Fellows and Stephanie Renasco Guzman. All students, faculty, staff and community members are welcome for inspiration and learning. Networking will follow the forum.

Brig. Gen. Rachel E. Humphrey ('95): Commanding General, Deployment Support Command, Deputy Commander for Operations, Surface Deployment and Distribution Command; Mark Fellows ('94): Senior VP and Head of Lead Management for Consumer Lending Business Lines, US Bank; Brig. Gen. Matthew Bacon: Senior Manager in Engineering, Nestlé Purina PetCare Company, Assistant Adjutant General, the Missouri National Guard; Maj. Tyler Morgan: Assistant Program Manager for Program Executive Office Soldier, U.S. Army

Thousand Hills State Park Star Party

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

ADAIR COUNTY SB40 MARCH CALENDAR

March is Developmental Disability Awareness Month (DDAM) and a time to celebrate and recognize all people with disabilities and their accomplishments, activism, and successes. There are many ways to celebrate DDAM. You can attend Disability Rights Legislative Day or the MOAAIDD Conference, "Disability, Choice, Risk", advocate for a person with a disability or yourself, teach someone about your needs and how to best support you and more. For other ideas, visit <https://acl.gov/>.

March Activities at the Community Learning Center:

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

Dance Aerobics – Come dance with Angela and get your workout in at the same time!

Fun with Music – Join Angela for fun activities that incorporate music.

Nature Time – Holly Whitacre with the Missouri Department of Conservation will be back on Tuesday, March 19 at 2 p.m. Holly will bring a special nature activity with her that is great for people of all ages!

Guided Painting – On Tuesday, March 12, join Angela for a fun Spring guided painting class at 3:30 p.m. All supplies are provided.

Easter Craft – On Tuesday, March 19, come do a fun Easter craft with Angela and Melissa.

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

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

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

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

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

Open Hearts Story Time – Come join Miss Bre from the Adair County Public Library for a fun story with easy art project! This new activity is great for visitors of ALL ages!

Other Activities and Information to Know:

Disability Legislative Day – Join the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council (MODDC) and fellow self-advocates on Wednesday, March 13 at the Capitol for the Annual Disability Legislative Day. For more information, visit <https://drrd.org/events/drrd/>.

Parent-to-Parent Group – This group is for any parent guardian of a child, birth through the end of school, with a disability. Your child does not need to be receiving services through Adair County SB40 Developmental Disability Board to participate. October's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Community Learning Center. Please contact the CLC by Friday, March 8, if you will need childcare during the meeting. This month, Service Coordinator and former Special Education teacher will be joining us to share some important information about transitioning from an early childhood education setting to a primary school setting with an IEP or 504 along with tips for parents with children of all ages!

MOAAIDD Conference – "Dignity, Choice, Risk" – Registration for the Annual MOAAIDD Conference in Columbia on Thursday, March 21, is now open. This year's conference will feature speakers Christopher Robin Judson Worth, Educator, Researcher, Curriculum Developer, Trainer, Artist, Writer, Consultant, and Community Organizer along with Shannon Nehus, LTSS Program Director / DD & Employment and Community First CHOICES at Tennessee Division of TennCare. Registration is \$60 per person and includes lunch. There are scholarships available for self-advocates but are limited, so don't wait to register! Register online at <https://ticketstripe.com/MOAAIDD-Conference-2024> or contact Matt Hoff at MHoff@bcrf.org or (573-708-7544) to request a scholarship. You can also contact Melissa Shine at the Community Learning Center for more information.

People First of Northeast Missouri Meeting – Calling all self-advocates: Come be a member of People First where you will learn how to advocate for yourself and others, build self-determination skills, and stronger relationships with other self-advocates. They will meet on Tuesday, March 26, 6-7 p.m. at the Community Learning Center.

2024 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum – The 2024 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum is now accepting applications for this summer. The forum is held each year at University of Missouri-Columbia (MIZZOU) for youth between the ages of 16-20 who are enrolled in a high school education program or plan to plan to graduate in December 2023 or May 2024. Please see the attached flyer for more information about this amazing, FREE five-day, overnight leadership program! Participants will get to experience campus life by staying in a dorm at MIZZOU, learn about leadership styles the disability community, disability laws and legislative process, as well as, develop self-determination skills and more. Applications are due by March 31. You can also visit <https://tinyurl.com/2024yjf> for more information.

Truman State to host new visit experience

By Truman State University

Truman State University will host its inaugural Truman Experience Weekend for prospective students and their families March 22-23.

A new twist on traditional college visits, the Truman Experience Weekend offers multiple opportunities for future students and their families to discover what Truman has to offer. Flexible scheduling allows for guests to personalize their visit and make the most of their time on campus through tailored presentations, special events and personal interactions.

"Instead of everyone attending the same presentations, students and families will have an opportunity to

select which activities to attend," said Tyana Lange, vice president of student engagement, enrollment and marketing. "There is no obligation to attend everything. By spacing events out over two days, we are simply giving guests a bigger window to learn about the aspects of college life that appeal to them."

Guests will have the opportunity to take tours of campus, learn about academic departments from faculty members, hear from current students and tour rooms in the residence halls. Other activities include an alumni panel discussion, a show in the planetarium, a sampling of on-campus dining options and a performance



Truman Students on the Mall.

by comedian Gianmarco Soresi, sponsored by the Student Activities Board.

"The main change is, rather than show and tell, we are creating an environment where students can come and do," Lange said. "The goal is to show our amazing student body and campus in an energetic and fun way so students can truly picture themselves as bulldogs."

The Truman Experience Weekend is the newest addition to the variety of visit options for prospective students. The university continues to conduct individual in-person visits, complete with campus tours, every

weekday, as well as some Saturday events. Truman also offers donor-sponsored visit options for families that may need assistance with any associated costs.

The Truman Experience Weekend is open to all prospective students and their family members. Details for additional activities during Truman Experience Weekend will be posted online as they become available. To register, or for more information, check out truman.edu/admission-cost/visit-truman/truman-experience-weekend or contact the Admissions Office at (660) 785-4114 or admissions@truman.edu.

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NRMC

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"It was very exciting to launch robotic surgery last summer, and we are thrilled to have 100 patients across northeast Missouri benefit from this service offering," Dr. Steven Lyons, a general surgeon at NRMC who performs robotic surgical procedures, said. "It is always my goal to provide safe, quality care to my patients, and I am very fortunate to be able to offer a state-of-the-art minimally-invasive surgical option, which typically allows for quicker recovery times."

Minimally invasive techniques are advanced through the use of robotic-assisted equipment, allowing surgeons to perform more complex procedures. The robotic equipment features a magnified 3D high-definition vision

system and tiny wristed instruments that bend and rotate far greater than the human hand allowing surgeons to operate using the tiniest incisions with greater vision, precision and control.

"We are pleased that minimally-invasive robotic surgery is allowing residents of northeast Missouri to stay closer to home for medical care," said Patrick Avila, NRMC chief executive officer. "We look forward to celebrating another milestone soon."

In addition to the surgical robotics program, the hospital recently expanded imaging services to include 3D mammography and upgraded nuclear medicine technology. For more information about surgical services or other services offered at Northeast Regional Medical Center, visit <https://www.nrmc.com/surgery-services>.

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OBITUARIES

Robert 'Bob' Jackson

Aug 14, 1942 – Feb 26, 2024

Robert "Bob" Jackson, age 81 of La Plata, Missouri, died peacefully on Monday, February 26, 2024, at his home, north of LaPlata. Born August 14, 1942, in La Plata, Missouri, the eldest son of Roy and Elma (Thurman) Jackson. On June 8, 1968, in Esther, Missouri he was united in marriage to Andy McCreery who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Reed (Carna) of Chesapeake VA and Lance (Paula) of Miami Shores, FL; daughter-in-law, Audra Jackson-Harris; 7 grandchildren, Trey (Hannah), Bethany, Teagan, Ronan, Luke, Dylan, and Colin; 1 great granddaughter, Evelyn; one brother, Tom of Worland, WY; 2 sisters, Ann (Ken) White of Perryville, MO and Becky Dawson of LaPlata; brothers-in-law, nephews, niece, aunts, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Brett; one sister, Carol Suchland; and infant brother, LeRoy. Bob was a 1960 graduate of LaPlata High School and University of Missouri-Columbia, 1967, with a BS degree in Agriculture.



Bob was a life-time farmer, an Elder of the LaPlata Community Presbyterian Church, and had a keen interest in community and agricultural organizations. He served as V-Pres of Missouri Farm Bureau, held leadership positions of Adair-Schuyler Farm Bureau, LaPlata Jaycees, Adair County Soil & Water, Adair County MU Extension Council, Rural Water District, MO 4-H Foundation, NEMO Fair, Interstate Livestock Producers Assn, and local 4-H Club. The Jacksons hosted 200,000 guests during the M&W Farm Power show on their family farm in 1969. He participated in an International Rotary Scholar Exchange in 1977. Bob and his wife, Andy, created & operated Jackson Country Connection, a fun fall agri-tourism venue 2008-2022.

Bob's family was his greatest source of joy. A dedicated MIZZOU fan, he passionately followed collegiate football. He was innovative and patient with unceasing determination. He enjoyed dancing, Rock 'N Roll & country music, and a nightly routine of a bowl of ice cream. He leaves his family and friends lessons of life, by the way he lived, with his simplistic love of God, nature, agriculture and attitude of ultimate optimism.

A "Celebrate Bob" service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 9, 2024 at LaPlata Community Presbyterian Church with visitation 9:30-10:45 a.m. Memorials may be made to "Robert Jackson Memorial" for the Adair County MU Extension Building Fund or the LaPlata Community Presbyterian Church.

Avis Gailene (Speaks) Baker

Mar 19, 1943 – Feb 26, 2024

Avis Gailene (Speaks) Baker, 80, of Kirksville, MO passed away peacefully on Monday February 26, 2024 at home surrounded by her loving family. The daughter of Gail Gaines Omar and Mildred Pearl (Cross) Speaks, she was born on March 29, 1943 in Kirksville. She was united in marriage to William Harold Baker on December 6, 1961, and of that union two children were born.



Gailene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one sister, Dixie Lee (Gus) Penicaro, and three brothers, Albert Martin (surviving, Anna), Clell Omar, and Michael Guy (surviving, Verna) Speaks. She is survived by her two children, Susan "Susie" Colette Keim and William "Bill" Harold Baker, Jr., two grandchildren, Alaina Gailene Oliver (Jamie) and Adam Kendal Keim (Casey Rethmeier), two "honorary" grandchildren, Dazmine Shane Wagnon and Rajah Marie Wagnon, and three great grandchildren, James Warren, Elijah Adam, and Gemma Colette Oliver. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews as well as several great nieces and nephews, each of whom she loved dearly.

Gailene received her education in Kirksville Public Schools, and she spent her working years in various occupations of service to others before retiring due to health issues in 1998. She had many fulfilling jobs, but her favorite was being behind the counter of the Dobbs House News Stand at the Memphis International Airport in the late 1960s. She loved to tell tales of the celebrities and southern royalty that came through her line. She retired from her position as a certified nurses' aid to the residents of Twin Pines Adult Care Center, and that work brought her much joy, as she genuinely loved caring for her residents.

Gailene was born the middle child of 5 to a humble family in the heart of the World War II era. Despite her father's long absences due to his service to our country, she always considered herself a "daddy's girl" His untimely death when she was 13 years old was a devastating loss for the entire family. She treasured her siblings and had a special bond with each of them. She was fortunate to live most of her life in close proximity to her three brothers, and they stayed deeply connected throughout their entire adult lives. She counted it as a blessing to have spent her own mother's final years sharing a home together and caring for one another.

She and Harold met one fateful night at the Air Force base right outside Kirksville when she was just 18 years young. The two connected, and, as the story goes, "the sparks flew" Becoming Mrs. Baker took her down to Memphis, TN where she

gained a place in a large, closeknit, southern family who loved her as one of their own. The years spent raising their children were marked with many family gatherings, Sunday dinners, extravagant Christmases, and no shortage of cousins as playmates for Susan and Billy. These were among Gailene's fondest memories. Harold's tragic and sudden death in 1973 was a loss that would remain painful for the rest of her days, ultimately bringing her and her children back home to Kirksville.

Gailene never strayed from her children as they grew into adulthood. She was always trumpeting their relentless resilience through life's deepest valleys — of which they endured many — to anyone that would listen. Helping Mitch and Susie raise her "precious grandbabies" was most certainly a defining role, and it was that season of life that transformed Gailene into her most favorite moniker, "Nana" The relationship between Nana and her grandbabies is truly a love story for the books. That love only multiplied as she experienced the joy of welcoming her great grandbabies. She was an avid reader, told the best stories, was rarely spotted without her cigarette and soda on ice, never missed the nightly weather forecast, always kept a garden, kept us all on our toes, and was utterly devoted to her MANY cats and dogs, with each pet treated as though it were her favorite.

Gailene experienced declining health over the last several years, and during that time she was lovingly cared for with devotion by her children and grandchildren, up until her dying breath. This time together at the end of her life was a labor of Love, and it was also a gift from God that brought peace, clarity, and closure for them all. She loved spending time with her family, and she was blessed with a large circle of people who did our very best to love her just as she was. We delighted in her lively, bold, onery personality — we never really knew what might come out of her mouth next! In return, she loved us all with a ferociousness that could NEVER be matched. If you know, you know. Every part of who she was and what she gave will forever be missed by us all. Nana, our parting words to you are simply this — I love you more!

Services will be held on Saturday March 9, 2024 at Travis-Noe Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 10:00am and funeral to follow at 11:30am. She will be laid to rest beside her late husband on Monday March 11, 2024 at 11:00am at Forest Hill Memorial Park South in Memphis, TN.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Adair County Humane Society and may be left at or mailed to Travis Noe Funeral Home, PO Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Missouri-Southern Iowa (MOSI) Art Guild meetings

The MOSI (Missouri-Southern Iowa) Art Guild, founded in 2014, is a group of professional and amateur artists from northeast Missouri and southern Iowa. Members gather on the second Thursday of each month to support, encourage, and learn from each other. Opportunities are provided for artists to receive recognition for their work. Members are informed through regular emails and Facebook pages. Exhibit and art sales opportunities include a monthly revolving display at Bank Midwest, a yearly fall-winter exhibit at Truman University's Pickler Memorial Library Café, space at Gallery 104, representation at the annual downtown Art Walk, & inclusion in the Kirksville Arts Association's yearly Regional Show. March meeting will be held at The Crossing, 810 East Shepherd Ave., Kirksville, at 5:30 p.m. Active artists and/or supporters of the arts are welcome. For more information: email mosiartguild@gmail.com or message on Facebook page "The MOSI Art Guild" or mail inquiries to : MOSI, PO BOX 763, Kirksville, MO 63501.

'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)", through March 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.

'Let's Murder Marsha' at the Curtain Call Theater

The Curtain Call Theater, 512 W. Elizabeth Street, will present "Let's Murder Marsha" on March 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30, all at 7 p.m. A happy housewife named Marsha, hopelessly addicted to reading murder mysteries, overhears her loving husband discussing her upcoming birthday surprise with an interior decorator. To her ears, though, it sounds like they are planning to murder her! Tickets are \$15 per person and will be available at the Hy-Vee Service Desk or at the door.

BOND

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Webb said the proposed projects received many hours of feedback from district personnel, staff, faculty, students and community members, and that the meetings were led by district-contracted architects. He said that if the bond proposal is approved, the district will begin work on the projects by spring 2025 with the second phase predicated on the bond being extended again in five years.

According to the district's website, the approach taken is more manageable and allows them to keep the current property tax rate the same.

"The two phases allow us to address the most important safety and space issues at the beginning while accounting for all of the building needs through the course of the two phases," the website states, noting that the process makes it possible to pay the bond obligation more quickly in its early stages.

Webb emphasized the district's responsible use of taxpayer dollars raised in the original bond proposals and subsequent renewals. The district has built the Early Childhood Learning Center using the funds, and even extended it. They've added a science wing to the high school, built the primary school and then later added four classrooms, and they added space to the tech center. Other district projects have benefitted from the bonds as well.

Speaking of the proposed Education Center for Performing Arts, Webb said that band, drama and choir students will all benefit from having more room and a stage to perform on, as will all the students that will be educated on the behind-the-scenes vocations that emanate from theater productions.

"We teach the kids not only about acting and singing and playing instruments, but lighting, costuming, set design, makeup, stage management, all those things that happen before they step on the stage," Webb said. "That's what education is — that's our job, teaching them those things."

Webb said that not only being a great place for students to perform, the 750-seat center will be an asset to the community as well in providing a quality space for meetings, concerts and outside theater productions.

He said that as a storm shelter, it will protect 1,000 students from both the high school and the tech center, should a tornado or other threatening storm land nearby. It will be the first storm shelter on the sprawling district campus, buildings that are being mandated by the state.

According to Webb, all of the district's schools need their entrances upgraded to provide more security for students. As an example, he said that the entrance to Ray Miller Elementary School was less secure in that by walking in the front door it put you "right into the guts of the school."

"We need a secure entry at each one of our schools," Webb said. "Right now the primary school is the only one that has it, kind of," he said. "It's not done yet, but it's close. It has the double entry doors and we have put in some security measures this year. This bond will help us finish that and every one of the schools will have a secure entry point, a double door system like this."

Webb said that a safety audit was performed on the district last year and that the extensive, 600-page report showed things that were being done right, like the installation of video cameras and electronic doors, but noted the lack of secure entryways.

"The things we don't do we can't afford to do without a bond — like these secure vestibules — each building will have their own secure vestibule," he said, noting that the security isn't mandated in any way but was a top priority for the steering committee.

"Those community members really want to make sure that we're doing everything we can to keep the boneheads out," he said, stating that it wasn't unusual for an angry parent to storm through a building, ignoring the demands to "stop" given by district personnel.

He said the district also plans to install concrete posts at its building entryways to deter vehicles from crashing into the entrances. Bullet-resistant glass in ground-level classes will be installed as well to protect students and slow possible unauthorized attempts to enter until law enforcement arrives.

As for the high school renovations, in addition to

entryway improvements, the district will build an indoor passageway between the high school and tech center so that students and staff can avoid the elements on a bad weather day. The district will also enclose the high school courtyard to allow for more space that can be employed in the winter months.

"Right now it's an open area in the center of the building that really isn't useful in the wintertime at all," he said. "So the intention is to enclose that and open it up, because right now we have such overcrowding at the high school, you can't even get really a third of the high school kids to lunch at the same time."

The high school weight room is also overcrowded as are the building's hallways. He said that since the science wing was added to the school as part of the 2005 bond renewal as well as other projects within the district. Since then, nothing

has been built except two bathrooms, two years ago, which he said are the "nicest rooms" in the high school.

With construction costs rising out of control in recent years but appearing to stabilize, Webb said that he hopes by the time construction starts in the spring of 2025, contractors will be "getting hungrier" and costs may have dropped.

"A year and a half from now is when we'll really know how far in the construction costs will be," he said.

Webb emphasized the school improvements don't just benefit students and parents with children in the district, but the entire community. Webb said that Kirksville is the economic hub of Northeast Missouri and that by building a first-class performing arts center, it would draw organizations and groups from

throughout the region to use the facility, including scheduling it for meetings of district faculty and staff as well as the employees of surrounding school districts.

"If we wanted to bring in some motivational speakers or some presentations about things, no one has a place to do that," he said.

The district has set up a web page that offers details on the bond proposal and the projects that need to be funded at <https://www.kirksville.k12.mo.us/oksd/page/bond2024-copy>

Election Day is April 2 with polls open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Early voting takes place Tuesday, March 19 through Monday, April 1 at the Adair County Annex Building from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each business day. You will also be able to vote early on Saturday, March 30 from 8 a.m.-Noon at the Annex Building.

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ROBIN WRITES

Please pull around

There is a drive-thru restaurant on nearly every block in town, and their calories are turning me into a Weeble. I think I'm addicted to ordering most anything I'm craving from speakers attached to disembodied voices.

When I was young, going to McDonald's or White Castle was a treat. We piled into the car as a family, drove in silent anticipation, and pulled into the lot. I don't remember using the drive-thru feature; the visit was special, and we wanted to sit at tables and watch other eaters.

The menu was nothing fancy. A burger, fries, and a drink with a stripy straw. Mom was thrilled to have the night off from cooking, and even Dad seemed to enjoy the novelty.

We whispered what we wanted to Mom, and she dictated our orders to the counter person. Dad wrestled his wallet from the back pocket of his blue work pants, and we marveled as he flipped through single dollar bills. He grimaced and handed over his "hard-earned money." We were appropriately grateful.

It wasn't until I became a dating teen that I learned the joy of food-in-the-car dining. The A&W in my hometown was the place to be seen. My date would ease up to the speaker and turn toward me. I didn't want to eat anything messy, or order too much and appear greedy.

When I had decided, he cleared his throat and yelled into the tiny metal box.

In minutes (but who cared how long it took? We were in love), a carhop brought a red tray to the car. It had two little hooks on the edges to fit along the window, and my date scrambled to crank the window up to hold it. Heavy glass mugs, wet with condensation, held the signature root beer.

Our meal was romantic. We could sit right there in the car and giggle as we ate. When we were finished, we pushed the speaker button and the carhop returned for the empty tray. It was perfect.

Chain restaurants sprang up all over the country, and having a way to order food from the car has become a must. Our laziness and habits demand immediate gratification from the driver's window.

McDonald's is probably the busiest fast-food drive-thru. Ordering here is not a cozy, leisurely meal to be savored like A&W. This is an "order your food and pay and get out of the way" system.

Ordering from your car is for the serious eater with little time and an often-meager budget. On your way to work? Grab a coffee and a handheld food item. Need a quick lunch?

Burger...fries...drink: the mantra of most every voice in the single line of cars.

Now that I'm older and part of a duo whose meals are seldom



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH
ROBIN WRITES

worth setting a table for, I find myself easing my car around narrow lanes outside fast-food restaurants with embarrassing regularity.

I'm hungry and I don't want to dirty the kitchen just for us two. If I get food on the "outside," there are no dishes. The bag's contents are eaten, and the wrappers go back in the bag. Neat and clean.

Our town makes it so easy; no matter which direction I'm headed, a restaurant is just a brake tap and steering wheel turn away. I swear, I sometimes feel my car veering toward the entrance to Taco Bell before I even realize I'm going there.

I've been gaining weight, and I know why. My diet consists of fried patties, tortilla shells, and long sticks of salty carbs. Unless there is an intervention of some kind, I am guessing that the only way to stop me from visiting drive-thrus is to confiscate my car keys and send me wobbling from the car.

Contact Robin at robinwrites@yahoo.com

HOME COUNTRY

Get on that bull

That thick old hide shifted beneath me as I got my handhold in the bull rope. I watched his horns. Looking straight ahead in the chute. So far, so good. You know, just like the jumper said as he passed the 26th floor.

And then you find yourself asking the big question: if I take a little more time here in the chute to get set on him, will he start chute fighting? Men have been killed by bulls who fight in the chute.

The guys who have had this bull before say he behaves himself pretty well. He's known to spin to the right about one full jump out of the chute, but I think I can handle that all right.

Okay, I'm as set as I'm going to be, so I nod my head and I hear the hinges of the gate squeak as they swing open and I'm climbing. Going up, and when I get up about as high as I should, I follow this horned monster down. Down to the right as he starts his spin. I loosened just a bit on that first spin, but I hooked that left spur and tried to make it back to where a



SLIM RANDES
HOME COUNTRY

bull rider belongs.

He just spun faster on the next jump and I tasted dirt without even having the knowledge I'd been bucked off. The bull fighters had him busy with them and it gave me time to get up and limp to the gate.

Let the next guy do it. Bull riding the way I do it works out pretty well. I'm safe here in my recliner at home watching the television. Have my dog in my lap and a cold one sitting on the stand next to me. My shirt isn't even dirty. I've done it the other way, a long time ago, and this is much better. And the best part is, my dog doesn't even know I bucked off.

Support professional bull riders. Heaven knows they can use the help. (877-940-4248.)

PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER



National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

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

Welcome to Public Health Corner. In recognition of National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, we dedicate this edition to raising awareness about developmental disabilities and advocating for inclusivity and support for individuals with these conditions. Let's come together to foster understanding, acceptance, and empowerment for people of all abilities.

Understanding Developmental Disabilities:

Developmental disabilities are a diverse group of conditions that affect cognitive, physical, communication, and social development. These disabilities may present at birth or emerge during childhood and can have a lifelong impact on individuals and their families.

Promoting Inclusivity and Support:

Education and Awareness: Raise awareness about developmental disabilities within your community. Educate others about the different types of developmental disabilities, their causes, and the challenges individuals may face.

Advocacy and Empowerment: Advocate for policies and initiatives that promote inclusion, accessibility, and equal opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities. Empower individuals to advocate for themselves and their needs.

Support Services: Connect individuals and families affected by developmental disabilities with support services, resources, and programs. These may include educational programs, vocational training, therapeutic services, and

community support groups. Adair County SB40 is a political subdivision of Adair County, Missouri, providing essential resources for people with developmental disabilities. They can be reached at www.sb40life.org or 660-665-9400.

Celebrating Diversity and Abilities:

Highlighting Success Stories: Celebrate the achievements and contributions of individuals with developmental disabilities. Share inspiring stories that showcase their talents, skills, and resilience.

Promoting Accessible Activities: Organize inclusive events and activities that are accessible to individuals of all abilities. Encourage participation and create opportunities for socialization, recreation, and personal growth.

Fostering Acceptance: Foster a culture of acceptance, respect, and empathy towards individuals with developmental disabilities. Emphasize the value of diversity and the contributions of every individual to our community.

Your Role in Awareness and Advocacy:

As members of our community, we each have a role to play in promoting awareness, acceptance, and support for individuals with developmental disabilities. By fostering inclusivity, advocating for their rights, and celebrating their abilities, we create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all.

Let's stand together this National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month to champion inclusion, celebrate diversity, and empower individuals of all abilities.

Thank you for your commitment to promoting health, equity, and inclusivity in our community.

POETRY CORNER

You're Very Important

Do you ever look at your life... digest all of those years... and think what were the times that were best?

Did you pick out the times... when you were young and free... and disregard all of the rest?

Without a thought... the years with stress... did you leave them at the side of the road?

The years with pain... the years with tears... did you drop them to lighten your load?

Now take a step back... and look again... what made you the person you are?

Was it... when life was easy... or when life had left a scar?

Know you're special... know you're unique...



know from life's struggles you've grown,
And one more thought... you're very important... just ask the people you've known.

— Daniel D. Donovan

THE ROCKWOOD FILES

Large and in charge

Hunter stalks home's hallways

Last night around 11 p.m., we heard a familiar noise from the darkened hallway outside our bedroom door. It was part moan, part growl and part muffled meow. Tom and I glanced at each other because we knew what that sound meant. Percy had another mouse.

Not a real mouse, mind you. But it's as close as an indoor cat gets to indulging her nocturnal hunting instincts. Percy's "mouse" is a 2-inch piece of shag rug plucked from a beige-colored bath mat. One by one, Percy captures each string and pulls it free from the mat. Then she swipes it with her clawless paw, sending it sliding across the cool tiles of the bathroom floor.

I guess it's the movement that convinces Percy the string is really a mouse skittering away. So she gives chase — dashing after it until she pounces and lands with a soft thud, pinning the wayward string under her paws. Then she picks it up in her fearsome teeth and flings it up into the air. When it lands, she bats at it and begins the chase anew.

After a half hour or so of intense "mouse" chasing, Percy picks up the captured string and begins a slow victory lap down the hallway with the slain string dangling halfway out of her mouth. She skulks around the house making that tell-tale sound that seems to translate to this: "Behold me, your majestic housecat, and the fresh kill I hold in my lethal jaws." After parading around a while, Percy lays the defeated mouse by the bedroom door and goes back to her main occupation — napping and shedding hair.

For now, the house is safe from bath mat rodents — at least until the next time Percy follows someone into the bathroom and snatches another mouse from the mat.

There have been many times I've considered throwing away that pitiful bathroom rug. After years of being slowly scalped, it's not nearly as pretty or plush as it once was. But I can't seem to do it. What would Percy do for entertainment? Even more important, what would Percy do for exercise? Her bath mat mouse hunting ritual is the only calorie-burning activity she does all day. And this cat could definitely afford to burn a few thousand calories.



GWEN ROCKWOOD
THE ROCKWOOD FILES

In the years since she came home with us, Percy has plumped up to be roughly the size of a golf cart — only hairier. It's ironic because when we found her — a stray roaming the woods — she was literally skin and bones. Perhaps her time spent starving took her metabolism down to zero because these days Percy gains weight when she watches a Fancy Feast commercial on TV. She looks like she scarfs down a large pepperoni pizza and a bag of Doritos every single day. When guests come to our house and spot her lounging by the window, they all say the same thing. "Wow! That's a big cat."

What they don't know, however, is that our fat cat is also a mighty huntress, fearless in the face of threatening bath mats and wayward pieces of fuzz. If you stay up late enough and listen closely, you'll hear her battle cry outside the bedroom door. "I am cat. Hear me roar."

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Equity Bancshares, Inc. completes merger with parent company of Bank of Kirksville

Equity Bank franchise adds eight locations in Missouri, expanding within four-state footprint

By Equity Bancshares, Inc.

WICHITA, Kan. — Equity Bancshares, Inc., the Wichita-based holding company of Equity Bank, announced it completed its merger with Rockhold Bancorp, the parent company of the Bank of Kirksville in Kirksville, Missouri.

“I’m grateful for the efforts of our Equity Bank team, including our new team members from Bank of Kirksville,” said Brad Elliott, Equity Chairman & CEO. “Our customers have grown to expect first-class service, and we’re pleased to offer a brand that emphasizes our communities and continues to deliver on expectations. We are eager to serve our new Missouri communities, customers, and team members.”

Bank of Kirksville’s locations opened as Equity



Bank locations on Feb. 10. The company will consolidate the core banking system and digital banking platform in May 2024.

Equity announced the merger with Rockhold on Dec. 6, 2023. Equity has approximately \$5.3 billion in consolidated total assets and operates 74 locations in Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. Equity’s Missouri franchise now includes 24 locations. The merger added three full-service locations in Kirksville, as well as locations in La Plata, Downing, Memphis, Macon and Moberly. Norman Belitz will continue to lead each location as

the Kirksville regional president of Equity Bank.

The combination with Rockhold brings Equity’s total strategic transactions to 22 since the company’s founding in 2002, including 10 whole-bank acquisitions since the company’s initial public offering in 2015.

“Our Equity team takes great pride in moving efficiently to welcome new teams, new locations, and delivering value for our new communities,” Elliott said. “Our company will continue to pursue and evaluate strategic growth opportunities in 2024 and will seek to add franchise value to our teams, customers,

and Equity shareholders.”

About Equity Bancshares, Inc.

Equity Bancshares, Inc. is the holding company for Equity Bank, offering a full range of financial solutions, including commercial loans, consumer banking, mortgage loans, trust and wealth management services and treasury management services, while delivering the high-quality, relationship-based customer service of a community bank. Equity’s common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “EQBK.” Learn more at www.equitybank.com.



Liberty files to adjust natural gas rates for Missouri customers

New rates to allow Liberty to recover investments in critical infrastructure for safe, reliable service and to enhance the customer experience

By Liberty Utilities Corp.

JOPLIN — On Feb. 9, Liberty Utilities Corp. submitted a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) to adjust natural gas base rates. The last base rate update for Liberty’s Missouri natural gas customers was effective in July 2018. The rate update process can take up to 11 months as the PSC and other stakeholders carefully review Liberty’s request. If approved, new rates are expected to go into effect in January 2025.

Over the last six years, Liberty has invested approximately \$94.2 million in Missouri to support initiatives that benefit its natural gas customers, strengthening the reliability and resiliency of its system. If approved by regulators, the rate adjustment for Liberty’s investments would cost the average Liberty Missouri residential gas customer with approximately 54 Ccf of usage per month about \$15 per month in the NEMO/WEMO service district and about \$15.87 per month in their SEMO service district.

“Our customers depend on reliable energy for their daily activities and in times of emergency,” said Mike Beatty, president, Liberty Central Region — Gas. “They also expect a convenient, effortless customer service experience. To meet our customers’ needs and to ensure the ongoing delivery of safe, reliable energy, it’s critical that we invest in our natural gas system.”

Key investments to benefit customers included in the rate update request

Since the last base rate adjustment in 2018, Liberty has made critical

investments in the natural gas transmission and distribution system to help ensure the ongoing delivery of safe, reliable energy for its customers. This includes:

- Updating and replacing aged pipeline infrastructure with modern polyethylene. Polyethylene piping is lighter and more durable than its steel counterparts and able to withstand high pressures and temperatures. The new infrastructure is easier and faster to locate during an emergency and less susceptible to leaks.
- Replacing aging measuring and regulation stations to help ensure that the system can properly regulate the pressure of natural gas. These new stations also support increased capacity to serve growing communities.
- Installing and implementing Automated Meter Reading (AMR) to allow Liberty to read meters without having to access a customer’s property. This technology improves service and operational efficiency. It allows Liberty to gather meter readings safely and efficiently, plus it helps to reduce the need to estimate meter readings.
- Improving the customer experience through modern service platforms. Customers now have access to a new online account platform that includes a mobile app, making their service simpler and more convenient. Customers can choose to view bills, make payments, monitor their usage, and receive text and email alerts about payments and services.
- Expanding energy efficiency and financial assistance programs for customers. As part of the rate update request, they are seeking to enhance their financial assistance programs to enable more customers to qualify and receive help and expand energy efficiency programs to give customers more options to use less energy and save on their bills.



NEMR donates \$1,000 to help students receive buddy packs

By NEMR

NEMR donated \$1,000 to help students receive buddy packs in Adair, Putnam, Schuyler and Sullivan counties. For more information on Buddy Packs in your community, visit www.sharefoodbringhope.org. Pictured, left to right: Gracey Gordon and Mendy Haines, NEMR customer service.

Second Annual Regional High School Art Show seeks entries

By Kirksville Arts Association

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.

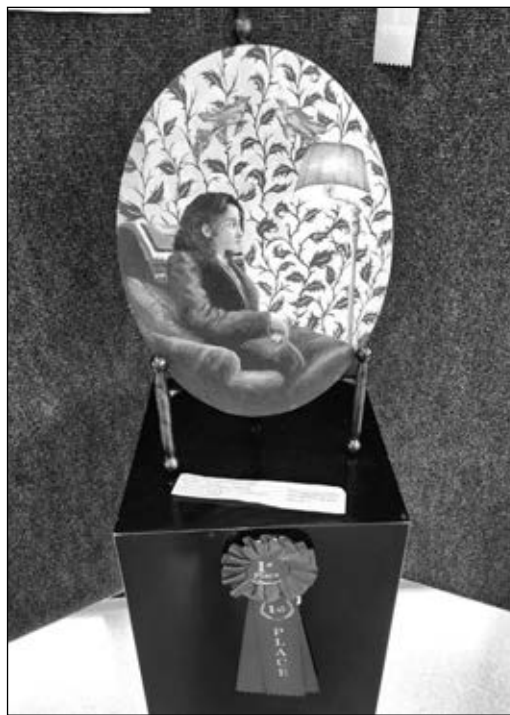
Any high school age student from Adair, Knox, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, or Sullivan counties is eligible to enter. Entry forms can be obtained by contacting the Kirksville Arts Association at 660-665-0500.

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.



Last year’s first place winner was “Filigree Wallpaper” by Ashlynn Stocks of Kirksville R-III.

North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission to hold reservoir ‘Visioning Session’ and open house

By NCMRWC

The North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission (NCMRWC) was selected to be the beneficiary of a National Park Service Technical Assistance Grant that undertakes community engagement to provide guidance for the recreational amenities and other features for the Roy Blunt Reservoir. This is nearly identical to what was done at Little Otter Creek and the results were most impressive.

On March 11 there will be a Visioning Session for the community at 4:30 p.m. at the Milan Community Center, 205 N. Market St, Milan, just prior to the regular commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of this workshop is to develop a vision and goals for recreation at the reservoir that will guide the development and design of recreational amenities. The workshop will start with an overview presentation and move

into a visioning and goal setting activity.

On April 4 there will be an open house from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Milan Community Center. Some of the preliminary findings based on the survey and visioning session will be on display.

The Roy Blunt Reservoir will serve three primary purposes: 1) provide quality drinking water, 2) provide flood damage reduction, and 3) provide water-based recreation opportunities. Several public and private partners have joined together to lead the planning process to develop a community informed recreation vision report. The North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission and Allstate Consultants applied for and received a technical assistance grant from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program to provide recreation planning assistance. The National Park Service and Iowa

State University Community Design Lab, in partnership with NCMRWC and Allstate Consultants, will facilitate the planning process and the drafting of a recreation vision report.

Click here to see a one page overview and survey officials would like residents and stakeholders to complete and return by Feb. 26. This Pre-Work will be used in order to collect feedback to engage in a meaningful way during the stakeholder workshop. There are examples provided to give insight on how your answers could be formatted. Simply type out your response in the text box that is below the instructions for each task. These responses will go in the field where it says ‘Your answer.’

According to NCMRWC officials, Roy Blunt Reservoir does not have a great deal of public land assemblage, therefore they must utilize what they have to the best of their ability.



Northeast Central Association of REALTORS® holds annual awards ceremony

By Northeast Central Association of REALTORS®

The Northeast Central Association of REALTORS® held their annual awards ceremony for 2023 closed sales transactions and the installation of officers for the year 2024 on February 22, at Thousand Hills Lakeside Grille in Kirksville.

Breanna Vanstrom, CEO of Missouri REALTORS®, presented awards to the honored attendees, starting from the left: Jon Kerns, Macon Realty, Pinnacle Level; David Wilt, Macon Realty, Peak Level; Julie McMillin, Macon Realty, Summit Level; Kim Keyes, ANEW Realty Group, Pinnacle Level; Zach Springer, Century 21 Lifetime Realty, Pinnacle Level; Allison Rowland, Tiger Country

Realty, Summit Level; Kathy Loew, Lake Homes and Land Sales — Keller Williams Platinum Partners, Pinnacle Level; Sara VanLoo, Tiger Country Realty, Summit Level; Mark Truitt, Tiger Country Realty, Summit Level; Benjamin Daniels, LakePropertiesForSale.com, LLC, Summit Level; Erick Hanson, Century 21 Lifetime Realty, Pinnacle Level; Mark Whitney, Century 21 Lifetime Realty, Peak Level; Mike LaBeth, Heritage House Realty, Summit Level; Trent Barnes, Heritage House Realty, Summit Level; Scott Lyons, Heritage House Realty, Summit Level; Evonne Baker, Century 21 Lifetime Realty, Summit Level; Leah Doty, Heritage House Realty, Pinnacle Level; Luke Shoemaker, Macon Realty,

Peak Level; Adam Snyder, Century 21 Lifetime Realty, Summit Level; Megan Roof, Re/Max Home Team, Pinnacle Level; Mike Hatfield, Century 21 Lifetime Realty, Summit Level

Award winners not in attendance: Erica Supple, Heritage House Realty, Summit Level; Tammy Amer, Missouri Land & Farm, LLC, Summit; Richie Tipton, Century 21 Lifetime Realty, Summit Level; Carla Howard, Stephens Real Estate, Summit Level; Rick Bachman, Heritage House Realty, Summit Level; Vicki Benson, Re/Max Home Team, Pinnacle Level; Toni Riekeberg, Stephens Real Estate, Pinnacle Level; Sonja Gittings, Tiger Country Realty, Peak Level; Mark Hunolt, Legacy Land and Home, Peak Level



Make sure you know if your remodel project needs a permit or not

By City of Kirksville

Are you starting to plan remodeling work for your home this year? If so, it's important to remember that a permit is required for many remodeling tasks. You don't need a permit for cosmetic changes like painting or replacing carpet.

However, a permit is needed for work that can affect the structure of your home, such as removing a wall or building a deck, or if there are modifications to the electrical, plumbing or gas systems in the building.

The permit process helps make sure your home continues to meet building codes and remains safe for you to live in.

That process includes submitting site plans for city staff to review (unless you are the owner and able to do the work yourself), verification that you are using a licensed contractor, and an inspection. These steps work to protect you as a homeowner. Doing work without a permit or without the necessary inspections could put you, your family, your neighbors, and possibly the general public at risk.

Remodel permit applications can be found online at KirksvilleCity.com/p/codes-planning, or by visiting the Community and Economic Development Department on the first floor of City Hall. Staff in that department can help answer any questions about the process, whether or not you need a permit, or specific questions pertaining to your remodel.

Contact the Codes and Planning Division of the Community and Economic Development Department at 660-627-1272 for more information.



Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club learns about 'Inspire Hope' campaign

By Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club

Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club members recently learned about the "Inspire Hope" campaign from Carolyn Chrisman and Krista Garth. Complete Family Medicine, a service of Hannibal Regional Healthcare System, is raising funds for a Cancer Patient Assistance Fund through this campaign. The "Inspire Hope" campaign will assist patients and their families with care kits needed for travel and treatment to bridge the gap until local radiation treatment is available.

The Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club meets on Thursday mornings at 7 a.m. at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill Street. Anyone who would like to learn more about the club or Rotary International is welcome to attend.



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"Doing so will help us all to stay safe as we continue to grow our population," Burden said. "Our firefighters want to have those reduced seconds and minutes, all of which is critical in a fire or a medical emergency, and working with the second station can help us to get that under the current time maximum."

He said that the current city hall configuration is "woefully inadequate" for public meetings and "shamefully inadequate" for the elderly and disabled to access. He said that City Hall, which was originally built in 1905 as post office, was not built with the city's current mission in mind. He said that it was a time for expansion in order to serve the growing needs of the community and that the council is expected to bring a proposal to voters for approval in November. He said that the city has a reputation for providing Kirksville voters with the desired improvements they expected when voting to be taxed.

"Everything is coming through, as promised to Kirksville voters, and the same will be true for this," Burden said. "None of these building projects will be extravagant and luxurious — revenue will be simply and efficiently there to allow vital public services to better serve the public."

Another regional effort that he said will benefit the public will be a new airport terminal building,

replacing one built in the 1970s. He said the current facility has run out of room for critical safety scanning equipment and passengers.

"As the largest community in northeast Missouri, our regional airport is a critical hub for commerce travel and industry," he said.

Burden said that the airport terminal is the "front face" of Kirksville for the many that pass through the facility. The city has received \$2.4 million in federal funds to build the new terminal. He said that many local, state and federal officials had also worked to make the financing possible.

Burden listed two more projects he felt were most beneficial to city residents, the first being the addition of a second primary clarifier to the water treatment plant that will allow for the processing of more clean water every day that could be used by industry to bring in new jobs for people in Kirksville and around Northeast Missouri. Complementing that project will be the installation of a mandated ultraviolet filtration for the wastewater treatment facility, which will allow the city to ensure that everyone downstream from Kirksville has the safest possible water.

He said that the council is working on transportation project within the city, citing a recent grant that paid for crosswalks and other safety features around local schools.

Burden said that last year, the city took over operation of the Kirk-Tran bus service routes, and that they're reviewing routes to make them more inclusive to everyone in the city. He said

that also in the last year, many miles of city roads were repaved and rebuilt using asphalt and materials from the city's own plant. He said the council is looking to work on some of the city's "older, more unrepairable concrete street systems" and rebuilding them as modern asphalt streets that are easier to maintain. He said that he was "personally excited" to see the city moving forward with federal dollars to rebuild streets in the Factory Addition in the southwest part of town. He said that the city is also planning to move forward with a new section of trail running along the former railroad land behind the Adair County Library.

"We remain committed to improving trail options throughout the city and connecting them all together with the Kirksville Active Mobility Plan," he said.

Burden said that one city transportation project addresses safety along U.S. Hwy. 63 as it intersects with Illinois Street, acknowledging the accidents that have occurred at that intersection of the state-owned highway. He said that the city was successful in securing money for a study that will make recommendations for possible improvement and the city is actively pursuing money from the state to fund any recommended projects.

"It's a long term approach but I'm hopeful that work over time will pay off with us all having a safer intersection," he said.

Burden then spoke about his experience being downtown during the city's Christmas festivities and the positive emotion he heard

from local business owners.

"We can continue that sense of connectedness in our downtown and in the rest of the city, with a commitment to be involved with all the festivals and events happening again this year," he said. "I am grateful for all the organizations and individuals that partner with the city, or work on their own, to make our downtown a destination."

He spoke of the city's facade renovation program that he said has been successful in reshaping the look of the city's central business district. He said the city is committed to its residential tree program, designed to create a long term approach to tree canopy all over town. He said that programs are being developed to aid in the demolition of homes that are beyond repair, which will allow the construction of new homes upon existing infrastructure. He said that a home revitalization program is also in the works to help people improve their homes so they can stay in them.

"We've got so much to be proud of in Kirksville, and those of us on the council and on the city staff remain committed to projects designed to strengthen that pride," he said.

Burden said that if we're going to see our children and youth engage in positive activities to build character and citizenships, families have the responsibilities to enroll them in city activities through parks and recreation, through a school, the YMCA, a local church, the public library or one of the many other different resources available in the community.

"Efforts are being made by so many to make these activities meaningful, but families ultimately need to step in and make sure that they're finding opportunities for their kids to participate," he said.

He said that he hopes that in the coming year, residents encourage their friends and neighbors to participate in city events, the concerts, festivals, pancake breakfasts and fireworks shows, and to learn about what is happening in the community.

"Now is the time for us all to get better re-acquainted," he said, noting that there will be "an abundance of opportunities" in the coming year to do so.

He encouraged residents to not only connect with city council members with their concerns, but to also contact their state representatives and senators about the importance of city and regional projects.

"This concept of civic engagement dovetails into a greater sense of civic character that I hope you will all employ in the coming year," Burden said, noting the upcoming presidential election and his concern that the polarization of neighbors could pull them apart rather than together. "The thing that we do so well here is forge community. This year, I hope we find ways to champion dialogue and debate over recrimination and hatred. I hope we will cherish understanding and communication over dominance and intolerance."

He said that his hope was that all would be open to the possibility of changing their minds.

"Everything I've spoken

of tonight points to a citizenry here that is wanting to build up one another," he said. "Please remember this before you post something online or say something that degenerates others. If you're not adding, I mean really adding to the conversation here in Kirksville, then ask yourself what are you adding to and is that actually going to help?"

He said he is happy to report that because of local efforts and the commitment to one another, the city has grown in the face of all obstacles and the ability to creatively meet challenges.

"I want to close with facts," Burden said. "I'm very thankful to serve with a council made up of individuals dedicated to the betterment of Kirksville. We come from different backgrounds with all different values, and we live in different parts of the city, but those differences do not keep us from coming together and doing our best to support this community. I'm delighted to serve with them."

Burden also thanked city staff for "tirelessly" serving Kirksville residents. He said that City Manager Mari Macomber and her team were "innovative, caring, resourceful and wholesomely honest."

"I cannot begin to imagine where we'd be without their expertise and their commitment to self improvement in serving Kirksville," he said. "I want to thank everyone who works, shops, learns and lives right here in Kirksville...I know that I can count on us each and every one to do all we can to make an Kirksville a truly amazing place."

TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

100 Years Ago, March 4, 1924

A horse belonging to Clifford Painter, who lived south of Kirksville, mired down in a ditch on West McPherson Street and sustained cuts and bruises on its legs before being rescued. The place where the horse mired down to its body was a hole dug for the new water main that was being laid along that street. The horse was able to get its front feet out, but men assisted in getting its hind legs out. A number of cars had gone down in the ditches that were being dug around town for installation of the water line.

85 Years Ago, March 5, 1939

Jackie Nyswanger, 20, of Kirksville, and Harold Eugene Lay, 16, of Greentop, were killed in an automobile-truck collision on Highway 63 about three miles north of Kirksville. Nyswanger, a printer at the Graphic Printing Company in Kirksville and Lay, a senior at Greentop High School who worked part time at Peterson Garage, were passengers in a car that was driven by Eldred Palmer, 22, of Greentop. The accident occurred at night as they were following a grain truck loaded with corn. As an oncoming car approached, Palmer was blinded by the headlights and failed to see the grain truck which he rear-ended. The driver of the grain truck was Roy Stowers, 39, of Mexico, Missouri.

80 Years Ago, March 1, 1944

Mrs. Alta May Beason, 42, of Brashear, a linotype operator for the Kirksville Graphic Printing Company, was shot and fatally wounded on the morning of March 1 as she was walking on the sidewalk in front of the Eades Restaurant on West Washington Street. Her former husband, Bernie Beason, was arrested a brief time later. A coroner's inquest was held and the jury found that "the deceased came to her death from a bullet fired from a gun in the hand of Bernie Beason." Beason was arrested by Sheriff Bob Love, Jr. and city police officer Pearl Arnold, in the office of attorney Alex Nimmo and placed in jail. According to testimony heard at the inquest, Mrs. Beason arrived in Kirksville at 8:45 a.m. after riding from Brashear. She went into the McClellan's Store on the west side of the square and was shopping when her former husband walked in. The two left the store by the side door. Shortly after, a shot was heard by the window and saw the woman lying on the sidewalk and Beason standing nearby with a revolver in his hand. He then walked over to the prostrate body, pulled down her dress to view the wound in her neck and said: "It's all your fault." He then told the sales clerk to call an ambulance. In July 1944, Beason was tried before a jury in Lewis County, Missouri. The jury deliberated for nearly three hours and found Beason guilty of murder in the first degree. He was sentenced to life in prison. The Beasons were married in 1937 and had two young daughters. They were divorced after Beason left his wife and children and went to California for a period of time.

80 Years Ago, March 3, 1944

Word was received in Kirksville that Lieutenant William T. "Bill" Minor, who had been listed as missing in action, was confirmed as a German prisoner of war. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Minor, of Kansas City, initially received word that their son, Lieutenant Minor, was missing following a raid over Germany on January 5, 1944. Minor was a co-pilot of a B-24 Liberator in the squadron of commander Major Jimmy Stewart. In a letter to Lieutenant Minor's parents, Major Stewart related that the plane left the formation as they were returning from a mission and all



the crew members bailed out after the plane developed engine trouble while still flying over enemy territory. Lieutenant Minor lived in Kirksville prior to his entry into the service where he attended the local public schools and the Teachers College. He had been stationed overseas since November 10, 1943, and was flying his fourth mission at the time his plane went down.

80 Years Ago, March 8, 1944

The United States was in the midst of World War II and the U.S. Army made an appeal for musical instruments for use by fighting men around the globe. In Kirksville the response came in the form of a city-wide campaign to round up all banjos, saxophones, harmonicas, and other small instruments that were lying forgotten in closets and attics throughout the city. The collection of instruments was to begin March 13 and run for two weeks. The instruments collected in the nationwide drive would enable soldiers in all parts of the world to form bands and orchestras to entertain themselves and their camp buddies. It would enable them to engage in musical recreation such as gatherings in the evening to sing to the accompaniment of various instruments. The Army asked the Coca-Cola bottlers all over the United States to act as collecting agents for the drive. Those who had instruments to donate were asked to take them to any grocery store, service station, drugstore, or any place that sold Coca-Cola. The company truck would then pick them up and ship them to the Army collections centers for distribution around the world.

50 Years Ago, March 3, 1974

Lisa Lewis and Rodger Zucchi were crowned the queen and king at the annual Sweetheart Dance held in the Kirksville Senior High cafetorium. Other contestants were Konni Novinger, Marty Chapman, Rebecca Osborn, and Gary Pearson. The king and queen were chosen by the student body. Music for the dance was provided by "One-Legged Chicken."

50 Years Ago, March 9, 1974

A 9-year-old Kirksville girl perished in a fire, and her mother and two brothers barely escaped before the entire house burst into flames. The victim of the fire was Janelle Stick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Stick. Mrs. Stick was hospitalized in satisfactory condition suffering from burns and shock. The couple's four-year-old son, Michael, suffered minor burns, but was not hospitalized and a six-year-old son, Darrell, was not burned. Credited with probably saving the lives of Mrs. Stick and the two boys was Steve Lyons, who was on his way home from work when he discovered the fire about 1 a.m. Upon hearing a woman screaming, he entered the house and helped get Mrs. Stick and the two boys out of the house. He asked Mrs. Stick if that was everyone and she realized that her little girl was not with them, and she began screaming. She later said that she had Janelle by the hand but fell going down the stairway. The little girl then panicked and ran back up the stairway to her room. Shortly afterward the entire stairway burst into flames. Mr. Darrel Stick, who was out of town at the time of the fire, was flown back to Kirksville. Adair County Coroner, Ray Johnson, did not hold an inquest into the death of the girl, as he said it was apparent that she died of heat inhalation.

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EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Part 92

Battle of Kirksville - Chapter 4

By Blytha Ellis, President
Adair County Historical Society
and Museum

During the Battle of Kirksville on August 6, 1862, the Union Army captured several Confederate prisoners. These were interrogated by Union Colonel John McNeil or some of his men who learned that 17 of the 47 captives had been paroled. This meant they had previously served in the Confederate Army and had been taken prisoner a first time by Union forces. They were paroled if they would swear an oath not to take up arms against the United States again. Since they had violated this oath by again serving as a Confederate soldier, they could be executed by firing squad.

This punishment was carried out the next day after the Battle of Kirksville at what was then the west end of Washington Street where the future Wabash Depot would be built in Kirksville. As a matter of reference, this would now be immediately west of the Travelers Hotel, but, of course, this hotel would not be built until many years later.

Although this execution was permissible within military rules, it was seldom carried out. McNeil was later criticized regarding both the justice and necessity of these executions.

The executed men were buried, along with the Confederates who died in the Battle of Kirksville or soon thereafter of wounds, in a mass grave at Forest Llewellyn Cemetery only two blocks west of the major battle site, the courthouse square.

It was Colonel McNeil who ordered Kirksville residents to bury the Confederate dead, and they complied. Wagon loads of these bodies were transported from the square to the cemetery.

As for the reported small number of Union soldiers who lost their lives in the Battle of Kirksville, it was rumored they were buried on the Parcels estate where the Union's rear camp had been set up. If this is true, these graves were not known to be marked.

A monument was erected in Forest-Llewellyn, which states it is in memory of 26 Confederate soldiers killed in the Battle of Kirksville. It is interesting to note that this is a tall, slender monument which once had a large granite ball on top. As late as 1950, the stone ball was still a part of the monument, but it has since disappeared.

Later, a monument was placed at this mass grave by the Capt. William T. Anderson Camp 1743, Missouri Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, which memorialized the casualties of the Battle of Kirksville and the firing squad victims (17 names).

A number of other questionable shootings followed the Battle of Kirksville. A Dr. John Davis was said by some to have been told to run, and when he did, he was shot. Lt. Colonel Frisby McCullough, a subordinate of Confederate Colonel Joseph Porter, was tried and sentenced as a bushwhacker. This occurred even though he was captured wearing a regular Confederate uniform and carrying letters authorizing him to recruit troops. McCullough was granted permission to give the order to fire and his final words were, "May God forgive you for this cold blooded murder. Aim at



The two opposing officers in the Battle of Kirksville, Confederate Col. Joseph C. Porter (left) and Union Col. John McNeil (right)



the heart. Fire!" But, a second volley was necessary to take his life. Colonel McNeil's reputation would be darkened further by the Palmyra Massacre at Palmyra, Missouri, on October 18, 1862, but he still went on to serve in several official capacities. It seems that his questionable war tactics were generally overlooked. At some point, he became Brigadier General of U.S. Volunteers. After the war, McNeil was twice clerk of the criminal court of St. Louis County and a county sheriff. He held a series of federal positions including superintendent of the St. Louis branch post office. He died on June 7, 1891, and is buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis.

Prior to McNeil's death, when he was living in St. Louis, he heard of the death of Catherine (Ferguson) Parcels in September 1884 in Kirksville. She had played a major role in caring for his troops when they camped on the Parcels estate during the Battle of Kirksville. He wrote a letter to Catherine's son, William Parcels, expressing his appreciation for her care of his men. The entire letter was quoted in Part 69 of this history. Part of it read:

"How well I remember that evening when die hard necessities of war compelled the occupation of your house for hospital purposes. She had no word of complaint or remonstrance, but at once did everything in her power to relieve the wounded and to make them comfortable. Had they been her own children, she could not have been kinder to them."

History records that the Battle of Kirksville had significance in that it "helped consolidate Union dominance in Northeastern Missouri, and it marked the end of the Confederate recruiting efforts in Northeast Missouri."

A large metal marker about the Battle of Kirksville was placed on the Adair County Courthouse square several years ago by the Adair County Historical Society, where it remains today. It was broken in recent years by heavy machinery but was replaced.

In Part 90 of this history, "Battle of Kirksville, Chapter 2," we published a copy of Professor Allen Dodge Towne's painting of Union soldiers in front of the Cumberland Academy in what is now Memorial Park in Kirksville. It shows a line of blue-coated soldiers headed toward the town square with guns and cannons. Faintly in the distance, one can see

in this painting the cupola of the Adair County Courthouse and a few homes and buildings near the center of town.

Professor Towne (1873-1961) was born in Wisconsin and pursued most of his education in that state. He came to Kirksville in 1906 to head the Department of Manual Arts at the First District Normal School. While teaching, he also worked on an additional degree and received a Masters of Pedagogy in 1911. (Pedagogy means the art, science, or profession of teaching.)

Professor Towne was also interested in fine arts and while at the Normal School in Kirksville painted the scene from the Battle of Kirksville. Unfortunately, it is a mystery as to what happened to his original oil painting. The Special Collections Dept. at Truman State University has informed the Adair County Historical Society that the University is not in possession of this painting. The Historical Society has a color copy, and color postcards were also made of the painting around 1911.

In Professor E. M. Violette's book, "History of Adair County," there is a black and white copy of the painting. When Professor Towne painted this battle scene, it was about 45 years after the actual event. However, he consulted with at least two people who were alive in 1862 and had lived through the battle. They were S. M. Johnston, a soldier under Colonel John McNeil, and John Luther Porter, the Kirksville businessman who had assisted with the medical needs of the wounded Confederate soldiers at the Ivie Hotel.

These two men shared with Professor Towne their knowledge of the surroundings at the time of the battle which helped him paint the picture. The man pictured on horseback near the Cumberland Academy building represents Union Colonel McNeil. The line of soldiers are facing southwest, headed toward the Courthouse and were said to stretch to the area where the Washington Elementary School would later be located.

Professor Towne did not pursue a career in art but in 1914 entered Dr. A. T. Still's American School of Osteopathy in Kirksville and graduated with a D.O. degree in 1917. He left Kirksville to first practice in Minnesota and then in Mississippi until his death in 1961. He is buried in Corinth, Miss. Dr. Towne and his wife, Theresa (Schultz), had three children, the oldest of whom was named Ruth Louise Towne. She is not to be confused with Dr. Ruth Warner Towne (1917-1998) who was later a professor in Kirksville and after whom the present Ruth Towne Museum and Visitors Center is named. Her father was Frank Warner Towne.

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United Way of Northeast Missouri surpasses 2024 goal

By United Way of Northeast Missouri

Members of the United Way of Northeast Missouri (UWNEMO) joined together Feb. 29 at the Dukum Inn to celebrate surpassing their 2024 Campaign goal of raising \$188,775.

Chade Shorten, 2023 UWNEMO Board President presented a review of the United Ways activities during 2023. Employees and board members of the 10 United Way partner agencies were recognized. 2023 campaign teams were individually recognized for their contributions to the total campaign.

Special awards were presented to Lovegreen Motors for their Retail Employee Giving; Bank Midwest was recognized for providing in-kind donation of office space and utilities for the United Way; The United Way Generosity Award was presented to Ameren UE; and Cleaver Dermatology was given the "Over the Top" award for providing the boost to get the campaign over its goal.

Campaign Chairperson Amanda Selby and her assistant, Ramey Weichelt, were



Chade Shorten, 2023 President, Ramey Weichelt and Amanda Selby reveal the total amount raised from the campaign. This amount represented \$4,000 more raised this year than last year.



Left to right, Patrick Avila, CEO of Northeast Regional Medical Center, Amanda Selby, 2024 Drive Chair and 2023 President Chade Shorten.

recognized for their leadership during the campaign.

Outgoing UW Board Members Patricia Sexton and Bertha Thomas were recognized and the total UW Board was introduced to the gathering. The Most Outstanding United Way Agency award was presented to NEMO Senior Citizen Services, Inc. Keaton Wagner, 2024 UWNEMO board president, introduced the 2024 United Way Hall of Fame Award to Bertha Thomas.

"Our Hall of Fame Award is presented to an individual who exemplifies

the words "Live United," Wagner said. "Bertha has served six years on our board and held the positions of vice president, president, and past president. She can be described as someone who is courageous, selfless, and a highly respected fundraiser for whatever cause she believes in," Wagner stated.

William Castles, United Way Executive Director, presented special giving awards for Wooden Nickel 4 Person Golf Tournament, Triva Night and Texas Hold'em.

Not for profit agencies who are part of the United Way of Northeast Missouri include Adair County 4H Council, Adair County Family YMCA, Boy Scouts of America/ Great River Council, Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri, Hospice of Northeast Missouri, Macon Diversified Industries, NEMO Senior Citizens Services, Inc., RSVP/Senior Adult Services, the Salvation Army, and the Community Child Development in Macon.



John Stewart of Sodexo Food Services, Amanda Selby, Chade Shorten and Zac Burden, Residential Services at Truman State University.



Courtney Lovegreen of Lovegreen Motors, Amanda Selby and Chade Shorten.



Marcy Palermo of Cleaver Dermatology, Amanda Selby, Chade Shorten.



Amanda Selby, Chade Shorten, and Ted Frushour of A.T. Still University.

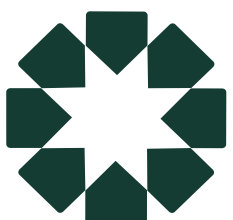


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2023 United Way President Chade Shorten presents Amanda Selby, 2024 Campaign Chairman, with her Crystal Award.



Chade Shorten with 2024 Assistant Drive Chair Ramey Weichelt and her Crystal Award.



Keaton Wagner, 2024 United Way president, presents the Past President Plaque to Chade Shorten, Past President.



Bridget Morton, director of NEMO Senior Citizens Services, Inc., accepts the Agency of the Year Award from Keaton Wagner, 2024 UW Board President.



Bertha Thomas (center) receiving her UW Hall of Fame Plaque from Keaton Wagner and UW Executive Director, Bill Castles.



Chade Shorten with Bertha Thomas, retiring UW board member.

Green City wins quarterfinal thriller to advance to state Final Four

By Adam Tumino

After falling in the quarterfinal round in each of the last three years, the Green City boys basketball team got over the hump on Saturday, March 2. Playing on their home floor in front of packed stands, the Gophers held on to win a quarterfinal thriller over Prairie Home with Bunceton by a score of 71-58, advancing to the Final Four for the first time since 1993.

The semifinals will be held in Mizzou Arena in Columbia on March 8 with tipoff set for 10 a.m. The on March 9, the state third-place game will be played at 10 a.m. and the championship game will begin at 4 p.m.



Green City junior Xander Salas drives into the paint in the game against Prairie Home with Bunceton on March 2.

The Gophers head into their semifinal contest with a record of 27-2, tying them for the fewest losses in all of Class 1. They are also riding a 16-game winning streak.

After leading by double figures for most of the game, and by 15 entering the fourth quarter, Green City soon found itself up only 59-56 with just over two minutes remaining in the game. But the Gophers excelled down the stretch, closing out the game on a 12-2 run and keeping their season alive.

Head coach Matt Ayers, in his second season as head coach, said that the team's attitude throughout the game was a vital part of sending them to the final



Green City senior Asher Buggs-Tipton celebrates with a group of young fans after the Gophers' quarterfinal win on March 2. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

four. He also said that being able to lead this team to a final four appearance as a Green City native and former star player for the Gophers made it even sweeter.

"The attitude was on point," he said. "We talk about next play all the time. They were making their runs, and we stuck together as a team and we made it. It's unbelievable... It's a dream come true for me. A hometown kid, being able to come back and coach the guys and obviously inherit a team like this is unbelievable. It's been amazing."

Junior Xander Salas led the way for the Gophers in the win with a game-high 37 points. He scored the first 10 points of the game for Green City and had 21 by halftime. He scored 15 points in the fourth quarter and went 11-of-12 from the free throw line in the final two minutes to ice the game. He said that it was an amazing feeling to pick up the win, and that the attitude Ayers mentioned

is something that the team has been working on all season.

"I feel great," he said. "It's just our attitude. We talked about attitude all year, keeping our attitude up and working together as a team. We work everyday in practice. We've got the most competitive practices and group of guys in the state."

Salas also said that work he has been putting in attributed to his performance on Saturday. He added that his teammates' trust in him was also huge.

"Just getting to my spots," he said. "I've worked on my spots a lot, but really it's just my teammates believing in me and my coach believing in me. It's all about teamwork. My guys trust me and I couldn't do it without them. I mean that."

Senior Asher Buggs-Tipton finished the game with 21 points, eight of which came in the third quarter when Salas was held to just one point. He too brought



Green City head coach Matt Ayers celebrates after cutting down the net following the Gophers' win over Prairie Home with Bunceton on March 2.

up the team's attitude, pointing out how it never faltered even as a 15-point fourth quarter lead shrunk down to just three points.

"They're going to have their runs and we're going to have our runs, and bad things happen, but you've just got to keep your head," he said. "Coach preaches attitude. They're going to hit shots, we've got to have a good attitude about it. We've got to be next play, next possession. We can't look back on the past. We were in a three point game going into a timeout, and not one person was looking down, not one person was saying 'that's a B.S. shot.' We're coming in the huddle saying attitude. Let's get the next play, let's go win this thing."

With nearly a week between their thrilling quarterfinal win and their semifinal game, Ayers said that the gap will be spent fine-tuning and making

sure the team is prepared to meet the challenge ahead.

"We've just got to get ready," he said. "We've got to get back to the drawing board, get better at what we do, and then go do what we do."

The Gophers are allowing just 41.5 points per game this season, and in the last 13 games since allowing a season-high 67 points in a win over Putnam County, they have seen that number drop slightly to 40.4 points per game.

Salas said that keeping that defensive intensity up in the final two games of the season is a goal for the Gophers.

"We've got to focus on our attitude, our defense, our effort and intensity we bring," he said. "I think when we're locked in we've got the best defense in the state, and we're going to go prove that on Friday and Saturday."

Tiny Tykes Soccer registration now open

By Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department

Join Coach Luke for Soccer FUNdamentals! The city of Kirksville's Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for the Tiny Tykes Soccer program. Tiny Tykes Soccer, brought to you by Nolan Law Firm, is an exciting and engaging four-week program for children ages 3 through 5, that teaches soccer using play-based learning.

Tiny Tykes Soccer will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting April 9. Registrants will choose either a 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. session, or a 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. session when registering. That can be done online at parks.kirksvillecity.com or in person at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, located at 801 E. Mill Street.

Registration is \$35 per participant and each player will receive a Tiny Tykes Soccer t-shirt.

Scholarships are available and applications can be picked up at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, or found online at kirksvillecity.com/p/parks-recreation.

All Tiny Tykes Soccer will be held at the Tiny Tykes Soccer Field, located next to the Pee Wee Baseball Fields at the North Park Complex on 3000 Novinger Street.

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



Central Missouri redshirt junior Brooke Littrell celebrates her 2,000th career point on Saturday, March 2, at the Jerry M. Hughes Athletics Center in Warrensburg. PHOTO BY JOE ANDREWS | STAR-JOURNAL

Green City's Littrell crosses 2,000 points at Central Missouri

By Joe Andrews
Warrensburg Star-Journal

WARRENSBURG — University of Central Missouri women's basketball redshirt junior Brooke Littrell, a 2020 graduate of Green City High School, crossed 2,000 career points during a 81-65 win against Northeastern State on Saturday, March 2, at the Jerry M. Hughes Athletics Center.

Littrell is the third athlete in Jennies basketball history to accomplish the feat, joining Tammy Wilson from 1985-89 (2,104) and Carla Eades between 1980-84 (2,098).

Littrell also crossed the 2,000 point milestone during her high school career at Green City.

"It's a good feeling, especially doing it with these girls," Littrell said. "I'm more of a person who thinks about winning more than personal achievement... It felt good. The adrenaline was going, so it felt pretty good to me."

Littrell reached 2,000 via a layup with 1:12 left in the third quarter. She needed eight points to reach the mark, and finished the game with 27 to put her ca-

reer scoring total at 2,019 through 113 games.

Littrell also has the second-most career rebounds in team history with 952 to her name. Wilson holds the record with 1,205.

"She's a special player," Central Missouri head coach Dave Slifer said. "We're honestly pleased that she was able to [cross 2,000] at home. Now, it's get as many wins as we can. It would kind of be able to get the [career scoring] record without an asterisk. That would require us to make a deep run. If there's a team that's deep enough, we can do it."

Littrell plans to use a fifth year of eligibility, granted by the NCAA to all student athletes in 2020 due to COVID-19, next year.

The remaining four other athletes from her freshman class, which experienced a run to the NCAA Division II semifinals during the 2020-21 season, were honored as part of senior day prior to Saturday's regular season finale.

The group includes Olivia Nelson, Graycen Holden, Charley Bovaird and Ali Vigil. Ashley Tull, who joined the program from Kirkwood Community Col-

lege as a junior, has also likely played her final home game in a UCM uniform.

"I came in with those girls my freshman year," Littrell said. "It kind of hit a little bit after the game. I'm going to miss them big-time."

Littrell and the Jennies begin the postseason in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association Tournament at 2:15 p.m. Friday, March 8, at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City.

The No. 6 seeded Jennies will likely need at least a win against No. 3 seeded Fort Hays State in the quarterfinals to keep their hopes alive for making the NCAA Division II Central Region Tournament.

Central Missouri has already beaten the Tigers three previous times this season. If the Jennies were to win the MIAA Tournament championship, they would have to win three games in the same number of days.

"We're going to work on the things we need to," Littrell said. "And also rest our bodies. We have a lot of players that just going to have to stay healthy and go win some more games."

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Registration for the 2024 Kirksville Baseball and Softball Leagues now open

By Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department

Early bird registration is now open for the Kirksville Baseball and Softball Leagues, and will last until March 17, 2024.

Ages 5 to 6 intro to coach pitch will cost \$50 per player. Ages 7 to 8 coach pitch baseball and softball leagues will both cost \$60 per player. All divisions of baseball and softball for players over the age of nine will cost \$70 per player. Registrations received after the

early-bird deadline closes will cost an additional \$10 per player in each division.

Registration can be completed in person at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, located at 801 E. Mill St in Kirksville, or online at parks.kirksvillecity.com. League registration must be completed by Monday, April 1. Scholarships are available and applications can be picked up at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, or found online at kirksvillecity.com/p/parks-recreation.

Practices will start the week of April 15, for all divisions. Games will begin for all divisions the week of May 13, with opening day ceremonies for the league scheduled for Saturday, May 18. The season will conclude the week of July 8.

Kirksville Parks and Recreation will continue to offer the popular Little Sluggers Tee Ball program for players ages 3 to 5 in the late summer and early fall.

Be sure to sign up soon to get the early bird registration rates.

Kirksville teams have seasons end in district play

By Adam Tumino

The Kirksville boys and girls basketball teams had their 2023-24 season come to an end with a pair of losses in their district tournaments last week. The girls fell to Hallsville in the opening round last Monday while the boys beat Moberly in the opening round Tuesday before falling to top-seeded Mexico on Thursday.

Girls Basketball

The Kirksville girls basketball team had its season come to an end Monday, Feb. 26, with a loss to Hallsville in the first round of districts. The Tigers managed to maintain a lead throughout the first half, but Hallsville stormed back to win the game 40-28. Kirksville ends the season with a record of 8-18.

Head coach Nick Totta said that, even with a tough final stretch of the season, the players were sad to see the season come to an end. "You would think when you've had a season that, in wins and losses, isn't as successful as you want, you'd want things to end," he said. "But that's not the case with this group. It's a special group. I really enjoyed coaching them, and it's bittersweet that it's got to come to an end. I told them, 'you can look at it that way or you can look at the time we got together.' Although we'll never be this dynamic, we did get to enjoy each other and be around each other."

It looked for a while like the Tigers were going to keep their season alive. They jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead and then were up 10-2. They maintained that eight-point lead to the end of the quarter and led 14-6 entering the second. Hallsville opened the second on a 5-0 lead, but Kirksville pulled back ahead to grab a



Kirksville senior Jersey Herbst drives along the baseline in the game against Hallsville on Feb. 26. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

21-11 lead, their biggest of the game. Hallsville then scored six of the final seven points of the half to cut the score to 22-17.

Hallsville took its first lead of the game with a 7-0 start to the third to go up 24-22. Kirksville evened the score after that, but Hallsville led 27-24 at the end of the quarter and never surrendered it, outscoring the Tigers 11-4 in the fourth.

Monday marked the final game for Kirksville's lone senior, Jersey Herbst. Totta said that Herbst has done an excellent job as a team leader, setting a strong example for a roster that entered the season with little experience.

"It was a pretty emotional locker room," Totta said. "Everyone, they really appreciate Jersey and everything she did for us. Jersey is going to be a successful person. She's a person of great character, a great work ethic, and she was just a great leader for us. In a situation where she could've chosen to not give all she gave, it would've been easy to do. But that's not the type of person she is."



Kirksville sophomore Mya Harris prepares to attempt a shot in the paint during the game against Hallsville on Feb. 26.

With a bulk of the players presumably returning next season, now with lots of experience under their belts, Totta said that they would do well to continue following Herbst's example by fostering a strong team culture and putting in the necessary work.

"If you want to honor Jersey's leadership, you're going to come together, work hard and make the newcomers feel as Jersey made you all feel," he said. "You've got to put the time in. You've got to invest, because when you invest it makes winning more fun. Although losing hurts a little bit, it means more."

Boys Basketball

With their season on the line, the Kirksville boys basketball team came up just short in the district semifinals against top seed Mexico on Thursday, Feb. 29. The Tigers stayed within striking distance for most of the game, and pushed the Bulldogs hard in the second half, but eventually fell 54-46.

Kirksville ended the season with a 17-9 record while Mexico improved to 25-2 with the win, setting up a matchup with Centralia in the district final.

Head coach Tyler Martin said that it's always tough on the team when the season has to come to an end, but he was proud of what the team did on Thursday and throughout the season. "Anytime the season ends, I don't really have the words for them," he said. "But it's part of life. I thought our guys played hard and did some good things once we settled into the game. I'm really proud of our effort though. You take those first two quarters away offensively and I like out chances."

The offensive production was kind of slow to get going in the game, but the Tiger defense still managed to make enough stops to keep the game close heading into halftime. The score was 11-7 at the end of the first quarter and 22-15 at the half, with that seven-point deficit tying the largest of the game so far.

After a 4-0 Mexico run to start the second half, a Kirksville timeout seemed to jump start the offense a



Kirksville senior Gavin Pike drives to the basket in the game against Mexico on Feb. 29.



Kirksville senior Justin McKim looks to drive into the paint in the game against Mexico on Feb. 29.

bit. The Tigers went from down 11 points to down four in the final minute of the quarter, and were down five entering the fourth quarter. Kirksville outscored Mexico 14-9 in the final 6:17 of the third following that timeout.

The Tigers also matched Mexico nearly shot for shot throughout the fourth, remaining within four or five points, but were never able to pull within more than two scores. Down five entering the final minute Kirksville began to foul, but Mexico shot 5-of-6 on free throws in the final minute and got enough stops on defense to pull ahead for the eight-point win.

Junior Cole Kelly led the team with 15 points, 12 of which came in the second half. Seniors Justin McKim and Gavin Pike finished with 13 points and 12 points respectively.

For McKim, Pike and fellow seniors Logan Lehmann and Cohen Shockey, Thursday marked the end of their

high school careers. All four had to step into heightened roles this year following last year's six-player senior class, which included four starters. Martin said that expected this year's senior class to step up, and they met his expectations. "I'm really proud of each and every one of them," he said. "They showed up every day and worked and gave us everything they had. I don't know how many groups could follow that class from last year, but these guys did a heck of a job for us."

For the group that will be returning next season, Martin said that continuing to put in work throughout the offseason and solidifying a team atmosphere will help them come back strong.

"Staying in the gym and working, that's the only way to get better," he said. "You've got to put in time, and maybe create some more of that team chemistry and bonding that just makes a team get that extra little push."



Kirksville junior Paishynce Fouts dribbles through contact in the game against Hallsville on Feb. 26.

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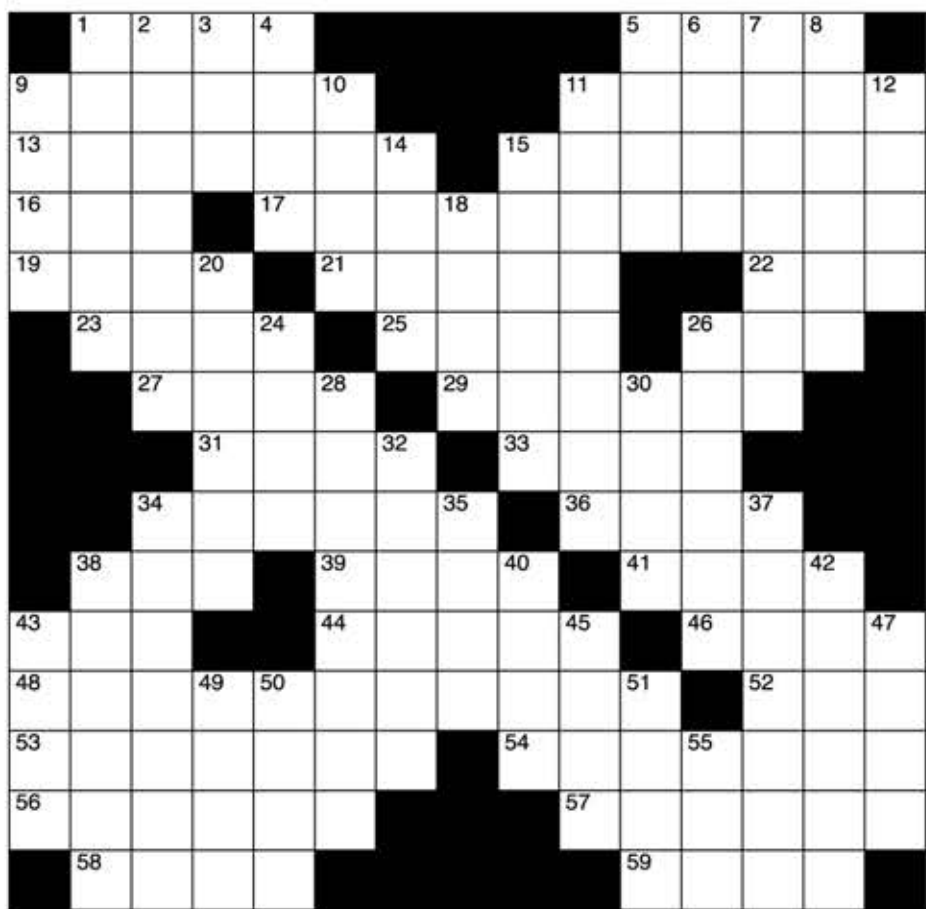
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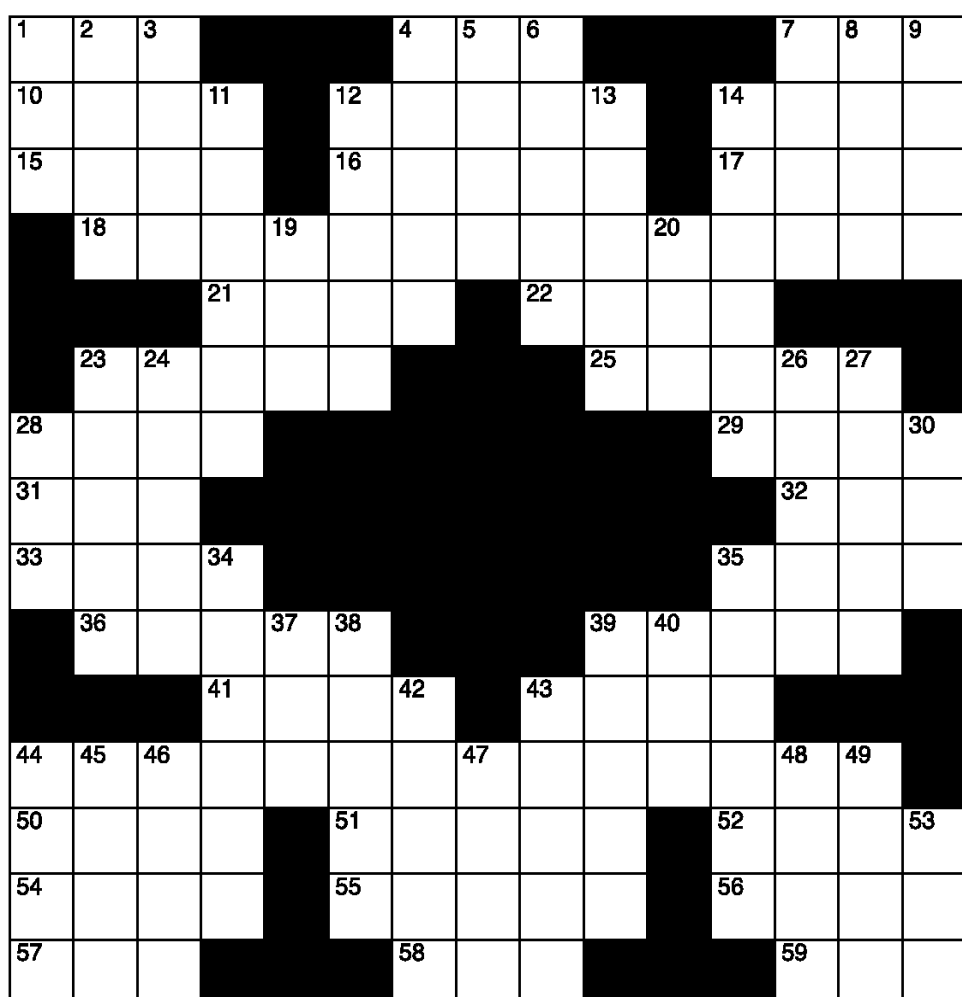


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Chaps
- 5. Currently fashionable
- 9. Collision
- 11. More slim
- 13. European city
- 15. Implicitly
- 16. The side of something that is sheltered from the wind
- 17. The Mount Rushmore State
- 19. Gold or silver wire cord
- 21. Muscles along insects' diaphragm
- 22. Trent Reznor's band
- 23. Sweet juicy gritty-textured fruit
- 25. Broken branch
- 26. Indicates ten
- 27. Expression of annoyance
- 29. Brings together
- 31. Ancient city in Thrace
- 33. Sailors' spirit
- 34. Looked into
- 36. Muckraking woman journalist Rheta
- 38. A type of cast
- 39. One's responsibility
- 41. Where golfers begin
- 43. Make a mistake
- 44. Semitic Sun god
- 46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
- 48. Beheaded
- 52. A place to stay
- 53. Unwise
- 54. Most supernatural
- 56. "Dennis" is a famous one
- 57. Ointments
- 58. Exam
- 59. Leaked blood

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Baseball managers assemble it
- 2. Revised
- 3. Mountain is a popular kind
- 4. Takes to civil court
- 5. Pouches
- 6. A type of veil
- 7. Chants
- 8. Boston hoopster
- 9. Elongated appendage
- 10. Sailboat
- 11. 2017 Oscar-winning film
- 12. Actor Gosling
- 14. Monetary units
- 15. Assembly
- 18. Russian pop duo
- 20. Embellished with expressions
- 24. Infrequent
- 26. Temperature unit
- 28. Hydrophilic amino acid
- 30. Honk
- 32. Legislative body
- 34. Swinish
- 35. Russian assembly
- 37. Take over for
- 38. Put in advance
- 40. Satisfy
- 42. Felt
- 43. Dutch cheese
- 45. Witnesses
- 47. Strong insects
- 49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- 50. Ancient people of Scotland
- 51. Cheerless
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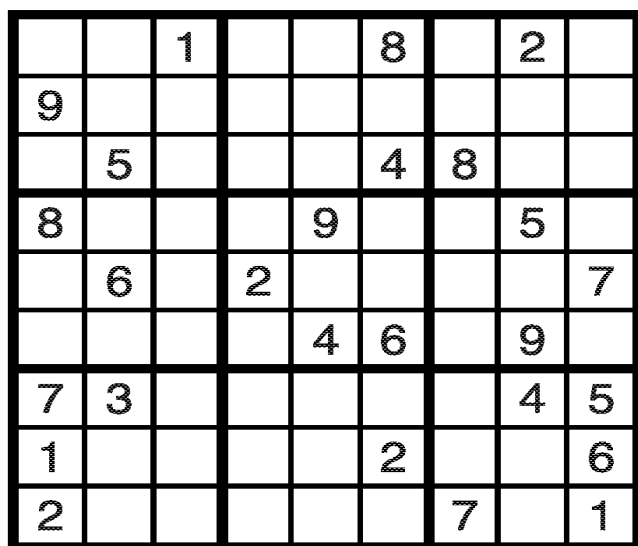
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- 7. Gas usage measurement
- 10. 2008 Pulitzer poet Robert
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- 14. Semitic fertility god
- 15. Tropical Asian starlings
- 16. Digression
- 17. An enticement
- 18. "Nutmacker" character
- 21. Swindles
- 22. Capital of ancient China 221-206 BC
- 23. Small out buildings
- 25. ___ and Venzetti
- 28. Data transmission speed measure
- 29. Daminozide
- 31. A high Swiss mountain
- 32. No. Am. republic
- 33. Golf ball pegs
- 35. Any unwanted plant
- 36. Monarchs of Iran
- 39. Get together
- 41. Delightfully pretty
- 43. Am. & Australian physician's groups
- 44. Greatest A. Lexicographer
- 50. A fencing sword
- 51. Relating to imides
- 52. University in N. Carolina
- 54. Fish of the genus Alosa
- 55. Force units
- 56. Similar in kind
- 57. Possessed
- 58. Distress signal
- 59. Grab

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Physicist Georg Simon
- 2. A raised platform
- 3. Celtic mother of the faeries
- 4. Fasteners secured by a pin
- 5. Quality of being morally wrong
- 6. Rabbit ___, Updike novel
- 7. Hawaiian island
- 8. Young salmon
- 9. Clay soil layer
- 11. Drooped
- 12. Lampshade supports
- 13. Slang for trucks with trailers
- 14. White (Spanish)
- 19. Furnish with help
- 20. Supervises flying
- 23. Trade
- 24. Wuhan is the capital (var. sp.)
- 26. Hints
- 27. Green regions of desert
- 28. Baseball striker
- 30. Radioactivity unit
- 34. Regarded with reverence
- 35. Carelessly expends
- 37. A Chinese Moslem
- 38. Of a steady character
- 39. Early Christian pulpits
- 40. More (Spanish)
- 42. Television awards
- 43. Yellow-fever mosquitos
- 44. Openwork fabric
- 45. 10 = one kor
- 46. Comprehend the written word
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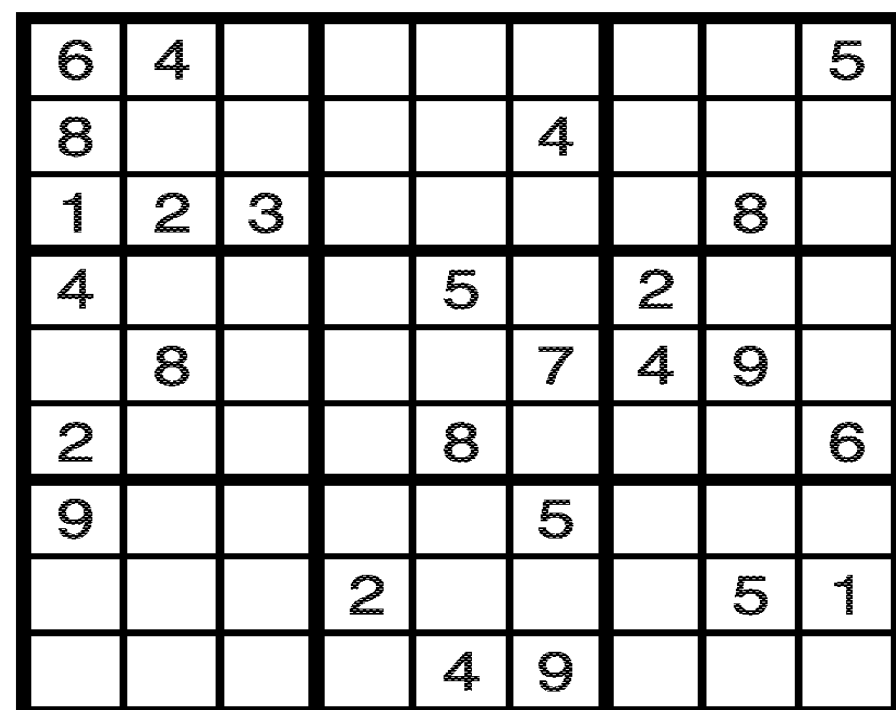
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Judge or Division: PROBATE

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.

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Date of the decedent's death: May 19, 2023
Martha Cole
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IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI Case Number: 23AR-PR00139 (Date File Stamp)

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In the Estate of CLIFFORD E TURNER, Deceased.

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The name and business address of the personal representative is:
Steven Turner, 24608 Youngstown Trail, Kirksville, Missouri, 63501

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:
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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


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

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:
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PROBATE DIVISION (Date File Stamp) 02/15/2024

In the Estate of Robert Jurss Schulte, Deceased.
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
(Sec. 473.040, RSMo)

TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ROBERT JURSS SCHULTE Deceased:
You are hereby notified that Robert Jurss Schulte died March 19, 2022. Letters of Administration were issued by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri on May 25, 2023

As far as known, the decedent at the time of death was 83 years old. The personal description of the decedent was a single man who worked at one time in some capacity for the State of Wisconsin, whose mother was believed to be Priscilla Sophia Jurss Shulte and father was believed to be John Isidore Schulte.

It is believed that the decedent was born at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The total appraised value of decedent's estate as shown by the inventory thereof is as follows: \$614,528.71.

It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the following newspapers:
Kirkville Daily Express, a newspaper of general circulation in Adair County, Missouri.
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, a newspaper of general circulation in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.

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 15th day of February 2024
First date of Publication Kirkville Daily Express: March 6, 2024
First date of Publication Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: March 6, 2024

Martha Cole, Adair County Circuit Clerk
Lacey Gottman, Adair County Deputy Clerk

PUBLICATION DATES: 3/6/2024, 3/13/2024, 3/20/2024, 3/27/2024, 4/3/2024 and 4/10/2024

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NEMR CEO visits state capitol to mingle with lawmakers

By NEMR

NEMR's CEO, Michele Gillespie, is pictured with lawmakers and others representing Sullivan County during Great Northwest Days at the Capitol. The event brings residents from the 19-county region of Northwest Missouri, including multiple communities and representatives from business, education, healthcare, and government, to Jefferson City to educate legislators

on Northwest Missouri counties and to discuss issues that are critical to the region. Gillespie talked with Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe, State Representatives Danny Busick and Greg Sharpe, and Missouri Senators Cindy O'Laughlin and Rusty Black. One key issue this year was infrastructure — a topic essential to the health and wealth of the region. Lawmakers were encouraged to invest in the rural region's roads, bridges, water and



wastewater projects as well as broadband to connect the region to the state and the world. Other topics included education, workforce development, and community improvement. Learn more about Great Northwest Days at www.greatnorthwestday.com.



Interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Group? Here's how to do it

By Kirksville Police Department

The Kirksville Police Department remains eager to collaborate with residents interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Group for their area. In fact, establishing a Neighborhood Watch Group is easy and can be done in five steps.



- Step 1 - Recruit and organize**
The first step is talking with your neighbors, finding out who would be interested in participating. You'll want to have at least five households willing to participate.
- Step 2 - Contact KPD**
Once you have a group of neighbors, contact the Kirksville Police Department at 660-785-6945. A liaison officer will be assigned to your group. That officer will work with you to meet with your group and outline expectations and procedures.
- Step 3 - Discuss concerns and develop an action plan**
Your group should identify a few areas of concern for your area, then work with your liaison officer to develop a plan that will work to lessen those areas of concern.
- Step 4 - Create a communication plan**
Find a way for your group to stay in touch with each other. Whether that's social media, email, a group text, or something else, find what works for your people.

Step 5 - Take action
You'll want to host meetings or events. The National Neighborhood Watch website has a number of training topics and meeting ideas that can be useful to your group at nnw.org.

Starting a Neighborhood Watch Group has multiple benefits to a community. It creates partnerships between law enforcement and citizens, reduces crime, creates a better sense of community and improves communication.

These programs are led by the citizens of their own neighborhoods, not law enforcement. These groups assist law enforcement by being eyes and ears and a source of information for events occurring in their neighborhood. Law enforcement will also assist the Neighborhood Watch to organize, provide guidance on spotting, reporting and addressing suspicious activity and crime, and seeing to the transfer of relevant information to and from the group.

For more information, visit the National Neighborhood Watch website at nnw.org or contact the Kirksville Police Department.

Northeast Missouri Health Council receives 'National Quality Leader' in Maternal and Child Health

By Northeast Missouri Health Council

Northeast Missouri Health Council (NMHC), through its "unwavering commitment to patient care and quality" has earned the prestigious "National Quality Leader Award" in Maternal and Child Health.

This highly esteemed recognition has been earned by only 12 federally qualified health centers (FQHC) in the nation, making it a testament to NMHC's continuous dedication and drive towards showcasing exceptional performance in

patient-centered care. The award acknowledges the success in increasing both the number of well-child visits and full childhood immunizations by age two.

This remarkable achievement is a result of our consistent efforts measured through the Uniform Data System (UDS) benchmarks, a standardized system that evaluates each FQHC, regardless of region, size, or budget, NMHC officials said in a press release. Notably, they said, NMHC has outperformed its peers in several key areas including reducing low birth weights,



increasing early entry into prenatal care, and enhancing weight assessment and counseling for nutrition and physical activity for children and adolescents.

Furthermore, NMHC has received an additional accolade as a "Health Center Quality Leader." This coveted "Silver Awardee" status indicates that NMHC's overall clinical and preventative quality data ranks within the top 20 percent of nearly 1,400 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) across all 50 states.

"In conclusion, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, whose daily focus on patient care and quality has made these significant achievements possible," NMHC officials said. "Their relentless efforts throughout the year have helped us set a new benchmark in healthcare, and we are confident that this momentum will continue to inspire us towards achieving greater successes in the future."

Gallery 104 to receive Missouri Art Education Association award

By Gallery 104

The Missouri Art Education Association is honoring a Kirksville downtown business with the Heart for Art award at their annual Spring conference in Kansas City on March 15. Nominations are considered for outstanding achievement, contribution, and/or service to the field of art education.

The owners of Gallery 104: Gifts and Art, will be traveling to Kansas City to receive the award. The gallery, which is owned and operated by five women, sells and displays works by approximately 40 local and regional artists and artisans.



Gallery 104 owners, pictured left to right: Teri Crandall, Trish Hill Bellington, Evelyn Carlson, Sharon Pritchard and Joanna Marshall.

City recognizes Hupfeld for five years of service

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville recognized Randy Hupfeld for reaching five years of service with the city.

Hupfeld began his career with the city on Jan. 3, 2019, as a street maintenance worker in the street department. Duties in that role included street paving, repairing streets and storm sewers, tree trimming, snow plowing and helping where needed. Hupfeld advanced to the role of

operator in the street department and helped pave more than 10 miles of asphalt streets during his time with the city.

Hupfeld transferred to the wastewater treatment plant on Oct. 16, 2023, and joined the team there as an operator. Wastewater operators are responsible for monitoring and performing maintenance on all pumps, motors, electrical equipment and structures, along with building and ground maintenance. They maintain all



Hupfeld, left, is pictured with Wastewater Superintendent Tim Reed, middle, and Public Works Director Adam Dorrell.

17 lift stations throughout the city and perform lab tests to make sure treated water remains in compliance with state regulations.

"Those are crucial re-

sponsibilities as wastewater treatment is important to protect the environment and health of humans and animals alike," city officials said in a press release.

KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB HEARS FROM MARK TWAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH VPS



The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Celia Hagan and Angela Caraway to speak at their Feb. 22 meeting. Hagan is the vice president of Human Resources, and Caraway is the vice president of Clinical Operations, both at Mark Twain Behavioral Health. They discussed the various services provided by Mark Twain Behavioral Health provided to the community. Pictured, from left, are Hagan, Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Dan McGurk, and Caraway. KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

ADAIR COUNTY ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGE KRISTIE J. SWAIM SPEAKS TO ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE



The speaker at the Feb. 28 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting was Adair County Associate Circuit Judge Kristie J. Swaim (right). Swaim has held this position since 2003. As part of a civic education program sponsored by the Supreme Court of Missouri, Swaim spoke about an interesting 2002 case heard by that court. She is pictured with Rotarian Dale Schenewerk who introduced her. ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY HELD FOR KIRKSVILLE BREWING



The Kirksville Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Kirksville Brewing, 114 W. Harrison Street, Kirksville, on Friday, Feb. 23. Kirksville Brewing is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week. MARTY BACHMAN / DAILY EXPRESS

Missouri Livestock Symposium award to honor local livestock producers

By Missouri Livestock Symposium

Local livestock producers who demonstrate outstanding achievements in the livestock industry are asked to apply for an award recognizing their accomplishments. The Missouri Livestock Symposium is currently accepting applications for the Missouri Livestock Achievement Award.

Eligible applicants can be producers of livestock, agribusiness personnel, agency personnel, or agriculture educators in the state of Missouri. Other parties who have been long-time supporters of the Missouri livestock industry will also be considered.

According to the committee chairman, Garry Mathes, this award recognizes livestock leaders from across the state.

Vice-chairman, Zac Erwin states; "We know there are individuals, business and agency personnel, and educators that have made tremendous contributions to the livestock industry in this state and beyond, and we want to recognize them for their career achievements."



The selected applicant will become a member of the Missouri Livestock Symposium Hall of Fame and will be inducted during the Friday evening program of the Missouri Livestock Symposium on Dec. 6.

The award nomination form can be found at <https://missourilivestock.com/achievement-award>, by emailing missourilivestock@gmail.com and requesting the form, or by contacting the Adair County MU Extension office at 660-665-9866. Nominations are due Sept. 1.

The 25th annual Missouri Livestock Symposium is Dec. 6-7, at William Mathew Middle School. Go to missourilivestock.com or our Facebook page @MissouriLivestock for more details.

City of Kirksville offers helpful tips when needing to make a 911 call

By City of Kirksville

Emergency situations are stressful times. If you find yourself in an emergency and need to call 911, that can be often be a difficult task to perform.

The Adair County Emergency Communications Center and the city of Kirksville would like to highlight some tips that can lead to effective emergency calls. There is important information for a caller to relay, that way the dispatcher can send the correct emergency response. Minutes matter, so being quick and calm serves all parties best.

Following these helpful tips when calling 911 will help you receive the necessary assistance.

Dial 911 only for an emergency

An emergency is any serious medical problem (chest pain, seizure, bleeding), any type of fire (business, car, building), or any life-threatening situation (fights, person with weapons, etc.). You are also urged to call 911 to report crimes that are in progress, whether or not a life is threatened. If there is not an emergency, please call a non-emergency line like 660-665-5621. Do not call the listed numbers for local fire departments, ambulance services, or law enforcement agencies to report emergencies. The Adair County Emergency Communications Center routes all requests for service for local public safety agencies.

Briefly describe the type of incident you are reporting

For example, "I'm reporting an auto fire" or "I'm reporting an unconscious person." Then stay on the line with the dispatcher. In some cases, the dispatcher will keep you on the line while the emergency units are responding so more information can be obtained about the ongoing incident.

Let the dispatcher ask you questions

Dispatchers have been trained to ask questions that will help prioritize the incident, locate it and speed an appropriate response. Your answers should be brief and responsive. Remain calm and speak clearly.

Be prepared to describe the location of your emergency

Although an Enhanced 911 system will display your telephone number and location, the dispatcher must confirm the displayed address or ask you for more specific location information about your emergency.

Be prepared to describe any vehicles involved in the incident

This includes the color, year, make, model, type of vehicle (sedan, pick-up, sport utility, van, tanker truck, flatbed, etc.). If the vehicle is parked, the dispatcher will need to know the location of the vehicle. If the vehicle is moving, the dispatcher will need to know the last direction of travel.

Be prepared to describe the persons involved in any incident

This includes their race, sex, age, height and weight, color of hair, description of clothing, and presence of a hat, glasses, or facial hair.

Be patient as the dispatcher asks you questions

While you are answering questions, the dispatcher is entering the information. If you are reporting an emergency, most likely a response is being made while you are still on line with the dispatcher.

Do not hang up until the dispatcher tells you to

Follow any instructions the dispatcher gives you, such as meeting the firetrucks at the door, or flagging down the firefighters at the curb.

KIRKSVILLE POLICE ARREST REPORTS: FEB. 26-MARCH 1, 2024

Drayven Blaine Veach, 23, of Kirksville, was arrested on Jefferson Street at 2:57 a.m. on March 1 for felony unlawful use of weapon, subsection 5, while intoxicated, loaded; and felony unlawful use of weapon, subsection 4, exhibiting. According to a probable cause statement, Kirksville police were dispatched to Jefferson and High streets where they were told that Veach had allegedly pulled out a handgun and racked it before pointing it at three people. He told a woman to come with him but she refused, not wanting to be shot. Police located Veach at the corner of Franklin and Pierce streets and confiscated a loaded handgun on him. Police say Veach told them he was drunk. A warrant was is-

sued by Judge Kristie Jean Swaim on March 1, with no bond set.

Joshua O. Easley, 44, of Kirksville, was arrested on an Adair County warrant after police made a traffic stop on South Ann Street at 10:45 p.m. on Feb. 29.

Emily R. Watts, 39, of Kirksville, was arrested at 106 W. Washington Street at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 28, charged with felony third degree assault on a law officer/special victim as well as misdemeanor interfering/resisting with arrest. According to a Judgment of Criminal Intent filed in Adair County Circuit Court, Watts disrupted court proceedings with disrespectful language and conduct in the courtroom of Judge Kristie Jean Swaim. According to court paper, Watts was repeat-

edly speaking over and interrupting the judge despite repeated warnings. Watts called the judge a "bitch" and repeatedly yelled profanities at her and law enforcement officers attempting to take her into custody. Watts was found guilty of "direct criminal contempt" and sentenced to 30 days in detention. Watts was in court facing a municipal nuisance charge dated Feb. 5, of unlawful accumulation of trash.

Patrick Lee Mawby, 51, of Novinger, was arrested at 108 W. Washington Street at 9:56 a.m. on Feb. 28, on a no bond, failure to appear warrant issued by Judge Kristie Jean Swaim. Mawby was to appear on a misdemeanor DWI charge; as well as charges of misdemeanor leaving the scene

of an accident; misdemeanor failure to register a motor vehicle; and misdemeanor owner operating a motor vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility (vehicle required to be registered) a first offense. Mawby was originally arrested on Aug. 13, 2023, after leaving the scene of an accident at 701 Main Street in Novinger.

Damarion Montez Robinson, 21, of Kirksville, was arrested at 106 W. Washington Street at 9:41 a.m. on Feb. 28, on warrants. Robinson had two cases in which he failed to appear and warrants were issued. A felony warrant for his arrest was issued on Nov. 3, 2023 by Judge Kristie Jean Swaim for a felony possession of a controlled substance and misde-

meanor stealing of less than \$150 value. Bond on that charge was \$10,000. A felony failure to appear warrant was also issued by Swaim on Oct. 12, 2023, for first degree property damage. Bond on that charge was set at \$5,000.

Robert Sydney Dillavou, 50, of Kirksville, was arrested for failure to appear on a misdemeanor DWI warrant at 8:22 a.m. on Feb. 27 at 1509 Downing Street. Judge Kristie Jean Swaim issued the warrant on Jan. 18. Bond was set at \$445.50, cash only. On Aug. 6, 2023, Kirksville police found Dillavou upside down in a vehicle in a ditch outside Kraft Foods on Industrial Road. Dillavou had had his license revoked in Iowa and had surrendered it in Missouri and South Carolina.

Edward Needels, 36, of Glenwood, was arrested on a warrant at 2100 N. Baltimore Street at 10:17 p.m. on Feb. 26. A warrant was issued on Feb. 7 by Schuyler County Judge Kelly Laree Lovekamp over a charge of operating a vehicle on a highway without a valid license. Bond was set at \$250, cash only.

Gerbi Geffard, 20, of Kirksville, was arrested by police investigating a physical domestic disturbance at 709 E. Randolph Street at 8:34 a.m. on Feb. 26. A failure to appear warrant was issued by Judge Kristie Jean Swaim on Feb. 22 over a first offense, driving while revoked or suspended misdemeanor charge. Bond was set at \$295.50, cash only.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, think about collaborating on a fun project with someone close to you. Find out if anyone needs help on something they may be working on if you don't have a project in mind.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

An excitement concerning work goals or a business venture may compel you to take some action to get your ideas heard by higher-ups, Taurus. The audience will be receptive.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

Gemini, trying to resolve issues in a relationship this week may leave you feeling unsettled. It might be that you are trying to avoid sensitive topics that you will have to address eventually.

CANCER

June 22/July 22

Cancer, if you are feeling content with yourself and life in general lately, that is excellent. Embrace this



positive state of mind and take the necessary steps to continue the good feelings.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, this week you may be feeling nostalgic or sentimental. Look over old photographs or watch family movies for a bit. If you want to take it further, reach out to childhood friends.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Find new activities that you can add to your daily routine, Virgo. This may be a sport, hobby or even a new club. Add a dose of creativity to each and every day for good effects.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Uncertainty regarding long-term plans may be driving emotions of shy-

ness, Libra. If you are having trouble, plan excursions or events with friends you trust.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 2

Scorpio, encouragement comes from people you may not feel are on your team. Take all of the support you can get as you start plowing through some long-term goals.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

It's always the right time to tell others how much they mean to you, Sagittarius. It will not take grand gestures to do so, merely your loving words.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Your busy schedule this week has everything feeling more hectic even if it really isn't, Capricorn. Carve out some time to sit quietly or enjoy some alone time to refresh.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

This week you may be feeling especially charitable, Aquarius. Open your

heart up to others who may need some extra support. This may be a stranger or someone you know.

PISCES

Some news from a family member may catch you off-guard, Pisces. You'll soon recover when you learn that it is extremely happy news. You may

even get good news of your own..

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 3

Camila Cabello, Singer (27)

MARCH 4

Draymond Green, Athlete (34)

MARCH 5

Matt Lucas, Comic (50)

MARCH 6

Shaquille O'Neal, Athlete (52)

MARCH 7

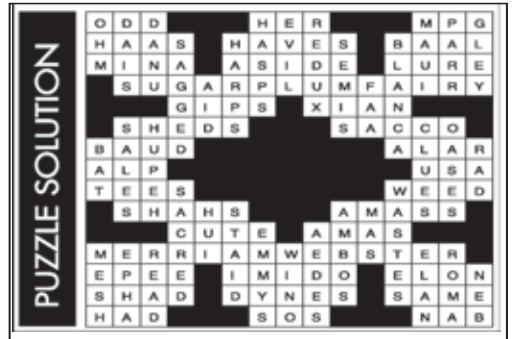
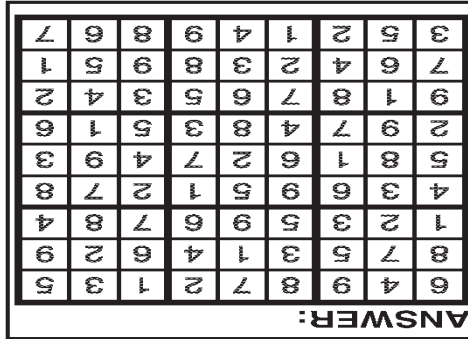
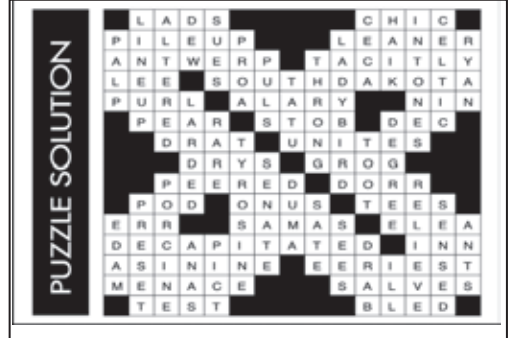
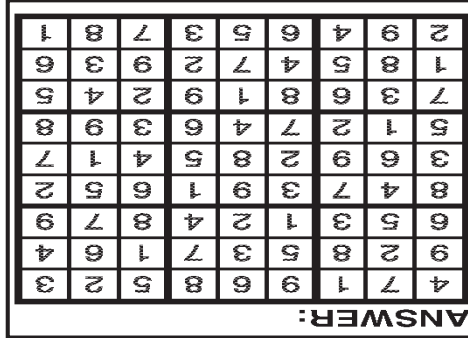
Bryan Cranston, Actor (68)

MARCH 8

Benny Blanco, Music Producer (36)

MARCH 9

Khaby Lame, TikTok Star (24)



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Missouri Department of Conservation holds 'Evening with Wildlife' program

Staff Reports

The Missouri Department of Conservation held an "Evening with Wildlife" event on Feb. 23 at William Matthew Middle School in Kirksville. The two-part day consisted of presentations throughout the day for students to learn about many different conservation topics.

The free event featured several conservation-related exhibits including exhibits by the Missouri Beekeeping Association, the Missouri Trapping Association, and MDC fisheries, forestry, and protection exhibits. Staff were also present to score deer antlers with official Boone and Crockett measurements. Guest speakers presented on mountain lions in Missouri and MDC's K-9 program. There were stations on beavers, bears in Missouri, natural history, fisheries, and conservation careers.

After the busy school day, the public was invited to join the department to view and discuss many other exhibits.



Missouri Department of Conservation K-9, "Penny", performed demonstrations for students and the public alike.



Students learned about many different conservation topics at the "Evening with Wildlife" event.



THIS WEEK'S FEATURED CHURCH
Lancaster Baptist



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Faith Lutheran Church
1820 S. Baltimore, Baltimore & LaHarpe
David Lukefahr, Pastor
7:30 a.m. The Lutheran Hour KLTE
8:15 a.m. Worship Service Peace, Milan
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study Faith
9:00 a.m. Sunday School Faith
10:15 a.m. Worship Service Faith
10:00 p.m. Issues, Etc. 107.9 KLTE
www.faithkirksville.org

Hamilton Street Baptist Church
802 W. Hamilton
Pastor Tim Ingle
9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
10:15 a.m. Worship Service
www.hamiltonstreet.org

Rehoboth Baptist Church
100 Pfeiffer Rd.
Curtis Ferguson, Pastor
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
rbchurch.net • 660-665-7577

First Presbyterian Church (USA)
201 S. High at McPherson
Communion 1st Sunday
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time.
11:00 a.m. Church School/all ages
5:30 p.m. College Fellowship

Kirkville Church of Christ
110 Pfeiffer Ave.
Elders/Pastors: Dan Green, Dean Hansen
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11 a.m. Worship
Weds 6:30p.m. Bible Study
www.kvcc.org

First Baptist Church
207 E. Washington
Jason Marlin, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Bible Study for all ages
10:45 a.m. Worship & Kidz Worship
firstbaptistkirksville.com

Faith United Methodist Church
1602 E. Illinois
Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
Southside Baptist Church
1010 W. Burton
Pastor: Aaron Rodgers
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Preaching
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

First Church of God
2900 S. Halliburton
Chad Earhart
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
www.kirkvillechurchofgod.com

Central Church of Christ
2010 S. Halliburton
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 am. Worship Service

Faith Baptist Church
502 N. Florence
Pastor: Brandon Rhea
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:30 p.m. Noon Lunch

The Crossing Church
810 E. Shepherd Ave.
9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service
www.thecrossing.net

Grace Community Bible Church
1501 E. Northtown Rd.
Benjamin Jordan, Pastor
Affiliated with the Evangelical Free

Church of America
9:30 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
12 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Small groups
KirkvilleGCBC@gmail.com
www.KirkvilleGCBC.com • 660.665.1615

First United Methodist Church
300 E. Washington
Pastors - Rev. Scott Beard & Rev. Jennifer Finley
9:30 a.m. Worship In Person & Online
kvumc.org

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

Church of God of Prophecy
807 Benton Way
Pastor: Rob Linhart
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

Fellowship Baptist Church
1701 S. Jamison St., Kirksville
Larry Gibson, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
fbck@sbcglobal.net
www.fellowshipbc.org • 660-665-0633

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

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

Union Temple Church Southwest of Kirksville
Alan Coonfield, Pastor
Every Sunday Evening
5-5:30 p.m. Bible Study
5:30-6:30 p.m. Church Service
Sugar Creek Baptist Church
5 mi South on Hwy 3
Pastor, Virgil K. Jones
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Assembly of God
2401 S. High St., Kirksville
Shawn Meintz, Pastor
Sundays:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship Wednesdays:
6:30 p.m. Family Night
www.kirkvillefirst.org
info@kirkvillefirst.org

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

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

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

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

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

Seventh Day Adventist Church
1301 N. Elson
Kent Dunwoody, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sabbath School (Saturday)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Saturday)
Fellowship Dinner on 4th Saturday.
712-541-4675

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

Willow Bend Association East Center Community Church
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
Illinois Bend Community Church
Highway 3
Pastor Terry Hunsaker
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
660-349-0052

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
6:00 pm Monday - AWANA
http://laplatafbc.org/
Email: laplatafbc@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

Colony Baptist Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. 4th Sunday worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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