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City receives grant to convert abandoned railway into new trail

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville announced it has been awarded a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant that will go toward converting abandoned railroad property into a community trail. Residents overwhelmingly supported the construction of a trail using the former Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad right-of-way during Kirk's Capital Improvement Campaign.

This grant goes toward the second phase of turning the former

BNSF railroad right-of-way into a multi-use paved trail. The city previously received a grant to convert land off of East Cottonwood Street, heading northwest behind the Adair County Public Library and Parkview Terrace housing complex on Mill Street, into a trail. This new grant will extend the trail from Cottonwood behind Hy-Vee and to Pfeiffer Avenue.

In total, this project will add one mile of new trail, connecting recreational and retail amenities, along with tying into other trails

and sidewalks to improve overall connectivity across Kirksville's trail system. The proposed project also promotes safety and activity by creating an alternative route for pedestrians and cyclists from the existing street network.

The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$895,550. This grant will cover 65 percent, or roughly \$582,107. The local financial match for this project will come from funds allocated by the community from Kirk's Capital Improvement Campaign.



Thousands attend NEMO Fair

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

Thousands of people traveled to Kirksville last week to attend the NEMO Fair, which ran from Monday, July 15 through Saturday, July 20. Opening Ceremonies were held on Monday with a pie-eating contest that followed.

The NEMO Fair Horse Show was held on Saturday, prior to the fair's opening and on Sunday, the 2024 NEMO Fair Queen Contest and 2024 NEMO Fair Kids Contest were held.

The rodeo was held on Tuesday evening and the tractor pull on Wednesday. The carnival ran Tuesday through Saturday.

Jordan Isakson performed on Thursday, Ned LeDoux on Friday and the fair music schedule was closed out with the Gin Blossoms on Saturday evening. Bands that performed in the Beer Garden included No Apology, Fully Loaded and Bootcut.

In between the opening and closing were the Goat Show, the Swine



Show, the Rabbit Show and the Beef Show. The Premium Livestock Auction was held on Saturday.

Go to kirksvilledailyexpress.com to see stories and photos from the fair.



Police asking for assistance with death investigation

By Kirksville Police Department

The Kirksville Police Department is asking the public for assistance in identifying a young man who died after being found unresponsive at the Woodwinds apartment complex.

At approximately 7:46 p.m., on Monday, July 15, Kirksville police and other first responders were dispatched to Woodwinds in reference to an unresponsive male in the apartment complex swimming pool. Responders located the male and transported him to Northeast Regional Medical Center for medical treatment. The male was later declared deceased.

The Kirksville Police Department has been unable to identify the victim in this case and are asking for the

public's assistance. The victim is a black male, approximately between 16 and 21 years old, 5-foot-8, between 130 and 140 pounds, with black hair and a short black goatee. The male was wearing a grey tank top, black and white "And 1" athletic shorts, and black and white Reebok sandals. The male was also wearing a distinctive bracelet with yellow beads with crosses on them (see photo). This male is possibly Congolese or Haitian. Police are not releasing a photo of the victim at this time in hopes of identifying him and notifying family.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Kirksville Police Department at 660-785-6945, or anonymously at 660-627-BUST (2878), or email police@kirksvillecity.com.



MoDOT work that will close U.S. Route 63 begins July 22

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville would like to inform residents of upcoming work by the Missouri Department of Transportation that will affect commuting in Kirksville.

Starting on July 22, U.S. Route 63 will close as MoDOT begins rehabilitating the bridges on that route. A signed detour directing traffic over Business U.S. 63/Baltimore

Street in Kirksville will be in place. Eastbound and westbound intersections at Dogwood Lane, Missouri Route 6 and East Shepherd Avenue, Missouri Route 11 and East Illinois Street, and Route P will remain open.

The project is scheduled to be completed by late summer. The closure is scheduled for 35 days and should open before Aug. 26.

See more information at bit.ly/4f6C9cU.

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Kirkville Area Calendar of Events

Paint the Ville at the Aquatic Center

Kirkville Parks and Recreation will hold "Paint the Ville" on Wednesday, July 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Kirkville Aquatic Center. The event is open to children ages 6 and up. Parents are welcome, too. \$20 per person. Register online at www.parks.kirkvillecity.com or call 660-627-1485. Spaces are filling fast.

KV Winter Lights 'Christmas in July'

KV Winter Lights "Christmas in July" will be held on July 25 from 6-8 p.m. at SIP Downtown, 122 W. Harrison Street. Ten percent of all sales will be donated to the Downtown KV Winter Lights Project. Have you seen the amazing lights in Downtown Kirkville during the holiday season? KV Winter Lights is the group responsible for the beautiful displays.

ADA 34th Anniversary Swim Party Celebration

Adair County SB40 invites you to celebrate the 34th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act during a special swim party at the Kirkville Aquatic Center on July 26, 7-8:00 p.m. Cost: \$5 per swimmer and \$3 per non-swimmer

'Little Known Fact' to perform at courthouse square

"Little Known Fact" will perform at courthouse square on July 26 as part of the Kirkville Arts Association's Summer on the Square concert series. The show begins at 7 p.m. and is free.

July 27 Dollar Swim Night

July 27 Dollar Swim Night (Sponsored by Preferred Family Healthcare Prevention), will be held from 6-9 p.m. at the Kirkville Aquatic Center outdoor pool. Admission is just \$1 per person, per event. For more information, contact the Kirkville Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485. For more information, contact the Kirkville Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

Adair County Back to School Fair

Adair County families are invited to join the Adair County Health Department, and partnering organizations, for their Back to School Fair. This event offers free school supplies, dental screenings, sports physicals, and community resources. Aug. 1 from 4-6 p.m. at the Adair County Health Department.

'Blue Velvet' to perform at courthouse square

"Blue Velvet" will perform at courthouse square on August 2, as part of the Kirkville Arts Association's Summer on the Square concert series. The show begins at 7 p.m. and is free.

Thousand Hills State Park 'Knots to Know'

Thousand Hills State Park "Knots to Know" will be held on Friday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. Join park staff to learn why knots are important and get the chance to try and tie several useful knots including a bowline knot, sheet bend, and clove hitch. Meet at the Special Use Area.

Thousand Hills State Park Native Reptiles

Thousand Hills State Park Native Reptiles program will be held on Saturday, Aug. 3 at 10 a.m. Join park staff to learn about some of Thousand Hills native reptiles. From snakes, to lizards, to turtles, there is always something fascinating to discover. Meet at the Campground 1 Amphitheater.

Block party at Brashear Park

Kirkville Parks and Recreation's third 10th Anniversary Block Party will be held from 3-5 p.m. on Aug. 4 at Brashear Park, 1415 E. Normal Avenue, Kirkville. Free food, drink, fun games and more.

Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce 30th Annual Golf Tournament

The Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce's 30th Annual Golf Tournament will. Be her don Aug. 9 at the Kirkville Country Club.

Registration is available now. Register at the Chamber website online, or contact the Chamber at 660-665-3766 or by email at info@kirkvillechamber.com

Save the date for the 5th annual Kids Mini Mud Mile

Mark your calendars for the 5th annual Kids Mini Mud Mile! Children ages 3-15 can embark on a one-mile, mud-filled obstacle adventure right here in Kirkville. The run will take place on Saturday, Aug. 17, at the North Park Sports Complex. Choose between a 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. start time. Every child will receive a free Mud Mile shirt and post-race refreshments. Registration is \$10. Children 5 and under can have an adult accompany them free of charge. Add an unlimited run wristband for just \$5 when registering and run the course as many times as you would like until 12:30 p.m. Register at parks.kirkvillecity.com or in person at the Kirkville Parks and Recreation office located at the Kirkville Aquatic Center.

Kirkville Cars and Coffee

Kirkville Cars and Coffee will be held on Saturday, August 17 at the DuKum Inn from 8:30-11 a.m. All are welcome. Bring your car, truck, bike, hot rod, daily or clunker. Check out all the cars and enjoy a free doughnut, some coffee and some great conversation with some good people. And don't forget the great free raffle prizes they will have.



Annual Newkirk reunion held

By Special to The Express

Descendants of Cornelius and Anna Hammond Newkirk, residents of Macon County in the 1800s, gathered Sunday, July 21, to celebrate the annual Newkirk reunion.

Newkirks have carried on the tradition since 1924, except for a three-year hiatus during the Covid pandemic. The 100-year anniversary is planned for July 2027.

The gathering was held at the Atlanta Baptist Church activities building in Atlanta, and included socializing, a carry-in lunch, an exhibit of family photographs and a Newkirk family tree, updates on family news, and a business meeting led by president Aven Newkirk. Officers elected for the 2024 reunion were: Aven Newkirk, presi-

dent; Stephanie Heater, vice-president; Karen Welch, secretary and historian; Connie Newkirk and Rhonda Clay, social media secretaries; Dorothy Welch, treasurer; and Joe and Carrie Spencer, entertainment committee.

Those attending were: Darin and Kelly Connell and son Brad of Bevier; Durwin and Stephanie Heater and daughters Onesah and Oniah of Hallsville; Sid Leckbee of Edina; Andy and Brianna Newkirk and children Bentley, Andrew, Noah, and Kennedy of Kirkville; Aven and Caroline Newkirk of Chillicothe; Connie Newkirk of Edina; Dorothy Welch of Kirkville; and Karen Welch of Tulsa, Okla.

The Newkirk reunion is held annually on the third Sunday in July.

Adair Lodge No. 366 A.F. & A.M. gives Dale C. Motter Scholarship to Mabry Elmore

By Adair Lodge No. 366 A.F. & A.M. presented the annual

Adair Lodge No. 366 A.F. & A.M. presented the annual Dale C. Motter Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to Mabry Elmore during their June 11 communication at the Masonic Temple in Kirkville. Elmore is a 2024 graduate of the Kirkville R-III School District and plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University this fall. Pictured, from left, are the scholarships namesake, MWB Dale C. Motter, Past Master of Adair Lodge, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri; Mabry; and WB Jeremy W. Randall, Master of Adair Lodge.



Construction to begin on North Franklin Street

By City of Kirkville

Starting on July 22, Stanton Contracting will begin work on North Franklin Street, from West Mary Street to West Burton Street. The construction will replace the curb and gutter, intersections of connecting streets, and sidewalk approaches.

Construction will begin at the intersection of North Franklin Street and West Mary Street, and through to the intersection of West Elizabeth Street. The project will progress southward to West Porter Street and West Burton Street.

The intersections will be closed for several days for their replacement. Please limit any unnecessary travel in the area. No parking on the right-of-way/street during the construction. This construction is expected to last 30 days.

Additionally, the construction announced to begin on Fairway Drive and Randall Drive this week has been postponed. For more information, contact the Engineering Department at 660-627-1225.

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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Anne Berry Poole

Aug 2, 1931 – Jul 9-2024

Elizabeth Anne Berry Poole lived to be just shy of 93 years young when she had her final bow on July 9th in Cedar Falls, IA. She made her grand debut on August 2nd, 1931 as one of seven children to Stanley and Cleo Berry in Edina, MO. On August 31st, 1952 she married Roger Poole and moved to Memphis, MO where they lived for twenty years.



After raising their four children, she decided to go back to school. She graduated with a Bachelors of Education in 1970 and a Masters of Education in 1972 from Northeast Missouri State University. She began her career as a Special Needs Educator at the Diagnostic Clinic in Kirksville, MO. After moving to Cedar Falls, IA she was hired by the Area Education Agency and worked for 22 years as a consultant, retiring in 1996. For twenty plus years following her retirement, Liz carried on her life of service to others by volunteering at Sartori Hospital, Covenant Hospital, Cedar Falls Public library as a Traveling Tales reader, First Presbyterian Church, and co-chaired Hospitality for Sartori's Festival of Trees. She was a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for 12 years and supported dozens of foster children through their time in the foster care system. Liz considered herself a die-hard Democrat and worked tirelessly on local as well as state campaigns; on one such occasion, serving as Black Hawk County chair of Roxanne Conlin's bid for governor.

Liz was an active member of AAUW, Quota Club, and Community Concerts. She served as a Deacon and an Elder on the foundation at First Presbyterian Church.

She was a self-proclaimed lifelong learner and loved traveling to countries rich in history. Some of her fondest travels include Paul's Journey (Israel, Syria, Turkey, and Greece) and visiting the WWII battle sites in France to honor her 4 eldest brothers who served.

She loved music, and sang well into her sunset years. She had a semi-lucrative career starting with funerals, to fairs, to Sunday Church services. She also sang to her beloved kitties, free of charge. She loved her liberal book group: always discussing the most recent political blunders, scandals, and, occasionally, the book itself. She loved hosting her annual, infamous Friday-Night-Sturgis-Falls-Long-Island-Iced-Tea-Party. Most of all, she loved her family. As well traveled as she was, her grandkids were always her world.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and six siblings. She is survived by her four children, Joel Poole (Terry) Columbia, MO., Jana Poole-Fairbanks (Mark) Waterloo, IA, Jamie Poole Brimmer Fresno, CA, Jay Kelly Poole (Cathy Ralston) Cedar Falls, IA,; and eleven grandchildren Zach Poole, Karly Poole, Marshall Abbe, Jordan Abbe, Wes Fairbanks, Madison Fairbanks, Jeremy Brimmer, Taylor Brimmer, Kiel Brimmer, Cole Buescher, and Sam Buescher; and thirteen great-grandchildren—with two on the way.

Services and a celebration of life will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Waterloo, Iowa on September 14, at 1:00. The family encourages any special memories to be shared. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo Community Playhouse or the Cedar Falls Community Theater.

"Service is the rent that you pay for room on this earth." -Shirley Christholm

Martha Mildred (Thompson) Andersen

May 31, 1941 – Jul 10, 2024

Martha Mildred (Thompson) Andersen, 83, of Elkhorn, Nebraska, died on July 10, 2024, surrounded by her family at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. She was born in Kirksville, Missouri, on May 31, 1941, to Morris and Ella Mayse Thompson.



Martha graduated from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College (Truman State University) in Kirksville and worked in advertising sales at the local daily newspaper through which she met her husband of 62 years, Richard Gray Andersen. During her professional life, Martha also worked as an English teacher and held various communications and public relations positions at several Omaha-based companies.

She was preceded in death by her parents, loving aunts, brothers Bud (Cindy) and Tim Thompson and sister Sydney Henderson, brother-in-law and sister-in-law S.J. (Sherry) Brownlee, and niece Vicki Wittgraf and is survived by Richard (Dick), husband, daughter Laura (Brad) Crowell, son Joel (Kristie) Andersen, sister Chelsea (Glenn) Berry, grandchildren Jacob (Ashlyn) Murray-Greiner, Zoe Malek, Nathan Greiner and Noah Andersen, nieces and nephews including Craig (Jennifer) Brownlee and Mark (Janie) Brownlee and many loving friends and neighbors.

Martha and her husband Dick spent several years living abroad in Singapore, where Martha immersed herself in the culture and learned to speak Mandarin Chinese. And in the process, chose to be called "Lao Lao" by her grandchildren. She visited many countries throughout Asia during their time abroad and formed lifelong international friendships while in Singapore.

She was an avid reader, superb editor, and had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. She was at her happiest when helping others.

There will be no service, as was her wish. Those wanting to donate in her memory, the family asks that you consider Lauritzen Gardens, which was one of her favorite places in Omaha, or Nebraska Public Media, whose programs she thoroughly enjoyed and routinely watched.

The family wishes to convey special thanks to Marilyn O'Donnell, Connie Breuning, Linda Dorothy, Nancy Hart, Maribel Flores, and Mona Grabher for the comfort and companionship they provided Martha.

Upcoming Northern Missouri roadwork

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/>. In-clement 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

Route B – July 29-30, Closed for seal coat operations from Brewington Avenue to Route K between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

Macon County

U.S. Route 36 (Eastbound) — July 23-24, Lane restriction for core drilling operations from Long Branch Lake Road to Kellogg Street between 8 a.m. and noon. A 14-foot width restriction will be in place where crews are actively working daily.

Schuyler County

Route J – July 23-24, Closed for seal coat oper-

ations from Quail Avenue to U.S. Route 63 between 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Route Y – July 22, Closed for seal coat operations from Ranch Avenue to U.S. Route 63 between 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Putnam County

Route Y – Resurfacing project, July 22-23. The road will be narrowed to one lane and a 10-foot width restriction will be in place (Contractor: Magruder Paving, LLC).

Sullivan County

Route B – Closed for a culvert replacement from Route M to Kentucky Road, July 22, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Kirksville Public Schools Back to School Information

First Day of School Grades PK-12: Tuesday, August 20, 2024

School Starting Times

Primary Grades K-2	8:10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Elementary Grades 3-5	8:10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Middle School Grades 6-8	7:43 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
High School & Technical Center	7:47 a.m. – 2:48 p.m.

NEW STUDENTS TO THE DISTRICT

New through 12th grade students to the Kirksville School District should register online by going to www.kirksville.k12.mo.us. On the Parents & Students menu, choose Registration for further instruction. To enroll you must provide, birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residency, and complete the online registration process.

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER (ECLC)

Please Join Us for Preschool Preview
Friday, August 16th, 2024 10AM - 12 PM

This is a great opportunity to meet your teacher, put away your classroom supplies, tour the building and fill out any needed paperwork.

PRIMARY SCHOOL, GRADES K-2

Classroom assignments will be emailed to the email address provided at online registration on Friday, August 9. All students and parents are invited to stop by to meet their teacher and drop off school supplies during our KPS Sneak-A-Peek on August 16th; Kindergarten - First Grade - Second Grade: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. All students can come at any time between that two hour block. Parking will be available in the west parking lot. Our first day of school is Tuesday, August 20th. We can't wait to see you!

RAY MILLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GRADES 3-5

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We are excited to announce that students and parents are invited to our RME Meet and Greet on Friday, August 16th from 12:00-2:00. All grade levels are welcome at all times. Please stop by and meet your teachers, see your classroom, and drop off your school supplies. We look forward to seeing you!

WILLIAM MATTHEW MIDDLE SCHOOL, GRADES 6-8

All students are welcome to pick up their schedule, bring supplies to put in lockers, locate classrooms and meet their teachers Friday, August 16th 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

6th-grade orientation & luau will take place on Thursday, August 15th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

- 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.- Hotdogs, chips, cookies & drinks
- 5:30 p.m. – Lecture Room for middle school overview
- 5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.- Luau for students, parents/guardians meet with teachers

7th & 8th grade students new to the district are welcome to attend!

KIRKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, GRADES 9-12

1. Upon registering with the district, new students will need to call the high school to schedule an appointment with a counselor in order to select classes. Please call 660-665-4631.
2. Open House is Friday, August 16th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Freshman and new students can meet with Student Ambassadors for a tour of the school or to ask questions.
3. School pictures are scheduled on the following dates prior to school starting:
 - Senior pictures are on August 16th and August 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Jostens will have order forms for graduation supplies.
 - Junior pictures are on August 19th from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 (noon).
 - Sophomore pictures are on August 19th from 12:00 (noon) – 2:00 p.m.
 - Freshman pictures are August 16th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 (noon).

All pictures are being taken in the KHS cafeteria.

4. Pictures for Seniors have to be taken by the school photographer. This picture will be used for the class composite and yearbook. Details of dress requirements are listed in the senior letter that will be mailed home.
5. Students can pick up class schedules when they come for school pictures.
6. High School Students will only need to bring pens, pencils, and notebooks for the first days of school. Your individual teachers will discuss with you any additional supplies needed for your courses during the first week of school.

KIRKSVILLE AREA TECHNICAL CENTER

1. Adult student enrollment deadline is August 15th.
2. First Day of all other classes is August 20th.

BUS REGISTRATION

If your child rode the bus last year, you will need to log into the Powerschool database and verify the information, an email should go out to all families the week of July 15th. No one will be automatically added to the bus routes from last year until this step is completed. New students will need to request transportation services on Powerschool in order to be added to a bus route. ECCO Ride will be handling all scheduling for buses in The Kirksville R-3 school district. The deadline to be able to ride on the first day of school is August 9th @ 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions please call ECCO Ride at 636-204-5441.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

1. School lunch and breakfast are no longer free. We encourage ALL families to complete the application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals on our website www.kirksville.k12.mo.us. Even if families don't feel they qualify, our district's funding is determined on each application completed.
2. Please review the student insurance information on the district website

How to beat the heat: Tips for heart health during high temps

By Northeast Regional Medical Center

Summer 2024 is predicted to bring on the heat which can put extra stress on your heart. For every degree body temperature rises, the heart beats approximately 10 beats per minute faster, according to the National Institute of Health. That's why in hot temperatures it becomes harder for the body to cool off, especially for those with chronic health conditions like heart disease, high cholesterol or atrial fibrillation (AFib).



Dr. Tysen Petre

"Our bodies get rid of excess heat through sweat. Hot, humid weather forces the heart to work harder, kicking it into high gear to pump more blood to the skin," said Dr. Tysen Petre, family medicine. "While it's important to stay active during summer months, the nausea, fatigue and shortness of breath

that come along with many heart conditions make it that much more important to take precautions when heading outdoors."

Another added risk for those with damaged or weakened hearts is medication that interferes with the body's response to heat regulation. "Beta blockers slow the heart down and can decrease blood flow when overheated, increasing the likelihood of dehydration or heat exhaustion," said Petre. Petre emphasizes the importance of continuing to take medication as prescribed and suggests working with your cardiologist to come up with a heart health plan before the weather changes, including:

- Water intake. Too little water consumption can lead to dehydration, and too much can throw off electrolytes.
- Diet. Minerals like sodium, potassium and magnesium are depleted while sweating. It's important to replenish electrolytes through proper supplementation and nutrition.
- Fitness routine. Avoid working out during peak heat hours, or stay indoors or in the shade throughout the day.

- Attire. Lightweight, dry-fit clothing repels sweat and allows air to circulate to keep skin cooler.

Warning signs that your body isn't keeping up with the heat include:

- High body temperature above 103°F
- Red, hot, dry skin
- Inability to sweat
- Rapid pulse
- Headache
- Dizziness or fatigue
- Nausea or vomiting
- Disorientation
- Passing out

Anyone exhibiting more than one of these symptoms may be experiencing a heat stroke and should call 911 immediately. While waiting for medical attention, do not consume fluids, and continue efforts to get the body temperature to fall below 102°F, such as moving into the shade, taking a cool (not cold) bath or shower, spraying off with a hose or fanning to move air.

If you want to make sure your heart stays on beat in the summer heat, take Northeast Regional Medical Center's heart risk assessment for a free, downloadable report about your heart's health.

ROBIN WRITES

Front porch memories

Our front porch wasn't fancy. Rickety wood risers held in place by raised, rusty nails led the way up onto a platform made of curling slats of untreated lumber.

The porch gave away the age of our house and flouted its flaws with unabashed boldness. Its defiance in remaining attached and sound for supporting the family's constant comings and goings gave testament to the sheer stubbornness of a making-do mindset that characterized my childhood.

I remember galloping up the steps in bare feet and feeling the heat of the sun that had baked into the wood. Then, once at the top, the shade from the porch roof offered relief to my soles. Errant splinters threatened to stab a toe or heel, but that didn't deter my sailing from bottom to top in childhood vigor.

There were gaps between the graying planks; when a foot stomped across the surface, you could see the dirt dance and puff into the summer air. Sometimes, a roly-poly bug or a tiny furry black spider crawled up from one of the cracks, scrambling toward the light as if newly released from a murky dungeon.

This was not a place for frilly hanging ferns or cheery pots of bright petunias arranged along capped porch posts. Our porch was bombarded with wild webs of wandering jew plants; purple and green bursts of unruly daggers that trailed from faded con-

tainers filled with garden dirt.

Little spider plant babies nestled together in old ceramic vases atop bowing side rails, swaying in summer winds and often toppling from errant elbows.

Our porch was an extension of our messy, ragtag family. It was as utilitarian as Dad's dark blue work chinos. As useful as Mom's faded, floral apron. It looked beautiful to me.

Mom's chair, an old chrome-framed dining chair with a tattered gray vinyl seat, sat in a permanent spot on our porch. This was the place for snapping beans. For shelling peas. And for cooling off after supper.

Her housedress splayed across her knees as she plopped down on her chair. Thighs parted to hold a huge pot of vegetables, and another empty pot sat on the porch at her feet.

When Mom finally stood to go back inside, she'd pull her housedress down primly and heft the finished pot against a hip. The tiny rips of the plastic seat left tattoos on the backs of her ample thighs, but we never told her that. She'd pull the creaky screen door open and disappear into the dimness of the living room.

We watched thunderstorms pelt the yard from the pseudo-safety of our porch and shrieked at each crack of thunder. Counted the seconds between lightning and sound (one Mississippi...two Mississippi) and smiled gratefully as the intervals grew longer.



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH
ROBIN WRITES

On sweltering summer nights, we slept there on pallets made of old quilts and blankets. Mosquitos snacked on our sweaty bodies but we knew that was the tradeoff for a blessed waft of cooler air.

We smacked at ankles and necks and arms in staccato rhythm and scratched nickel-sized welts.

Our porch was at its most valuable on starry, cricket-y nights. Mom—and sometimes Dad—would amble out in the hushed darkness to sit with us.

Their voices sounded both comforting and otherworldly as they breathed life into stories we'd heard before and would hear again in those years of porch sitting.

We listened because we had nothing else to do. Because that was what our porch was for. And we let the music of those words soak into our souls, to be remembered long after our old front porch was just a memory.

A porch is a family blessing. And remembering its worth reminds us how enriching the simplicity of an ordinary life can be.

HOME COUNTRY

Friends to enjoy the front porch with you

The evening was one of those that come back to you time after time, year after long year. It comes back and whispers of how good life can be when you're well fed, enjoying life, and a good friend shares the front porch with you on a summer's evening.

It was that way with Doc and Steve the other night. Doc thought he might have to do a scientific paper on the soporific effects of ice tea, fried chicken, and corn on the cob. As long as it didn't take any effort.

So when this huge meal had been bull-snaked down, the two grinning friends came out to the porch to watch the sun go down behind the trees along Lewis Creek. The air had that orange and russet glow, and the breeze, that little one that caresses the neck, came slowly down from the hills and made their shirt collars wiggle ever so slightly.

It was like taking a dry bath in paradise.

Doc sidled up to one of the porch posts and gently tested it to see if it could hold the extra weight he was carrying with that meal. It stood fine, so he leaned against it seriously and looked out on the evening's warmth.

Steve, who was enjoying having a fine meal that some-



SLIM RANDES
HOME COUNTRY

one else cooked for a change, leaned against the post on the other side of the steps.

And then they just stood quietly, watching the day make beautiful skies as it ended.

The shadow on the ground foretold the presence of the circling bird. Doc and Steve paid no attention at first. Then a few minutes later, it was joined by two more circling birds over Doc's house.

"Buzzards," Steve mumbled.

"Yep," said Doc. They circled some more.

"I think one of us should move a little ..." said Doc.

"Move?"

"Well ... to let them know ... you know."

Steve sighed, then glanced over at Doc. "Flip you for it."

Sorry to hear May Company went broke and closed. Nice people, clean sheets ... oh where has the time gone?

THE ROCKWOOD FILES

When the truth hurts

Why we can't shrink away from pain

Here's something that almost never happens: You ask someone, "How are you?" And they respond with this: "I'm in so much pain I don't know what to do."

But sometimes, that's the unspoken answer. Those in pain don't often say it because they know most people wouldn't know what to do with that uncomfortable truth. So, instead, they follow the script and hit a more pleasant ball back over the conversation net. "I'm okay. How are you?"

But they're not okay, and the people who love them and witness their day-to-day pain aren't okay either.

I've been thinking about physical pain for months now. Not because I'm in it. Gratefully, I'm not. But I've seen it up close. I've seen its power. And it feels wrong not to write about something that changes so many lives.

Back in March, my mom (who is 79 and working full-time) suddenly began having back pain – a piercing sensation in the center of her back. At the time, we thought it was a side effect of chemotherapy. When you have cancer, you assume everything is connected to it. But when the pain continued and worsened, Mom's oncologist ordered an x-ray that revealed a spinal compression fracture.

As an adult daughter and certified nerd, I manage stress by Googling every aspect of whatever keeps me up at night. I even read obscure medical studies written in such confusing academic jargon that I have to stop and look up every third word. Information is my security blanket. More than anything, I need to understand and find an answer.

What I learned is that some people with a spinal compression fracture don't even feel it. But others feel an invisible hand plunging a knife into their back again and again. Movement can trigger misery, even a tiny bump during a slow, careful car ride.

I could almost see my mom's pain move in real time because when it hit her, she flinched so hard it looked like she'd been hit by a stun gun. Pain can make even the most silent and stoic among us cry out or scream. It can turn a typically sunny personality into something unrecognizable. It can most certainly open the door to depression.

I tried so hard to make her pain stop. Bedrest. Numbing creams. Pain patches. Doctor appointments. Prescriptions. Some of it helped initially, but the pain always found its way back. Then it accelerated into a series of daily back spasms, and I watched Mom get tortured from inside her own body. I could see her agony and the fear that it might not end. She would've crawled out of her own skin if she could. I sat beside her and promised it would end soon, even though I didn't know if it would. I silently pleaded with God and every person in Heaven for help.

During these moments, I realized I could do plenty of things for my mom – make her food, bring her medicine, clean her house, and talk to her doctors. But I couldn't stop the pain. At that all-important task, I failed every single day.

Pain can make you question everything. Am I just unlucky? Cursed? Broken? Is this punishment? Why aren't the prayers working? Why her? Why us? What's the point of this? When will it stop? What will we do if it doesn't? The shame of silent questions feels suffocating.



GWEN ROCKWOOD
THE ROCKWOOD FILES

After weeks of waiting for an appointment, I drove Mom three hours to a specialist who stabilized the fractured vertebra with a procedure using "bone cement." It didn't work instantly, but slowly, that overwhelming tide of pain began to recede. The relief felt miraculous and our gratitude immense.

But once you know what pain can do, you know. You can't un-know it. And now I think about all the people in pain who are still waiting. Searching. Begging, both silently and otherwise, for help. None of us are immune from this experience.

Sometimes, obituaries include the phrase "thankful that he is no longer in pain." Because grieving family members know that pain can get so big that it pushes everything else away, leaving only pain. They've seen it in ways they'll never forget.

So maybe we should be more willing as a society to talk about pain — not because we want to but because there's so much of it. And the people who somehow bear it need to have the pain acknowledged, not avoided or glossed over. They deserve the comfort of being seen even in their suffering.

For all those who are hurting today in unimaginable ways — and for the people who love them so dearly — may you find an answer, a cure, a treatment, and most importantly, relief. May it come in abundance so very soon. Until then, may you be surrounded by love and the compassionate balm of human connection.

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PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

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Welcome to the Public Health Corner: National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental health has three main pieces that influence our overall well-being: emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, how we feel, and how we act. How we handle stress, respond and relate to others and make choices are also determined by our mental health. Those who are among racial and ethnic minorities, and American Indian/Alaskan Native populations often experience many mental health disparities, such as higher rates of attempted suicide in adolescents and lower treatment rates for mental health disorders in adults. July is National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, a time dedicated to highlighting these unique mental health challenges, raising awareness, and promoting inclusive and accessible mental health care.

Understanding the Challenges

Minority communities often face distinct challenges that can impact their mental health, including systemic racism, discrimination, socioeconomic disparities, and cultural stigma surround-

ing mental health issues. These factors can contribute to higher rates of mental health conditions, such as depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), among minority populations.

Promoting Culturally Competent Care

Culturally competent care is essential for effectively addressing the mental health needs of minority communities. This involves providing mental health services that are respectful of and responsive to the cultural and linguistic needs of patients. Culturally competent care can help reduce barriers to seeking help, improve patient-provider communication, and increase the effectiveness of treatment.

Reducing Stigma

Stigma surrounding mental health can be a significant barrier to seeking help, particularly in minority communities where mental health issues may be seen as a sign of weakness or personal failure. Public education campaigns, community outreach, and open conversations about mental health can help reduce stigma and encourage individuals to seek the care they need.

Access to Resources & Support

Access to mental health resources and support is

critical for improving mental health outcomes in minority communities. This includes ensuring that mental health services are affordable, accessible, and available in diverse communities. Community organizations, support groups, and online resources can provide valuable information and support to individuals and families navigating mental health challenges.

Advocacy & Policy Change

Advocacy and policy change are crucial for addressing the systemic issues that contribute to mental health disparities in minority communities. This includes advocating for policies that promote mental health equity, increase funding for mental health services in underserved areas, and address social determinants of health such as housing, education, and employment.

National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month is an important time to recognize and address the mental health disparities faced by minority communities. Through the promotion of culturally competent care, reducing stigma, increasing access to resources, and advocating for policy change, we can work towards a better mental health care system for all.

POETRY CORNER

You Are Now Completely In Control

How many times... have you cried in your beer... just to find you've watered it down?

How many times... have you ignored your problems... just to find they're still around?

Sometimes... the hardest thing to do... is to find the courage to persevere, To roll up your sleeves... to face your

problems head on... to overcome your internal fears.

Now let me tell you... when you can do this... you are now completely in control,

The problems you've had... are now being addressed... no longer tearing at your soul.

— Danel D. Donovan

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TURNING THE PAGE

Adair County's School Bus Pioneers

By Blytha Ellis, President
Adair County Historical Society
and Museum

Maggie (Weber) Mudd was the granddaughter of Michael Weber, the French immigrant who owned the iconic Weber Mill on the Chariton River at Yarrow, Mo. Maggie grew up on a farm one-eighth of a mile south of Yarrow, on what is now Gifford Trail.

As mentioned in our previous episode, in 2017, Larry Evans, writer and Historical Society Board Member, interviewed Maggie and wrote an article on her life for our quarterly magazine, "The Adair Historian," October 2017. She told many stories about her life and her family.

Maggie was born in 1921 to Henry and Jennie (Summers) Weber. Henry was the youngest son of Michael Weber and his wife, Magnolia (Hays). Maggie had two brothers, Kenny who was older, and Gail who was younger.

The Weber kids attended Yarrow rural school which wasn't far from their home. Maggie said, "My cousin, Noila Barnett, was my first teacher. My next teacher was Mable Wolf Neadermiller and then Pauline Hoerrmann."

Maggie's life was pretty much normal for a farm girl in the 1920s up until she was 12 years old when, sadly, her mother died on April 8, 1933. Her older brother was 14, and her younger brother was 5.

When Jennie Weber died at the age of 44, Maggie, as the only girl in her family, assumed the role of homemaker. She did the laundry, cooking, housekeeping, gardening and other household duties. This was in addition to going to school. Maggie stated this was the most difficult time in her life. "I went to school, took care of the home, and had a lot of duties."

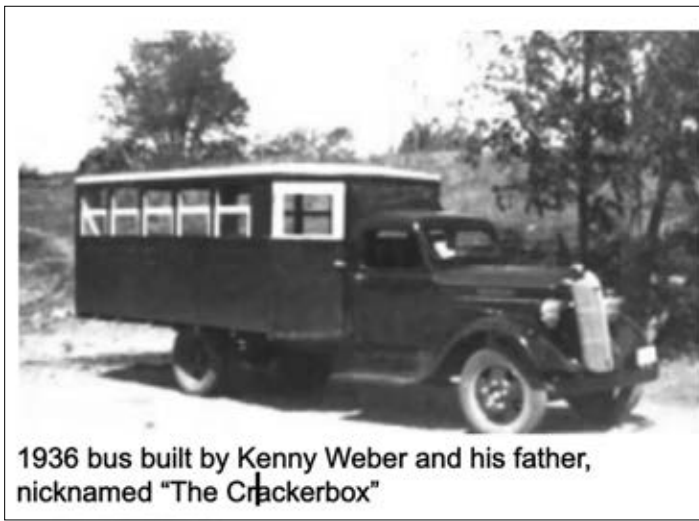
The family raised a big garden, and Maggie canned many of the items they raised. She believes she cooked some good meals considering that she started at only 12.

While Maggie was learning to become a homemaker, her older brother was faced with another dilemma. Kenny, at age 14, graduated from 8th grade at Yarrow School just a week after his mother died. It was the height of the Depression, and times were hard.

In those days, a rural school child's education usually ended with the 8th grade. If a student were to go to high school, it meant boarding with someone in a nearby town where there was a high school.

Kenny had a cousin whose family rented a room for him with someone in Kirksville. Typically, the student would then stay in Kirksville all week and only come home on weekends. This was not an option for Kenny. His father, Henry Weber, told him he couldn't stay in Kirksville all week like his cousin because he was needed at home every day to help milk the cows and do daily chores on the farm.

Kenny really wanted to attend high school, and he knew five other graduates from Yarrow who also wanted to attend but didn't have a way. Kenny hatched a plan in his head. It was only 12 miles from Yarrow to Kirksville. If he only had a vehicle, he could drive the kids to high



1936 bus built by Kenny Weber and his father, nicknamed "The Crackerbox"



school for a small fee. Fortunately, Kenny's father also thought this was a good idea.

When this plan became a reality, this is the way that Kenny and his father became pioneers in the school bus industry. Just like Michael Weber, their ancestor before them, they began providing a vital service for their community.

Kenny went about locating a vehicle. He found a 1922 Model T which he could purchase for \$65. But, even that was too large a sum for a farm family. So, Kenny and his father went to a local banker. Surprisingly, they were approved for a loan and immediately purchased the vehicle.

With five riders each paying \$7 a month to ride to Kirksville, Kenny could afford to make his loan payments and purchase gas. He found that he could buy 12 1/2 gallons of gas for \$1, and if he only used the vehicle for school and nothing else, that amount of gas would last for a week!

Soon Kenny got a couple more riders. He said the most he ever squeezed into his old Model T was 12. Of course, after school he had to take all these riders home, and this could take up to three hours. Then, he still had chores to do at home. It was especially bad when the country roads were muddy.

In 1936, the State of Missouri improved the road into Yarrow, and 16 students were now asking Kenny for a ride. So, he decided to try an upgrade. He purchased a new Dodge truck chassis for \$748 at Updyke Motors in Kirksville. He enlisted the help of a cabinet maker and other volunteers, along with his father, and they built a bus body which could hold 28 kids. This bus had a wooden body with windows on the side, wooden seats, some steps on the outside, and a regular house door with window for the bus door. This bus was nicknamed "The Crackerbox." Kenny's sister, Maggie, recalled riding to Kirksville in this primitive bus after she graduated from 8th grade at Yarrow School. She said Kenny was the bus driver, although their father, Henry, filled in sometimes, especially in bad weather.

Maggie related one experience on the bus in the winter of 1936-37, when there was a bad ice storm. "Kenny made the mistake of driving the bus down the Yarrow hill to pick up the kids. He got

down but couldn't get back up. First, he made all the kids get off the bus. Then, dad went and got Uncle Harrison Weber and his team of horses. The horses had to be 'encouraged,' but they finally pulled the bus up the hill. All of us kids were having a good time walking up the hill while the horses pulled the bus."

This handmade bus was responsible for many kids being able to graduate from Kirksville High School. Kenny graduated in 1937 without missing a day! Maggie graduated in 1938. She wasn't planning to go to college, but her dad insisted, so she did. She then taught at Yarrow School, at Hazel Creek and at Oak Dale rural schools. After all the rural schools closed, she taught at Willard Elementary in Kirksville, retiring in 1986. Maggie died in 2018 at the age of 97.

Kenny's bus business continued to grow, and he added more vehicles and hired other drivers. At the start of his senior year, the state set the minimum age for a school bus driver at 21, so Kenny could no longer legally drive a bus. This is when Kenny's dad got a permanent job driving a bus for the next 25 years or so. By the end of 1938 when Kenny was 19, he had four buses full of rural kids paying to ride to Kirksville.

It was to the Kirksville School District's advantage to have rural kids attend high school as it meant more money from the state. So, the school hired Kenny's bus services. They paid him, and the kids rode for free. This began a lifetime of the Weber Bus service in Adair County. Kenny worked on the farm until he was old enough to drive a bus again. The school system eventually hired him to also pick up the city kids, and his fleet of buses increased and were modernized. Kenny also had other businesses over the years but continued to farm and be actively involved in his bus service for over 70 years.

Ironically, when Kenny turned 70 years old, the State of Missouri again had a say in his ability to drive a bus. They had passed a law that the maximum age for driving a school bus was 70. Kenny was out again! He was too young to drive when he started his business and too old when he was ready to pass the business on to his son and grandsons. Kenny died in 2006 at the age of 86. In 2023, Weber Bus, Inc., started by a teenager from Yarrow, retired its services to the local school system after 88 years.

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This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

95 Years Ago, July 17, 1929

The Kennedy Theater was installing sound devices which were to produce talking and sound pictures. Manager Jack Moore announced that men would soon be arriving to install the equipment. This equipment would make it possible to show a better-quality picture in addition to adding sound. The entire projection booth machinery had to be replaced. New speakers measuring 8' by 3' would be placed behind a new screen. The speakers would make it possible for voices to come from the person speaking on the screen. A pre-inspection of the Kennedy by a technician from the Western Electric Company said that it was perfect for sound production. The theater had the exact dimensions for production of the highest quality sound. It would take about a week to install the new equipment.

95 Years Ago, July 25, 1929

Anthrax, an acute infectious disease that is contagious to all domestic animals and humans, was discovered in a herd of cattle on the R. R. Filkins farm, nine miles northwest of Kirksville, according to Dr. C. V. Conger, veterinarian. Conger reported that the loss thus far had been one cow. The farm was placed under strict quarantine with no animals allowed to leave as every effort was being made to stop the outbreak. Livestock owners on adjacent farms were in danger according to Conger. The Filkins farm was located on a ridge and contaminated streams and water runoff from the Filkins farms could infect livestock of neighbors. Dr. Conger explained that anthrax germs which are spore organisms can live for years in the soil and other favorable environments. While more common in southern states, Dr. Conger said that the disease may have arrived here by infected cattle, ducks, or geese which were shipped to Adair County. Cattle, horses, sheep and hooved animals were most susceptible to the disease. Dr. Conger recommended strict quarantine, vaccination of animals in the immediate area, especially where water from the infected area might flow, burn all dead animal carcasses, and confine dogs. The clinical symptoms of anthrax are elevated temperature, straining and passing blood from body openings, thin blood colored reddish black that does not clot. Infected animals usually die within 24 to 48 hours. Humans are susceptible to the disease, and it is acquired by handling infected livestock or inhaling spores. Before antibiotics, the disease devastated entire herds of livestock. Once contracted the disease has a high fatality rate. Today anthrax may be treated with antibiotics, but treatment is essential in the initial stages.

85 Years Ago, July 25, 1939

The Mayson Oil Company of Dallas, Texas was to resume drilling on an oil test well on the farm of R. P. McGonigle, north of Adair. The well had been shut down for three days while a casing was installed in the well. Drilling had proceeded without interruption since early July when water was struck at about 575 feet and water rose in the well to a depth of 400 feet. It was then necessary to stop drilling and install the casing before drilling could resume. Officials of Mayson Oil announced that the company intended to build a modern 5,000-barrel refinery if the well opened a new pool. Drilling stopped at the 600-foot depth and would continue to about the 1,200-foot depth. It was hoped that the wildcat well would produce oil by that depth. The project never materialized, although hopes were high.



75 Years Ago, July 27, 1949

Kirksville City officials learned in a meeting in Jefferson City with the Missouri Department of Public Health's Sanitation Division of Health and Welfare, that the state had approved the proposed plan for the impounding reservoir on Big Creek. State officials signed documents giving Kirksville the "go ahead" for the project. The plans for the impoundment reservoir, eventually to become Forest Lake, Kirksville's new water supply, had been endorsed by Kirksville service organizations, the hospitals, the city council, businesses, and the public. The next step would be the issuance of revenue bonds to finance the project, and that would have to be approved by the voters in an August 6 election.

70 Years Ago, July 27, 1954

Kirksville was visited by Miss Leona Decker, a teacher in California, who 22 years earlier founded Decker Chapel in Pickler Park in the west part of Kirksville. In 1922 Decker was a college student in Kirksville who had a vision of doing something of interest for the children of Pickler Park vicinity. One day Leona and a couple of her friends were walking in the Pickler Park area, then an impoverished area of the city, when the college students came across two young girls picking flowers. The college students sat down under a tree and began talking to the young girls. Leona, who was a devout Christian, asked the girls where they went to Sunday School. She learned that the girls didn't go to Sunday School as their parents didn't have transportation, and the family lived too far away to walk to Kirksville's other churches. This gave Decker the idea of how to fulfill her dream and remedy the girl's problem. Decker told the girls to meet her under the same tree the next Sunday afternoon, and she would share a Sunday School lesson with them. She told them to invite their friends, which they did. The next Sunday a group of youngsters showed up as well as some adults. Thus, Decker Chapel had its origin. The little group grew and with the coming of winter an indoor facility was needed. Fred Figge, a resident of the area, provided an old two-room house in which to hold Sunday School, and before long the house was filled on Sundays. Eventually, land was donated for construction of a church building, funds were secured, and the men of Kirksville's M. E. Church constructed the chapel. Leona Decker taught school in Kirksville and eventually moved to California. She maintained regular contact with the congregation and in 1954 returned to Kirksville for a visit. Decker Chapel obtained a regular pastor and functioned for several years. As times changed, the other Kirksville Churches absorbed the former Decker Chapel congregation, and the church was closed. Leona Decker died in 1991, and the building was removed in 2016. The photo and information is from the Adair County Historical Society (ACHS) collections.

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NEMO Fair Rodeo draws large crowd

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

July 16. The event, which was put on by Outlaw 5J Rodeo Company, lasted until the late evening, with local participants as well as out-of-town guests joining in the rodeo.



Opening Ceremonies held for 2024 NEMO Fair

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

Opening ceremonies for the 2024 NEMO Fair were held at the fairgrounds on

Monday, July 15. Past and present NEMO Fair board members were recognized and honored, a flag-raising ceremony was held, and the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting.



4-H, FFA and NEMO Fair Queens get ready to raise the flags to open the 2024 NEMO Fair.



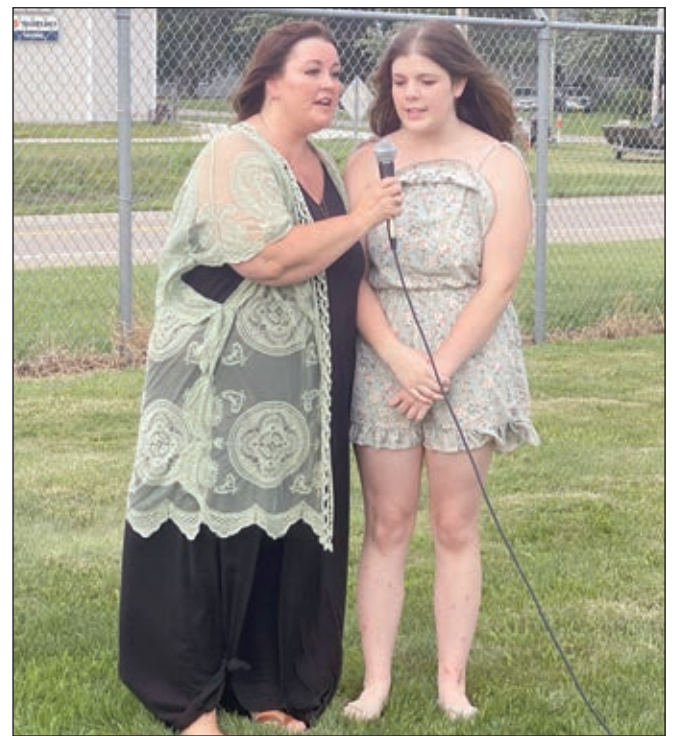
Past and present NEMO Fair board members were recognized and honored at the NEMO Fair opening ceremonies.



NEMO Fair Queens raise the American flag during the NEMO Fair opening ceremonies.



FFA and 4-H members raise a flag during the NEMO Fair opening ceremonies.



Mother and daughter Amy and Hali Jones, sing the National Anthem.



A ribbon cutting was held to open up the 2024 NEMO Fair.



Current and former board members bow their heads in prayer.



NEMO Fair Vice President Rayburn Snell speaks to Rotary Club of Kirksville

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

The speaker at the June 12 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting was NEMO Fair Vice President Rayburn Snell. He spoke about the upcoming NEMO Fair, July 16-20. The fair features 4H and FFA exhibits, 20 food vendors, shopping, a carn-

ival and entertainment. New this year is Bingo, sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Kirksville and Scotland County, in the air-conditioned 4H building. It will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 6-8 p.m. Snell is pictured with Rotarian Matt Eichor, left, who introduced him.

Rotarians earn Paul Harris Fellowship pins

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the June 19 meeting of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Valena Fiscus (center) and Elizabeth Gregory (right) received Paul Harris Fellowship pins and certificates from Foundation Chair Jeff Romine (left) for their significant

financial contributions to the Rotary International Foundation. Rotary uses the money to improve living conditions and health around the world and for various grants, exchanges and scholarships designed to promote peace and better world understanding between cultures.



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2024 NEMO Fair horse show deemed a 'huge success'

Staff Reports

The 2024 NEMO Fair horse show kicked off the start of the fair on Saturday, July 13, and was a huge success, according to NEMO

fair horse show superintendent Ashlea Sidwell. "I am so proud of each horse show kid-do," she said. "They all did a great job. They all put in a lot of hard work and dedication throughout the year and it really shows."



Dally Weaver — Novice overall reserve high point winner (sponsored by Barb Clark Farm Bureau Insurance)



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La Plata Bulldogs softball schedule

By Shane Gravlin
Daily Express

LA PLATA, Mo. — July is now half over, and fall sports are coming fast. Here's the next schedule worth looking at.

The 2023 Bulldogs softball season was historic. La Plata finished 26-5 overall and going 4-0 in district play en route to winning a MSHSAA Class 1 State Championship.

To say they were dominant is an understatement; of those 26 wins, 15 were won by double-digit margins. To start the month of October, they outscored their opponents 44-2 over three games.

They proved their championship DNA with a heavyweight 16-15 win over Northeast to win

the Cairo SB Tourney.

Head coach Wendi Travis got the Bulldogs over the hump in the championship game, which they made in 2021, but were runners up.

Her tenure has been highly successful, overall, with La Plata winning the last four district titles.

This last postseason was La Plata's second all-time softball state title, and their first since 1999. In the state tournament, they defeated Braymer, Gallatin, and Jamestown,

Here's the schedule for the 2024 La Plata Bulldogs softball team who will look to defend its title:

- Sep. 3: La Plata vs. Schuyler County, 5p
- Sep. 5: La Plata vs. Higbee, 5p
- Sep. 10: La Plata vs. Palmyra, 5p
- Sep. 12: La Plata vs. New Franklin, 5p
- Sep. 16: La Plata vs. South Shelby, 6:30p



La Plata fans cheer on the Bulldogs in the district championship against Canton on Oct. 17, 2023. Photo from last season. KIRKSVILLE DAILY EXPRESS ARCHIVES

- Sep. 17: La Plata vs. Bucklin with Macon County, 5p
- Sep. 19: La Plata at Clark County, 5p
- Sep. 20: La Plata vs. Brashear, 5p
- Sep. 21: Cairo SB Tourney

- Sep. 24: La Plata at Bevier, 5p
- Sep. 26: La Plata at Green City, 5p
- Sep. 28: Atlanta Softball Tournament
- Sep. 30: La Plata at Marion County, 5p
- Oct. 1: La Plata at Novinger, 5p

- Oct. 4: La Plata vs. Linn County, 5p
- Oct. 5: La Plata Invitational
- Oct. 7: La Plata vs. Northeast (Cairo), 5p
- Oct. 9: La Plata at Meadville, 5p
- Oct. 10: La Plata vs. Atlanta, 5p



Kirksville High School soccer players celebrate, photo from 2023 season. KIRKSVILLE DAILY EXPRESS ARCHIVES

Kirksville Tigers soccer schedule

By Shane Gravlin
Daily Express

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. — While fall sports aren't quite imminent at the moment, coaches are undoubtedly beginning to strategize against the opponents on their schedules.

The 2023 Kirksville Tigers soccer season was up to the mark, but not exceptional, finishing the season 11-10. Led by Kirksville High School social studies teacher Shawn Meintz, they competed all season long, and never fell out of contention. They had two three-game win streaks and earned a two-seed in the district tournament but fell to Bishop LeBlond in the second round in a narrow 1-0 loss. In the first round prior to that, they smoked Lafayette (St. Joseph) 6-0.

One thing that's important to note about Kirksville's season is that while it wasn't eye-popping, it was another huge leap forward for Tigers soccer.

In 2021, Kirksville went 3-16. In 2022, they went 6-11-3. Consistent growth will be something they look to build upon this year.

Here's the Kirksville boys soccer schedule:

- Aug. 30: Kirksville vs. Southern Boone, 6:30p
- Sep. 5: Kirksville vs. Hannibal, 6:30p
- Sep. 12: Kirksville at Moberly, 6:45p
- Sep. 14: Kirksville at Marshall, 12:30p
- Sep. 17: Kirksville vs. Mexico, 5p
- Sep. 19: Kirksville at Chillicothe, 6:30p
- Sep. 24: Kirksville vs. Fulton, 6:30p
- Sep. 27/28: Moberly Invitational
- Oct. 1: Kirksville at Missouri Military Academy, 5p
- Oct. 8: Kirksville at Hannibal, 5p
- Oct. 10: Kirksville vs. Moberly, 5p
- Oct. 12: Kirksville at Father Tolton Regional Catholic, 10a
- Oct. 15: Kirksville at Mexico, 5p
- Oct. 17: Kirksville vs. Canton, 5p
- Oct. 22: Kirksville vs. Chillicothe, 3p
- Oct. 24: Kirksville at Boonville, 5p
- Oct. 26: Kirksville at Fulton, 12p
- Oct. 29: Kirksville vs. Marshall, 5p

Kirksville Tigers volleyball schedule

By Shane Gravlin
Daily Express

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. — August is less than two weeks away, which is the first month of fall prep sports, and sports like volleyball are preparing.

The 2023 Kirksville volleyball season was up and down. The Tigers handled teams they were supposed to, but struggled against better competition and never made it out of the middle of the pack.

Kirksville's 8-12 record got them a six-seed (out of seven) in the district tournament where they fell in the first round to Cameron.

This will be Melissa Dempsey's third season at the helm of the Kirksville volleyball program, one that one three straight district titles from 2018-2020 before her hiring.

While not dominating so far, Dempsey's teams have learned how to play in close matches. It will be interesting to see if that experience helps them this season.



Kirksville volleyball head coach Melissa Dempsey strategizes during a break, photo from 2023 season. KIRKSVILLE DAILY EXPRESS ARCHIVES

Here's a look at the Kirksville Tigers volleyball schedule:

- Aug. 31: Tolton Catholic Tournament
- Sep. 3: Kirksville vs. Marshall, 6:30p
- Sep. 5: Kirksville at Mexico, 6:30p
- Sep. 9: Kirksville vs. Hallsville, 6:30p
- Sep. 10: Kirksville at Rock Bridge, 7p
- Sep. 14: Chillicothe Invitational Tournament
- Sep. 17: Kirksville at Fulton, 6:30p
- Sep. 19: Kirksville vs. Trenton, 6p

- Sep. 24: Kirksville vs. Mexico, 6:30p
- Sep. 26: Kirksville at Hannibal, 6:30p
- Sep. 28: Hallsville Invitational
- Oct. 1: Kirksville vs. Chillicothe, 6:30p
- Oct. 3: Kirksville at Marshall, 6:30p
- Oct. 7: Kirksville at Boonville, 6:30p
- Oct. 8: Kirksville vs. Hannibal, 6p
- Oct. 10: Kirksville vs. Fulton, 6:30p
- Oct. 15: Kirksville at Centralia, 6:30p
- Oct. 17: Kirksville vs. Father Tolton Regional Catholic, 6:30p

A look back at Truman State's NFL players

By Shane Gravlin
Daily Express

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. — There are approximately 2,000 NFL players throughout the league's 32 teams which carry 53 players each. The vast majority of those players played college football at the Division I FBS level. If they didn't play at the FBS level, they probably played FCS, because in 2017 there were only 77 players on NFL rosters from Division II colleges.

It's all the more impressive when a guy can work up from Division II to the NFL. Let's take a look at some of the most esteemed football careers of former Bulldogs.

Arguably the greatest Truman State (then Northeast Missouri State College / University) football player of all-time, Lenvil Elliott led the Bulldogs to three straight Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) titles in the early 1970s. He earned the starting job his sophomore year and earned honorable mention All-MIAA honors. He was a second-team choice as a junior, and landed on the first team as a senior when he rushed for over 1100 yards. One of the highlights of his time at NMSU was a win over Missouri State on their homecoming in which he found the end zone three times for a touchdown. He also excelled in track for Truman. Elliott was drafted in the 10th round of the 1973 NFL Draft by the Cincinnati Bengals and played for them until 1979. His rookie year he saw action in only six games, but made the most of his playing time, notching 122 yards on 22 carries (5.5 yards per carry) with one rushing touchdown and one receiving touchdown. He was traded to the San Francisco 49ers in 1979. In the 1981 postseason, he was pivotal in the NFC Championship after being activated just a



Former Truman State running back Cody Schrader KIRKSVILLE DAILY EXPRESS ARCHIVES

week earlier after a knee injury. The 49ers defeated Elliot's old Bengals in the Super Bowl, although he didn't dress for the game. After winning his ring, he retired, and He finished his career with 1,900 yards rushing, 1,484 yards receiving, and 18 total touchdowns.

The next Truman-produced NFLer is Tom Geredine. Born in St. Louis, he was a teammate of Elliot's and a member of those high-powered Truman offenses of the early 1970s. As a freshman, he became a starter by the end of the season. Geredine was named to the All-MIAA football team three straight years after that. In 1971 he was the conference MVP. He caught 115 passes for 1965 yards in four seasons. Just like Elliott, he was a track star, too. In fact, he considered a career as a professional track athlete, too. In 1971, he attended an Olympic training session. In 1973 he was drafted in the fourth round by the Atlanta Falcons. He spent two years in Atlanta and then played for the Kansas City Chiefs, Los Angeles Rams, Minnesota Vikings, Baltimore Colts and St. Louis Cardinals. He also played for the British Columbia Lions of the Canadian

Football League. He appeared in 34 games and ended his NFL career with two touchdowns and 323 yards.

Fast forward to the summer of 2024, and there's a recent former Bulldog who is trying to make the cut of an NFL roster. Cody Schrader, who shattered countless Truman state records (touchdowns, rushing yards, rushing attempts, etc.), was signed by the San Francisco 49ers as an undrafted free agent. However, yesterday, he was selected by the St. Louis Battlehawks of the UFL in their college draft Wednesday, July 18. For guys like Schrader, this provides a back-up; if he doesn't make the 49ers' roster, he can play professionally for St. Louis and try to work his way back. He had multiple 200-yard single-game performances, a four-touchdown performance, and several three-touchdown performances in 2021. Schrader transferred from Truman State to Mizzou and led the Tigers to their best season in a decade, capped off with a Cotton Bowl win. Schrader's journey to professional football, whether in the NFL or UFL, began in Kirksville as he tries to make the cut.

La Plata Bulldogs fall baseball schedule

By Shane Gravlin Daily Express

LA PLATA, Mo. — Some sports offer both a fall season and a spring season, like baseball, and the La Plata Bulldogs fall baseball season will be here soon.

The 2024 La Plata spring baseball team hung around but didn't command any of their competition. Against teams above .500, they struggled generally, but they had no issues beating teams below that mark.

They made some noise in the Class 1 District 13 MSHSAA baseball tournament, earning a three-seed (out of seven) and defeated Bevier in the first round before pulling off an upset win over North Shelby. In the district final, La Plata fell to one-seed Brashear by just a single run.

So while they didn't shine in the regular season, La Plata proved they can make playoff noise.

They'll try to carry over that success this fall season; here's a look at the Bulldogs schedule:



- Aug. 31: Atlanta Baseball Tournament
- Sep. 3: La Plata at Northeast (Cairo), 5p
- Sep. 5: La Plata vs. Higbee, 6:30p
- Sep. 6: La Plata at Grundy County with Newtown-Harris, 5p
- Sep. 11: La Plata at Atlanta, 5p
- Sep. 14: St. E Showcase
- Sep. 16: La Plata at Sturgeon, 5p
- Sep. 17: La Plata vs. Bucklin with Macon County, 6:30p
- Sep. 20: La Plata vs. Brashear, 6:30p
- Sep. 24: La Plata at Bevier, 6:30p
- Sep. 26: La Plata at Green City, 6:30p
- Sep. 27: La Plata vs. Palmyra, 5p
- Sep. 30: La Plata vs. Northeast (Cairo), 5p
- Oct. 1: La Plata at Novinger, 6:30p
- Oct. 4: La Plata vs. Linn County, 6:30p
- Oct. 9: La Plata at Meadville, 6:30p
- Oct. 10: La Plata vs. Atlanta, 6:30p

A look back at Truman State's MLB players

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KIRKSVILLE, Mo. — There have been over 20,000 who have worn a Major League uniform in their lifetimes. Over 600 of those players were from the Show Me State. Of those hundreds of Missourian MLB players, however, only five of them were the Truman State Bulldogs.

There have been a total of five MLB players produced by Truman State University which founded its baseball program in 1966.

Only two of them actually played Bulldogs baseball, too, as the others attended before Truman sponsored a ball-club, so the other three must've sharpened their skills elsewhere in other amateur leagues.

In alphabetical order, the MLB players who went to Truman State were:

Bruce Bereyni, starting pitcher
Born: Aug. 21, 1954 in Bryan, Ohio
Attended Truman State (then Northeast Missouri State University) 1976
Cincinnati Reds (1980-1984);

32W-47L, 3.96 ERA, 1,492 WHIP, 486 K, 613.1 IP
New York Mets (1984-1986); 12W-8L, 4.28 ERA, 1,426 WHIP, 121 K, 168.1 IP
Career (1980-1986); 6.2 WAR, 44W-55L, 4.03 ERA, 1,478 WHIP, 607 K, 781.2 IP
*Played for the 1986 World Series Champion Mets during the regular season, but failed to make their postseason roster. He was still awarded a team ring which he later sold.

Guy Curtright, outfielder
Born: Oct. 18, 1912 in Holliday, Mo.
Attended Truman State (then Northeast Missouri State Teachers College) from 1931-1934
Chicago White Sox (1943-1946); .276 BA, .363 OBP, .737 OPS, 108 RBI, 147 R, 9 HR, 1228 PA
Career (1943-1946); 4.7 WAR .276 BA, .363 OBP, .737 OPS, 108 RBI, 147 R, 9 HR, 1228 PA
*Made his rookie debut at age 30 and spent 11 seasons in the minors before being called up. His playing time fell off considerably after his first year, and that was the only season he played in at least 100 games.

Al Nipper, starting pitcher
Born: Aug. 2, 1959 in San Diego, grew up in St. Louis area
Attended Truman State (then Northeast Missouri State University) 1977-1980
Boston Red Sox (1983-1987); 42W-43L, 4.62 ERA, 1,426 WHIP, 342 K, 693.2 IP
Chicago Cubs (1988); 2W-4L, 3.04 ERA, 1.325 WHIP, 27 K, 80.0 IP
Cleveland Indians (1990); 2W-3L, 6.75 ERA, 2.250 WHIP, 12 K, 24.0 IP
Career (1980-1986); 6.2 WAR, 46W-50L, 4.52 ERA, 1,440 WHIP, 381 K, 797.2 IP
*Finished seventh in NL Rookie of the Year voting in 1984. Started Game 4 of the 1986 World Series and was the losing pitcher in that game, allowing three runs, two of which came on a blast from Gary Carter.

Dave Wehrmeister, pitcher
Born: Nov. 9, 1952 in Berwyn, Ill.
Attended Truman State (then Northeast Missouri State College) 1971-1972
San Diego Padres (1976-1978); 2W-7L, 6.35 ERA, 1.827 WHIP, 44 K, 96.1 IP



Truman State's baseball facilities have undergone several "make-overs" through the years. SHANE GRAVLIN

New York Yankees (1981); 0W-0L, 5.14 ERA, 1.857 WHIP, 7 K, 7.0 IP
Philadelphia Phillies (1984); 0W-0L, 7.20 ERA, 1.667 WHIP, 13 K, 15.0 IP
Chicago White Sox (1985); 2W-2L, 3.43 ERA, 1.857 WHIP, 121 K, 39.1 IP
Career (1976-1985); -2.1 WAR, 4W-9L, 5.65 ERA, 1.144 WHIP, 32 K, 157.2 IP
*Never could stick around at the MLB level for long before bouncing back down to AAA. Played in 310 games of AAA baseball and 76 games of MLB baseball. In his last-ever appearance he relieved pitching duties from Tom Seaver, who was also in his final season.

Lee Wheat, pitcher
Born: Sep. 15, 1929 in Edwardsville, Ill.
Attended Truman State (then Northeast Missouri State Teachers College) 1948
Philadelphia / Kansas City Athletics (1954-1955); 0W-2L, 6.82 ERA, 1.912 WHIP, 8 K, 30.1 IP
Career (1954-1955); -0.4 WAR, 0W-2L, 6.82 ERA, 1.912 WHIP, 8 K, 30.1 IP
*Playing career was interrupted by the Korean War. When he debuted, the Athletics were in their final season of playing home games in Philadelphia. The next year the franchise was moved to Kansas City.

Rinehart R100 Archery Shoot scheduled in Moberly

STAFF REPORTS

MOBERLY, Mo. — Participate in the world's greatest 3D Archery Shoot in Moberly's Rothwell Park! The NOMO Bowhunting Club is bringing the Rinehart Archery event back on August 9-11.

The R100 is an archery circuit that consists of 100 targets set up on four different ranges and four games to participate in. This event is a family-friendly — giving hunting clubs, talented archers, and participants of all ages and levels the opportunity to test their skills and have fun. These specialized 3D targets are life-size giraffes, elephants, hippopotamuses, zebras, dinosaurs and many



others. Whether you're a pro or an amateur, this exhibit is sure to enhance your archery experience and provide a fun-filled weekend. The setting is Moberly's Rothwell Park — a 467-acre space with forests, fields, lawns, and lakes! With camping on-site and other accommodations nearby, the park offers plenty for the whole family. Pre-register at www.r100.org to save. You can also register the day of the event. For specific questions, please call Moberly Parks and Recreation, 660-269-8704 (ext. 2040) or visit the Rinehart R100 website, www.r100.org.

Tiny Tykes Soccer registration now open

By City of Kirksville

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The city of Kirksville's Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for the Tiny Tykes Soccer program. Tiny Tykes Soccer, brought to you by Nolan Law Firm, is an exciting and engaging six-week program, for children ages 3 through 5, that teaches soccer using play-based learning. Tiny Tykes Soccer will be held on Tuesdays or Thursdays starting Sept. 10.

Participants will select either Tuesday or Thursday, then choose either a 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. session or a 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. session when registering. That can be done online at parks.kirksvillecity.com or in person at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, located at 801 E. Mill St. Registration is \$30 per participant and



each player will receive a Tiny Tykes Soccer t-shirt. Scholarships are available for this program and applications can be picked up at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, or found online at kirksvillecity.com/p/parks-recreation. Tiny Tykes Soccer will be held at the Tiny Tykes Soccer Field, located next to the Pee Wee Baseball Fields at the North Park Complex on 3000 Novinger Street. For more information, contact Kirksville Parks and Recreation at 660-627-1485.



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Academic honors for Truman State track & field

By PRESS RELEASE

NEW ORLEANS — Jacob Morris was named the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) Outdoor National Scholar Athlete of the Year. Morris also earned All-Academic honors and was joined by fellow Bulldogs Raina Baker, Kendall Dascher, Lexy Henrikson, and Addie Mathis on the honor roll.

Both Bulldog Track & Field programs were designated as a USTFCCA All-Academic team with both squads averaging over a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average. The women's team posted the fourth-highest team GPA in Division II with a 3.74 average. The teams are led by Leslie Hardsy and assisted by Collin Nurenberg and graduate as-



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stant Justin Moeller. Morris was the outdoor national champion in the Discus throw and previously was named an Academic All-American by the College Sports Communicators. He is the first Bulldog to earn the Scholar-Athlete of the Year award from the USTFCCA. To earn All-Academic recognition, student-athletes must have a minimum of a 3.25 grade-point average and have achieved an NCAA Division II qualification mark in their respective events. Henrikson, Dascher, Baker and Mathis ran a qualification time the group set a school record in the women's distance medley relay event at the Great Lakes Valley Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Truman State swimming recognized for academic honors

By PRESS RELEASE

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. — The Truman State University Bulldog Swimming programs were recognized by the College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) with individual and team Scholar All-America honors.

Individually, Emily Traube, Meg Heveroh, and A.J. Kohler were named Scholar All-Americans for achieving a minimum of a 3.5 grade-point average for the academic year and swimming an NCAA cham-



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ampionship qualifying time in their respective event. The men's and women's programs, under the direction of Jacob Rags-

dale, were named Scholar All-America teams for posting a team grade-point average over 3.0 for the spring 2024 semester.

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Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of Missouri

To be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, the 6th day of August, 2024.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 1

[Proposed by the 102nd General Assembly (First Regular Session) SJR 26]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to allow places where individuals, corporations, organizations, and associations provide childcare outside of the child's home to be exempt from property tax? This is intended to make childcare more available, which would support the well-being of children, families, the workforce, and society as a whole.

State governmental entities estimate the state's Blind Pension Fund could have annual lost revenue of up to \$400,000. Local governments expect an unknown fiscal impact.

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 6 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to a property tax exemption for certain child care facilities.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2024, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article X of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 6, article X, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 6, to read as follows:

Section 6. 1. All property, real and personal, of the state, counties and other political subdivisions, and nonprofit cemeteries, and all real property used as a homestead as defined by law of any citizen of this state who is a former prisoner of war, as defined by law, and who has a total service-connected disability, shall be exempt from taxation; all personal property held as industrial inventories, including raw materials, work in progress and finished work on hand, by manufacturers and refiners, and all personal property held as goods, wares, merchandise, stock in trade or inventory for resale by distributors, wholesalers, or retail merchants or establishments shall be exempt from taxation; and all property, real and personal, not held for private or corporate profit and used exclusively for religious worship, for schools and colleges, for purposes purely charitable, for agricultural and horticultural societies, or for veterans' organizations may be exempted from taxation by general law. In addition to the above, household goods, furniture, wearing apparel and articles of personal use and adornment owned and used by a person in his home or dwelling place may be exempt from taxation by general law but any such law may provide for approximate restitution to the respective political subdivisions of revenues lost by reason of the exemption. All laws exempting from taxation property other than the property enumerated in this article, shall be void. The provisions of this section exempting certain personal property of manufacturers, refiners, distributors, wholesalers, and retail merchants and establishments from taxation shall become effective, unless otherwise provided by law, in each county on January 1 of the year in which that county completes its first general reassessment as defined by law.

2. All revenues lost because of the exemption of certain personal property of manufacturers, refiners, distributors, wholesalers, and retail merchants and establishments shall be replaced to each taxing authority within a county from a countywide tax hereby imposed on all property in subclass 3 of class 1 in each county. For the year in which the exemption becomes effective, the county clerk shall calculate the total revenue lost by all taxing authorities in the county and extend upon all property in subclass 3 of class 1 within the county, a tax at the rate necessary to produce that amount. The rate of tax levied in each county according to this subsection shall not be increased above the rate first imposed and will stand levied at that rate unless later reduced according to the provisions of subsection 3. The county collector shall disburse the proceeds according to the revenue lost by each taxing authority because of the exemption of such property in that county. Restitution of the revenues lost by any taxing district contained in more than one county shall be from the several counties according to the revenue lost because of the exemption of property in

each county. Each year after the first year the replacement tax is imposed, the amount distributed to each taxing authority in a county shall be increased or decreased by an amount equal to the amount resulting from the change in that district's total assessed value of property in subclass 3 of class 1 at the countywide replacement tax rate. In order to implement the provisions of this subsection, the limits set in section 11(b) of this article may be exceeded, without voter approval, if necessary to allow each county listed in section 11(b) to comply with this subsection.

3. Any increase in the tax rate imposed pursuant to subsection 2 of this section shall be decreased if such decrease is approved by a majority of the voters of the county voting on such decrease. A decrease in the increased tax rate imposed under subsection 2 of this section may be submitted to the voters of a county by the governing body thereof upon its own order, ordinance, or resolution and shall be submitted upon the petition of at least eight percent of the qualified voters who voted in the immediately preceding gubernatorial election.

4. As used in this section, the terms "revenues lost" and "lost revenues" shall mean that revenue which each taxing authority received from the imposition of a tangible personal property tax on all personal property held as industrial inventories, including raw materials, work in progress and finished work on hand, by manufacturers and refiners, and all personal property held as goods, wares, merchandise, stock in trade or inventory for resale by distributors, wholesalers, or retail merchants or establishments in the last full tax year immediately preceding the effective date of the exemption from taxation granted for such property under subsection 1 of this section, and which was no longer received after such exemption became effective.

5. Because the availability of childcare supports the well-being of children, families, the workforce, and society as a whole, all property, real and personal, used primarily for the care of a child outside of his or her home may be exempted from taxation by general law. If a portion of the property of an individual or a for profit or nonprofit corporation, organization, or association is used for such childcare, an assessing authority may be authorized by general law to exempt from the assessment, levy, and collection of taxes such portion of the property of such individual, corporation, organization, or association that is used primarily for such childcare.

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this resolution shall be as follows:

"Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to allow places where individuals, corporations, organizations, and associations provide childcare outside of the child's home to be exempt from property tax? This is intended to make childcare more available, which would support the well-being of children, families, the workforce, and society as a whole."

STATE OF MISSOURI } ss Secretary of State

I, John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State of the state of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 1, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the Special Election to be held the sixth day of August, 2024.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 28th day of May, 2024.

Signature of John R. Ashcroft

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 4

[Proposed by the 101st General Assembly (Second Regular Session) SS 2 SJR 38]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to authorize laws, passed before December 31st, 2026, that increase minimum funding for a police force established by a state board of police commissioners to ensure such police force has additional resources to serve its communities?

This would authorize a law passed in 2022 increasing required funding by the City of Kansas City for police department requests from 20% of general revenue to 25%, an increase of \$38,743,646, though the City previously provided that level of funding voluntarily. No other state or local governmental entities estimate costs or savings.

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 21 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the funding of law enforcement agencies.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2022, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article X of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 21, article X, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 21, to read as follows:

Section 21. 1. The state is hereby prohibited from reducing the state financed proportion of the costs of any existing activity or service required of counties and other political subdivisions. A new activity or service or an increase in the level of any activity or service beyond that required by existing law shall not be required by the general assembly or any state agency of counties or other political subdivisions, unless a state appropriation is made and disbursed to pay the county or other political subdivision for any increased costs.

2. Notwithstanding the foregoing prohibitions, before December 31, 2026, the general assembly may by law increase minimum funding for a police force established by a state board of police commissioners to ensure such police force has additional resources to serve its communities.

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this resolution shall be as follows:

"Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to authorize laws, passed before December 31, 2026, that increase minimum funding for a police force established by a state board of police commissioners to ensure such police force has additional resources to serve its communities?"

STATE OF MISSOURI } ss Secretary of State

I, John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State of the state of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 4, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the Special Election to be held the sixth day of August, 2024.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 28th day of May, 2024.

Signature of John R. Ashcroft

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at 3:00 P.M., on August 26, 2024, (Monday) in the Adair County Health Department Building at 1001 South Jamison Street in Kirksville, Missouri 63501, at which time citizens may be heard on the property tax rate proposed and set by the Adair County Health Department, a political subdivision. The tax rate is expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

Table with 3 columns: ASSESSED VALUATION (By Categories), CURRENT TAX YEAR 2024, PRIOR TAX YEAR 2023. Rows include Residential, Agricultural, Commercial, Total Real Estate, PERSONAL PROPERTY, State Assessed Railroad & Utility, State Assessed Commercial Aircraft, and TOTAL.

Table with 2 columns: Projected revenue For 2024: \$1,044,463; Proposed Tax Rate for 2024: .2437

ADAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BY: Lori Guffey, RN /Administrator

7-19-2024 Date

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For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Christopher O. Weaver, Sabrina D. Weaver, dated April 20, 2023, and recorded on April 21, 2023, Document No. 202300000859, in Book No. 1150, at Page 350 - 367 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Adair County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on August 16, 2024, at 10:30 AM, at the South Front Door of the Adair County Courthouse, Kirksville, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

All of that part of the Southeast Fourth of the Northeast Fourth of Section 29, Township 62, Range 13, described as follows to wit: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southwest Fourth of the Northeast Fourth of Section 29, Township 62, Range 13, thence South 355 feet, thence East 807 feet to the Wagon Road, thence in a Northeasterly direction along the West side of said Wagon Road, to the North line of said Southeast Fourth of the Northeast Fourth first described thence West 870 feet to the point of beginning, commonly known as 23299 Clemson Way, Brashear, MO, 63533

subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

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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 (Casefile No. 246148-1032982).

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The City of Kirksville will accept sealed bids for RTP PROJECT 2022-07 NORTH PARK TRAIL PHASE 1 (CITY PROJECT NO. PA-22-003), at the office of the City Clerk, 201 S. Franklin St., Kirksville, Missouri 63501-3580, until 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 15, 2024, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The bid will be awarded to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder; and however, the City of Kirksville reserves the right to reject any and all bids. No bidder may withdraw a bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the day of opening bids. A certified check or cashier's check or a bid bond in the amount of five (5%) shall be submitted with each proposal.

The work shall generally consist of: The City is seeking the construction of approximately 4,390 feet of ADA-accessible, multi-use, eight-foot (8') wide hard surface trail around the perimeter of the City's North Park Complex. Installation of seven (7) concrete pads with benches and trash receptacles. Within the two (2) parking lots, two (2) bollards with signage will be installed. Construction of a five-foot (5') wide concrete connector to the subdivision to the south of the park.

This project will be funded in part by a grant through the Missouri State Parks Recreational Trail Program (RTP), established by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR). Federal Funds are being used in the project and all federal, state, and local requirements apply. The selected bidder will be subject to all applicable local, state, and federal rules and regulations. RTP Contract Provisions are included in the specifications.

Contract award is contingent on approval from MoDNR Division of State Parks RTP.

Copies of the Contract Documents required for bidding purposes may be obtained from:

City of Kirksville Engineering Department 201 S. Franklin Kirksville, MO 63501 660.627.1272

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 1:30 pm in the 2nd-floor conference room of City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street, Kirksville, MO 63501. All bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Discuss the bidding requirements
• Receive any questions regarding the project
• Visit the proposed construction site
• Discuss EEO requirements, if necessary

All questions of a technical nature will be answered in writing by addendum. Questions may be submitted by phone or in writing. Questions should be submitted no later than five (5) working days before the bid date.

No less than the general prevailing rate of wage as established by the Missouri Department of Labor, must be paid for by craft for the workmen needed to perform the work.

MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to respond to this bid. The City of Kirksville does not discriminate in its decisions on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender, gender identity, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or on any other basis that would be in violation of any applicable federal, state, or local law. Furthermore, the City of Kirksville will make reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with known disabilities unless doing so would result in an undue hardship.

Wanda J. Cagle City Clerk

NOTICE OF ABSENTEE VOTING THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 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, you may come to the Adair County Annex and vote an absentee ballot until

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024 AT 5:00 pm

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COUNTY CLERK'S NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024 ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI R

Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held at the following polling places in each precinct of said County of Adair, State of Missouri, and the polls will be open between the hours of (6) six o'clock in the morning and until (7) seven o'clock in the evening of the first Tuesday after the first Monday of August, 2024, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Federal, State, District, and County offices, to be voted for at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, the (5th) fifth day of November, 2024. The hereinafter mentioned ballots contains the name of each candidate for nomination, together with a designation of the office for which he or she represents, the party of principle he or she represents, as certified and filed in the County Clerk's Office.

- 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, August 6, 2024 beginning at (6) six o'clock a.m. and closing at (7) seven o'clock p.m. of said day. The ballots for said election will be in the following forms according to the districts:

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI AUGUST 6, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice, like this [bullet]. 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.

For United States Senator (Vote for 1) [] Josh Hawley

For Governor (Vote for 1) [] Darrell Leon McClanahan III [] Jeremy Gundel [] Bill Eigel [] Robert James Olson [] John R. (Jay) Ashcroft [] Mike Kehoe [] Chris Wright [] Darren L Grant [] Amber Thomsen

For Lieutenant Governor (Vote for 1) [] Holly Rehder [] Dave Wasinger [] Lincoln Hough [] Paul Berry III [] Tim Baker [] Matthew E. Porter

For Secretary of State (Vote for 1) [] Valentina Gomez [] Shane Schoeller [] Denny Hoskins [] Adam J. Schwadron [] Jamie Corley [] Dean Plocher [] Mary Elizabeth Coleman [] Mike Carter

For State Treasurer (Vote for 1) [] Cody Smith [] Andrew Koenig [] Lori Rook [] Vivek Malek [] Tana Goodrick [] Kira Puji

For Attorney General (Vote for 1) [] Will Scharf [] Andrew Bailey

For United States Representative in Congress 6th District (Vote for 1) [] Freddie Griffin Jr [] Brandon Kleinmeyer [] Sam Graves [] Weldon Wray Woodward

For State Representative 3rd District (Vote for 1) [] Danny Busick

For State Representative 4th District (Vote for 1) [] Greg Sharpe

For Circuit Judge Circuit 2 (Vote for 1) [] Matt Wilson

For Commissioner of the County Commission 1st District (Vote for 1) [] William "Bill" King [] Larry Logston

For Commissioner of the County Commission 2nd District (Vote for 1) [] Gayla McHenry [] Jeff Gottman [] Joseph "Joe" Shoop

For Sheriff (Vote for 1) [] Jason D. Lene [] Jason C. Underwood

For Assessor (Vote for 1) [] Kent Bryant

For Public Administrator (Vote for 1) [] Rhonda Noe

For Coroner (Vote for 1) [] Charles (Chuck) Watson [] Brian C Noe

For Surveyor (Vote for 1) [] Patrick E. Boren

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State governmental entities estimate the state's Blind Pension Fund could have annual lost revenue of up to \$400,000. Local governments expect an unknown fiscal impact. [] YES [] NO

Constitutional Amendment No. 4 Proposed by 101st General Assembly (Second Regular Session) SS 2 SJR No. 38 Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to authorize laws, passed before December 31st, 2026, that increase minimum funding for a police force established by a state board of police commissioners to ensure such police force has additional resources to serve its communities?

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DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI AUGUST 6, 2024

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For United States Senator (Vote for 1) [] Karla May [] December L. Harmon [] Lucas Kunce [] Mita Biswas

For Governor (Vote for 1) [] Eric Morrison [] Crystal Quade [] Sheryl Gladney [] Hollis L Laster [] Mike Hamra

For Lieutenant Governor (Vote for 1) [] Richard Brown [] Anastasia Syes

For Secretary of State (Vote for 1) [] Monique Williams [] Barbara Phifer [] Haley Jacobson

For State Treasurer (Vote for 1) [] Mark Osmack

For Attorney General (Vote for 1) [] Elad Jonathan Gross

For United States Representative in Congress 6th District (Vote for 1) [] Rich Gold [] Pam May

For State Representative 4th District (Vote for 1) [] Melissa Jo Vilorio

For Commissioner of the County Commission 2nd District (Vote for 1) [] Harley L Harrelson

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LIBERTARIAN PRIMARY OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI AUGUST 6, 2024

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For United States Senator (Vote for 1) [] W.C. Young

For Governor (Vote for 1) [] Bill Stantz

For Lieutenant Governor (Vote for 1) [] Ken Iverson

For Secretary of State (Vote for 1) [] Carl Herman Freese

For State Treasurer (Vote for 1) [] John A. Hartwig, Jr.

For Attorney General (Vote for 1) [] Ryan L. Munro

For United States Representative in Congress 6th District (Vote for 1) [] Andy Maidment

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NON-PARTISAN PRIMARY OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI AUGUST 6, 2024

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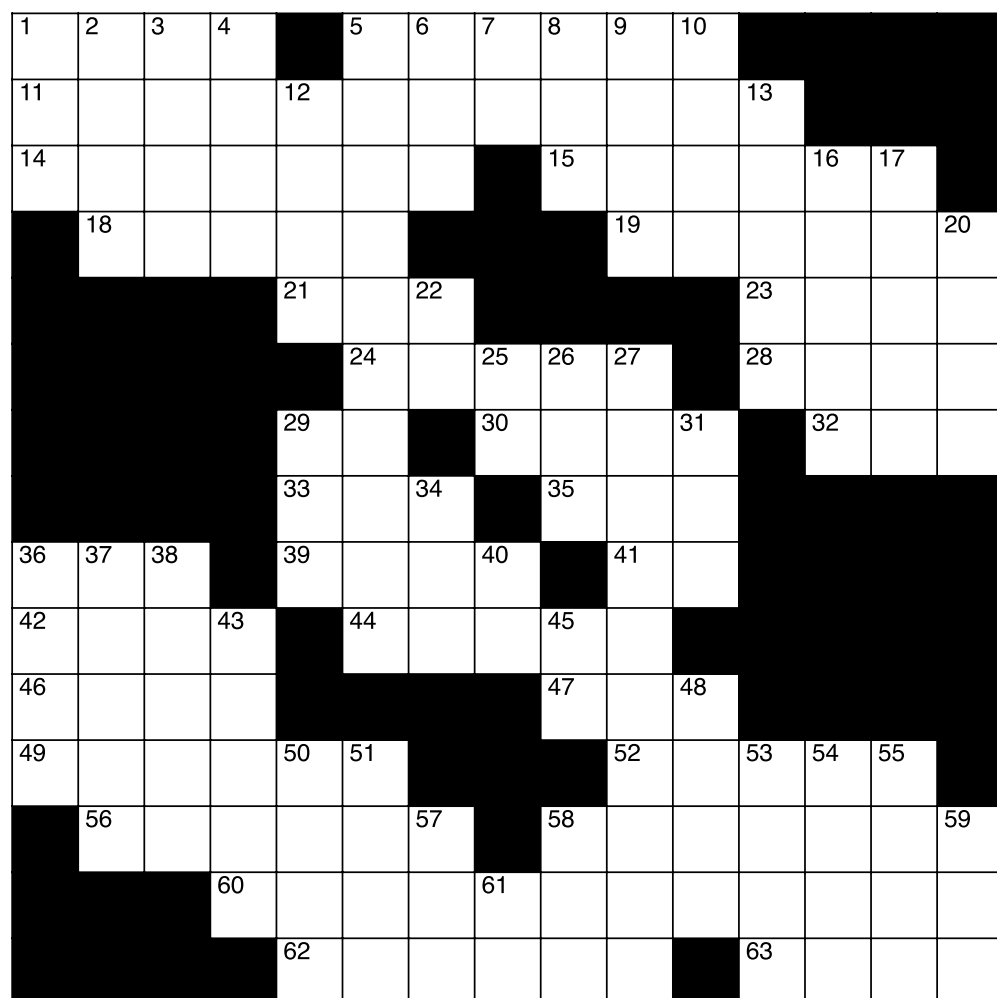
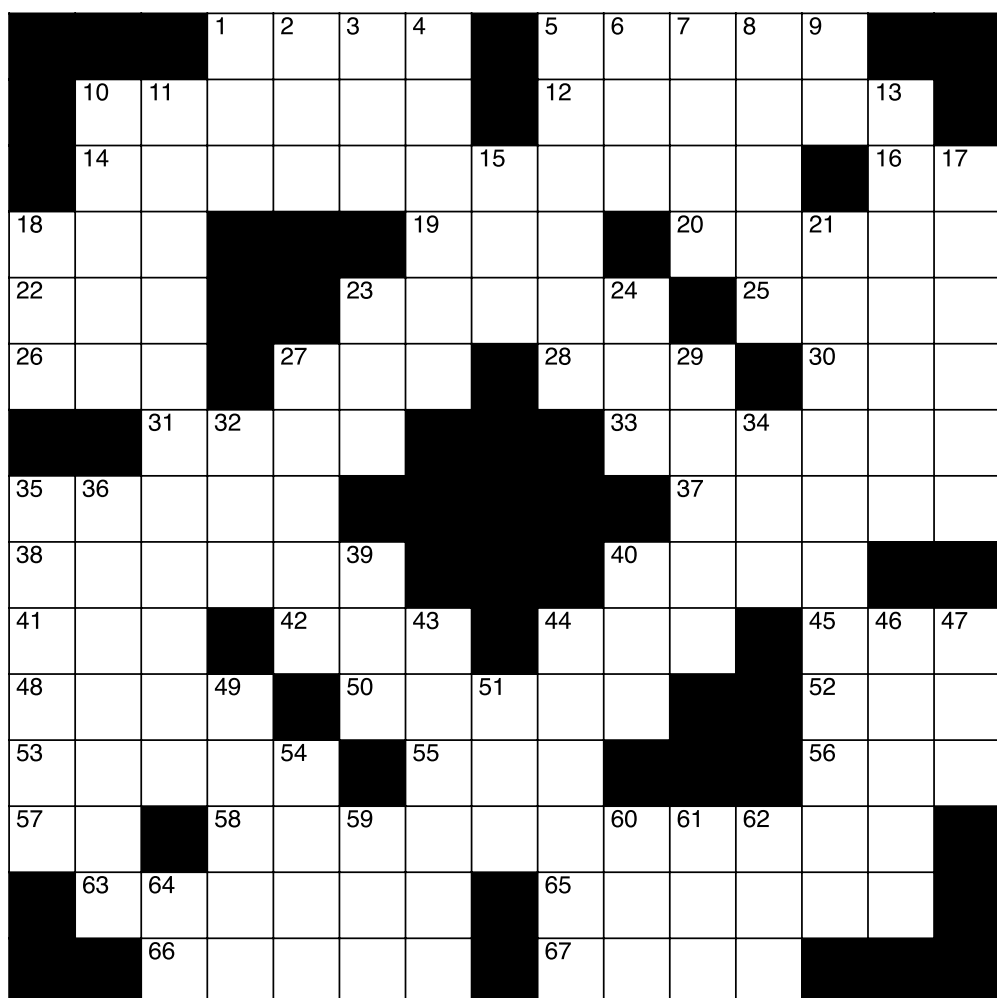
NOTICE

Under the provision of Section 115.233 RSMo. Election Laws of the State of Missouri, the ballot counting computer will be tested to ascertain that the equipment is in compliance with the law and that it will correctly count votes cast for all offices and on all questions in the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. The test for the Optical Scan System will be at the Adair County Courthouse on

July 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

A pre-audited group of ballots will be processed. If an error is detected, the cause shall be determined and corrected and an errorless count shall be made before the tabulation equipment is approved. The test shall be open to the candidates, the news media and the public.

Sandra Collop
Adair County Clerk
106 W. Washington St.
Kirksville, Missouri 63501



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Imitated
- 5. Explosion
- 10. One who writes
- 12. Large nests
- 14. Philly specialty
- 16. A form of "to be"
- 18. Automobile
- 19. A way to stand
- 20. Waterlogged land
- 22. A way to provide
- 23. We all need it
- 25. Stalk of a moss capsule
- 26. Promotional materials
- 27. Bashful
- 28. Ten
- 30. He captured Valencia
- 31. Quickly
- 33. Violent seizure of property
- 35. Fugazi bassist
- 37. Baseball great Davey
- 38. Large bird cage
- 40. British noble
- 41. They protect Americans (abbr.)
- 42. Economic institution
- 44. Pat lightly

- 45. Not even
- 48. Cools
- 50. Seat belt advocate
- 52. A dishonorable man
- 53. Smooths over
- 55. Moved quickly
- 56. Part of a play
- 57. South Dakota
- 58. Worsen
- 63. Madam Butterfly and La Boheme
- 65. Removes
- 66. Dull, brown fabrics
- 67. Comedian Rogen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. 100 sq. meters
- 2. Dessert
- 3. One point south of due east
- 4. Profoundly
- 5. Swatted
- 6. Confederate general
- 7. Soviet composer
- 8. Japanese deer (pl.)
- 9. Tellurium
- 10. Burn with a hot liquid
- 11. Pupas
- 13. Famed chapel

- 15. Car mechanics group
- 17. Blocks from the sun
- 18. Numbers cruncher
- 21. Responds in kind
- 23. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- 24. Each
- 27. Fitzgerald's wife Zelda
- 29. Tribe of Judah rep
- 32. Patti Hearst's captors
- 34. "The Raven" author
- 35. Bars give them their own nights
- 36. Essential for guacamole
- 39. Currency
- 40. Golfers hope to make it
- 43. Touch gently
- 44. Does not allow
- 46. Cyprinids
- 47. Insecticide
- 49. Passover feast and ceremony
- 51. Patriotic women
- 54. Protein-rich liquids
- 59. Type of soda
- 60. Necessary to extract metal
- 61. Inform upon
- 62. A type of residue
- 64. Palladium

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Nasal mucus
- 5. Hairs on the back of a dog
- 11. Ones who build anew
- 14. Consume too much food
- 15. Praised
- 18. Provides weapons
- 19. Become less lively
- 21. Engine additive
- 23. Thought or suggestion
- 24. South Korean city
- 28. Midday rests
- 29. Expression of acidity or alkalinity
- 30. Group of rockers
- 32. Very fast airplane
- 33. One who is paid to do something
- 35. Buzzing insect
- 36. Monotheistic religion founder
- 39. Strong dark beer
- 41. Blood type
- 42. Square measures
- 44. Honorific titles in NW Semitic languages
- 46. Present

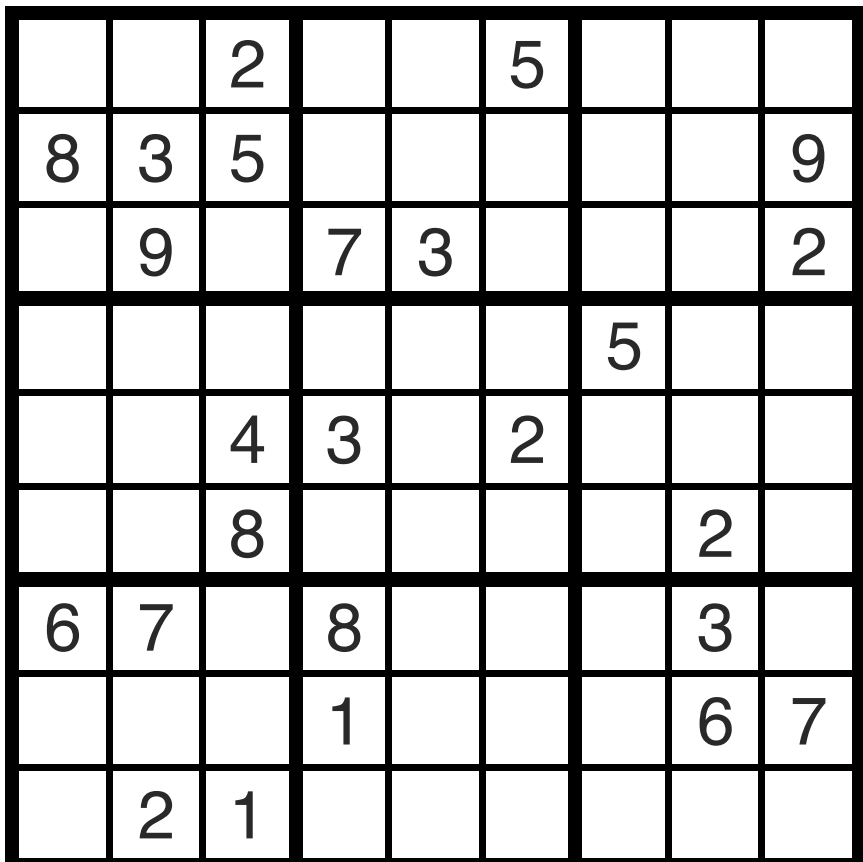
- 47. Afflict in mind or body
- 49. Duty
- 52. Municipality in Stockholm
- 56. In a normal way
- 58. Rode a bicycle
- 60. Charitable
- 62. Verandas
- 63. Uncredited

CLUES DOWN

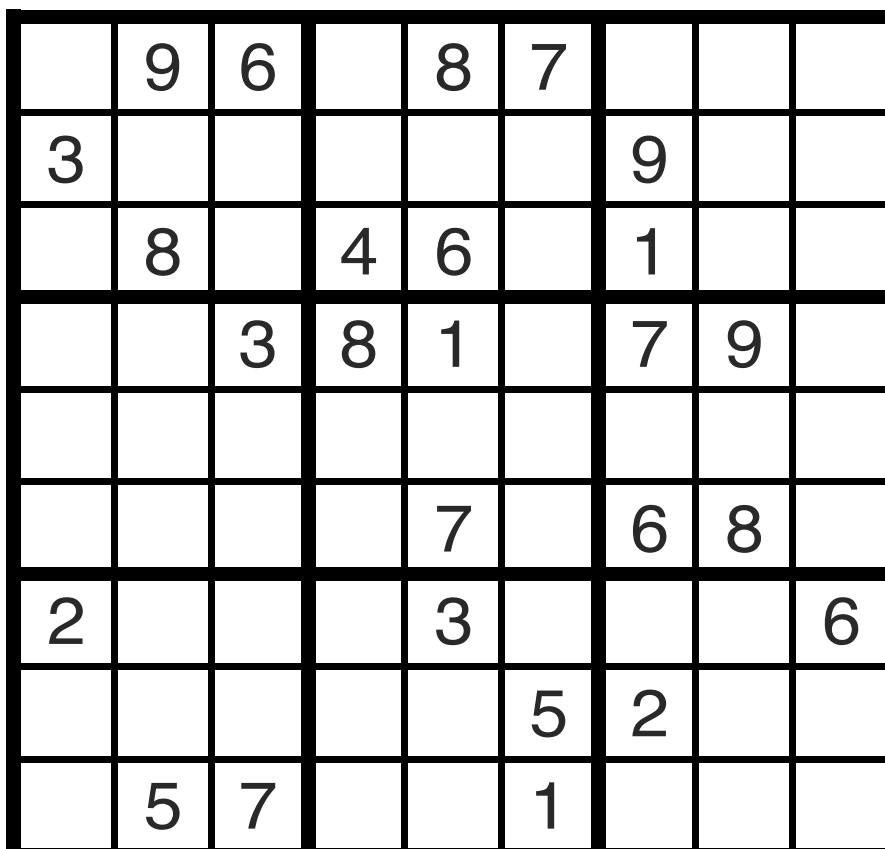
- 1. No seats available
- 2. Russian river
- 3. A European river
- 4. Phrase
- 5. Idol
- 6. Keyboard key
- 7. Prefix indicating mutual
- 8. Kilometers per hour
- 9. Set an example
- 10. It's among the "Great" ones
- 12. VV
- 13. Murdered
- 16. Icelandic poems
- 17. Seas
- 20. Famed cartoonist
- 22. Partner to "Ma"

- 25. Equal to one quintillion bytes
- 26. Speak incessantly
- 27. Disquiet
- 29. Parts per billion (abbr.)
- 31. Upper-class young woman (abbr.)
- 34. S. American plant
- 36. Monetary unit of Thailand
- 37. Regions
- 38. Baseball legend Yogi
- 40. Ancient Egyptian notion of spiritual part of humans
- 43. Fishing net
- 45. Tinseltown
- 48. MacBeth's wife was one
- 50. Took a spill
- 51. Adversary to pets
- 53. Town in Galilee
- 54. Secret racist society (slang)
- 55. About aviation
- 57. Longing or yearning
- 58. Hawaiian dish
- 59. Field force unit
- 61. Partner to "Pa"

SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate



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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Area veterans honored at Sue Ross Arts Center

By Kirksville Arts Association

For the third year the Kirksville Arts Association is honoring veterans with a photography exhibit titled "Thank You for Your Service" in the Ellebracht Gallery at the Sue Ross Arts Center. The show recognizes 20 former military members including many Vietnam veterans and one World War II veteran. The veterans are from Adair, Schuyler, Sullivan, Macon and Cole counties in Missouri.

The exhibit opened on July 8 and will run through Thursday Aug. 29. A closing reception will be held from 5:30 to 7 pm on Thursday Aug. 29, which will include presentation of patriotic quilts to five of the honored veterans by the Hands of Friendship Quilt Guild. The quilts are currently on display with the exhibit.

The Sue Ross Arts Center is located at 215 S. Franklin Street in downtown Kirksville and is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. There is no cost to visit the arts center and the reception is open to the public. The exhibit was funded by the Missouri Arts Council.



NEMO PHOTOGRAPHY

KIWANIAN KIRBY CUNDIFF SPEAKS TO CLUB AT JUNE 6 MEETING



The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed fellow Kiwanian Kirby Cundiff to speak at their June 6 meeting. Cundiff delivered a presentation on both the history and future of Social Security in the United States. Pictured are Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Dan McGurk (left) and Cundiff. KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

PUZZLE ANSWERS from page B3

Grid of crossword puzzle answers including words like SCRIPTURE, CAREER, ADS, LALLY, AVIARY, DOD, ICES, SEAS, SOPER, DRABS, SNOT, REDEVELOPER, OVERHAUL, FAIRMER, STP, TAEGUNAPSST, BAB, SOCK, AB, ARES, BAALS, HERE, TARIFF, SANITELY, PEDALE, OPERA, LANAIS, ANON, and numerical grids.

THIS WEEK'S FEATURED CHURCH Grace Community Bible Church. Includes an image of the church building.

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Yarrow Methodist Church
Mary Immaculate Catholic Church

Kirksville High School Class of 1964 holds 60th class reunion

By Kirksville High School Class of 1964

Kirksville High School Class of 1964 held its 60th class reunion July 12, 13, 14. Nine of their veterans were honored with Quilts of Valor, and a Challenge Coin. More will be honored with Quilts of Valor as soon as the quilts are finished



Front: Vivian Wright, Judy Algers, Buddy Gooch, Janet Jackson, Jerry Brown, Sheri Povendo, Nancy Forquer, Arlean Ford, Georgia Lahay, Sandi Carroll, Chuck Tade, Judy Howerton. 2nd: Gary Heinike, David England, Chris Bohon, Tony Mihalevich, Tom Minor. Back: Leonard Clark, Paul Mullenix, Tom Williams, Tom Hawkins, Steve Willcox, Roger Willcox, David Wheeler, Mike Blaine, Lindell Miller, Bud Adkins, Larry Beets, Randy Forquer.



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Capital Piecemaker, Helen Barnett, Sherrie Denslow, Joy Rushing, Jane Drew, not pictured Betty Duncan.



Challenge coin. The first side has a emblem for each service branch.



Veterans Quilt of Valor recipients: David England, Randy Forquer, David Wheeler, Tony Mihalevich, Tom Hawkins, Larry Beets, Gary Heinike, Chuck Tade. All Class of 64 graduates.

JASON UNDERWOOD

ADAIR COUNTY SHERIFF



August 6 Primary Election
Decides The Next Adair County Sheriff

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Jason Underwood's
Training, Qualifications,
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Missouri State Senator *Cindy O'Laughlin*

Cindy O'Laughlin
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District 18

May 21, 2024

Jason Underwood
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It is my pleasure to endorse Jason Underwood, Republican candidate for Adair County Sheriff. It is more important than ever that smart, dedicated people run for office; dedicated people who care about and serve their communities. Jason Underwood fits that description.

During his time with the police department, Jason served the citizens of Kirksville well. You will find multiple residents who testify to his professional conduct, his sincerity in caring for victims, and his determination to bring justice to victims by refusing to give up on investigations. That spirit is needed in all levels of law enforcement, but especially in the Sheriff's role.

Since his transition into the mental health space, his desire for continuous learning is evident in the trainings he attends and certifications he completes. Considering all that people are dealing with today from substance abuse to mental health disorders to not staying properly medicated, his knowledge will serve him and the sheriff's department well.

It is time to support the best people possible in positions of leadership at the local level—those who will stick to their convictions regardless of what keyboard warriors spread on social media—those who will work tirelessly to serve the public to the best of their ability—and those who will be innovative and go after all available resources to protect and serve the citizens. I hope you will join me in supporting Jason Underwood, Republican candidate for Adair County Sheriff.

Sincerely

Senator Cindy O'Laughlin