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APRIL 2 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

City Council candidate bios for April 2 election

Staff Reports

Following are short bios of the Kirksville City Council candidates. The election will be held on Tuesday, April 2. Candidate Angie Sullivan will appear on the ballot but will not run due to conflicts she has serving on other boards.

Grant Caleb Hart Gleason

Grant Caleb Hart Gleason was born and raised in Kirksville and left for 12 years with the service where he served two enlistments in the Air Force and returned home last year. He worked in logistics management in North Dakota, Virginia, and ended in New Jersey at McGuire AFB. He was selected amongst his peers to teach tech school, has supervised teams for seven years, and spent time in Iraq. His childhood was split between his parents here until he was

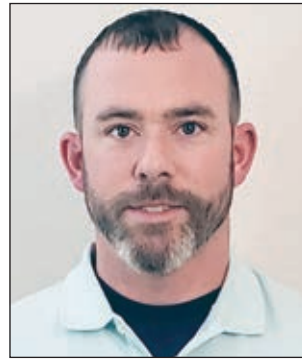
14. "Hard work, a can-do attitude, motivation, and dedication was instilled in me through my grandfather and father, who were both in the Auto Parts business grandpa opened in 1973," Gleason said. "I've worked to find and grasp the true meaning of humility, and I recognize "a man's got to know his limitations" (thanks Mr. Eastwood, and dad, Cole Gleason)." Gleason believes children across the U.S would have a better chance at success in life if they watched an hour of Gunsmoke daily and weren't allowed to have Tik Tok. "If I ever get the notion I'm the smartest person in the room, I'll be sure to leave that room ASAP," he said. "I'll endeavor to treat people equally (thank you dad)." He said he is not affiliated with Truman State University but he is "certainly impressed" by the

impact to quality and longevity of life, and the local prestige ATSU represents. He said his pronouns are "he/him and pardon me."

John Gardner

John Gardner is the current city council incumbent and is running for re-election. He has served on the city council for the last three years. "I love being a member of the Kirksville community and finding ways to give back," he said. "My wife and I moved to Kirksville in 2008 and love being a part of this community." The Gardner's have "two beautiful children and Gardner has had the opportunity to serve on his church board, he's been a member of the Rotary Club and is currently serving on a task force to address childcare in the community. "I get to work with our fantastic

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Grant Caleb Hart Gleason



John Gardner



Kevin Alm



Kirksville R-III School District seeks to have bond issue passed

Staff Reports

The Kirksville R-III School District is 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 of low interest rates, which allowed them to pay it off faster and save taxpayer money. That bond will expire on April 25.

A facility steering committee determined the district must raise \$65 million to complete 11 projects over two phases. The first phase is expected to raise \$33 million needed, if the bond tax extension is approved, which will be spent on

four primary projects: first being enhanced security of the district's buildings and entrances; second, the construction of a performing arts center as well as a mandated storm shelter that will connect the high school with the performing arts center; 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.

The district expects the passage of the bond to ease a space crunch being experienced by band, drama and choir students as well as providing a stage to perform on. The 750-seat center will also be an asset to the community in providing a quality space for meetings, concerts and outside theater productions. Serving also as a storm shelter, the building will protect 1,000 students from both the high school and the tech center should a tornado or other threatening storm land nearby.

A safety audit was performed on the district last year and the extensive, 600-page report was critical of the lack of secure entryways at the district's

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Kirksville R-3 School Board candidates provide background and biographies

Staff Reports

Following are short bios of the Kirksville R-3 School District Board candidates. The election will be held on Tuesday, April 2. Candidate Nick Billington was unable to provide a bio and candidate Suhail Akhtar will appear on the ballot but has decided not to run.

Angela Caraway

Angela Caraway is running to retain her seat on the Kirksville R-3 Board of Education this April 2. She is currently the presiding Secretary of the Board and has earned the Missouri School Board Association Advanced Certification in Board Governance to enhance her skills supporting public education.

As a longtime resident of Kirksville, she wants to give back to the district she attended, the district she and her husband raised their three children in. She is a graduate of both Truman State University and the University of Missouri Columbia. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and has worked in the mental health field over 30 years with the past 17 years in executive leadership with Mark Twain Behavioral Health. She is engaged in various civic pursuits including advisory committees with juvenile justice authorities, statewide Workforce Development task forces, Kirksville Economic Development (K-Redi) board, and the Governmental

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Angela Caraway



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Kirksville Police Officers recognized for life-saving work

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville recognized five police officers for their life-saving efforts as part of the Monday, March 18 City Council meeting.

Sgt. Matt Kellison, Cpl. Ryan Ford, Det. Aaron Followwill, Cpl. Jonathan Novinger and Ofc. Justin Fox were honored for their actions to save Kirksville citizens.

Kellison and Ford responded to a medical call for an unconscious male on Feb. 17. On arrival, Kellison noticed a chemical odor at the residence and observed the unconscious male at the bottom of a staircase. After recognizing the potential danger from an unknown gas, and with disregard for their safety, Kellison and Ford entered the basement to render

aid. They carried the man upstairs and out of the residence through the snow, then assisted medical personnel.

The Kirksville Fire Department (KFD) determined there were high concentrations of carbon monoxide. Sustained carbon monoxide concentrations above 150 ppm can cause disorientation, unconsciousness and death. KFD measurements found carbon monoxide levels in the home were above 280 ppm.

For their selfless act of preventing a citizen's death, the Kirksville Police Department presented the Lifesaving Award to Kellison and Ford.

On April 26, 2021, Det. Aaron Followwill, Cpl. Jonathan Novinger and Ofc. Justin Fox were dispatched to a business for a suicidal adult male who was cutting his neck. The officers attempted to de-escalate the situation and talk to the subject. The officers then took control of the subject and provided medical aid, slowing the bleeding until medical personnel arrived. The person was transported to Northeast Regional Medical Center. Officers remained there and the man's life was saved.

For their quick action and compassion that ultimately prevented the death of a person in crisis, the Kirksville Police Department presented the Life-saving Award to Followwill, Novinger and Fox.

If you would like to watch the full presentation, click here: <https://www.youtube.com/live/oUIACZVXRt4?si=H9YYpkzXYwNX-1fRt&t=713>.



Pictured left to right: Cpl. Ryan Ford; John Hanley, the citizen who was saved; Sgt. Matt Kellison; Police Chief Scott Williamson.



Pictured left to right: Ofc. Justin Fox, Cpl. Jonathan Novinger, Det. Aaron Followwill, Police Chief Scott Williamson.

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Kirksville Area Calendar of Events

Save the date for the 46th annual Easter Egg Hunt

Mark your calendars and hop on over to the 46th annual Kirksville Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, at 10 a.m., at the Truman State University Quad. Kraft Heinz, the city of Kirksville's Parks and Recreation Department, and Truman State University's Cardinal Key are partnering to host this event free of charge. Children ages 2 to 12 are invited to join and find as many eggs as possible. Remember to bring a basket for all the eggs and your camera for a picture with our special guest, the Easter Bunny. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

United Way of Northeast Missouri 3rd Annual Charity Trivia Night

United Way of Northeast Missouri 3rd Annual Charity Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, March 30 from 7-10 p.m. at the Kirksville Moose Lodge, 2405 E. Illinois Street, Kirksville. Cash prizes, 50/50 raffle, Heads/Tails, and High/Low. \$150 per eight person team or \$20 with mulligans. \$500 first place payout. To register a team, call 660-665-1924.

Stars Up, Lights Down at Thousand Hills State Park

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

Thousand Hills State Park Petroglyph Tour

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

Special Olympics Missouri North Area Spring Games in Kirksville

The Special Olympics Missouri North Area Spring Games will be held at Truman State University Stookes Stadium in Kirksville on April 6, 1-6 p.m.

'Hoo is Making that Noise?' at Thousand Hills State Park

Thousand Hills State Park presents, "Hoo is Making that Noise?" on Friday, April 12 at 7 p.m. Have you heard whistles, yelps, and

tapping in the forest or near the shore and wondered who was making those sounds? Join park staff to get some answers as you explore animal calls. Meet at the Campground 1 amphitheater.

Learn 2 Aim at Thousand Hills State Park

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

Thousand Hills State Park Petroglyph Tour

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

Earth Day at Thousand Hills State Park

Earth Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Thousand Hills State Park. Come connect with the earth and nature through unique opportunities facilitated by com-

munity members! There will be activities and educational booths for all ages at this free event! Stations around the beach parking lot and paved trail.

Learn to Fish at Thousand Hills State Park

Thousand Hills State Park "Learn to Fish" will be held on Friday, April 26 from 5-7 p.m. Come learn to fish with us! There will be some equipment available for use. If you have your own fishing gear, please bring it. Fishers 15 or younger do not need a fishing license. Fishers 65 and up who are Missouri Residents do not need a fishing license. All other participants will need a fishing license to participate. Day permits can be purchased at the Missouri Department of Conservation's Regional Office or online at <https://mdc-web.s3licensing.com/> Location TBD.

Tree ID Hike at Thousand Hills State Park

Tree ID Hike will be held on Saturday, April 27 at 10 a.m. at Thousand Hills State Park. Have you ever wanted to learn to identify the different types of trees at Thousand Hills State Park? Join park staff to learn to identify some common native trees. Learn what to look for when starting to identify trees and common tips and tricks to help you better understand the trees around you. Meet at the Oak Trail next to the playground on Big Loop Trail Rd.



FAITH OVER FEAR BENEFIT
For Brian Beatty

Brian was diagnosed in February with Stage 4 lung cancer (adenocarcinoma). This has been a complete shock to everyone! Brian has a long road ahead, but back in 1996 he was diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma Stage 4 and with support, and faith in God, he made a full recovery. Him and our entire family are going into this battle with the same positivity. The fight will be hard but Brian and the rest of us believe whole heartedly that there is NOONE on this earth who is more positively equipped mentally and spiritually to fight this disease and win. With that being said the expenses incurred during the course of this battle are unknown and will undoubtedly be IMMENSE.

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Raffle tickets and benefit to raise funds for Brian Beatty cancer fight

Staff Reports

Raffle tickets to win a Henry Goldenboy .22 LR are being sold to raise funds and benefit Brian Beatty during his battle with cancer. Tickets are \$10 or five for \$40. All proceeds go to Beatty. The drawing will be held on April 13 (need not be present to win). For more information, contact Cheyenne Beatty at 469-642-4676 or on Facebook.

Also on April 13, a "Faith Over Fear" benefit will be held for Brian at Wrong Daddy's, 301 W. McPherson Street in Kirksville on April 13 from 5-9 p.m. There will be food, a silent auction and live DJ.

Brian was diagnosed in February with Stage 4 lung cancer (adenocarcinoma). According to family members, this has

been a "complete shock to everyone!" They said Brian has a long road ahead of him but offered that back in 1996, he was diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma Stage 4, and overcame it.

"With support and faith in God, he made a complete recovery," family members said. "Him and our entire family are going into this battle with the same positivity. The fight will be hard but Brian and the rest of us believe wholeheartedly that there is no one on this earth who is more positively equipped, mentally and spiritually, to fight this disease and win."

Family members have expressed concern about medical expenses being incurred in Brian's fight against cancer and hope the fundraisers can make a difference.

City of Kirksville seeking applicants for Board of Adjustment

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville City Council is currently accepting citizen applications for the following position: Board of Adjustment: one position on the board.

Visit www.kirksvillemo.com/p/boards-commissions and submit your application before Friday, April 12, at 5 p.m., to be considered for the opportunity to serve on this commissions. For more information, contact



Wanda Cagle, City Clerk, at 660-627-1225.

"The city of Kirksville realizes success emanates from citizen involvement," officials said in a press release. "We are fortunate to have a diverse community, full of skilled, intelligent cit-

izens that broaden our viewpoint and approach in various areas of our local government. The city is eager to involve community-minded citizens in the process of local government through one of our many Citizen Advisory Commissions."



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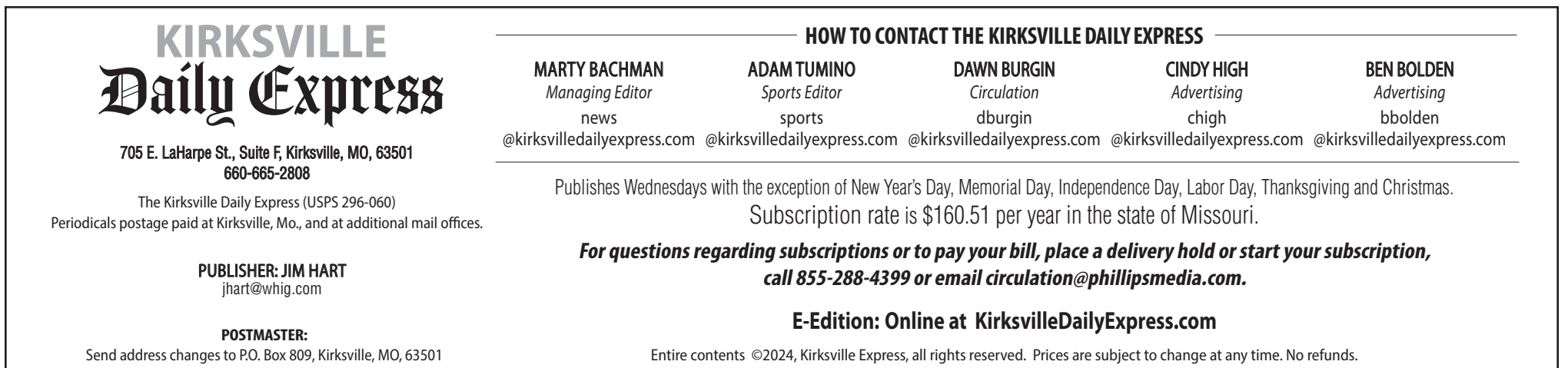
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Claypoole Nursery Retirement Auction
Sat., April 6, 2024 at 10 a.m.
Claypoole Nursery
property sits just outside the city limits of Macon and has rural water, Macon Electric Coop electricity and a lagoon. The building will be open Monday, April 1 and Tuesday, April 2 for viewing or you may call Scott at 573-356-4405 to schedule your personal showing.
BUILDINGS TO BE SOLD IMMEDIATELY AFTER REAL ESTATE: 12' x 16' portable building with 8' x 8' roll up door, framework for 2 greenhouses, one 22' x 64' (currently assembled) and one approximately the same size (not assembled).
VEHICLES: 2005 Ford 550, 150,xxx miles; 2006 Chevy 2500 4x4, 3/4 ton 8 cylinder, 51 hp, 189,xxx miles; 2007 Chevy 3500 1 ton; 2009 Toyota Prius; 1980 Corvette with 383 engine, 98,xxx miles; Yamaha Grizzly 400 4x4 automatic 4 wheeler; 2007 John Deere Gator 620 side by side, 4 wheel drive.
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OBITUARIES

Larry Keith Wood

Jan 21, 1942 – Mar 14, 2024

Larry Keith Wood, 82, of Kirksville, MO passed away March 14, 2024, at his daughter's home in St. Louis after numerous complications from bladder cancer surgery last September.

Keith was born January 21, 1942, in St. Louis, MO to William Bryce and Willo Wanda Haney Wood.

On May 24, 1969, he married Beverly Henry of Marceline, MO. On June 12, 1976, he married Melinda McKay of Knox City, MO in a garden ceremony at her parents' home.



He is survived by his wife and children Christopher Wood (Meredith) of Richmond Hill, GA, Erin Wood of St. Louis, MO, Ashlea Costello of Platte City, MO and Stacie White (Mike) of Chillicothe, MO. Grandchildren Colin and Logan Wood, Michael and Eva Costello, Tyler (Madison) White, Jessi (Michael) Brixey as well as great-grandsons, Asher, J.J. and Levi Brixey. His nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and cousins also mourn his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, step-parents, Harold Harwood and Sara Wood; brother, Gary Wood; sister, Linda Mosley and husband Charles; nephew Michael Mosley and great friend, John Schwarz.

Keith spent his youth in Brookfield, MO, and graduated from Brookfield High School with the class of 1960. He attended Northeast Missouri State College before he began working for Bell Telephone Company in Kansas City, MO. He then moved to Kirksville and became a regional field engineer with Burroughs Corporation prior to getting in on the ground floor of selling and repairing personal computers along with selling office supplies. In retirement he continued to maintain websites and was the go-to tech guy for family and friends, with Dan Vogt and Doug Lay having him on speed dial.

Keith was a master woodworker and kept busy in retirement refinishing, repairing and repurposing furniture, making wooden toys and building whatever item Melinda, his children or friends and family wanted to have made. Keith would help you with your yard work, help you move, could fix anything, and was always in attendance to support any important life event for friends and family. He loved his CNC machine and began making and personalizing various items. Not many weeks went by without a trip to Westlake's, Home Depot or Menards. He delighted in giving a woodworking treasure to friends and family. He was proud that in all his years of woodworking he only lost the tip of one finger. Keith epitomized the Acts of Service Love Language.

Keith enjoyed traveling even though he was constantly at odds with TSA for demanding his Chapstick be removed from his pocket. He quickly discovered that wearing a Missouri State Penitentiary souvenir hat through security did not speed up the process. He was able to visit beautiful spots in all 48 continental states and had a goal to visit all the Missouri State Parks, making it to all but six. Despite his extensive travels, there was no place like home, and he was happiest in his recliner, in his shop with the oldies blaring, or at Woody's having a Bud Light.

Keith was a member of the Brookfield Park Baptist Church but after he and Melinda were married, he attended the Knox City Christian Church and rarely missed a second Sunday carry-in dinner. He was a member of the Kirksville Masonic Lodge #105. He created and maintained the Brookfield Alumni Association website as well as one for Melinda's high school class. In past years he was active in the Kirksville High School Athletic Booster Club and loved cooking MO' Taters at the NEMO fair and Round Barn Blues Festival.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorials can be made to the Knox City Cemetery or The John Schwarz Memorial Scholarship at Kirksville High School and can be entrusted to the Doss Funeral Home 208 N. 4th Street, Edina, Missouri.

Tony Orion Prewitt

Mar 27, 1964 – Mar 12, 2024

Tony Orion Prewitt, 59, passed away Tuesday, March 12, 2024, in Fayetteville, NC. He was born March 27, 1964, in Kirksville, MO, a son of Karen (Treasure) Prewitt the late Roger Prewitt. He was a graduate of Keokuk High School, class of 1982.



He went on to join the U.S. Air Force where he served for 8 years as a Heavy Equipment Operator during Operation Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia. He was also stationed at England Airforce Base, Louisiana and Bitburg Airforce Airbase, Germany. Tony was a Certified Surgical Technologist at Keokuk Area Hospital and most currently the VA Hospital in Fayetteville, NC. He enjoyed shark tooth hunting, relaxing on the beach with a cocktail, traveling the world, collecting baseball cards and whiskey, and cooking for his family. He was famous for his beef jerky, chicken wings, and bread pudding. More than anything else, he loved spending time with his kids and grandchildren. He had a great sense of humor and was known for making jokes with his co-workers, friends, and family.

Tony is survived by his loving wife of 18 years, Sheryl (Londrie) Prewitt; seven children, Amanda Francois (Benson), Tabettha Ratliff (Jacob), Elizabeth Keener (Michael), Gabrielle Klus-White (Derek), Kara Parker (William), Joseph White, Tyler Prewitt (Gracie); seven grandchildren, Alex, Amelia, and Ezra Francois, Lincoln Ratliff, Vivian and Jackson Keener, and Aubrey Klus; two siblings, Todd Prewitt (Lisa) and Tessa Prewitt; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of life graveside service for Tony will be at 12:00 pm Monday, March 25, 2024, at the East Center Cemetery in Kirksville, MO, under the direction of Travis-Noe Funeral Home of Kirksville.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral home while donations may be made to the surviving wife Sheryl Prewitt via Venmo, @Prewcrew, or left or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

Marilyn Koehler

Dec 19, 1937 – Mar 20, 2024

Marilyn Koehler, 86, passed away on March 20, 2024 at home in Marion, Kansas. She was a teacher and servant of Jesus Christ who touched many lives with her wisdom, kindness, and faith.



She was born December 19, 1937 in Plano, Iowa to Herbert and Cloe Joiner. Marilyn was a life-long learner who loved to teach others. She graduated from Seymour High in 1955, then married David four months later on September 25th. She learned to be a farm wife to David and mother to Darrell, Duane, and Deanna, and taught Sunday School at Fairview Church of the Brethren. Her heart for teaching eventually led her back to school. She attended Indian Hills Community College and earned her teaching credentials from Northwest Missouri State University. She became a teacher at Bloomfield, Iowa, and continued to pursue her own education. She eventually earned a Master's Degree in administration at Drake University, and later a Doctorate. But even as Dr. Koehler, she was the same humble learner with a servant's heart. Her favorite stories to tell were of students that she taught over her 34-year career in education. After Bloomfield, she became the Superintendent of Moulton-Udell, where she led the passage of a bond levy to build a new elementary school. She served as Principal in Garner, Iowa for six years, then as Principal in Kirksville, MO for twelve years, where she helped secure another successful bond levy.

After retirement in 2007, Marilyn poured herself into serving at her local church. She completed a pastoral training program and was ordained by the Church of the Brethren in 2013. Her heart was to serve her Lord Jesus and use the gifts she was given to teach and mentor others. Marilyn and David began spending winters in Marion Kansas, then eventually moved there year-round. They loved spending time with family and friends, and especially with their grandkids: Erik (Claudia) and Tyler (Katrina) Brinegar; Matt, Connor, and Kaelyn Thierolf; Jason (Alana), Andrew, and Stephanie Chau; and Lindsey, Joshua, and Joel Koehler. Marilyn also has six great-grandchildren: Callum and Rowan Brinegar; Robin and Graham Brinegar; and Aubrey and Chloe Chau. Her beloved husband David passed into eternity in March of 2021. Marilyn is survived by her children Darrell (Cindy) Koehler, Duane (Deanna) Koehler, Deanna (Grant) Thierolf, and Norman (Gail) Chau. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers Roscoe, Richard, and Royce, and her sisters Carol and Pauline.

Services will be held at Fairview Church of the Brethren, 18140 Highway T61, Unionville, Iowa at 2 pm on Friday, March 29th. A time of visitation with family and refreshments will follow the service in the fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Fairview Church of the Brethren, Holt International, or Indian Hills Community College Foundation scholarship fund.

John Mark McKim

John Mark McKim, 70, Passed away Tuesday March 12, 2024 at his home in Kirksville, MO. He is survived by his wife Vaneta, sons Charles J (Heather) McKim, Shawn (Bonnie) McKim, Adam (Lovely) McKim, and Jeremiah McKim, daughters Tasha McKim and Janet (Rob) Kracht. John is preceded in death by his parents Charles F McKim and Gladys Claybrook along with one daughter Kimberly McKim.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Jerry E. Easley "Baba"

Feb 11, 1947 – Mar 22, 2024

Jerry E. Easley, AKA "Baba" was born in Kirksville, MO on February 11, 1947. He was raised on a farm in LaPlata, MO and met his wife, Denise Fowler, when her father was in town working on the local service pipeline.

They found each other at a baseball game and were married on November 25, 1967. He left for college to pursue an accounting degree — eventually passing his CPA exam. He was drafted by the US Army in November 1969 shortly before their first child, Jennifer Lynn, was born.



His father had aspirations of him returning to take over the farm, but Jerry landed in Des Moines, IA with his first REAL job at McGladrey, Hansen, Dunn and later FGDA (Farmer's Grain Dealer's Association). A son, Jason Paul, soon followed, and they would live in Ankeny, IA for a few years. Another job took him to Ottawa, IL for a short while, before they planted in Wahpeton, ND working for Wahpeton Canvas as their Controller. They raised both children there.

Jerry was active in The Optimist Club and shuffling teenage boys all over the state, and into Canada, for dozens of hockey games and tournaments. He and Denise were also active in the Evergreen United Methodist Church. After his children were grown, he and Denise headed for Minneapolis to work for a short while. In 2005, his first grandchild, Kaelyn was born. After his son-in-law deployed to Iraq, his daughter and granddaughter came to live with them for a year. Jerry was never "Grandpa" — he was dubbed "Baba" by Kaelyn when she was learning to talk. Jerry and Denise followed their son and daughter-in-law out to Las Vegas, NV where he started with TJ Mahoney doing corporate and payroll taxes. Shortly thereafter, a second grandchild, Jackson, came along. Slowing down, they decided to move to the mountains of New Mexico, where they stopped in El Prado, to be closer to the grandkids. After a couple of years, elevation issues were starting to get the best of Jerry, so his kids moved him to the pacific northwest to lower elevation.

In December 2023, he and Denise moved into a retirement community in Vancouver, WA. After an infection in his leg was discovered shortly after the move, Jerry's health declined rapidly. He passed away surrounded by his family on Friday, March 22, 2024. Jerry absolutely loved hockey his whole life! He and Denise were season ticket holders for the Minnesota Wild while in Minneapolis, and they followed the Las Vegas Golden Knights when they moved out west. He also very much enjoyed vacations and fishing trips with his two brothers and their wives, Larry and Doris Easley, and Garry and Ruth Easley.

Jerry is preceded in death by his mother, Hazel Jackson, father, Leland Easley, and his brother, Larry Easley.

He is survived by his wife, Denise Easley, his daughter Jennifer Lynn Fitch (Mark), his son Jason Paul (Bonnie Quam), and his grandchildren Kaelyn Fitch and Jackson Fitch.

Jerry will be cremated and combined with Denise's ashes upon her passing. A graveside service will be planned at a future time.

Kevin Dale Chrisman

Jun 2, 1969 – Mar 20, 2024

Kevin Dale Chrisman, 54, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at Boone Hospital in Columbia, Missouri.

Kevin was born June 2, 1969 in Iowa City, Iowa, the son of Aaron William and Jacquetta Jean (Blue) Chrisman. On October 3, 2020 in Las Vegas, Nevada Kevin was united in marriage to Elizabeth Joy Price.



Kevin is survived by his wife Beth of the home; his parents Aaron and Jackie Chrisman of Greentop, MO; one son Zach Chrisman of Columbia, MO; one daughter Natalia Chrisman of Mexico, MO; three step-sons, Jason Price, Jordan Price, and Trevor Benda all of Kirksville, MO; one brother and sister-in-law, Ron and Mary Chrisman of Greentop, MO; as well as two grandchildren, Declan Hollon and Jason Price.

Kevin was preceded in death by his sister Debbie Chrisman, and his grandparents, Guy and Winnie Blue, and Lee and Mona Chrisman.

Kevin resided most of his life in Kirksville and was a graduate of Kirksville High School with the Class of 1987, and attended Tech School in Wichita, Kansas. He worked driving an ice cream truck, at Cash Saver Grocery Store, at Kraft Foods, and at Wire Rope, before doing what he loved, working in auto body repair for Buck's Auto Body, for Hatfield Body & Frame, for Jones Auto Body and last for Complete Auto & RV.

Kevin was a life long avid Chiefs fan win or loose, loved racing street stock class cars in his early years, loved spending time with family, kids, friends, and grandchildren. He started working on hot wheels, model cars all the way up to the real thing. Kevin was one of the best body men around and loved what he did. Kevin wouldn't let a completed job leave his shop until he was satisfied. He took pride in everything he did. Kevin and his family attended Cornerstone Church.

Kevin will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 29, 2024 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 30, 2024 at Cornerstone Church in Kirksville, with Pastor Jeremy Broach officiating. Cremation will follow the service.

Pallbearers will be Alan Myers, Gary Scruggs, Joe Hatcher, Doug Fehr, Mark Chrisman, and Jacob Chrisman. Johnathan Pierce and William F. Price will be honorary pallbearers.

Memorial donations in memory of Kevin may be made to the Cornerstone Church of Kirksville and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.



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Dale Clifton West

Nov 22, 1930 – Mar 22, 2024

Dale Clifton West, 93, of Kirksville, MO passed away Friday (March 22nd, 2024) at Harry S. Truman Veterans Hospital in Columbia, MO.

The son of Harry Richard and Christie Almira (March) West was born November 22nd, 1930 in Downing, MO. On August 14th, 1955 in Kirksville, Dale married Lelah Mae Otto.

Dale is survived by his Son, Gregory West and wife Alicia of League City, TX; Daughter, Marsha Hutcheson and companion Lee Overstreet of Hurdland, MO; two Grandchildren, Kelly Offineer and husband Darren of Centralia, MO, and Jeremy Sayre and wife Blair of Concordia, MO; five Great Grandchildren, Kalee and husband Kevin Heavin of Vichy, MO, Madi, Taylor, Gus, and Allie; and two Great-Great Grandchildren, Kynslee, and Kail.

Dale is preceded in death by his parents, wife, and twin sisters, Marian Cook and Maxine Crabtree.

Dale grew up in Downing and graduated high school in 1949. He served in the US Army during the Korean War. After getting married, Dale and Lelah moved to



Independence, MO where he worked at SWB in the office. After moving back to Kirksville in 1959, Dale worked for SouthWestern Bell as a cable splicer. He enjoyed going to his Kids, Grandkids, and Great-Grandkids sporting events as they grew up. He also enjoyed traveling with Lelah and spending time with his family.

Dale was very active in the community. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, DAV, Masonic Lodge, York Rite Bodies, the El Kadir Shrine, LaPlata Gold Men's Association, Booster Club, and Telephone Pioneer Association. He was the past President of the Temple Board at the Masonic Lodge, Master & Secretary, and Deputy District Grand Master.

A Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28th, 2024 with a Masonic service at 7:00 p.m. at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home.

The Funeral service will be Friday, March 29th, 2024 at 10 a.m. at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Jewel Cemetery in Kirksville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Masonic Home of Missouri or Jewel Cemetery.

KIRKSVILLE POLICE REPORTS

Cody Francis-Paul Potter, 26, of Kirksville, was arrested by Kirksville police at 3:51 p.m. on March 21 at 516 S. Main Street, on a warrant.

Nivek T. Kauter, 24, of Kirksville, was arrested for failure to exhibit proof of insurance and three La Plata municipal warrants, after a traffic stop made by Kirksville police at 12:39 a.m. on March 20 on West Scott Street.

Ashley J. Patterson, 40, of Greentop, was arrested on a misdemeanor DWI-alcohol charge at 2:42 p.m. on March 19 at 500 N. Baltimore Street.

Vallene Marie Sexton, 42, of Kirksville, was arrested after a traffic stop at 11:47 p.m. on March 18 at 2206 N. Baltimore Street, charged with misdemeanor DWI-alcohol, misdemeanor no valid license (first offense); and owner operating a motor vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility (motor vehicle required to be registered), a misdemeanor first offense.

Jillynda Joy Patterson, 46, of Kirksville, was arrested at 1:04 p.m. on March 18 at 516 S. Main Street on a warrant issued by Judge Kristie Jean Swaim on March 7 concerning failure to appear on a July 8, 2023 misdemeanor stealing charge. Bond was set at \$119.50.



Andrew R. Findling, 21, of Kirksville, was arrested at 1:56 a.m. on March 17 on Ely Street after a traffic stop found him to be driving with a revoked or suspended driver's license, a misdemeanor offense; and misdemeanor possession of an illegal weapon.

Elijah Dee Baker, 19, of Kirksville, was arrested on East Normal Street for a misdemeanor no valid license, first offense. According to a probable cause report, on March 16, Kirksville police initiated a traffic stop after running a check on the plates.

Brett Michael Woolsey, 29, of Kirksville, was arrested at 1:06 p.m. on March 16 at 2206 N. Baltimore

Street on felony first degree (attempt) non-residential burglary and misdemeanor stealing from shoplifting.

James Nolan Groseclose, 40, of Kirksville, was arrested at 4:36 a.m. on March 16 on a felony no valid driver's license, third and subsequent offense as well as felony drug possession after a traffic stop on Osteopathy Street. According to a probable cause statement, Groseclose was stopped by police for having a brake light out. Groseclose's license had expired in 2017 and since then he has had convictions for driving while not having a license.

Bow Steven Dabbs gets 30 years for attempted enticement of a child

Staff Reports

On Tuesday, March 19, Bow Steven Dabbs, of Kirksville, was sentenced by Judge Matthew J. Wilson in the Circuit Court of Adair County, to the maximum sentence of 30 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections, with probation being denied.

On Jan. 18, an Adair County jury had found Dabbs guilty of one count of the unclassified felony of attempted enticement of a child after a one-day jury trial.

Any person convicted of this offense is not eligible for probation or parole and the authorized term of imprisonment is not less than five years and not to exceed



30 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

This offense was investigated by the Kirksville Police Department. A request for a mugshot of Dabbs was denied by Adair County

Sheriff Department officials, who stated he had been moved to the Department of Corrections and therefore the department kept no mugshots on file after handing custody over to DOC.

KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Kirksville Spring Brush and Limb Pick Up

Save the date for the city's Spring Brush and Limb Pick Up next month, scheduled for the week of April 1. This is the perfect time to remove dead branches and smaller dead trees from your yard. City crews will begin picking up tree limbs and large brush on Monday, April 1. Although the work is expected to take the entire week, to guarantee pick up, your brush must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on Monday. This includes limbs that are no longer than 10 feet in length, and/or no wider than 18 inches in diameter. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 660-627-1291.

'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 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.

Kirksville Baseball and Softball registration open

Registration is now open for the Kirksville Baseball and Softball Leagues. 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/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.

Truman State University Art Gallery exhibition

Truman State University Art Gallery will hold an exhibition at the Ophelia Parish Fine Arts Center on campus, through April 25. Annual Juried Student Exhibition – in the main gallery. Guest juror: Lorena Molina. This must be the place – Lorena Molina. Reception, Student Research Conference, Thursday, April 18, time TBD.

Kirksville High School Exhibit at Sue Ross Arts Center

Kirksville Arts Association will hold the Kirksville High School Exhibit at the Sue Ross Arts Center, 215 S. Franklin Street, Kirksville, April 1-11 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. A reception will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. on April 11. For more information, call 660-665-0500 or email kirksvilleart@gmail.com.

Second Annual Regional High School Art Show seeks entries

The Kirksville Arts Association will be holding their second annual Regional High School Art Show April 16-25, at the Sue Ross Arts Center, 215 S. Franklin Street in Kirksville. Any high school age student from Adair, Knox, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, or Sullivan counties is eligible to enter. Entry forms can be obtained by contacting the Kirksville Arts Association at 660-665-0500. The show will be judged by a professional artist and cash awards will be given to the First, Second and Third place winners. Cash awards will also be given to five Honorable Mention award winners. In addition, the teacher of the First-place student will also receive a cash award to purchase art supplies for the classroom. The 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.

'I Love Kirksville' Photo Contest

Kirksville Tourism announced the launch of "I Love Kirksville," a captivating photo contest that invites photographers of all levels

and ages to showcase the unique charm and diverse facets of readers beloved community. Inspired by the rich character of Kirksville, Kirksville Tourism is calling upon photographers to delve into their creativity and submit images that encapsulate the essence of life in the community. Whether it's a candid moment, a scenic view, or a snapshot of a community event, Kirksville Tourism wants to see Kirksville through your lens! Photographs must have been shot by the contestant since Jan. 1, 2023, to be eligible for submission. Submission Period: March 1-31.

Categories: Participants are encouraged to submit entries in three categories that highlight different aspects of Kirksville life, such as: Natural Kirksville: Photographs that feature animals, plants, and landscapes in Kirksville, or show its natural land or sky features; Kirksville Culture: Photographs that convey a sense of history, cultural heritage, uniqueness and diversity; My Hometown Kirksville: Photographs that feature events, objects, or activities connecting the people of Kirksville, and provide a sense of what it is like to live in this community.

One Grand Prize: \$300; Three winners, one for each category: \$100 each! No more than one cash prize will be awarded per person. All prize winners and honorable mentions will be featured in the "I Love Kirksville" photo gallery, which may be both physical and electronic. All photographs may also be selected for use in city of Kirksville promotional products and literature, such as brochures, calendars and postcards. For more information, including rules and submission guidelines, visit <https://visitkirksville.com/t/love-kirksville-photo-contest>. Follow Kirksville Tourism on Facebook for updates and to join the conversation using #ILoveKirksville.

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.

Food Bank Adopt a Buddy Pack program

The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri invites you to Adopt a Buddy Pack. 1,928 children in Adair County qualify for free or reduced-price meals at school. Many of these children do not have access to nutritious meals during the weekend. The Food Bank's Buddy Pack program aims to fill that gap by providing Buddy Packs full of nutritious food for children to take over the weekend. You can help feed a child with Buddy Packs. A gift of \$270 allows them to provide a Buddy Pack to a child in Adair County for an entire school year. Donate at sharefoodbring-hope.org/give-help or in-person at Alliant Bank, 201 S. Baltimore Street in Kirksville. Check by Mail: Make payable to "The Food Bank" with "Adair County Buddy Pack" in the memo to: The Food Bank, 2101 Vandiver Drive, Columbia, Mo. 65202. All funds stay in the county. Participating schools include Kirksville Primary, Ray Miller, Brashear and Novinger. Sponsored by Alliant Bank and Kirksville Daily Express.

Join the Kirksville Young Professionals Committee

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce encourages businesses and their employees (ages 21-40) to become involved in the Kirksville Young Professionals Committee, which focuses on retaining and engaging young professionals in the area through lunch & learn opportunities, professional development, and other various events. KVYP is here to help them connect with the community. They meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m., in the Hampton Inn Truman Room or via zoom. Feel free to reach out to KirksvilleYP@gmail.com for more information about KVYP or to get the Zoom Link for meetings. You are also more than welcome to join them at future events.

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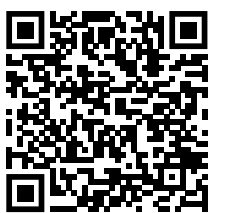
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ROBIN WRITES

Finally Spring

Hear that wind? Not too loud—just a pleasant puff of air that slides across your ears like a whisper. Like pursed lips blowing syllables of fresh thoughts that tickle and excite.

Your hair dances at the sound. Tiny strands lead, lifting and flailing against earlobes and eyebrows.

The nape of your neck shivers as tender fingers of gentle gusts twist and touse the longer hair. Eyelashes wave and wiggle like lazy hula dancers.

Smells of life sail through sunshine and shadow. They drift along thawing rivers and swirl around budding bushes, grabbing snippets of fresh life. And when the air is plump with hints of these telling scents, it scampers closer and offers itself to you.

Your nostrils flare, the hollows of your lungs expand, and you can almost taste the tartness of the odors as they flow inside.

Lift your face to the sky. Sunlight looks different now—or maybe it

just shines on different things. Clouds of cottony animals scramble for attention, begging to be pointed to and named.

The breeze gives them wings. They gallop. Swim. Stretch eagerly across a cornflower blue canvas. Your imagination wakes from its dull nap and gasps at what you see.

Clumps of mint-green grass break through cracked dirt. Wriggling worms sunbathe through the slender blades. Birds dart between budding branches and test each one for nest-worthiness.

Forsythias lead the way with a burst of yellow; lilacs and azaleas dare to show hints of the colors they are hiding inside, braving the cool nights in anticipation of morning's nurturing heat.

Warmth, better than you've felt in months, soaks into your skin. Eager arms reach out from tired sleeves; toes wiggle blindly in suffocating darkness, begging to feel the sun again.

Necks strain forward—turtle-determined—to bask in the heat that



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH
ROBIN WRITES

bounces from spongy yards, muddied pavements, and the crumbled, leftover leaves of winter.

You remember giggles. Walks along flower-bordered paths. Flying kites and floating bobs. The smile you've kept bundled beneath months of musty blankets makes its way to the surface of your soul and bursts into spring-time like a soap bubble.

POP!
The world is alive again. And so are you. But not the "waiting" kind of alive that sits quietly in front of a flickering fire. No. This is a RUNNING-YELLING-GASPING alive.

And all of this reminds you just how blessed you are to see another spring.

Contact Robin at robinwrites@yahoo.com

THE ROCKWOOD FILES

Why we need a jolt of joy

Writer gets loose with a goose

For months now, I've been eating breakfast with a goose.

He's not loud or messy and doesn't even beg for bites of my toast. He's a low-maintenance goose, and he lives on a magnet I put on the metal breadbox in my kitchen.

A few years ago, I wouldn't have even considered bringing a silly goose into my newly remodeled kitchen. I wanted it to look "high-end." If we were going to spend money on remodeling, I reasoned, the end result better look like something straight out of a magazine layout. For a while, it did.

But time is chilling me out day by day. Circumstances sand down my rigid rules about how things should be. Life shows me how important it is to surround myself with little jolts of joy, regardless of whether they fit the overall design.

That's what came to mind when I spotted that little magnet that happened to be outlined in the same color as my mint green breadbox. It was silly, yes. In fact, it even says so right there by the bird – "Silly Goose." But it makes me smile, and I enjoy him each morning when I make toast. He reminds me that even when life gets hard, sometimes it's okay to be a silly goose. Not only is it okay, it's downright therapeutic.

Apparently, I'm not the only one choosing fun over fancy. The recent trend in "dopamine decorating" involves using items, colors, textures, or even smells that make you feel good. Dopamine is a neurotransmitter in the brain, also known as the "feel-good" hormone. It makes us happy, alert and focused.

What's great about dopamine decorating is that it's hard to do it wrong. The only guideline is to choose things that jumpstart that jolt of joy. It might be a favorite color or something nostalgic. It might be a bit of whimsy (like a silly goose guarding the bread box). Or it might be a collection of photos where you and your favorite people are genuinely having fun (not just nicely posed). If you're confused about what to look for, don't worry. You'll know it when you feel it.



GWEN ROCKWOOD
THE ROCKWOOD FILES

On a larger scale, a nonprofit group called Bloomberg Philanthropies is taking this feel-good decorating concept to the street. Four years ago, the group began the "Asphalt Art Initiative" to use artwork and design to spruce up public spaces and improve street safety at the same time. And it works! According to an article published in The Washington Post, researchers studied the past two years of crash history at 17 sites in America where asphalt art and ground murals were created. The sites with art-filled, colorful crosswalks had a more than 50 percent decrease in crashes compared to the time before their makeovers by local artists.

Maybe this is proof that people slow down for a jolt of joy. We look around. We notice. We marvel at what a delightful departure it is in a sea of otherwise bleak blacktop. We need moments to remember what creative, inspired humans like us can do when we stop taking ourselves too seriously.

Here's a tip if you need help figuring out how to get started. Pay attention to the things that already draw your attention. Jot them down or take a picture. Look for things in the same color as your favorite shirt. Notice what feels incredible to touch. And listen when you read or hear something that makes you laugh out loud. Your life needs more of that. Figure out how to incorporate it into what you see each day. Let joy abound in the spaces of your most lived-in places.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I must go because I have an important appointment – to have toast with a very silly goose.

Gwen Rockwood is a syndicated freelance columnist. Email her at gwenrockwood5@gmail.com. Her book is available on Amazon.

HOME COUNTRY

The Dewey Decker Manure Combine

You have to hand it to Windy. When Alphonse "Windy" Wilson chooses to speak, it is a bombastic sampling of creativity. Windy has yet to find a word he can't make better through his own unique methods.

Well, what got him fired up the other day was a meeting of the ladies of the garden club down at the nursery. Windy's been helping Dewey with his manure business on the one day a week he spends helping others. Today wasn't a helper day, but he couldn't pass up the audience.

They hadn't gotten through old business when Windy stood, smiled, and spoke.

"Dear ladies," he said, "what an opera-tune moment this is, finding you all coagulated here in an effort to beatify the yards of our fair town. And what, you may ask, brings me to this conflagration? It's the latest thing in

gardening. Our chairman of the board refers to it as 'cow pasture tea' and it nutritionalizes plants right down to bedrock. As Dewey says, the only way to improve on cow manure is to liquidize it. Well, he hasn't said it yet, but he will.

"Now what exactly is cow pasture tea you're undoubtedly asking yourselves at this moment. It's a varietal combination of composted cow manure, water, and some acid we put in there to matriculate it properly into the life-giving succulence we require. Then we put it in a drum and pull the drum behind a tractor-like conveyance that looks an awful lot like an old riding lawn mower. We spray this on your lawn, and in ninja-seconds, this liquor of life perambulates deep into the rootiness of the grass and makes it want to grow."

He smiled at the group and noticed a lot of them were giggling in apprecia-



SLIM RANDLES
HOME COUNTRY

tion of his talk. He puffed up and continued.

"And what does the Dewey Decker Manure Combine charge for this incompartmentable service? A mere \$10 for an average-sized lawn. Think about that, ladies. Ten dollars. Twenty fifty-cent pieces. Why you'd spend more than that on a wedding dress or a trip to the Bermudas!"

A number of the ladies clapped at that, thinking that might satisfy him, and it did. He smiled and sat.

He could get used to this corporate life. Maybe it wasn't too late to climb the ladder to success.

Make your own liquid fertilizer for free by going to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and then getting your hands dirty. You're welcome.

PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

National Kidney Month

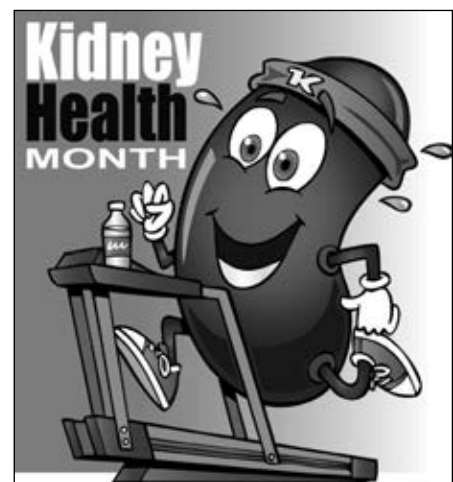
By Brandon Carlyle, B.S., CHES®
Health Educator
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Welcome to Public Health Corner! In observance of National Kidney Month, we dedicate this edition to raising awareness about kidney health and the importance of prevention, early detection, and treatment of kidney diseases. Let's come together to learn more about how we can protect and support the health of our kidneys.

Understanding Kidney Health:
The kidneys play a vital role in maintaining overall health by filtering waste and excess fluids from the blood, regulating blood pressure, and producing hormones that help control red blood cell production and maintain bone health. However, kidney diseases can impair these functions, leading to serious health complications.

Key Messages for Kidney Health:
• **Prevention through Lifestyle Choices:** Adopting a healthy lifestyle can significantly reduce the risk of kidney diseases. Maintain a balanced diet low in sodium, saturated fats, and processed foods, stay hydrated by drinking an adequate amount of water, and engage in regular physical activity.

• **Regular Monitoring and Screening:** Regular monitoring of blood pressure, blood sugar levels, and kidney function is essential for early detection of kidney diseases. Talk to your healthcare provider about recommended screenings, especially if you have risk factors such as diabetes, high blood pressure, or a family history of kidney disease.



• **Managing Chronic Conditions:** Proper management of chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension is crucial for preventing kidney damage. Follow your healthcare provider's recommendations for medication adherence, dietary modifications, and lifestyle changes to keep these conditions under control.

Your Role in Kidney Health:
As members of our community, we all have a role to play in promoting kidney health and preventing kidney diseases. By raising awareness, encouraging healthy behaviors, and supporting individuals affected by kidney diseases, we can make a positive impact on the health and well-being of our community.

Let's join together this National Kidney Month to prioritize kidney health and work towards a future where kidney diseases are prevented, detected early, and effectively treated.

Thank you for your commitment to promoting health and wellness in our community.

POETRY CORNER

Never Despair

Sometimes you wonder...
sometimes you don't know,
Sometimes you can't determine...
which way to go.
Answers aren't found... in the back
of a book,
Answers aren't there... no matter
how hard you look.
Faith can help guide you... towards
a direction to take,
Faith can provide answers... for
the decisions you make.
Life can be hard... and at times
unfair,
Life is what you make it... never
despair.

— Daniel D. Donovan



City Council holds public hearing, approves resolution to submit application to build Rotary Park trail

By Marty Bachman /
Daily Express

The Kirksville City Council held their regular meeting on Monday, March 18, beginning with a public hearing to discuss the submission of an application to the Missouri Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program for the purchase of abandoned railroad property and construction of a trail along the former Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad from Cottonwood to Jamison streets. According to Kirksville City Manager Mari Macomber, the grant application is due April 26.

"The particular program or project that we're talking about, we're calling it Phase Two, but that's sort of a random thing because we're just finding grant opportunities," Macomber told the council, noting that in the first phase the city received funding for is the stretch of railroad right-of-way behind the new housing construction off of Mill Street across from the Aquatic Center.

"It will allow a trail to go through that all the way to the library and then we want to take this section from the library, cut it at Cottonwood and then use again the railroad bed to construct a trail," Macomber told the council.

Macomber said that the city needed to obtain support from MoDOT due to the project bordering Baltimore Street, which she said is a heavy traveled roadway.

"We have to talk about how we're going to get people across the road," Macomber told the council. "Our plan is not to make them cross mid-block where the railroad is — they would have to go down to Illinois and then continue from there."

Macomber said that the project was one of Kirksville's Capital Campaign projects, and it was ranked number three in terms of support from the community.

"So it's very timely," Macomber said. "I will also mention that we can apply for up to at least a million dollars."

Macomber said that they don't know the total cost of the project as they were waiting to hear from Burlington Northern to learn how much they will be charged. She said that the city did receive funds from "Kirk's Capital" and that the amount of match for the minimum is 20 percent — and then they get more points for the additional funds up to a 35 percent match.

"With the funds allocated through Kirk's Capital, the grant ask for the grant request could exceed \$1,000,000," a city staff report indicates. According to the staff report, if the grant is awarded, the city will receive support for a project that would otherwise utilize 100 percent local funds.

"If awarded, the project will be able to be completed in a timelier fashion," Macomber concluded in her report.

In response to a question from Council member Jennifer Walston, Macomber said that the funds from Kirksville were acquired to purchase the land and con-



struct the trail...and that grant money would be used to move the project along, sooner.

Mayor Zac Burden said that the number one thing nationally that people want to see most of in a Parks and Recreation system would be trails.

"We see that's highly ranked on our current system as well so this is something that is desired by

folks in our community," Burden said.

Macomber said that the city received a considerable amount of public input when developing the Think 2040 plan and this particular project is included in that plan.

Burden closed the public hearing and later in the meeting the council discussed a resolution authorizing the submission of

the application, making Burden and Macomber the city's representatives in closing the deal.

"Again, I continue to be excited anytime we can expand out our trail network in Kirksville," Burden said. "It has so many positive benefits and I'm so glad to see this moving forward."

The council voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

COUNCIL

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youth as a soccer coach and as president of the Aquadogs swim club," he said. Gardner said that he gets to see the "breadth and depth of the diversity of our community" in helping to organize the annual Kirksville Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and the Kirksville Diversity Festival. He said he has seen a lot of progress in Kirksville in the last 16 years, where there has been great development in the north part of town. "New community organizations have started and thrived," he said, "While many other rural communities shrink and disappear, we are growing.

But there is more to do and that is why I am running for City Council again." Gardner said that over the next five to 10 years, there is great opportunity for the community in infrastructure, healthcare, parks, and so much more. "I have the skills, experience, and commitment to serve Kirksville well," he said.

Kevin Alm

(This story originally ran in March 2022) Kevin Alm, who has lived in Kirksville for 48 years, is running for council for the 35th time. Originally from Kewanee, Ill., Alm grew up on a farm south of Sugar Creek and has worked in farming, construction, demolition and has done mechanic work on race

cars when there used to be a stock car track here years ago.

In 1987, when living in the city and doing work on his house and minding his own business, two guys were walking on his property and looking in his windows, trying to tell him what he could and couldn't do with his property. He said he was told that he needed to hire a contractor and they dragged him into court, where he lost his case and was given a fine.

Then the city told him he couldn't work on his car in the driveway of his home. Again he was dragged into a courtroom where he lost again. He said it seems like the laws in Kirksville are going crazy and that the city government is overbearing. He

said that the people should be in charge rather than the other way around, but it's not working that way.

He decided to go to city council meetings where he has met past mayors and city council members of which they have all had strong opinions. He said that he believes that if he owns the property, he ought to be able to do whatever he wants with it but that city regulations keep getting worse and worse.

He said that he has spoke with a lot of people and that they want more businesses and industries in town to create more jobs as well as improvements to the skate park, which he thinks should be made into roller skating park so they can have roller

hockey. He also thinks a bobsled with rollers replacing the skis could be a big hit. Alm also want to see a motor speedway built in Kirksville.

He said that the city used to have social time for residents at the courthouse square on Saturdays and Sundays and he wants to bring that back as well as the carnivals, arts and crafts festival that used to be held there.

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.

SCHOOL

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Affairs Committee with the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce. "The qualities I bring to the position have been related to ongoing staff recruitment and retention efforts, trauma informed care initiatives, school safety, promoting fiscal responsibility, enhancing mental health resources in the district, and supporting the administration in running a thriving district that is up to the challenge of creating innovative learning environments for today's youth," she said, noting she has recent experience in substantial capital improvement proj-

ects that will be beneficial to the district in the event the Bond 2024 Progress Perform and Protect passes in the election.

Ted Frushour

Ted Frushour moved to Kirksville in 1997 as a Truman State University freshman and has lived here ever since. He has been employed in the office of Academic Affairs at A.T. Still University since 2019, and previous to that, worked at Truman for 12 years as an academic advisor. He graduated from the Kirksville Leadership Institute in 2013, and since then he has served on the boards of the Kirksville Kiwanis Club, the United Way of Northeast Missouri, and

the Forest Lake Area Trail System.

His wife Christy is a Kirksville native and their two children (ages 16 and 14) have attended Kirksville public schools since preschool. "I'm running because I love our community, I'm committed to it, and I believe that providing a strong public education to every child that we serve is one of our clearest obligations," Frushour said, noting that a good school system allows everyone, regardless of background, a chance to discover their talents and to find their path. "It also enables kids to appreciate the diversity of their community and provides them with the knowledge and interpersonal skills they need to participate fully in civic life as adults."

Frushour said that he respects the challenge of serving on the board, especially seeing the hard choices that

had to be made during the pandemic and its aftermath. He feels that stewardship of public resources, both financial and human, is a serious responsibility. His approach to organizational decisions involves listening first and then seeking consensus whenever possible. "If elected I will do my best to be open to input from the community and to consider a variety of perspectives when the board is determining priorities and policies. Go Tigers!"

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numerous school buildings. The district plans to install concrete posts at its building entryways to deter vehicles from crashing into the entrances and bullet-resistant glass in ground-level classes that will be installed as well, to protect students and slow possible unauthorized attempts to enter until law enforcement arrives.

At the high school, in addition to entryway improvements, the school will enclose its courtyard to allow for more space that can be employed in the winter time. The high school weight room is also overcrowded as are the building's hallways.

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/ksd/page/bond2024-copy>

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This story is a condensed version of a story that originally ran on Wednesday, March 7. Click here to view that story.

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The Vinola Trio performs virtuosic guest recital at Truman

By Jesse Krebs, D.M.
Professor of Music

On Tuesday, March 19, audience members in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on Truman State University's campus were treated to an exciting guest performance of chamber music by the world-class musicians of the Vinola Trio: American violinist Laurel Gagnon, Taiwanese clarinetist Li-Jie Yu, and Chinese pianist Rouyang Xiang.

Their program was bright, colorful and energetic, reflecting a wide variety of styles from traditional Romantic classical playing to music that draws inspiration from techno, Klezmer, funk, jazz, and boogie-woogie.

The first piece, *Techno-Parade* (2002) by Guillaume Connesson showcased their impressive technique that sparkled as they seamlessly passed musical motives to each other with smooth communication. It was a fun way to start the program with a bang of exciting energy and driving rhythms.

The second selection, *Trio* (1993) by William Bolcom, allowed for each instrumentalist to be featured in soloistic sections. The clarinetist, Yu, played with a beautiful dark, singing tone and effortless technique. Every note she played had musical intension and direction that engaged the audience with her intensity. The violinist, Gagnon, played with impeccable intonation in all reg-



isters and a passion that was both moving and expressive. Pianist Xiang impressed the audience with her amazing dynamic range — at times playing extremely soft and others dramatically loud — and her incredible facility. At one time, she even performed notes while standing to pluck the strings of the piano under the lid.

The next piece, *Three Pieces for Piano Four Hands* by Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel (arr. Armand Russel) was more tonal and traditional in musical style, which allowed each of them to sing out the long expressive melodies.

Finally, *Slang* (1994) by Libby Larson and *Trio* (1990) by Paul Schoenfeld, concluded their guest

recital with two fun pieces that demonstrated their versatility in playing music influenced by funk, jazz, and Klezmer styles. It was an engaging program that had music for everyone, much of it rarely performed, played on such a masterful level that they should have charged a large entry fee! Although they individually represent three different nationalities, they truly played as one.

This trio was founded in 2021 at Indiana University with a mission of focusing on repertoire written during the twentieth century and beyond, exploring diverse musical styles. They received the 2021 Verdehr Trio Award, and were selected as a semi-finalist in the



2023 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition. Recently, they received Third Place at the National MTNA Competition in Atlanta, Georgia, and participated in the Avaloch Farm Music Institute residency program in New Hampshire.

Passionate about impacting local communities, the ensemble regularly collaborates with community organizations to present events at local libraries, retirement homes, and churches. Gagnon was awarded top prizes at both the Elmar Oliveira International Violin Competition and Singapore International Violin Competition, and is currently pursuing graduate studies in violin at the Yale School of Music. Yu serves as assistant instructor of clarinet at the Indiana University Jacobs

School of Music, where she is also completing her doctoral degree in clarinet performance. Xiang attended the Boston Conservatory and Indiana University, and is currently on staff at Truman State University as a full-time collaborative pianist.

What an incredible opportunity it was for the Kirksville community to experience such a fantastic guest recital, and our gratitude goes to the Truman School of Arts and Letters for funding the mini-grant that allowed for them to visit. Their residency will conclude with a guest clarinet master class at Truman on Wednesday afternoon, a second guest recital Wednesday evening at the First Christian Church at 5:30 p.m., and a masterclass on chamber music on Thursday afternoon.



Birthday Blessings to hold annual Birthday Bash Campaign

By Birthday Blessings

Birthday Blessings, a Missouri nonprofit that provides resources to local foster kids, is holding their annual Birthday Bash Campaign, April 1-5. During this time, an anonymous donor will match funds up to a total of \$5,000. Their campaign goal is to raise \$15,000.

The nonprofit has a variety of programs targeted at meeting the physical and emotional needs of kids in care. From birthday parties in duffel bags to baskets of baby care items, they try to make everything look like a vi-

sual feast for the eyes when the kids receive the items.

"When a kid in care gets a whole box or bag full of wrapped gifts picked especially for them, it touches their heart," said Shannon VonAllmen, executive director, Birthday Blessings. "When you fill a child with hope and cheer, it gives them courage to keep working through challenging circumstances."

"None of us can fix the world. But, when you donate to Birthday Blessings, you are making a positive impact in the life of a child. To that child, it can mean the world," she said. "This



Shannon VonAllmen, executive director of Birthday Blessings, and volunteer Jackie Kelly wrap birthday gifts for kids in foster care. Last year the nonprofit filled more than 1,750 service requests from Missouri kids experiencing foster care.

campaign is an opportunity to double that impact." Donations can be made online at www.birthday-blessings.org or mailed to Birthday Blessings, 429

Aid Ave, West Plains MO 65775. Checks postmarked during the event will be counted towards the match. Call 417-372-5306 for more information.

Week of the Young Child 2024 schedule announced

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville's Parks and Recreation Department invites you to sing, play, and learn during the Week of the Young Child, April 22 through April 27. Hosted in partnership with the Kirksville Child Development Center, Adair County Public Library, Adair County Family YMCA and Kirksville R-III Parents as Teachers, the week will be packed with events and activities that celebrate young children and their families to promote early learning.

Schedule of Events:
Free Kids Concert, April 22, 10 a.m. at Rieger Armory (500 S. Elson St.). Join them for a morning of singing, dancing and memory-making with a live performance by children's entertainer Shannon Cernecka, brought by friends at the KCDC.

Giant Game Day, April 23, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Adair County Public Library. Stop by anytime for giant versions of your favorite games.

Water Wednesday, April 24, noon to 5 p.m. at the Kirksville Aquatic

Center. Free admission for all children 6 and under. Children must be accompanied in the water by an adult.

Free Imagination Play, April 25, 9 a.m. to noon at the Adair County Family YMCA. Let your imagination run free! Join them for free access to the Imagination Playground.

Touch a Truck and Magic Show, April 26, 5-7 p.m. at Rotary Park. Come by to explore and take pictures with emergency and equipment vehicles. There will also be a free children's magic show at the Ray Klingensmith Amphitheater from 6-7 p.m. Parking is available at the Kirksville Aquatic Center.

Scrap Sculpture Saturday, April 27, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Early Childhood Learning Center. It's not just a box! It's a robot, spaceship or whatever you can imagine! Design, create, and build one-of-a-kind sculptures using loose parts. Brought to you by Kirksville Parents as Teachers.

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

Graves opens application process for service academy nominations

By Congressman Sam Graves

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Sam Graves (MO-06) announced that he is currently accepting applications from North Missouri students interested in attending the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy, or U.S. Naval Academy.

"It's always an honor to nominate the best and brightest from North Missouri to attend our nation's service academies," said Graves. "Each year, numerous outstanding young men and women from North Missouri go through the application process. It's not an easy process, but it is certainly rewarding. Every student who has interest in attending a service academy should definitely consider applying."

Individuals interested in applying for a service academy nomination can do so by contacting Congressman Graves' Kansas City District Office at 816-792-3976 after opening an application with their desired service

academy. To be eligible to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy, or U.S. Naval Academy, you must:

Be at least 17 years old, but not have passed the 23rd birthday (25 for the Merchant Marine Academy).

Be a U.S. Citizen, and a permanent resident of Missouri.

Be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

Meet the medical, physical, and academic requirements of the Academy.

Be of good moral character. Have a valid Social Security Number.

The deadline for applications for the nomination process is 5 p.m., Oct. 4.

The U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy, and U.S. Naval Academy all have extremely high admission standards and the nomination process is very competitive. Applicants are evaluated and inter-

viewed by the Academy Nomination Review Board comprised of service academy graduates, veterans and citizens of Missouri's 6th Congressional District before final recommendations are made to Graves.



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Four Truman students helped broadcast the GLVC Men's and Women's Basketball Championship Tournaments. Pictured (from left) Truman students Natalie Whipple, Mara Callahan and Lillie Morisaki, Justin Kimp of Lewis University, Jack Trent of William Jewell University, and Truman student Joshua Brungardt.

Truman students gain broadcast experience at GLVC Tournament

By Truman State University

Freshmen Natalie Whipple and Mara Callahan, and juniors Josh Brungardt and Lillie Morisaki, attended the GLVC Men's and Women's Basketball Championship Tournament as part of the GLVC Sports Network (GLVCSN) Extra Credit initiative.

The initiative began in 2015 to give students from across the league an opportunity for firsthand experience with sports broadcasting by taking complete control of the coverage for the final quarterfinal game Thursday night and the first game Friday afternoon. Whipple was intrigued by the opportunity to build her resume and gain insight to behind-the-scenes aspects of sports media.

"The Extra Credit initiative just sounded exciting: traveling to St. Charles, staying in a hotel and getting to attend the championship games," Whipple said. "I'm looking to go into sports market-

ing, and the experience of being on the media side of things is a great resume-builder, as well as a way to make connections with potential employers."

Throughout the two games, the students worked with Lindsey Williams, GLVC assistant commissioner for strategic communications, and Jared McFarlane, GLVC assistant director of communications, to learn about the various ways a basketball game is covered by the media in photography, videography, social media, production, broadcasting, print and graphic design.

"I've learned a lot from working with Jared over the past few days," Whipple said. "He's fun to work with and his experience in the field makes him a great teacher."

As a junior in college, Brungardt was eager to work with people who were familiar with the rundown of how a career in sports media operates. The initiative was

first proposed to him by his advisor and though Brungardt wasn't entirely aware of what the experience would entail, he jumped on the opportunity for real-world experience.

"I was so nervous I didn't know what to think," Brungardt said. "It was terrifying at first, but once I got working with the equipment, it turned into a blast. It was cool to work with people who have experience in the field and who are familiar with the rundown of how sports media works. I've done work in radio before and feel like the TV broadcast was similar enough that I was comfortable in my position. There were a couple of times I made a mistake, but that is all part of the learning process."

Collectively, the students agreed that the opportunity to learn something new was the most exciting aspect of the experience and highlighted the importance of making connections within the industry before graduation.

Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club learns of school bond issue

By Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club

Members of the Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club heard about the Kirksville R-III school bond issue at a recent meeting. Presenters Superintendent Robert Webb and Erick Hanson (pictured) explained that the bond issue will fund numerous additions and improvements to the Kirksville R-III campus without a tax increase. Improvements include the addition of an Education Center for the Performing Arts and renewal of the high school, along with many enhanced safety and security improvements. More information is available at the Kirksville R-III website. The Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club meets on Thursday mornings at 7 a.m. at the Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill Street. Anyone who would like to learn more about the club or Rotary International is welcome to attend.



Water main replacement to begin on section of South Osteopathy

By City of Kirksville

City crews will begin replacing a water main on South Osteopathy, between West Shelby Street and West Hamilton Street, on March 25. As a result, South Osteopathy will be one lane in this area between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. while work is underway. The street will be reopened

during the evening, overnight and early morning hours. Construction is expected to take approximately four weeks, depending on the weather.

The traveling public is strongly encouraged to use caution, drive slowly through work areas and utilize alternate routes.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 660-627-1291.



MoDOT northern Missouri road maintenance report

By MoDOT

The following is a list of general highway maintenance work the Missouri Department of Transportation has planned in the Northern Missouri region for the next few weeks. All road closures and planned roadwork may be viewed on the Traveler Information Map at <http://traveler.modot.org/map/>. Inclement weather may cause schedule changes in some of the planned work. There may also be moving operations throughout the region, in addition to the work mentioned below. MoDOT asks drivers to work with us by buckling up, putting your phone down, slowing down and moving over in work zones.

Adair County

Missouri Route 11 – March 25, Closed for culvert replacement operations from Clay Way to Hazel Green Way between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Missouri Route 11 – March 26, Closed for culvert replacement operations from Sabboth Home Way to Route J between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Missouri Route 11 – March 27 – April 5, Closed for culvert replacement operations from Route J to Shingle Oak Way between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily Monday through Friday.

Knox County

Route V – March 25 – 26, Closed for culvert replacement operations from Colony Woods Place to Route K between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

Macon County

Missouri Route 129 – March 21, Closed for culvert replacement operations from U.S. Route 36 to Armada Street between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Route KK – March 26 – 27, Closed for culvert replacement operations from Nicollet Road to Olympic Avenue between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

Route VV – March 26, Closed for culvert replacement operations from Bear Street to Bison Street between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Schuyler County

Route P – April 2 – 4, Closed for culvert replacement operations from U.S. Route 63 to Woodys Drive between 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

Natural gas rate increase to take effect In April

By Missouri Public Service Commission

JEFFERSON CITY—Natural gas rates for Liberty Utilities customers will change under a filing that will take effect on April 1. The rate change reflects the Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider (WNAR), which authorizes rate adjustments based on weather variations. The purpose of the tariff is to adjust revenues for differences between actual heating degree days and normal heating degree days. Under the Liberty Utilities filing, a residential customer using 100 Ccf's (10,000 cubic feet) of natural gas in a given billing month will see an increase of approximately \$4.74 a month in Liberty Utilities' Northeast and West Districts. Natural gas rates will increase by approximately \$3.45 a month for a residential customer using approximately 100 Ccf's of natural gas in a given billing



month in Liberty Utilities' Southeast District.

Liberty Utilities serves approximately 52,500 natural gas customers in Missouri. The Northeast and West District service area includes the Missouri counties of Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Macon, Marion, Pike, Ralls, Schuyler, Scotland, Bates, Cass, Henry and St. Clair. The Southeast District service area includes the counties of Butler, Cape Girardeau, Dunklin, Iron, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Ripley, Scott, Stoddard and Wayne.

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Hospice of Northeast Missouri shares common hospice myths

By Hospice of Northeast Missouri

Hospice is not a place and hospice care is not just about those who are dying. Hospice is a comprehensive kind of care that focuses on living—it is about living as fully as possible, surrounded by family and friends, up until the end of life.

Last year, more than 1.5 million dying Americans were served by the nation's hospice providers, such as Hospice of Northeast Missouri, reports the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. Yet there are many myths about hospice that keep people from getting this compassionate care when they need it most.

Does hospice mean I am giving up? No. When medical treatment is no longer tolerable or effective, hospice can offer many things to assist in controlling pain, reducing anxiety, managing other distressing symptoms, offering spiritual and emotional support and improving quality of life for a terminally ill person and their loved ones.

Do I have to be homebound to have hospice services? No. Hospice is about quality of life and doing the things that bring a person joy.

Hospice encourages patients to stay active as long as they are able.

Does hospice provide 24-hour in-home care? No. Hospice team members make frequent visits to the patient to monitor symptoms and comfort level, but it is the responsibility of the patient to have a continuous caregiver if they are not able to care for themselves. The hospice team provides the tools and education needed to help the family provide care giving. Hospice team members are available by phone 24 hours a day seven days a week for questions or concerns and can make a visit if needed.

Can I choose to stop receiving hospice care? Yes. Patients may choose to discontinue receiving hospice care if they want to start curative treatments for their terminal illness. If a patient decides later they want to receive hospice care again, they can be reevaluated for admission.

Does hospice care cause death to happen sooner? No. Hospice does not do anything to prolong life or to hasten death. Hospice care provides comfort and quality of life for whatever period of time the patient has left.



Is hospice for people who only have a few days to live? Although it is often used at the end of life, hospice services can best be utilized when patients start sooner rather than later. This gives the hospice team time to get to know the patient and their individual needs. The optimal time to sign on to Hospice is months before death. Starting Hospice early may help in providing more quality time with loved ones.

Can I afford Hospice services? Yes. Hospice care is covered under Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurance plans. Hospice of Northeast Missouri is a Medicare/Medicaid certified provider.

Hospice of Northeast Missouri, a service of Hannibal Regional, is a 5-star rated non-profit hospice that focuses on quality of life for people and their caregivers who are experiencing an advanced, life-limiting illness. Hospice of Northeast Missouri, a partner agency of the United Way of Northeast Missouri, serves Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby and Sullivan counties. For more information about Hospice of Northeast Missouri, visit hospiceofnortheastmissouri.org or call 660-627-9711.

Moberly Area Community College Fall 2023 President's, Dean's and Honors lists

By Moberly Area Community College

Moberly Area Community College (MACC) announced that 354 students obtained a 4.00 grade point average in 12 or more semester hours excluding developmental classes for the fall 2023 semester and qualify for the President's List.

Three hundred seventy-one students obtained between a 3.50 and a 3.99 grade point average in twelve or more semester hours excluding developmental classes for the fall 2023 semester and qualify for the Dean's list.

A new honors category has been added to recognize our part-time students called the Honors List. The Honors List includes students completing six to 11 credit hours earning a 3.5-grade point average or higher. Eight hundred forty-one students qualified for the Part Time Honors list. Following is a list of local students:

President's List Fall 2023 (354)

Atlanta: Emily Brookhart
Edina: Ethan Campbell
Glenwood: Allie Lanham
Kirksville: Keasha Brown; Ella Cochran; Kyla Diepenbrock; Daniel Eiring; Erica Grigich; Rachel Johnston; Devyn Logston; Frida Ramirez Alvarez
Knox City: Hannah Miller
La Plata: Layla Ferguson
Lancaster: Mariah Buckallew
Macon: Kalesha Edwards; Zachary Henderson; Graham Irwin; Drew Meisner
Memphis: Corbin Blessing
Milan: Hannah Binkley
Unionville: Kloe Pearson

Dean's List Fall 2023 (371)

Bevier: Alyssa Petruska
Edina: Joseph Davis; Madison Harder
Glenwood: Alice Pinson
Green Castle: Kiara-Lou Meyers
Greentop: Randon Baumgartner
Kirksville: Megan Bedford; Drew Chrisman; Daniel Clay; Roger Hayton; Kaden Lewis; Meredith Meyer; Jacob Spray
La Plata: Ava Harden; Gavin Miranda; Presley Miranda
Lancaster: Laurabeth Groseclose
Macon: Tasheia Brookhart; Aleigh Fuller; Mindi Goddard; Brooklyn Gooding; Tanner Nelson; Ethan Prewitt
Memphis: Kendal Anderson
New Cambria: Jonathon Arbuckle; Katie Mossbarger
New London: Leigha Allen; Brody Douglas; Chase Haner; Emma Hathaway; Lukas McLeod
O' Fallon: Peter Valenti; Cody Gough; Grace

Henderson; Besan Juma; Nathaniel Leung; Hayden Wilson

Unionville: Alexia Mayberry; Makenna Webb

Part Time Honors List Fall 2023 (841)

Atlanta: Tagan Brookhart; Karlee Carman; Sawyer Nelson; Carson Reed; Bailey Watson; Kamberly West
Baring: Brittany Harsell
Brashear: Carson Erwin; Lacey Fisher; Kathryn Stutsman
Callao: Tonya Ryherd; Klaire Wyatt
Glenwood: Easton Kimber; Kelsey Tallman
Green City: Evelyn Hale
Greentop: Adison Baumgartner; Madison Bridgeman; Madison Christopher; Bevyn March; Raina Small
Hurdland: Emily Davis
Kirksville: Madiline Bost; Firdaus Caples; Nicole Carbocci; Hannah Chase; Claire Coy; Whitley Crawford; Emma Elsea; Jenna Farris; Lexi Fuller; Ashley Gomez; Tina Hying; Grace-Lyn Johnston; Rebecca Kubin; Grace LaBeth; Michelle Lee; Maya Manney; Levi Martin; Simon Mollick; Tabatha Myers; Gracie Patterson; Ashton Ray; Joshua Roland; Justin Scholle; Cohen Shockey; Jaclyn Shoemyer; Jacob Snyder; Marquella Stoskopf; Olivia Williams; Allyson Woodward; Brianna Yowell
Knox City: Bryston Miller

La Plata: Cassidy Althide; Alexa Borgmeyer; Aubrey Borgmeyer; Elzi Combes; Shayna Jacobs; Gage McHenry
Lancaster: Ava Akers; Angelica Collese; Taylor Roberts
Macon: Jaycee Christensen; Elayna Doctorian; Evan Doctorian; John Elliott; Tyrel Enyard; Lolita Garcia; Jennifer Iwanowicz; Mikayla Lewis; Ashlynn Witt; Trenton Woll
Memphis: Emma Anders; Owen Brown; Brooke Campbell; Abigail Curry; Madigan Frederick; Emma Gist; Jaci Knupp; Jewley Kraus; Brenna Phillips; Nathaniel Sevier; Marcus Smith; Piper Thompson
Novinger: Nolan Partin; Zoey Williams
Queen City: Sienna Lovekamp; Kale Windy
Wyaconda: Seth LaFrenz; Kathryn Schmitz



"Cappuccino" Tango lily (Asiatic hybrid). PHOTO BY BILL MURRAY.

Lily: More than just an Easter plant

Many lily hybrids grow well in Missouri

By University of Missouri Extension.

COLUMBIA — If you mention the word "lily" to most people, they'll think of the Easter lily. Although an attractive potted plant, that pure white beauty struggles somewhat in Missouri's climate if planted outdoors, said David Trinklein, state horticulture specialist for University of Missouri Extension.

But don't lament. There are many gorgeous lily hybrids that do very well in the Show-Me State, Trinklein said. To promote this garden beauty, the National Garden Bureau has selected lily as its bulb plant of the year for 2024.

Lilies are generally categorized into nine different divisions.

"The first to bloom are the Asiatic hybrids, which flower around mid-to-late June into early July," Trinklein said. "These lilies usually are only about 24 inches tall and have upward-facing flowers."

The Asiatics acclimatize or naturalize themselves well in our climate and are fairly self-sufficient, he said.

In order of bloom date, the next major division includes the trumpet lilies, sometimes referred to

as Aurelian hybrids. They bloom mid-to-late July or early August.

"These are the giants of the lily world and can exceed 40 inches in height. They have huge, oftentimes pendulous flowers, hanging down like a bell," Trinklein said. "The flowers themselves might be six or even eight inches in diameter."

Because of their size, they sometimes need additional support, he said. Also, the trumpets can be more fragrant than the Asiatics.

As fragrant as the trumpet lilies are, they're nothing when compared to the Oriental hybrids. The latter is the third major division of lily frequently planted in Missouri. Trinklein suggests this would be the lily to grow if you're into fragrance gardening, keeping in mind that pleasant fragrance is in the nose of the beholder.

"Unfortunately, the Oriental hybrids are probably not the best choice for Missouri, although they can be grown. They're a little bit tender during the winter," Trinklein said.

Therefore, you might want to consider planting them in a protected location near the house where the soil doesn't get super cold, Trinklein said. If you live in a northern part of Missouri, you should probably give the Oriental hybrids a pass.

Starting with either dormant bulbs or started

plants, you'll be rewarded with beauty throughout the growing season if you plant the three groups in proper progression, he said.

"You can have lilies in bloom all the way from about the middle of June until the last part of August if you choose between the different types wisely," Trinklein said.

Since lily bulbs can be bit more pricey than other flower bulbs, gardeners will want to plant them with care.

It's best to amend the soil with organic matter before planting, Trinklein said. Lilies need well-drained soil, just like most flowering bulbs. If they sit in soggy soil, the bulb will rot. Using raised beds or berms can help improve drainage.

Incorporating bone meal into the soil before planting will also help the lilies thrive.

"Bone meal is really a very good bulb food. It breaks down rather slowly so that initially we would

have it there and then we would top dress with bone meal on a yearly basis," Trinklein said.

When a lily emerges from the bulb, a portion of the stem underground will sprout roots.

"Those are called stem roots," he said. "They're very important for water and nutrient absorption and well-being of the plant. Therefore, lily bulbs are planted relatively deeply. For example, about eight inches deep for a trumpet lily bulb."

Lilies put on a lot more growth per season than, say, daffodils or narcissus, so they might need a bit more fertilizer, Trinklein said. It is usually added during or shortly after flowering.

Relatively pest-free, lilies make excellent cut flowers. Harvest them when the lower buds are showing color but not yet open. The vase life of lilies can be increased by removing the pollen-bearing anthers.

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This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

115 Years Ago, March 29, 1909

Contracts had been signed for the paving of Kirksville's downtown streets. B. A. Powell Contracting was awarded the contract for the paving of Franklin, Washington, Mulanix, and High Streets, and the contract was sublet to Carl Warner of Sedalia. Work was to begin April 1 with the streets in the downtown square area to be completed first.

110 Years Ago, March 28, 1914

In two separate lawsuits filed the same day, a Kirksville man, Curtis Maize, filed suit against his wife, Ermon Maize, for divorce, and he also filed suit against Carl McKeehan charging McKeehan with alienating his wife's affections. The suit against McKeehan was for \$10,000 damages. Maize alleged that he and his wife were married in 1908 and lived happily together until McKeehan enticed her away from him, winning her affection. In the divorce petition, Maize alleged that during his married life he treated his wife well, but that she offered him indignities which rendered his marital status intolerable. He alleged that she told him repeatedly that she loved McKeehan more than she loved him, and McKeehan regularly visited her. Maize further claimed that he recently returned home one night and found McKeehan and his wife together.

105 Years Ago, March 26, 1919

In just a matter of weeks Kirksville and Adair County were to have the biggest coal mine in the state of Missouri with the opening of Big Creek No. 3 Coal Mine. It was believed that there was enough coal there to keep the mine going for thirty years. There were three Big Creek Mines, Numbers 1 through 3. Big Creek No. 2 and No. 3 were adjacent to each other, and an entry to No 2. was being made so that the two mines would become one mine. The Big Creek Coal Company had spent a lot of money constructing a spur rail line to haul the coal out of the Big Creek valley. When it was operational Big Creek No. 3 was to be a "humdinger" of a coal mine. The opening of No. 3 was a big step forward in the mining industry in Adair County as the capacity production of the new mine was expected to be from 1,600 to 1,800 tons of coal per day. Big Creek No. 2 had been producing 775 tons of coal per day. The opening of the mine was expected to increase Kirksville's population with the use of highly modernized equipment and the need for additional miners.

70 Years Ago, March 31, 1954

Cleo Mendenhall announced plans for a new motor court to be built on U.S. Highway 63 north of the intersection with State Highway 6. He hoped to have it in operation by mid-summer. The name "Colonial Manor," suggested the type of building style he was using. A considerable amount of work had been done on the site. The two-story frame house that was recently moved to the site was being remodeled and the brick veneer work on the house was to start in a few days. The house would form the apex of what eventually would be a V-shaped motor court, with an eight-unit structure branching out on each side of the



two-story house. Plans were to start building the eight-unit structure within a week, weather permitting. Mendenhall hoped to have the motel open by July 1. The motel unit was to be of brick veneer with the other wing of the V-shaped unit to be built later. An office, restaurant, and living quarters for the Mendenhalls were to be housed in the two-story house. Four of the motel units would be furnished with one double bed each, and the other two double beds. Each unit would contain a bath with a tub and shower and be made as sound-proof as possible. The facility was being erected 300 feet back from the highway to help avoid the sound of highway traffic.

50 Years Ago, March 25, 1974

Clayton Day Mangus, 69, well known harness horse trainer-driver, died in a Kirksville Hospital. Mangus was born in 1904 in Macon County and moved to Adair County in 1935 where he operated a long-distance trucking business. In 1939 he built the Cedar Bar in the Stephenson Hotel, and in 1942 he purchased the Tap Room in the Travelers Hotel. In 1950 he sold both bars and built the Silver Star Drive In Theater. Mangus had been in the horse business for many years. In 1944 he started in the gaited horse business and owned several of the area's top winning horses. He owned the Silver Star Stables on North Highway 63, and in 1951 he purchased his first harness horse and went into the harness horse racing business. In the 1950s and 1960s he raised, trained, and raced a number of outstanding harness horses. He was always a popular attraction at the harness racing events which were on the agenda at the Northeast Missouri Fair in Kirksville. In 1958 he owned the World Champion three-year-old trotting filly, Lady Ann Reed. In later years he spent the winters in Orlando, Florida where he trained horses at the Ben White Raceway.

40 Years Ago, March 29, 1984

A land celebration and dedication of the site of the new Adair County Family YMCA was scheduled. A tract of approximately ten acres valued at about \$50,000 was donated to the YMCA capital campaign fund by Hollister Corporation. The tract described as "choice" by Y board members was located at the corner of Hamilton and Jamison Streets. The Y board's desire was to have the YMCA facility located near the Kirksville Schools. The donated site was just south and east of the Upper Elementary, Vo-Tech, Junior High and High Schools. The land on the north side of Hamilton Street just north of the new YMCA was owned by the Kirksville School District. According to Harriet Beard, chairperson of the campaign fund drive, a total of \$940,000 in cash and pledges had already been received by the YMCA building fund. The figure did not include the value of the land Hollister donated. The completed YMCA full-service facility including swimming pool was expected to cost approximately \$1.5 million.

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The Colonial Manor Motel and Dining Room was located at the present site of Pancake City and Aldi's.

EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Part 95

Revolutionary War Veteran James Fletcher

By Blytha Ellis, President

Adair County Historical Society and Museum

Pvt. James Fletcher (1758-1845) is the second of two Revolutionary War soldiers to be found buried in Adair County. The first was Thomas Lay who was discussed in our previous episode.

James Fletcher was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, the son of James and Susannah Fletcher who came to the United States from Cumberland, England.

James is buried on a hill in a remote farm location in Adair County near the Chariton River. Forty-seven years after his death, great care was taken by individuals and organizations to preserve his grave. In 1892, the location of his grave was described in the "Kirksville Journal" newspaper as being on the Anspaugh Farm near the Lower

Iron Bridge of the Chariton River at Yarrow, Mo. This location remains on private property but now has a different owner.

On Sunday, August 30, 1892, almost 1,000 people gathered at James Fletcher's grave to pay tribute to this old soldier who had been buried on his farm in 1845. The events that day featured the unveiling of a monument that had been erected by the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic). It bears the inscription, "James Fletcher, A Revolutionary War Soldier, Born April 29, 1758, Died Sept. 27, 1845. Rest Soldier Rest. Thy warfare's o'er."

The festivities that day included a picnic and several speakers. The keynote address was given by Professor G. H. Laughlin. Other speakers included Judge C. P. Hess of Macon, and the following men from Kirksville: J. M. McCall, L. B. Dodson, Capt. James Berry who spoke on behalf of the Mexican War Veterans, Rev. John Lagie who represented the Union soldiers, and Prof. B. P. Gentry who spoke for the Confederates.

The honoree's grandson, Rev. William L. Fletcher (1822-1906), also spoke and provided family information.

It seems that James Fletcher's life cannot be traced with a great deal of accuracy due to the fact that at least four different men named James Fletcher served in the Revolutionary War. Family trees on Ancestry.com have conflicting information regarding wives, children, etc. as these different men with the same name have become mixed up

However, in 2016, a relative named Denise Knowles wrote the following: "I am a direct descendant of the Revolutionary War soldier, James Fletcher. According to my family records, his only wife was my 5x great-grandmother, Mary (Smoot), whose grave we have not found. Their son, Barton Fletcher, my 4x great-grandfather, married Elizabeth Logston. Barton's son, David Crockett Fletcher, married into the Locke family. Another son, William L. Fletcher, was one of the "Old Settlers" of Kirksville. He is buried at Bear Creek Cemetery in Adair County, Mo., with his two wives, one being Emily (Phipps), my 3x great grandmother." Still another son of Barton was Joseph L. Fletcher.

James Fletcher is listed on the U.S. Pension Roll of 1835 as having been a private in the Revolutionary War from Virginia. He was a resident of Fauquier County, Va., when he enlisted for three months on October 5, 1777, in the Virginia State Militia. This was the next day after the British defeated the Americans at the Battle of Germantown, Pa. Nineteen-year-old James enlisted under the command of Lt. Col. Martin Pickett. His regiment was attached to and performed the same duties as the 3rd Virginia Regiment of Regulars.

Pvt. Fletcher marched through Frederick, Maryland, and then through part of Pennsylvania. During this part of his military service, he served in no battles and was discharged on or about January 10, 1778.

James enlisted again for three months on or about October 1, 1778, under Col. Armistead Churchwell and served under Capt. John Ball. During this tour, he marched down the Potomac River to the same station where he was located during his previous enlistment. Here, he took sick and was unable to serve for a time. Again, he served in no battles and was discharged in about January 1779.



Grave of Revolutionary War Soldier, James Fletcher (1758-1845), located on a remote farm in Adair County, MO. Left, Larry Evans, Historical Society Board Member, and right, Dr. Ferrel Moots



A year later, in the winter of 1779-80, James enlisted again in Fauquier County, Va., under Capt. Ricksey. With this unit, James marched down the Rappahannock River in Virginia where the British had come upon

Col. Brunt's base. No enemy was encountered. This enlistment lasted only three weeks before he was discharged. It has been reported that after his discharge, James apprehended a deserter of the regular Army and, at his own expense, delivered the prisoner seventy miles to the recruiting office at Winchester, Va.

In his pension application, James stated that after the Revolutionary War, he lived in Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky before moving to Missouri. James' son, Elias Fletcher, was born in Virginia in 1788. His son, Barton, was born in North Carolina in 1799.

In 1820, James was in Wilkes Co., N.C., and in 1830, he was in Hart County, Ky. By 1831, James and some of his sons were in Randolph County, Mo. James is listed as having applied for a Revolutionary War Pension (based on his service with the Virginia State Troops) on March 4, 1831, in Randolph County, Mo. In 1835, he received a land grant in Randolph County. However, it should be remembered that in 1835, Randolph County extended to the Iowa border. There was no Macon nor Adair County. Macon was organized in 1837 and Adair in 1841.

In 1838, James' wife, Mary (Smoot) died in Goshen Township of Macon County, Mo. When Adair County was formed in 1841, the area known as Goshen Twp. became a part of Adair County, and this township name was eliminated.

In the 1840 census, for the only time ever, the federal census listed all surviving Revolutionary War veteran pensioners, and James was listed among these in Goshen Township of Macon County, Mo. Thus, the 1840 Macon County census would have included what is now Adair County and the area of Yarrow where James had his farm.

Some Adair County residents may remember Virgil G. Fletcher (1902-1972), prominent brick contractor in this area who lived on South First Street in Kirksville. He was a great-grandson of Revolutionary War soldier James Fletcher. Virgil's parents were Joseph L. and Sarah (Salisbury) Fletcher who are buried at Bear Creek Cemetery in Adair County. Joseph, a Civil War veteran, was the son of Barton Fletcher, one of the sons of James Fletcher.

Since Virgil Fletcher was a brick contractor, he made a large brick tombstone shaped like a fireplace for his parents at Bear Creek Cemetery. However, the ground on which this was placed was uneven, and there was not a good foundation. This tombstone has now fallen over and lies in many pieces in a ditch at Bear Creek.

William Logston Fletcher was another son of Barton Fletcher, and he will figure into a later episode of Adair County history.

(Thank you to historian Gary Lloyd for his research on the life of Pvt. Fletcher and for his permission to publish much of that information here.)

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Award-winning poet to visit Truman State campus

By Truman State University

“Curating Desire: An Evening of Poetry with Danielle Cadena Deulen” will take place from 7-8 p.m. April 3 in Ophelia Parish 2210 on the Truman State University campus.

“Desire Museum,” Deulen’s poetry collection, was published with BOA Editions in fall 2023. Her previous books include “Lovely Asunder,” “Our Emotions Get Carried Away Beyond Us” and a memoir, “The Riots.” Her honors

include a Pushcart Prize, an Oregon Literary Fellowship, the GLCA New Writers Award, the Utah Book Award, an Ohio Arts Council Individual Excellence Award and a Jay C. and Ruth Halls Poetry Fellowship from the Wisconsin Institute for Creative Writing.

Deulen is the co-creator and host of “Lit from the Basement,” a poetry podcast, and teaches for the graduate creative writing program at Georgia State University in Atlanta. More information about her can be found at danielledeulen.net.



Danielle Cadena Deulen

LOCAL ROTARY CLUB DONATIONS HELP KIDS TO BUY BOOKS



The Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Kirksville each donated \$500 to the Kirksville Primary School PTA to support their effort to insure that every student in the school is able to select a book from the upcoming book fair. Proceeds from the Kirksville-Thousand Hills Club come from their annual Reverse Raffle, scheduled this year for April 27 at the Moose Lodge. Tickets are available from any club member. Proceeds from the Rotary Club of Kirksville come from their community Fly the Flag project. Flag subscriptions may be made at the club’s website, kvrotary.org. Pictured are Debi Boughton, Rotary Club of Kirksville Literacy Co-chair, Misti Harris, Kirksville Primary PTA, and Ernie Loft, Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary President. ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE

KIRKSVILLE POLICE CHIEF SPEAKS TO KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Scott Williamson to speak at their March 21 meeting. Williamson is the Chief of Police for the Kirksville Police Department. He presented an update on the department and discussed the possibility of a new police station. Pictured are Kirksville Kiwanis Club Past President and Director of the Board, Von Abbott (left) and Williamson. KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB



HOSPITAL CEO SPEAKS TO ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE



The speaker at the March 20 meeting of the Rotary Club of Kirksville was Northeast Regional Medical Center CEO Patrick Avila. Avila, who become CEO in September, provided an update on the hospital. ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE

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4:30pm Confessions
7:00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30
9:00am Morning Prayer
3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena
4:30pm Confessions
8:00pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31
7:30am at St. Rose in Novinger, 911 Rombauer Ave
9:00am at Catholic Newman Center, 709 S. Davis, Kirksville
11:00am (live streamed) at Mary Immaculate, 716 E. Washington St., Kirksville
3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena (continues daily through Divine Mercy Sunday)

Holy Week Services

*March 28 Maundy Thursday meal, 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

*March 29 Good Friday worship, 7:00 p.m., in-person & online

*March 31 Easter Sunday special worship times
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10:00 am service – in-person & online

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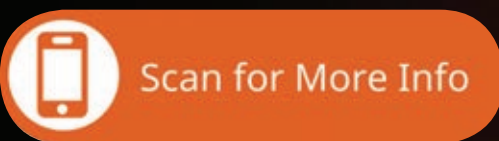
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Tigers improve to 5-0 on season with pair of home wins

By Adam Tumino

The Kirksville baseball team played its first two home games of the season on Saturday, and despite the cold weather, the Tigers continued their hot start to the season. They shelled Macon 17-2 in the morning and then came from behind and grinded out a 6-4 win over Maryville in the afternoon to improve to 5-0 on the season.

Head coach Derek Allen said he was pleased with the team's competitiveness throughout the long day of baseball.

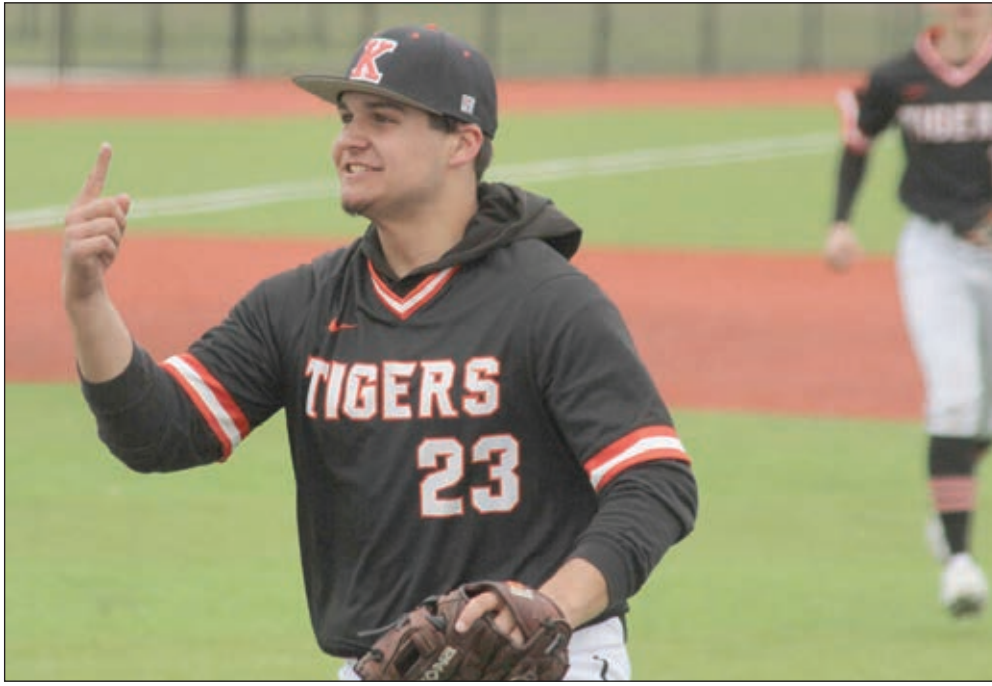
"We competed from first pitch to last pitch in both games, and that's what we're going to have to do to win," he said. "Obviously we had a bit of a hole there we had to dig ourselves out of in game two, but we found a way to get people on base, come up with a clutch hit and then shut the door late."

There was no hole to dig out of in the early game. After going down in order in the bottom of the first, the Tigers sent 10 to the plate in the second and went up 6-0 on Macon, which responded by getting one run back in the top of the third.

Kirksville then sent 13 batters to the plate in the bottom of the inning and scored eight more runs. The Tigers manufactured runs thanks to three infield singles and three stolen bases, including a double steal of second and home. They also took extra bases several times on errant Macon throws or wild pitches.

Macon scored a run on a sac fly in the top of the fourth, but Kirksville ended the game early by scoring three more runs, the final two coming on a single from Tanner Ferguson to walk off with the win via the run rule.

Kirksville manufactured runs again in the game against Maryville, but also did not take advantage of



Kirksville junior Cole Kelly celebrates after getting the final out of the game against Maryville on March 23.

as many opportunities to score as they did in game one. After the Spoofhounds scored a run in the top of the first, Kirksville got the first two batters on base when Connor Hall worked a leadoff walk and Jace Kent was hit by a pitch. The pair advanced to second and third on a wild pitch, and then another wild pitch with one out scored Hall from third. The throw to the pitcher covering home rolled away, and Kent came in to score as well to give Kirksville a 2-1 lead.

There was more small ball for the Tigers in the second. Carter Pinkerton opened the frame by beating out an infield single. He then stole second and later scored on another wild pitch.

Maryville put runners on first and second to open the third and then a sac bunt attempt loaded the bases when no one was able to cover first base in time for the Tigers. A wild pitch followed and allowed a run to score, and then a squeeze played another run for the Spoofhounds. Kirksville then managed to turn a double play to end the inning with no further damage.

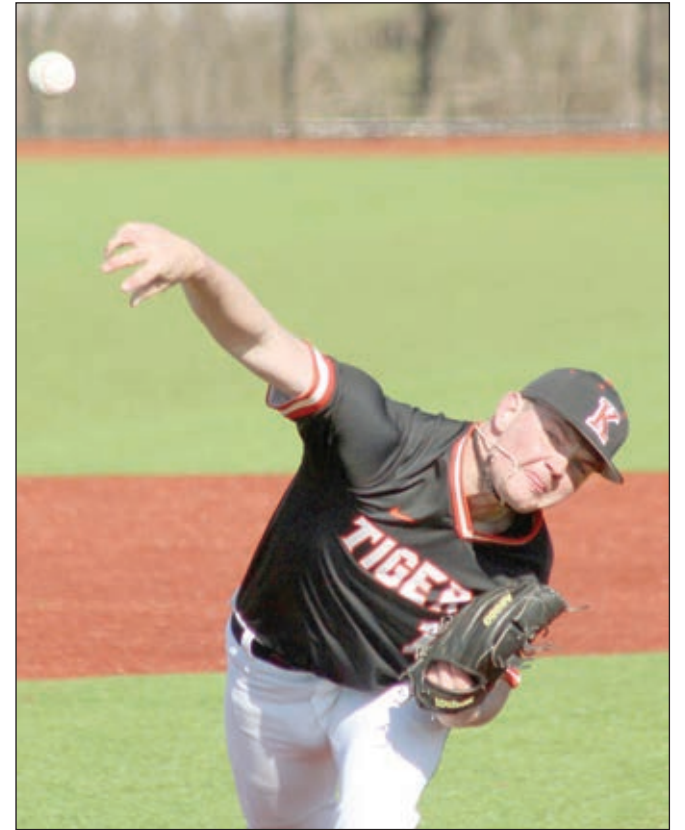
After Maryville took a 4-3 lead in the top of the fourth, Kirksville had runners on second and third with only one out in the bottom of the frame but could not score. The score remained 4-3 entering the bottom of the sixth when Ferguson was hit in the helmet by a pitch to open the inning. Ferguson walked down to first base after getting hit, but was removed from the game for pinch runner Camden Perry, who promptly advanced to second on a wild pitch. He was bunted over to third by Carson Kelly and then scored the tying run on another wild pitch. Singles by Logan Lehmann and Connor Hall followed, and then with two outs in the inning, Cole Kelly ripped a two-run double to left field to give the Tigers a 6-4 lead.

Cole Kelly then came in to close out the game on the mound. Maryville had two runners on base with one out when Pinkerton ran down a sharp line drive in center field to preserve the lead. A strikeout then ended the game for a Kirksville win.

The Tigers are 5-0 to start a season for the first time since 2016. Last season's team got off to a slow start, losing their first six, before turning it around in the second half of the season to finish strong.

Allen said that playing well late is of course what matters most, but a strong start to the season is always something to look for.

"You build some confidence that way and feel good about yourself, but it's early," he said. "We've got a lot of season left. We've got to keep grinding, taking one pitch at a time. The one thing last year's team did to give them credit for is that they got hot late when it mattered. Didn't quite get over the hump against Macon in that semifinal game, but we played our best baseball down the stretch. This team's gotten off to a good start, which is good and we're excited about it, but we've got to just keep taking it one day at a time, one pitch at a time, and make sure when that time comes



Kirksville senior Jack Thomas releases a pitch in the game against Macon on March 23. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

again we're still playing good baseball."

Helping to fuel this hot start is a crop of newer faces for the Tigers. The team is working in new starters on the mound and in the field, with a lot of the team's upperclassmen having relatively limited varsity experience to this point. Allen said he feels guys are filling their new roles nicely and coming together as a team.

"We've got some upperclassmen that haven't had a lot of time, some of our seniors that haven't had a lot of varsity time, and they're coming in and they're leading and doing a nice job for us," he said. "Juniors that have played a lot of JV for us are stepping into varsity roles, and then those two or three guys that have been there done that at the top. Team, team, team is what we're preaching, and the guys are buying into it right now."

While there have certainly been some positives through the first five games of the season, Allen said that there are still plenty of things to keep working on as the season progresses.

"We've been really aggressive on the bases, and that's something we've worked hard on in the off-season," he said. "Seeing that pay off has been very nice. I think we've pitched it fairly well, especially when we've gotten ourselves into trouble we're finding ways to work out of it. I think we can command the zone a little better, still probably too many free passes. We've played pretty well defensively. We're probably giving away too many at bats still. You've got to make sure, in the game of high school baseball, that you're not giving at bats away and you compete every time. All things we have to keep working on and growing with as the season goes."



Kirksville's Jack Thomas (17) celebrates Cole Kelly's double that scored Logan Lehmann (4) and Connor Hall (10) in the game against Maryville on March 23.



Kirksville junior Connor Hall slides home safely on a wild pitch in the game against Maryville on March 23.

Truman State Football Announces Staff Additions/Changes

By Truman State University Athletics

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. – As spring football practices get underway, Head Coach Kellen Nesbitt has announced additions and changes to his inaugural staff.

Defensive line coach Jeremy Dockery will be the defensive coordinator for the Bulldogs. Austin Zoda returns to the Truman State campus to take over as the offensive coordinator and will coach the quarterbacks. Greg Hardin and Clay Marshall will assist on the offensive side with Hardin coaching the wide receivers and Marshall the offensive line. Harrison Beemiller has come on board to coach the linebackers.

Dockery has been a coach on the staff since 2015 and was a four-year letterwinner for the Bulldogs from 2009 through 2012. He was twice named all-MIAA for his play on the defensive line and as a coach, the Bulldogs have had a rich history of all-conference defensive linemen under Dockery's tutelage. Dockery has also been the team's strength and conditioning coach.

Zoda has spent the past six seasons as an assistant coach and four as the quarterbacks coach for Fort Hays (Kan.) State University. In his six years as a Tiger, the team won two MIAA Championships, made two trips to the NCAA playoffs while putting up a 43-25 record. Zoda was a four-time all-conference Bulldog from 2013-2016 and amassed 318 total tackles.

Hardin has previous stops at Western Illinois and Robert Morris University as well as playing in both the National Football League and the Canadian Football League. Hardin is a graduate of the University of North Dakota where he concluded his playing career as the program's all-time leader in pass receptions (216) and receiving yards (3,583) while hauling in 31 career touchdown passes.

Marshall served the past two years at Missouri Western as a graduate assistant offensive line coach and a tight end coach. He is a graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University and played on the offensive line in Durant, Oklahoma from 2018-



2021. Following his playing career, he assisted as a Tight Ends coach and Strength and Conditioning Intern.

Beemiller played and started in 50 collegiate games splitting

time between Northern Arizona (DI-FCS) and South Dakota Mines (DII). He was a four-time all-Big Sky conference at NAU and was the team's leading tackler at South Dakota Mines in his two years in

Rapid City. He coached both inside and outside linebackers at Northern Arizona the previous two seasons and was part of the Big Sky Conference Aspiring Coaches and Administrators group.

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Kirksville girls soccer team drops home opener to Hannibal

By Adam Tumino

The Kirksville girls soccer team had a three-game winning streak snapped in its home opener against Hannibal on Thursday night. The Tigers went scoreless while Hannibal spread eight goals throughout the game, scoring the final one with a little over three minutes to go to end the night prematurely. It was the second-straight 8-0 win for the Pirates to start the season.

Kirksville is now 3-2, having dropped the season opener 4-2 against Marshall in the Chilli Tourney before wrapping up the tournament with consecutive 1-0 wins. A 6-1 win over Canton preceded the loss to Hannibal.

Head coach Nathaniel Kennard, in his first season in the role after four years as an assistant coach at Kirksville, said that Hannibal's style of play was an early-season test that can be challenging to prepare for.

"It's definitely the hardest game we've had so far," he said. "We've not really had a team press, and as much as you can practice game-like



Kirksville junior Ellie Farwell handles the ball between a pair of defenders in the game against Hannibal on March 21. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

scenarios, it's not really the same... It's hard to get in the mindset to play that fast and be thinking that quickly, so we just really kind of struggled with getting the ball under control in pressure situations. There were some good parts toward the end. I started seeing some calmness after they settled in. We got some good possession and got some attacks going, which is what we were hoping to see out of this game."

This marks the fourth-straight season that the Tigers have won three of their first five games of the season. They went 13-8, 15-8 and 9-10 in the first three such seasons.

So far this season, Kennard said that the team has done a nice job settling into their schemes and positions, and he hopes to see that comfortability continue to grow throughout the season.

"We've really been working on playing out of the

back, so really using our goalkeeper and the backs being wide, which can be a little daunting because it's kind of scary when you have your center backs pressed really far away from the goal to try to keep the ball," he said. "They've done a really good job of doing that. The front four is very fluid, so it's been nice seeing how each of them can quickly pick up what they're supposed to do in those positions. Tonight we had an



Kirksville freshman Emberlyn Pinson battles a Hannibal player for possession in the game on March 21.



Kirksville junior Lauren Albright takes the ball up the sideline in the game against Hannibal on March 21.

injury, and it was nice to be able to take another one and plug her in. She was able to do that job without a lot of coaching going into it from the sideline."

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Release and cover on new fictional baseball tale: For the Love of Stan Musial

By Ken Beck
Spring Creek Books

From young to old, this nostalgia-filled fictional tale from the pen of writer Ken Beck should hit a home run in every baseball fan's heart. Released on Amazon Books (Amazon.com) on March 28, opening day of Major League Baseball in the States, For the Love

of Stan Musial reflects the love affair that millions of youngsters have had with the great American pastime as they played the game in the full bloom of youth and dreamed of one day making it to the Big Leagues.

Set in a small Southern town during the spring-summer of 1963, the plot centers on four boys whose friendship blossoms as they play

their favorite sport. From their club in a treehouse, the 12-year-olds dream of taking the three-hundred-plus-mile journey on a Trailways Bus to Sportsman's Park, aka Busch Stadium, to see their beloved St. Louis Cardinals in action before they enter junior high school.

They also have high hopes of meeting their favorite diamond star,

legendary slugger Stan Musial, who is in his final season with the Redbirds.

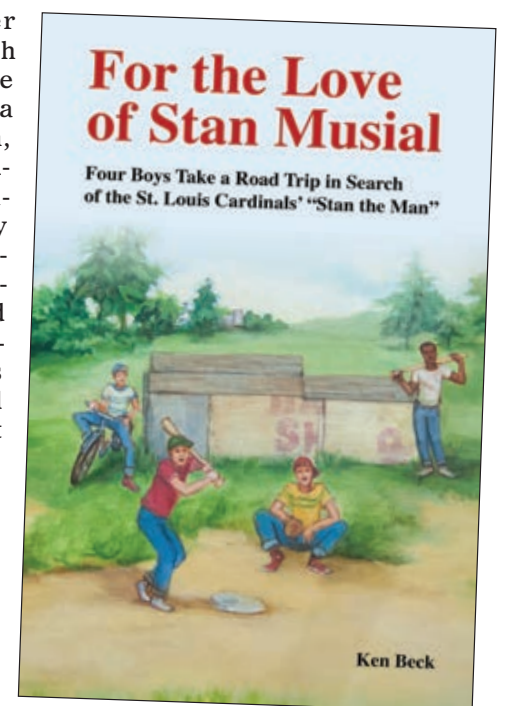
The tale serves a large dose of Americana as it reflects the popular culture of the era. Among other adventures, the boys deal with bullies, poison ivy, a haunted cemetery, an ornery farmer and baseball cards. After getting stranded midway to St. Louis, the boys must scramble to get to the ballpark.

Baseball Hall of Famer Stanley Frank Musial was signed by the St. Louis Cardinals in 1938 and joined the big league club in late 1941 as an outfielder. Playing his entire career with the Cards, he won seven National League batting titles, played in 24 All-Star games and was three times Most Valuable Player.

Writer Ken Beck enjoyed an all-American childhood growing up in the 1950s and 1960s in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. The love of his young life was playing baseball from the ages of nine to eighteen. A sixth-generation Tennessean, he began his writ-

ing career in 1977 with The Nashville Tennessean, a 31-year run, where he edited the paper's Sunday entertainment magazine and wrote feature stories and also had the great fortune of interviewing hundreds of sports, film and TV stars.

While with the newspaper, Beck teamed with Jim Clark in writing The Andy Griffith Show Book, released in 1985, which led the duo to co-author several other books about their favorite show including the bestselling Aunt Bee's Mayberry Cookbook, which sold over a million copies. They also partnered on Mayberry Memories and The All-American Cowboy Cookbook.



The sentimental storyteller still holds on to the baseball glove his father bought him in the fourth grade and three sweat-stained baseball caps he wore in junior high and high school. Among the few possessions surviving his youth are his Topps and Post Cereal baseball card collections and the Stan Musial Hartland statue he received for Christmas in 1963. Over a span of twenty years, while raising their daughter and son, Beck and his wife took them to every Major League Baseball park. For the Love of Stan Musial (Spring Creek Books, \$19.95, plus postage) is available online at Amazon Books and from publisher/writer Ken Beck (email: kbttag@aol.com), who is available for interviews.

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Macon splits pair of Saturday games to move to 3-2 on season

By Adam Tumino

The Macon baseball team played a pair of games in Kirksville on Saturday, suffering a blowout 17-2 loss to Kirksville in the morning and then bouncing back to beat Maryville 4-3 a short while later. The split moved Macon's record to 3-2 to start the season, giving them a winning record through five games for the seventh season in a row.

Macon head coach Christian Thrasher, in his first season as head coach, said he felt the team did a good job getting over a lackluster performance in the first game to end the day with a win, and perform well in areas where they struggled in game one.

"In the first one we came out a little slow, a little lack of urgency and we didn't play great defense," he said. "That's kind of something we tip our hat on is playing good defense. So coming out in the second game that's something we really wanted to do, and I think we kind of took care of business getting



Macon's (from left) Ian Marshall, Kace Holman and Preston Burns celebrate the win over Maryville on March 23. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

two double plays there in the final two innings."

While there were not many highlights for the Tigers in the loss to Kirksville, they managed to pull off a nice comeback win over Maryville. They trailed the Spoofhounds 1-0 after the first inning but took the lead with a

pair of runs in the top of the third.

Maryville reclaimed a one-run lead with a pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth. Neither team scored in the sixth inning, thanks in part to a Macon double play to end a Maryville scoring chance in the bottom of the inning. Macon

then mounted a rally in the top of the seventh inning. With runners on first and second, sophomore short-stop Ryder Lewis ripped a two-run triple into the gap in right-center field to give Macon back the lead. Another double play in the bottom of the seventh ended the game.



Macon sophomore Ryder Lewis celebrates his go-ahead triple with head coach Christian Thrasher in the game against Maryville on March 23.



Macon sophomore Hagan Ritter delivers a pitch in the game against Maryville on March 23.

Now five games into the season, Thrasher said that some of the things that hurt the team in the first game are also things that caused them to lose their first game of the season.

"In the first game today we threw a lot of balls and had a lot of walks, and the two games we've lost so far are because we walked at least 10 guys," he said. "We need to continue to cut down on the walks and stay in the zone, make the other team earn it and stop hurting ourselves with that, we'll have a lot of team success."

This year's team is also relying on a larger number of young players than last season's district championship team. Thrasher said he has been enjoying

his first season leading the team, and feels like each player is doing a good job buying into the team's philosophy and making improvements every day.

"It's been a lot of fun," he said. "My approach has been that we need to take care of business each and every day. If we come to the ballpark every day trying to get one percent better, by the end of the year you've gotten a lot better. One thing I preach is defense, defense, defense. That's something that we'll continue to get better on. We're a young team right now. We're a young team that lacks experience, but as we learn on the fly I think we're heading in the right direction."



Macon head coach Christian Thrasher talks with the team during a mound visit in the game against Kirksville on March 23.

Hannibal senior Ryan Ross commits to Truman State

By Mike Thomas
Courier-Post

HANNIBAL — Hannibal senior Ryan Ross announced a decision on his athletic and academic future on Wednesday.

Ross signed his national letter-of-intent to play football for Truman State University during a ceremony at Korf Gymnasium on Wednesday morning.

"I just really liked their football program," said Ross. "They are really good year in and year out. They have what I want and it's close. I know some people up there. I know Coach (Kellen) Nesbitt, he coached a bunch of my family members and is a good guy."

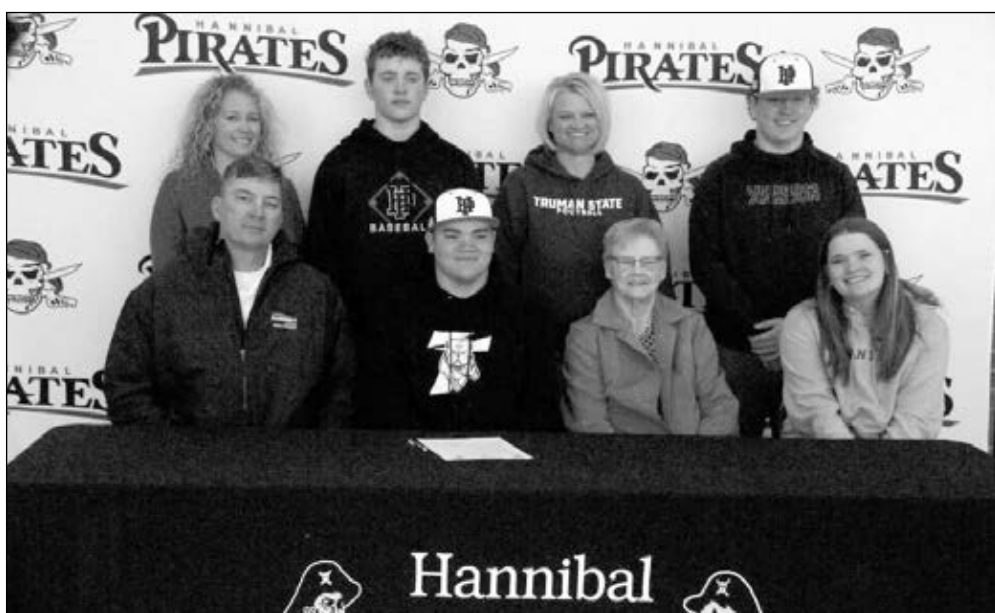
The Bulldogs are coming off a 9-2 season.

"It's always good seeing kids go up there because I know they have a great program," said Hannibal football head coach Jeff Gschwender. "We know that coaching staff very well and have had a lot of kids go up there and play and they've had great experiences up there. It's always fun seeing that happen. Especially not just a good football program, but a good educational school as Truman is going to be a good experience for him."

Ross will study accounting at Truman State.

During his career at Hannibal, Ross played a variety of positions which included center, guard, tackle and the defensive line.

Truman State plans to utilize Ross in the interior line as a guard or a center.



Hannibal senior Ryan Ross, second from right in front row, surrounded by his family after signing his national letter-of-intent with Truman State University on Wednesday at Korf Gymnasium. MIKE THOMAS/COURIER-POST

"I played guard my freshman year and then went to center my sophomore year," said Ross. "My junior and senior year I played tackle. It helped me see the whole offensive line and see the whole field."

Ross was a three-time All-North Central Missouri Conference selection as an offensive lineman, including earning first team honors during his junior and senior seasons.

Ross was also a second team All-Conference selection as a defensive lineman this past season.

"His leadership from freshman year to senior

year has always been great," said Hannibal football head coach Jeff Gschwender. "He's a guy you can always count on during the season. His ability to be able to play different positions up front, rather if it's offense or defense, he can fit it any of those spots."

That versatility paid off for Hannibal.

"Just his ability to do all those different things," said Gschwender. "His size and strength and combine that with his athleticism gave us the ability to do some different things with him and fit the pieces in where they needed to be. He could do it fine and play at a very high level."

In his first year as a starter at center, Ross was part of a Pirates team that advanced to the Class 4 state championship game and finished second in state in 2021.

"My favorite memory would be that state run,"

said Ross. "Going to state. I can't pick out a particular game in there, but it would have to be the quarterfinal game or semifinal game or championship."

Ross has also been involved with wrestling and baseball at Hannibal as a three-sport athlete.

In wrestling, Ross made two appearances in the state tournament and finished fourth in Class 3 in the heavyweight division last month.

In baseball, Ross has been a four-year starter as the Pirates third baseman.

"To be honest, I only did wrestling to get better at football," said Ross. "Coach (Jason) Noland pushed me to do my freshman year and I just kind of stuck with it and figured I was kind of good at it and worked on it. Then, baseball I did it all growing up. Always wanted to stay busy."

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Truman baseball, softball teams host GLVC foes over weekend

By Adam Tumino

The Truman State baseball and softball teams continued conference play over the weekend. The team hosted Missouri-St. Louis and was swept in a four-game series. The softball team hosted Quincy and Illinois-Springfield for a pair of doubleheaders and went 3-1 on the weekend.

The baseball team fell down 2-0 early in the series opener against Missouri-St. Louis on Friday, and found themselves down 4-2 entering the sixth inning. But the Tritons played four more runs over the final four innings to win the opener 8-2. The Bulldogs picked up nine hits in the game and scored runs on a home run from Oliver Degenhardt in the second inning and an RBI double from Dylan Thompson in the fifth that scored Tal Dean.

The second game of the day saw the Tritons score all the game's runs in the top of the second inning and winning 6-0. Truman had seven hits in the shut-out and allowed just three, but the Bulldogs walked eight Triton batters, allowed three runs to score on wild pitches and made a pair of errors in the game.

Missouri-St. Louis ambushed the Bulldogs early on in the third game of the series on Saturday, plating three runs in the first and

five more in the second. Truman started climbing back into the game with three runs in the third and one more in the fourth, but then the offense went quiet. The Tritons added an insurance run in the top of the seventh and won 9-4. The Bulldogs scored on a two-run home run from Luke Turner and RBI doubles from Degenhardt and Dean.

Missouri-St. Louis once again grabbed an early lead in the season finale, scoring five times before Truman got on the board with a Degenhardt sac fly in the bottom of the fourth. That was the only run the Bulldogs would score, though, as they lost 7-1. The Bulldogs are now 4-8 in conference play while Missouri-St. Louis is 8-4.

Truman will be on the road for the next two weekends with series against Lewis and Rockhurst before returning home to host Missouri S&T for a four-game set from April 12 through April 14.

The softball team found more success on the weekend, splitting a Saturday doubleheader against Quincy and then sweeping a Sunday doubleheader from Illinois-Springfield. The Bulldogs also swept a doubleheader from Upper Iowa on March 17 and are now 5-1 in conference play, putting them in fourth place. They only trail 5-1



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McKendree and unbeaten Indianapolis and Lewis teams in the standings.

A stellar outing from Quincy's Abbey Hultz handed Truman its only loss on the weekend. She went all seven innings, allowed four hits, all singles, and struck out nine in a 2-0 win for the Hawks. She out-duelled Truman's Madie Anderson, who also went seven innings and allowed just six hits, surrendering a single run in both the third and seventh innings.

In the second game, the Bulldogs fell down 2-0 in the top of the second before responding with a three-

run double from Emily Wood in the bottom of the frame. The Hawks tied the score 3-3 in the top of the fourth before Wood came through again with an RBI single in the bottom of the inning. She went 3-for-3 out of the leadoff spot while driving in all four runs. Kaylyn Jones got the win after a strong five innings, while Breianna Klein allowed just two baserunners over the final two innings to nail down the save.

Wood came through big again in the opening game against Illinois-Springfield. With the score tied 1-1 in the top of the second inning, she

hit a two-run home run to be the game-winning hit. Truman added another run on a Lily Arndt double in the fourth and the Prairie Stars got one more in the seventh as Truman won 4-2. Jones got her second win in as many games, going all seven innings and allowing two runs on seven hits while striking out four.

The final game of the weekend saw Truman pull ahead early and cruise to a 7-2 win. The Bulldogs scored the first seven runs of the game before Illinois-Springfield got on the board late. Wood again led the way offensively, going 2-for-4 with a team-high

three RBI. Sofia Birkenholz went 2-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored. Anderson threw six shut-out innings before running into a bit of trouble in the seventh, allowing a run and being removed with runners on second and third with one out. Charlotte Chelich came in and got on out on a fielder's choice, which scored another run, and then ended the game by inducing a popout.

The Bulldogs will be on the road on March 29 and March 30 for doubleheaders against Southwest Baptist and Drury before returning home the following weekend to host Rockhurst and William Jewell.

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Kennard now has several games under his belt after taking the reins as head coach from

Shawn Meintz, who is still serving as an assistant coach for the varsity team. He said that taking on that new position has presented some new opportunities and challenges he is eager to take on.

"It's been an exciting jour-

ney," he said. "There's been a lot more administrative work than I would've thought, but it's nice to be able to work with a team and try to work on tactical stuff as opposed to just the developmental and technical aspects of the

game, which I still do. But it's nice to be able to go into the full field. This is how we do it, these are the patterns we can run. That sort of thing."

The Tigers will be back in action after the weekend with

a road matchup against a tough Moberly team on March 25. The Spartans won each of their first four games by a combined score of 26-1. Kirksville will then return home and host Mexico on March 27.

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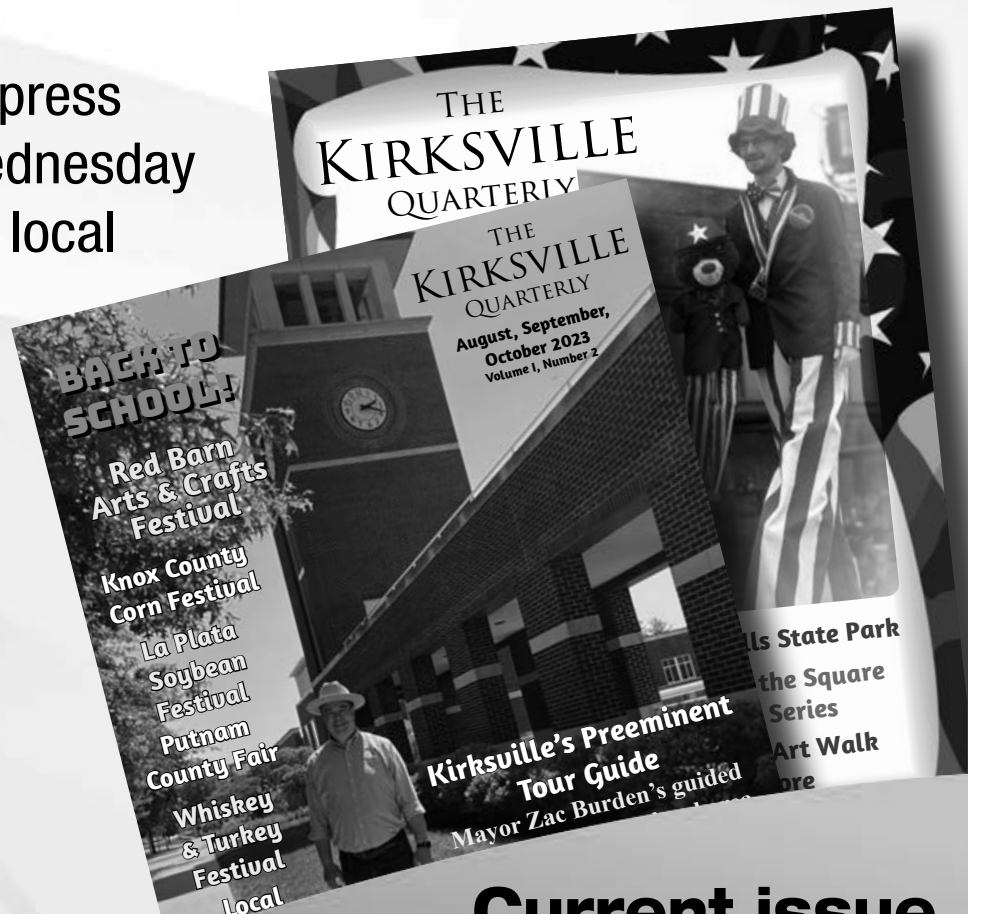
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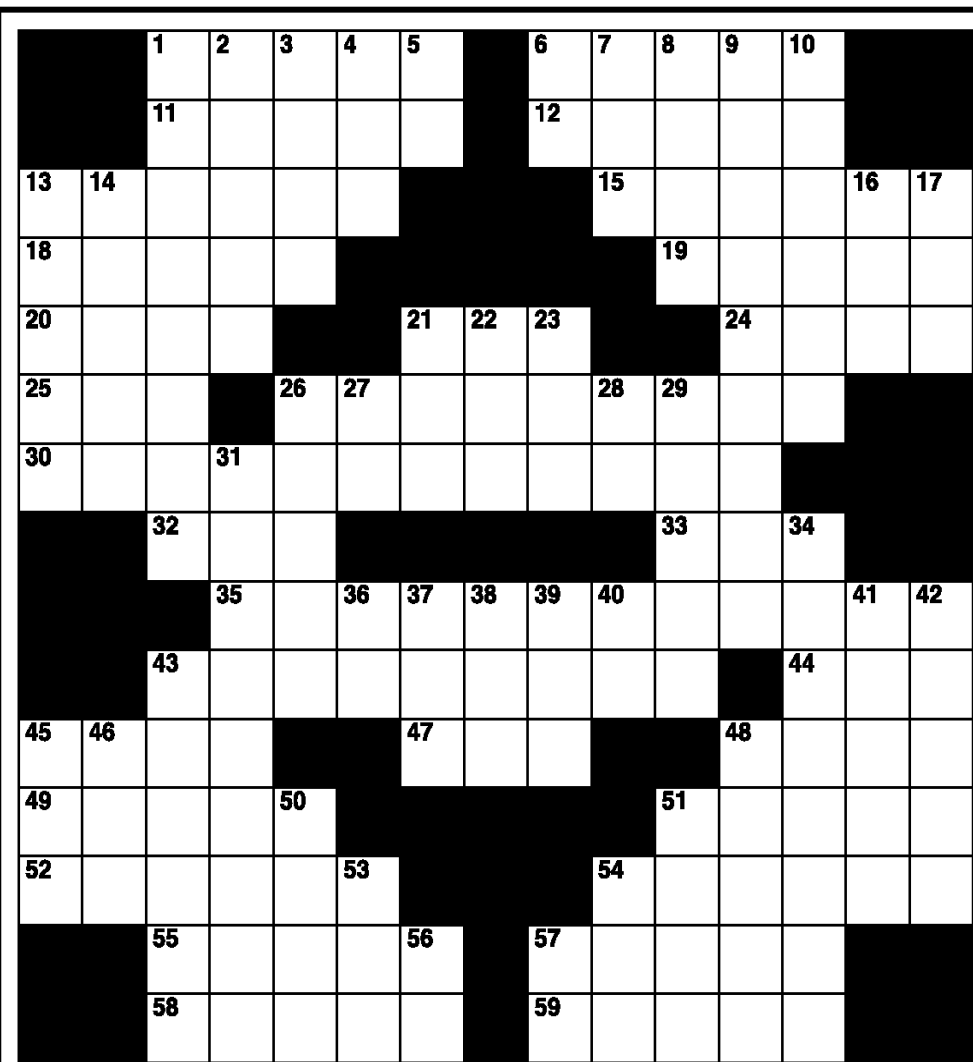
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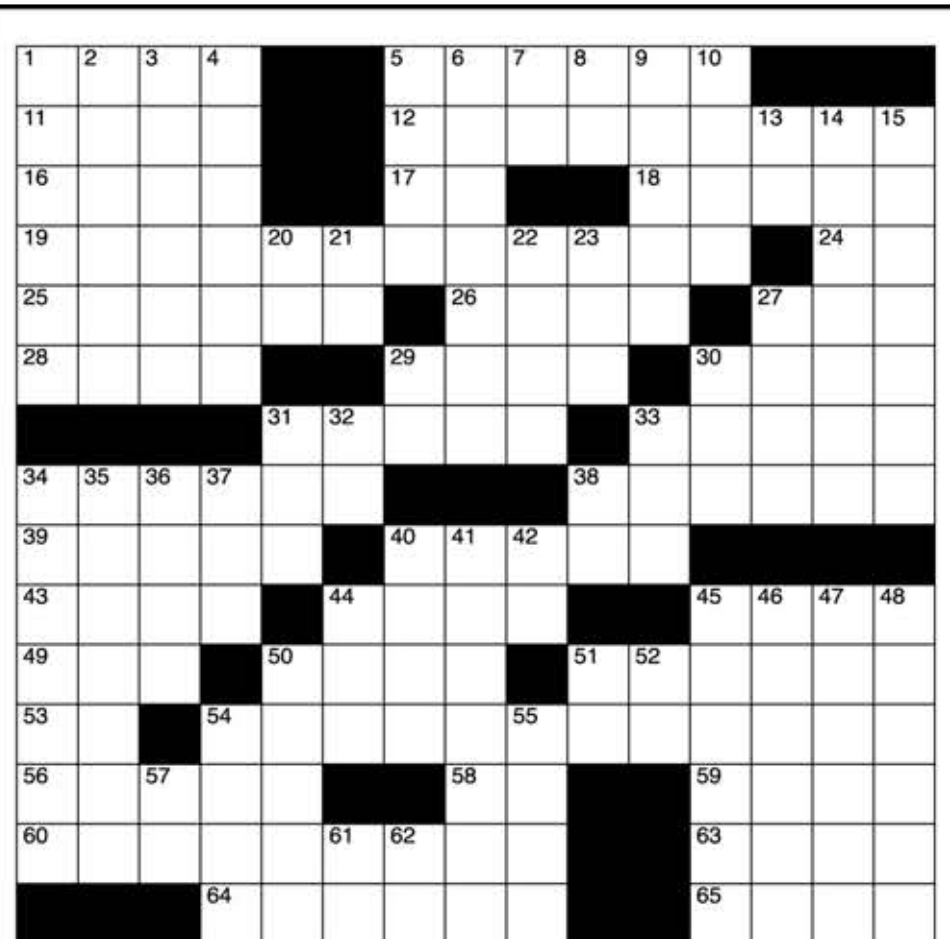
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| 9. Denigrated | 41. Not hidden |
| 10. Existing in reality | 42. Xhosas (alt sp.) |
| 13. Growth of stunted vegetation | 43. Chauvinists |
| 14. LA 70360 | 45. A health resort |
| 16. Put into service | 46. Resin used in shellac |
| 17. Snakelike fish | 48. Highly incensed |
| 21. Radioactivity unit | 50. Deliberate affront |
| 22. Large WPA project | 51. A sleeved outer garment |
| 23. Young female socialite | 53. Glutamic acid |
| 26. About tide | 54. Transmits info from DNA |
| 27. 2nd musical tone | 56. = to 2 ens |
| 28. Ask at O'Donnell's Web page | 57. - __, denotes past |



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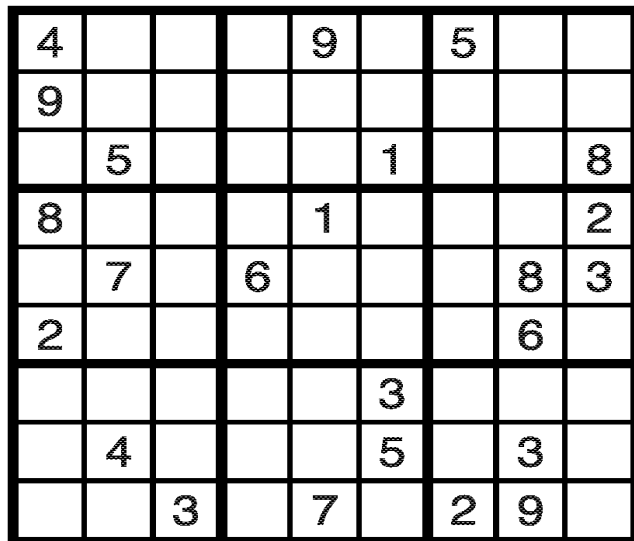
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| 1. Database management system | 38. Confused situation |
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| 12. Defender | 43. Type of soil |
| 16. Exert oneself | 44. Beloved beverage __-Cola |
| 17. Indicates position | 45. Lying down |
| 18. Quay | 49. __ Angeles |
| 19. Atrocities | 50. Fail to amuse |
| 24. A way to address an adult man | 51. Collapsible shelter |
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| 28. Gratuities | 58. It cools your home |
| 29. A famous train station | 59. Dismounted |
| 30. Japanese persimmon | 60. Charge in a court of law |
| 31. Sours | 63. One less than one |
| 33. Beneficiary | 64. Spoke |
| 34. Baseball official | 65. Famed garden |

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| 1. Show a picture of | 33. Showed up extinct |
| 2. Small sultanate | 34. Loosen grip |
| 3. Unfortunate incident | 35. Unpleasant smell |
| 4. A way to ski | 36. Innermost membranes enveloping the brain |
| 5. Abba __, Israeli politician | 37. Esteemed college "league" |
| 6. Observed | 38. Partner to Pa |
| 7. "Westworld" actor Harris | 40. Small American rail |
| 8. Belonging to me | 41. A salt or ester of acetic acid |
| 9. Shoelace tube | 42. Sodium |
| 10. Takes to civil court | 44. Military figure (abbr.) |
| 13. Early multimedia | 45. Lighted |
| 14. Produces anew | 46. Paid to get out of jail |
| 15. Horse races | 47. All of something |
| 20. Of I | 48. Ohio city |
| 21. Equally | 50. More abject |
| 22. Changes color | 51. A radio band |
| 23. A place to stay | 52. Scientific development (abbr.) |
| 27. Town in Galilee | 54. Monetary unit |
| 29. Mathematical figure | 55. Scored perfectly |
| 30. Klingon character | 57. A punch to end a fight |
| 31. They __ | 61. The Golden State (abbr.) |
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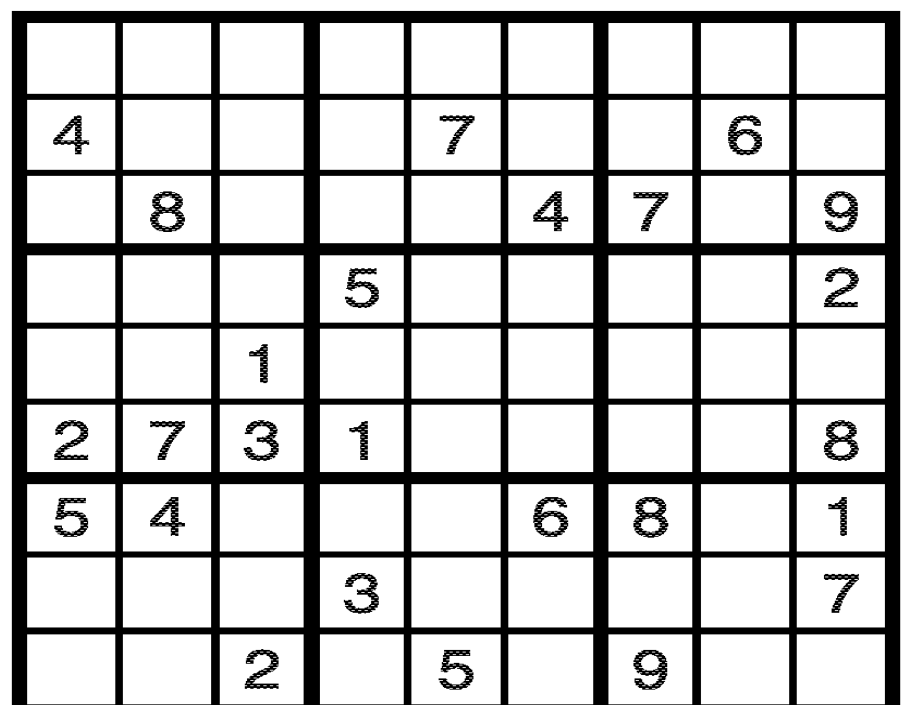
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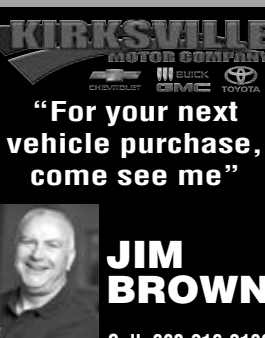
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You are notified that an action has been commenced against you in the
Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri, the object and general nature of
which is Cc Adoption Step-Child and which affects the following described
property:

The names of all parties in this action are stated in the caption above and
the name(s) and address(es) of the attorney(s) for the plaintiff/petitioner(s)
are:

LESLIE JO SILVERNAIL, 803 SOUTH BALTIMORE, KIRKSVILLE, MO
63501 660-956-0997

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading
or otherwise appear and defend against this action within 45 days after
03/20/24, judgment by default will be entered against you.

03/08/24 /s/ MARTHNCOLE
Date Clerk

Directions to Clerk

The name of all parties must be included in the caption. The date to be
inserted from which the 45 days begin to run is the date of the first
publication. If the plaintiff/petitioner has no attorney, the order of publication
of notice must recite the address of the plaintiff/petitioner. Only the object and
general nature of the civil action is to be stated, for example "for dissolution
of marriage." If the address of any of the parties to be served by publication
is given in the verified statement, the clerk shall: (A) within ten days after
such order of publication mail a copy of the order of publication of notice and
a copy of the petition to each such defendant and (B) file a certificate that
such copies have been mailed. An affidavit shall also be filed showing the
publication dates and the name of the newspaper in which the notice was
published. A copy of the published notice shall be attached to the affidavit.
(See Rules 54.12 and 54.20)

DATES OF PUBLICATION: MARCH 20 AND 27 APRIL 3 AND 10

INVITATION TO BID

BROOKFIELD SIDEWALK PROJECT, BROOKFIELD, MISSOURI
TAP-1400(201) LINN COUNTY, MISSOURI

Sealed proposals, addressed to:
City of Brookfield
116 West Brooks Street
Brookfield, MO 64628

An endorsed "Proposal" for constructing Brookfield Sidewalk Project, Brookfield, Missouri, will be received by the City until 11:00 am (prevailing local time) on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, and at that time will be publicly opened and read.

The proposed work includes:

The construction of ADA compliant sidewalk along the north side of Business Highway 36 (Helm Street) from Brookfield High School to Stanbury Industrial Drive. This work includes a pedestrian crossing on Pershing Drive to the YMCA property and a pedestrian crossing on Helm Street to Stanbury Industrial Drive.

Federal and state wage rates applicable to this project have been predetermined as required by law and are set forth in the bid proposal.

The prime contractor must be on MoDOT's approved contractor listing. This requirement includes that the contractor has submitted to MoDOT a Contractor Questionnaire and/or Contractor Prequalification Questionnaire with attachments not later than seven (7) days prior to the date and hour of the bid opening (see Section 102.2 of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction for more details). The prime contractor must perform, with its own organization, work amounting to not less than 30% of the total original contract price.

A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled at 2:00 pm on March 22, 2024, at City Hall, Brookfield, MO. Pre-Bid Meeting attendance is not mandatory.

The City of Brookfield hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, ancestry, or national origin in consideration for an award, a DBE goal of 6% has been established for this project. Only the work performed by DBE subcontractors that appear on MoDOT's approved listing at the time of bid opening will be applied towards calculating the DBE goal.

Contractors and sub-contractors who sign a contract to work on public works projects must provide a 10-Hour OSHA construction safety program, or similar program approved by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, to be completed by their on-site employees within sixty (60) days of beginning work on the construction project.

Copies of the contract documents including drawings and specifications may be viewed & ordered online at <http://planroom.adsmo.net/> or by contacting American Document Solutions, 1400 Forum Blvd, Suite 7A, Columbia, MO 65203, phone (573) 446-7768, fax (573) 355-5433, email orders@adsmo.net for \$100.00 for each set, which is non-refundable. Checks are payable to "ADS" and mailing costs are the responsibility of the purchaser.

A certified or cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid amount shall be submitted with each proposal. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids by the City with MoDOT concurrence.

The contract will be awarded to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.
January 2023

IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 24AR-PR00022

In the Estate of ELDON FRANCIS WEBER, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ELDON FRANCIS WEBER, Decedent:
On March 19, 2024, the following individuals was appointed the personal representative of the estate of ELDON FRANCIS WEBER, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The personal representative's name and business address:

Brian Noe, 1008 West Potter Avenue, Kirksville, Missouri, 63501

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:
Brent Mayberry, 401 N. Elson, Kirksville, Missouri, 63501, 660-216-0040

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: January 30, 2024

Date of first publication: March 27, 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: 3-27-2024, 4-3-2024, 4-10-2024, 4-17-2024

IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 24AR-PR00032 (Date File Stamp)

In the Estate of JUDY K. MILLER, Deceased.

Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of JUDY K. MILLER, Decedent:
On March 15, 2024 the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of JUDY K. MILLER, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of ADAIR COUNTY, Missouri.

The name and business address of the personal representative is:

Rhonda Noe, Adair County Public Administrator, 300 North Franklin, Kirksville, Missouri 63501

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number:
Jessica Rooks, 2211 East Normal Avenue, Kirksville, Missouri 63501, 660-627-3369

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: January 9, 2024

Date of first publication: March 27, 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: 3-27-2024, 4-3-2024, 4-10-2024, 4-17-2024

TRUCK & TRAILER AUCTION

ALL ITEMS SELL NO RESERVE! THURSDAY, APRIL 4



LD9117 '11 Volvo VNL semi truck



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INVENTORY INCLUDES: semi trucks, flatbed trucks, dry van trailers, refrigerated van trailer, equipment trailers, box trucks and more. All items are sold "AS IS." 10% buyers premium applies.

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Sports Equipment

Hunting blind, 2 person, 6' tower on trailer. Ground blind, hay bale blinds. Duck and goose blind. Trailer mounted deer feeders, like new. 641-208-7353.

Lawn & Garden

USED GARDEN TILLERS, all makes. Many Troy-Bilt, and BCS. 660-216-1809

Lawn & Garden

5x8 lawn mower trailer, new wheel bearing, lights, tires, treated lumber floor. \$800.00. 660-457-3747.

Miscellaneous

5x8 lawn mower trailer, new wheel bearing, lights, tires, treated lumber floor. \$800.00. 660-457-3747.

Miscellaneous

Fish for stocking ponds: catfish, grass carp, crappie, redear, bass, and fat-head minnows. Heindselman Family Farms. 660-341-5692.

Wanted

Buying deer antlers, racks, sheds, dead heads, will pay cash. 70 VHS hunting videos, very collectible, 25 hp Yamaha outboard. 641-208-7353.

REAL ESTATE RENTALS

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REAL ESTATE SALES

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This is a Notification of Dissolution of Marriage filed by WILLIAM E. HOSKINS JR. Brookfield MO. From PAMELA SUE HOSKINS, there were no joint assets of any kind. Her address is unknown but somewhere in Warrensburg MO. Married in 1977 Separated in 2015 no contact since. Filed for Divorce in 2023. Not responsible for any Debts owed by PAMELA SUE HOSKINS.

**COUNTY CLERK'S NOTICE OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
APRIL 4, 2024
ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Municipal Election will be held on April 2, 2024 for the following districts.

The ballots for said election will be in the following forms according to the districts:

**OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI
APRIL 2, 2024**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice, like this
CANDIDATES: Complete the oval next to the name of the Candidate for whom you wish to vote.
PROPOSITIONS: If you are in FAVOR of the proposition or question, complete the oval next to the word YES.
If you are OPPOSED to the proposition or question, complete the oval next to the word NO.
WRITE-IN: To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write his or her name in the blank space provided for such purposes and complete the oval next to the space provided.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
R-1 NOVINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the R-1 Novinger School District, that an Annual Municipal Election will be held at the following places:
NOVINGER Novinger Community Center, 101 Snyder Ave, Novinger
RURAL BENTON Missouri Department of Conservation, 3500 S. Baltimore, Kirksville

On Tuesday, April 2, 2024 beginning at (6) six o'clock a.m. and closing at (7) seven o'clock p.m. of said day.
The ballot for said election will be in the following form:

R-1 Novinger School District	
Proposition 1. To choose by ballot two (2) board members who shall serve as members of the Board of Education of said school district for a term of three (3) years each. (Vote for 2)	
<input type="radio"/>	Sharon Barnes
<input type="radio"/>	Justin Klingsmith
<input type="radio"/>	Gideon Stewart
<input type="radio"/>	(write-in)
<input type="radio"/>	(write-in)

I, Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk within and for the County of Adair, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is in accordance with Section 115.125 RSMo, and is a true and correct copy of the ballot as certified by me. Election to be Tuesday, April 2, 2024.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. Done in my office this 23rd day of January, 2024.
Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
KIRKSVILLE R-3 SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the Kirksville R-3 School District, that an Annual Municipal Election will be held at the following places:

- KV1 Cornerstone Church, 1702 N Elson St., Kirksville
- KV2 Rehoboth Baptist Church, 100 Pfeiffer Ave., Kirksville
- KV3 Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge, 2405 E Illinois St., Kirksville
- KV4 Adair County Annex, 300 N. Franklin St., Kirksville
- TSU 1st floor Student Union (east end), 901 S. Franklin St., Kirksville
- BRASHEAR NEMO Fairgrounds, 2700 E. Illinois St., Kirksville
- NOVINGER Novinger Community Center, 101 Snyder Ave, Novinger
- RURAL BENTON Missouri Department of Conservation, 3500 S. Baltimore, Kirksville

On Tuesday, April 2, 2024 beginning at (6) six o'clock a.m. and closing at (7) seven o'clock p.m. of said day.
The ballot for said election will be in the following form:

Kirksville R-3 School District	
Proposition 1. To choose by ballot two (2) board members who shall serve as members of the Board of Education of said school district for a term of three (3) years each. (Vote for 2)	
<input type="radio"/>	Angela M. Caraway
<input type="radio"/>	Nick Billington
<input type="radio"/>	Suhail Akhtar
<input type="radio"/>	Theodore Frushour
<input type="radio"/>	(write-in)
<input type="radio"/>	(write-in)
Kirksville R-3 School District Question	
Shall the Kirksville R-III School District issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$33,000,000 for the purpose of constructing, improving, renovating, repairing, furnishing and equipping new and existing school facilities, including installing a new secure entryway and safety improvements at the District's High School and constructing a new education center for the performing arts?	
If this question is approved, the District's debt service property tax levy is estimated to remain unchanged at \$0.8190 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.	
<input type="radio"/>	Yes
<input type="radio"/>	No

I, Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk within and for the County of Adair, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is in accordance with Section 115.125 RSMo, and is a true and correct copy of the ballot as certified by me. Election to be Tuesday, April 2, 2024.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. Done in my office this 23rd day of January, 2024.
Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
La PLATA COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the La Plata Community Fire Protection District, that an Annual Municipal Election will be held at the following places:

- BRASHEAR NEMO Fairgrounds, 2700 E. Illinois St., Kirksville
- RURAL BENTON Missouri Department of Conservation, 3500 S. Baltimore, Kirksville

On Tuesday, April 2, 2024 beginning at (6) six o'clock a.m. and closing at (7) seven o'clock p.m. of said day.
The ballot for said election will be in the following form:

LaPlata Community Fire Protection District For Board of Directors 6 Year Term (Vote for 2)	
<input type="radio"/>	Gerald "Ed" Swinney
<input type="radio"/>	James A. Replogle
<input type="radio"/>	(write-in)
<input type="radio"/>	(write-in)
Proposed Tax Levy for 2024	
Shall the Board of Directors of the LaPlata Community Fire Protection District be permitted to increase its authorized tax levy from forty-five cents (\$0.45) per hundred dollars assessed valuation to sixty-five cents (\$0.65)?	
<input type="radio"/>	Yes
<input type="radio"/>	No

I, Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk within and for the County of Adair, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is in accordance with Section 115.125 RSMo, and is a true and correct copy of the ballot as certified by me. Election to be Tuesday, April 2, 2024.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. Done in my office this 23rd day of January, 2024.
Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
CITY OF KIRKSVILLE
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Kirksville, that an Annual Municipal Election will be held at the following places:

- KV1 Cornerstone Church, 1702 N Elson St., Kirksville
- KV2 Rehoboth Baptist Church, 100 Pfeiffer Ave., Kirksville
- KV3 Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge, 2405 E Illinois St., Kirksville
- KV4 Adair County Annex, 300 N. Franklin St., Kirksville
- TSU 1st floor Student Union (east end), 901 S. Franklin St., Kirksville

On Tuesday, April 2, 2024 beginning at (6) six o'clock a.m. and closing at (7) seven o'clock p.m. of said day.
The ballot for said election will be in the following form:

City of Kirksville For City Council 3 Year Term (Vote for 1)	
<input type="radio"/>	John Gardner
<input type="radio"/>	Kevin A. Alm
<input type="radio"/>	Angie Sullivan
<input type="radio"/>	Grant Caleb Hart Gleason
<input type="radio"/>	(write-in)

I, Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk within and for the County of Adair, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is in accordance with Section 115.125 RSMo, and is a true and correct copy of the ballot as certified by me. Election to be Tuesday, April 2, 2024.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. Done in my office this 23rd day of January, 2024.
Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
CITY OF NOVINGER
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Novinger, that an Annual Municipal Election will be held at the following places:

- NOVINGER Novinger Community Center, 101 Snyder Ave, Novinger

On Tuesday, April 2, 2024 beginning at (6) six o'clock a.m. and closing at (7) seven o'clock p.m. of said day.
The ballot for said election will be in the following form:

City of Novinger Alderman at Large For 2 Year Term (Vote for 2)	
<input type="radio"/>	Sharon R. Barnes
<input type="radio"/>	Tim Maeder
<input type="radio"/>	(write-in)
<input type="radio"/>	(write-in)

I, Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk within and for the County of Adair, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is in accordance with Section 115.125 RSMo, and is a true and correct copy of the ballot as certified by me. Election to be Tuesday, April 2, 2024.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. Done in my office this 23rd day of January, 2024.
Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
CITY OF GREENTOP
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Greentop, that an Annual Municipal Election will be held at the following places:

- RURAL BENTON Missouri Department of Conservation, 3500 S. Baltimore, Kirksville

On Tuesday, April 2, 2024 beginning at (6) six o'clock a.m. and closing at (7) seven o'clock p.m. of said day.
The ballot for said election will be in the following form:

City of Greentop For Alderman at Large 2 Year Term (Vote for 2)	
<input type="radio"/>	Keaton Nelson
<input type="radio"/>	Ashley Robeson
<input type="radio"/>	(write-in)
<input type="radio"/>	(write-in)

I, Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk within and for the County of Adair, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is in accordance with Section 115.125 RSMo, and is a true and correct copy of the ballot as certified by me. Election to be Tuesday, April 2, 2024.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. Done in my office this 23rd day of January, 2024.
Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk

YARD SALES

Garage Sale

Moving Sale...1303 E Dear, Kirkville. March 22, 23, 29 & 30, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Huge selection of Women's coats, dresses, size small. Household items, candles, towels. 2014 Kia Sorento, EGO Electric Mower, women's jewelry.

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NOTICE OF ABSENTEE VOTING THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

The Adair County Annex, 300 N. Franklin Street, will be open from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm for absentee voting on SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024.

Regular office hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday.

If you are a properly registered voter within Adair County and will be unable to go to the polls on the day of election per Revised Statute MO 115.277, you may come to the Adair County Annex and vote an absentee ballot until

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024 AT 5:00 pm SANDRA COLLOP, ADAIR COUNTY CLERK 106 W. WASHINGTON ST. KIRKVILLE, MISSOURI 63501 660-665-3350

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Jaymee L. Patterson, a single person Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Jaymee L. Patterson, a single person dated December 7, 2018 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Adair County, Missouri in Book 1069, Page 192 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 3:30 PM), at the South Front Door of the Court House, City of Kirkville, County of Adair, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Adair County, State of Missouri, to wit:

ALL THE NORTH FORTY-NINE (49) FEET TO LOT TWO (2), AND THE SOUTH THREE (3) FEET OF LOT THREE (3) ALL IN BLOCK TWO (2), PORTER'S HIGHLAND ADDITION TO KIRKVILLE, MISSOURI

to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C., Successor Trustee 612 Spirit Drive St. Louis, MO 63005 (636) 537-0110 File No: 219026.042324.439292 FC

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

PUBLISH ON: March 27, 2024 04/03/2024, 04/10/2024, 04/17/2024

IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI Case Number: 24AR-PR00012 (Date File Stamp)

Judge or Division: PROBATE

In the Estate of DAVID RAYMOND SEVERNS, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of DAVID RAYMOND SEVERNS, Decedent:

On March 11, 2024, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of DAVID RAYMOND SEVERNS, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

The personal representative's business address is:

Rhonda Noe, Adair County Public Administrator, 300 N. Franklin, Kirksville, Missouri, 63501

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

Jessica Rooks, 2211 E. Normal, Kirksville, Missouri, 63501, 660-627-3369

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: January 2, 2024

Date of first publication: March 20, 2024

Martha Cole

Adair County Circuit Clerk

PUBLICATION DATES: 3-20-2024, 3-27-2024, 4-3-2024, 4-10-2024

IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI Case Number: 23AR-PR00139 (Date File Stamp)

Judge or Division: PROBATE

In the Estate of CLIFFORD E TURNER, Deceased.

Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of CLIFFORD E TURNER, Decedent:

On February 09, 2024, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of CLIFFORD E TURNER, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County Missouri. The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

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:

Garrett S. Taylor, 1103 E. Broadway, P.O. Box 1017, Columbia, Missouri, 65201, 573-874-7777

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 the 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: February 26, 2023

Martha Cole

Adair County Circuit Clerk

Date of first publication: March 6, 2024

TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Jamie M McFarland, a single person Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Jamie M McFarland, a single person dated August 3, 2018 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Adair County, Missouri in Book 1064, Page 39 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 3:30 PM), at the South Front Door of the Court House, City of Kirkville, County of Adair, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Adair County, State of Missouri, to wit:

ALL OF LOT 12, BLOCK 1, PORTER'S SUBDIVISION TO KIRKVILLE, MISSOURI.

to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C., Successor Trustee 612 Spirit Drive St. Louis, MO 63005 (636) 537-0110 File No: 219303.042324.439781 FC

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

PUBLISH ON: March 27, 2024 04/03/2024, 04/10/2024, 04/17/2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY TRUSTEE ESTATE OF Ray Klinginsmith

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Ray Klinginsmith, decedent.

James R. Neill is acting as Trustee under a trust, the terms of which provide that the debts of the decedent may be paid by the Trustee upon receipt of proper proof thereof. The address of the Trustee is in c/o Gayle Evans, Chinnery Evans & Nail, P.C., 800 NE Vanderbilt Lane, Lee's Summit, Missouri 64064, whose telephone number is 816-525-2050. The attorney is Gayle Evans, 800 NE Vanderbilt Lane, Lee's Summit, Missouri 64064, whose telephone number is (816) 525-2050.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to present their claims to the Trustee(s) within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or be forever barred.

Date of decedent's death was: January 17, 2024

Date of first publication is: March 13, 2024

By: James R. Neill, Trustee

Published: 3/13/2024, 3/20/2024, 3/27/2024, and 4/3/2024

The above publication will be published on the dates stated above.

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: Case Number:-24AR-CV00129

KRISTIE JEAN SWAIM Plaintiff/Petitioner: CAW. A MINOR CHILD DOB 01/10/2012 KATHARINE MARIE GROSSNICKLE VS. Defendant/Respondent: A.L.W. A MINOR CHILD DOB 02/02/2014 Nature of Suit: CC Change of Name

NOTICE UPON ORDER OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to: WILLIAM LEE WARREN

You are notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is Cc Change Of Name and which affects the following described property: N/A The names of all parties in this action are stated in the caption above and the name(s) and address(es) of the attorney(s) for the plaintiff/petitioner(s) are:

LANCE M MCCLAMROCH, MCCLAMROCH & WILLIAMS, LLC, 1003 E JEFFERSON, KIRKVILLE, MO 63501 660-665-7777

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend against this action within 45 days after 03/20/24, judgment by default will be entered against you.



03/08/24 Date

/s/ MARTHNCOLE Adair Co Circuit Clerk

PUBLICATION DATES:03/20/24, 03/27/24, 04/03/24, 04/10/24

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI Case Number: 23AR-PR00009 (Date File Stamp)

PROBATE DIVISION 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

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, communication with a spouse or a loved one is vital this week; otherwise, you risk arguments for no reason at all. Sit down and have some frank conversations about your needs.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, when you face adversity you should rest assured that you can handle anything that is thrown at you. Although, you may need a little help from some close friends or family.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, others may not understand who you are and could make assumptions that are inaccurate. They may just need some more information to get a clearer picture.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, many elements of your life are starting to level out this week. That can be a comfort to you because you seemingly have been running around for some time and could use a break.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, others have nothing but good things to say to you this week. Bask in their kind words and adoration, and use this as motivation for future endeavors.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

With no big events on the horizon, you may want to manufacture one to have a reason to party, Virgo. Start planning your guest list and come up with a fun theme to get behind.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, while you should be mindful of your goals, you also can support those around you as they pursue their own. Serve as inspiration to people in your life right now.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, this is a good time to start tackling some projects around the house that have been put off for some time. Redecorating and remodeling can be an inspiration right now.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Take a step back and reevaluate your approach to a situation because the way you have been doing it just hasn't yielded the results you expected, Sagittarius. Take suggestions and tips.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, high energy may have you swinging at the fences every time you try to tackle something. You may want to dial things back and take a more measured approach.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Various transitions in your life could temporarily disrupt your daily activities, Aquarius. You'll find a new groove soon enough that will feel comfortable and provide you with what you need.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Don't take stock of what all the naysayers have been dishing out, Pisces. You know yourself better than others and recognize what you are able to accomplish. Get started on plans.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 24 Peyton Manning, Athlete (48)

MARCH 25 Katharine McPhee, Singer (40)

MARCH 26 Jonathan Groff, Actor (39)

MARCH 27 Mariah Carey, Singer (55)

MARCH 28 Vince Vaughn, Actor (54)

MARCH 29 Leah Williamson, Athlete (27)

MARCH 30 Celine Dion, Singer (56)

CRYPTO FUN Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to flowers. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 19 = L)

WORD SCRAMBLE Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to flowers. L O P L E N

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Answers: A. blooming B. petal C. soil D. bees

Answer: Pollen

Adair County SB40 2024 L.I.F.E. Youth Program

By Adair County SB40

The Adair County SB40 2024 L.I.F.E. Youth Program for youth ages 13-15, who live within Adair County, will be held July 8-Aug. 1 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The camp location will be announced at a later date.

Interested youth will need to fill out and submit an application to be considered for participation. Participants do not need to be receiving services from Adair County SB40's Service Coordination Team or have a disability to apply.

The objectives of the L.I.F.E. Youth Program are for participants to develop and practice life skills, social skills, community skills, soft skills needed for successful employment, and explore different types of employment while having fun.

Each participant will need to bring his/her own ready-to-eat lunch and drink each day. Availability of a way to warm/cook food is not guaranteed. The staff-to-participant ratio will be dependent upon the needs of youth accepted to the program. Each partic-

ipant should be able to perform his/her own self-care (i.e., feeding, toileting, etc.) unless prior arrangements have been made with the youth's support team, parents/caretakers/guardians, and the program director.

For any student requiring supports beyond those available through the program (i.e., physical aggression, elopement, one-on-one staffing, etc.), special prior planning by the support team, parents/caretakers/guardians, and the program director will be required to address how the necessary supports will be provided during the program. If sufficient support (to ensure the safety and worthwhile participation of the student in question, staff, and the other students) are not identified by May 24, the student may not be accepted into the program.

If the youth will be required to take medications during the program, the medication(s) must be clearly marked and packaged with the individual's name, medication name, dosage, and time of distribution. Students are not allowed to transport or keep medication with them. All med-

ications will be stored in a secure, locked location for the safety of all participants.

Participants must secure their own transportation to and from the L.I.F.E. Youth Program. Transportation during the camp will be provided.

Applications can be found on the website (<https://sb40life.org>) or at the Community Learning Center and should be submitted no later than Friday, May 5. If you have additional questions, contact: Melissa Cline, Community Engagement Specialist/Youth L.I.F.E. Program Director at (660) 665-9400 ext.20 or melissacline@sb40life.org



THIS WEEK'S FEATURED CHURCH
Queen City Christian Church

KIRKSVILLE AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

This Directory is made possible by these businesses who encourage all of us to attend worship services. The Church Listings below are provided at NO CHARGE to our area churches in Kirksville. If your Church is not listed, please call us at 660-665-2808.

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

Kirksville 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.kvccoc.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 Rodgerson
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.kirksvillechurchofgod.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
KirksvilleGCBC@gmail.com
www.KirksvilleGCBC.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@sbccglobal.net
www.fellowshipbc.org • 660-665-0633

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

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

Trinity Episcopal Church
124 N. Mullanix
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
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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

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

LaPlata Christian Church

Scott McNay, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

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

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

First Baptist Church of LaPlata
B. J. McAlpin, Pastor
9:00 am "Donut Hole" Fellowship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Evening Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lucost Hill Community Church
Rt. 1, 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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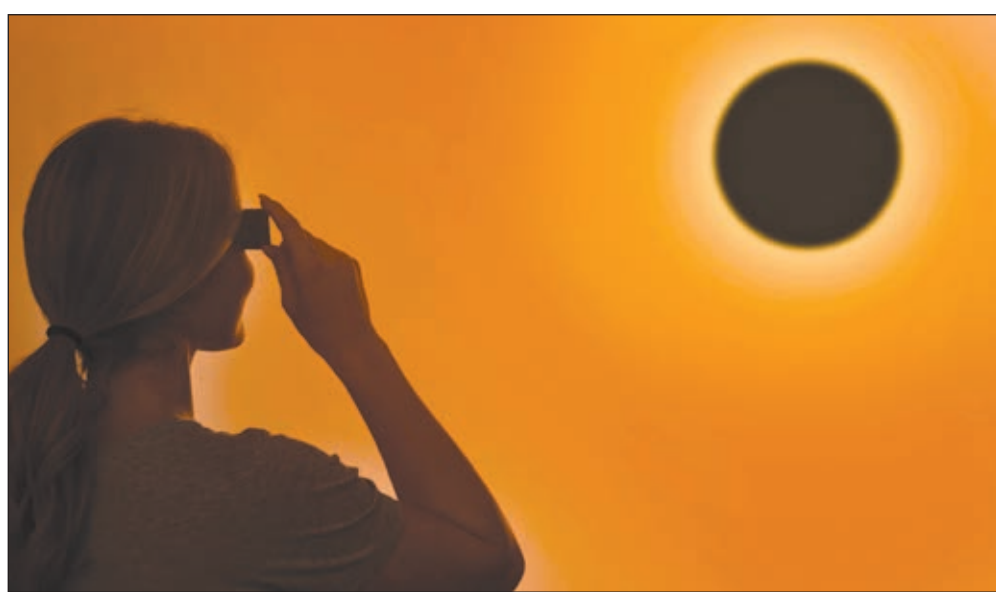
The Missouri State Highway Patrol asks the public to be aware of and plan for the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8. The viewing path in Missouri will cover more than 115 miles of the state. Totality enters Missouri as it will follow a diagonal line crossing over Poplar Bluff, and exit Missouri at Cape Girardeau, as it crosses the Mississippi River at 2:04 p.m. Thousands of visitors are expected to arrive in the days leading up to the event. This influx of additional motorists will affect traffic patterns. Please plan your trip accordingly. To avoid the heaviest traffic when traveling for the event, it will be helpful to leave early and plan to remain at your viewing lo-

cation until a period after the eclipse to avoid any congestion afterwards. For the most up-to-date information on the roads, visit the highway patrol's website, www.statepatrol.dps.mo.gov, to check road conditions on MoDOT's Traveler Information Map or download the Traveler Information Map to your smart device. The highway patrol reminds every driver to pay attention, obey all traffic laws, and wear a seat belt. Additional safe driving tips include:

- Don't stop along the interstate or park on the shoulder.
- Find a safe location to view the event and get there early.
- Don't take photographs while driving.
- Turn your headlights on and do not rely on your automatic headlights.

- Prepare for extra congestion, especially on interstates, on the day before, day of and day after the eclipse.
- Watch out for increased pedestrian traffic along smaller roads. People may randomly park and walk alongside roads in the hour before the total eclipse to get the best viewing.
- Avoid travel during the eclipse or in the area of the path of totality if you can.
- Never wear eclipse glasses when driving a car or operating a boat.
- Make sure your vehicle is in good condition and has a full tank of gas.
- Bring along water and snacks in your vehicle.

If you have planned a day on the water for April 8, make sure your boat has the proper lighting if you will be on the water during the eclipse. It will become quite dark. Be aware of your sur-



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roundings and what hazards exist near your boat leading up to the eclipse, so you're prepared when the eclipse occurs. Always keep a safe distance between yourself and other boaters. Swim-

mers will be hard to see as the eclipse occurs. The Missouri State Highway Patrol is available to assist you. Should you need emergency assistance, see an impaired or care-

less driver, or if you see a crime being committed, call 1-800-525-5555 or *55 on a cell phone. The number is toll-free and rings at the nearest Highway Patrol troop headquarters.

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