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Dr. Ragsdell attended Evangel University in Springfield, MO, for his Bachelor of Science in Biology, with a minor in Chemistry. He played football for Evangel as an undergraduate. He went on to attend Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, where he received a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. He then completed a General Rotating Internship and an Orthopedic Surgery Residency with Michigan State University at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital. After his internship and residency, Dr. Ragsdell completed a Sports Medicine and Shoulder Reconstruction Fellowship at William Beaumont Hospital where he trained with Dr. Kyle Anderson, the team orthopedic doctor for the Detroit Lions. Outside of his practice, Dr. Ragsdell is actively involved in his community and church, serving as a little league and soccer coach.

Dr. Ragsdell and his wife, Cassie, and their son have relocated to northeast Missouri from the Clearwater/St. Petersburg, Florida area. He is a full-time orthopedic physician for Scotland County Hospital and sees patients at Memphis Medical Services. He sees orthopedic patients and performs surgeries at Scotland County Hospital's Surgery Center, to include sports injuries, total knee replacements, total hip replacements, total shoulder replacements, back pain, ACL reconstruction, carpal tunnel and other orthopedic injuries.



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**Whiskey & Turkey
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Upcoming Events





**KIRKSVILLE'S
Hometown Holiday**

Celebrate the holidays by staying home and enjoying a festive array of activities! Join us for a tree lighting ceremony, capture memorable moments with Santa, experience the magic of living windows, glide across the ice while skating, and take enchanting carriage rides. Delight in the harmonious tunes of carolers, savor cups of hot chocolate, and don't miss the Kirkville Kiwanis Christmas parade.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Kirksville's 2024 Red, White and Blue Festival

Mark your calendars because Kirksville's annual Red, White and Blue Festival is just around the corner, taking place on Friday, July 5, and Saturday, July 6.

The fun begins Friday night with the Summer on the Square Concert Series and United Way Pie Sale and Auction. New this year is a downtown BBQ brought to you by Main Street Kirksville.

Saturday morning is full of familiar favorites in downtown Kirksville with the Kiwanis Farmers' Market, Pancake Breakfast, Classic Car Show, FLATS Uncle Sam 5K and Red, White and Blue Parade. Then head to North Park later that evening for food, games, live music and much more before fireworks light up the sky. Stay tuned for more details as time gets closer to the 2024 Red, White and Blue Festival.

Registration is now open for the Red, White and Blue Parade. Find the entry form here and get it submitted before the deadline of June 28. For more information on the parade, contact Parks and Recreation at 660-627-1485.



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NEMO Fair Queen Pageant

The 2024 NEMO Fair Queen Contest is July 14 at 4 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Building at the fairgrounds. Registration can be found on the NEMO Fair Queen Pageant Facebook Page. Deadline is June 30 for contestants age from 9-22. There is a \$1,000 scholarship for the winner of the Queen division and \$275 for 1st Runner Up.

Every contestant receives a gift bag for of swag donated from local business. There is also a MISS CONGENIALITY presented to each age division voted on by the contestants.

You or your child will gain immeasurable experience with public service as well as participating in this confidence-building local pageant. Don't have a dress? Call Cortney Lynne Diggins at "The Golden Ruler" as she *may* have one for you. Don't have a talent? Sure you do! You don't have to dance or sing, you can demonstrate a skill! Check out the registration form on Facebook.



Cortney Diggins Photography

NEMO FAIR KIDS CONTEST



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The 2024 NEMO Fair Kids Contest will be held for ages 0-8, on Sunday, July 14 in the Fairgrounds Multi-Purpose building. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the contest begins at 10 a.m. The theme is, "When I grow up I want to be a: • Farmer • Lawyer • Clown • Doctor • Dad • DJ • Princess • Mom • Astronaut. Dress to Impress — dress up or down but be prepared to explain what you want to be when you grow up and why. Have fun with it! This competition is free and all in good fun. All contestants will receive a prize bag and ribbon. There are larger prizes for winners of divisions (Boys and Girls), and an overall Grand Prize.

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2024 NEMO Fair

July 16-20, 2024

Opening Ceremonies
will be held on
Monday, July 15 at 7 p.m.
FREE Admission
(No Carnival this day)



Monday is Pie Day!



Pie Eating Contest, Pie Baking Contest & Pie Auction begin at 8 p.m. on Monday, July 15, following the Opening Ceremonies.

Rodeo on Tuesday, July 16



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NEMO Fair Entertainment

The Gin Blossoms breakout record, "New Miserable Experience," kept the band on the chart for almost three years with singles "Hey Jealousy," "Allison Road," "Until I Fall Away," "Mrs. Rita," and "Found Out About You." The crossover hits on the album played on four radio formats and, to date, have sold over five million records.



Saturday July 20th 8pm

Gin Blossoms With Special Guest RIKER



Jordan Isakson

Thursday July 18th 8pm

From the hills of the Missouri Ozark's, Jordan Isakson brings a touch of tradition to modern country music. His rich and powerful vocal performance matched with sharp delivery and twang brings a nostalgic edge to the (record) table.

NED LEDOUX



Friday July 19th 8pm

One of the most incredible things about great music is that it has the ability to take the listener to a place they'd rather be. Ned LeDoux's music has that kind of power.

Seven Reasons to Visit the Adair County Museum

There are dozens of reasons to visit the Adair County Museum, with three floors of exhibits and memories on display. While we'd like to show all of the many exhibits that fill the historic Sojourner's Club building at 211 South Elson Street, we feel these might be the highlights. The museum is open from 1-4 p.m., Wednesday through Friday.



The original Kirksville High School scoreboard.



At one time the museum was the Sojourner Club's building, which housed an adult library and a children's library, a re-creation of which you can go visit.



This original piano belonged to the Sojourner's Club and was left to the Historical Society.



The carriage was originally purchased in 1915 for \$85 by a descendent of an early settler of Adair County.



A clock that was on the tower of the current courthouse. The tower was removed in 1949.



The interior of the old Gibbs post office, which has been on loan to the Historical Society since the post office closed.



Part of the cornice from the former Dockery Hotel, which was once across the street from the Historical Society.

Knox County Corn Festival

'Cobs of Fun'

The Knox County Corn Festival will be held Sept. 6-8 in Edina at the Knox County Courthouse and on surrounding streets. The event features a car show, entertainers, and a children's play area. Vendors fill the courthouse square lawn while the surrounding streets are filled with classic cars, tractors, a small children's midway and rides.



The Pines

The Pines Long-Term Care

Ponderosa Ridge is a low acuity neighborhood, for a more assisted lifestyle. Monterey Terrace is a 20-bed Neighborhood with all semi-private rooms, dining room, and courtyard. Torrey Court is currently a 35-bed Neighborhood with both private rooms and semi-private rooms. It also has its own dining room and courtyard. The Pub is located at the Southeast entrance of Torrey Court and The Lodge is located at the South entrance. These social spaces can be enjoyed by the neighbors of both Torrey Court and Monterey Terrace.

The Pines

PARC (Post-Acute Rehab Center) Place PARC Place is a 25-bed Neighborhood that features private rooms with private bathrooms and showers, as well as its own dining room and courtyard. Residents in this short-term care neighborhood can spend time socializing in The Pub located in the Bortheast entrance or The Lodge located at the North Entrance.



Rotary

The Rotary Club of Kirksville (Noon) is joining with Scotland County Rotary Club to run three nights of BINGO at the NEMO Fair, from 6-8 p.m., July 18, 19 and 20. There will also be a short training session for workers at 6 p.m. on July 17. This is an opportunity to support the local Rotary Clubs' fundraiser and support the NEMO Fair!

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**Summer on the Square
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- July 5, 2024: Aaron Russell Band
- July 12, 2024: KV Community Band
- July 19, 2024: No Apology
- July 26, 2024: Little Known Fact
- August 2, 2024: Blue Velvet
- August 9, 2024: Shakey Ground
- August 16, 2024: Hootin' Annie's
- August 23, 2024: Keota
- August 30, 2024: Pumpstown

**Fridays
at 7 p.m.**



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Kirksville Block Parties are Back!

Join the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department for their 10th annual Free Block Party series this summer at a neighborhood park near you. Hot Dogs, Lemonade, Cotton Candy, Snow Cones, Water Fights, Suds Machine, Fire Truck, Police Car & more! Mark your calendars for a block party near you!

- PC Mills Park - June 23
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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 1-mile mud-filled obstacle adventure right here in Kirksville! The run will take place Saturday, August 17th, at the North Park Sports Complex.

Choose between a 9 a.m., 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. start time. Every child will receive post-race refreshments.

Early registration is \$10 per child before July 1 and \$15 after. 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.

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"We find it easier to attract artists as our good reputation has grown," says Artistic Director Todd Davison. "I have good luck selling East Coast actors on the charm of Midwestern living and once they come here and meet people, they want to come back."

The Maples Rep production year runs June through December with this year's summer season including musicals THE SOUND OF MUSIC and LUCKY STIFF as well as the classic play THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST. After a short break in August, the fall season kicks off with STEEL MAGNOLIAS and THE WOMAN IN BLACK. At Christmastime this year we will have 'TIS THE SEASON: A MAPLES REP HOLIDAY CELEBRATION which will feature holiday music and comedy for the whole family.

"First time patrons are often blown away by the quality of our shows," Davison continues, "I love to see the reaction of people who 'don't think they like plays' when they discover how enjoyable it can be." Every aspect of each show is created on site. From scenery and props to the hundreds of costumes it takes for a season everything is designed and made for these specific Maples Rep shows.

In addition to the six mainstage shows, Maples Rep also produces a series of shows for young audiences. These hour-long shows run on Wednesday and Saturday morning at 10am. Also, a series of theatre education day camps are scheduled throughout the summer which help budding thespians improve their skills.

It's easy to get to Maples Rep from anywhere in Upstate Missouri. Compared to attending a show in St. Louis or Chicago planning a trip is a breeze and the value is very high. Parking is free. Shopping and food are just a few steps away. Call the box office at 660.385.2924 or go online at www.maplesrep.com to learn more about Maples Repertory Theatre and to get tickets.



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July, August & September Programs

Thousand Hills Star Party
Friday, July 5
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Come out for a celebration of the night sky! Join others in the exploration of the stars and sky above you. There will be telescopes but everybody is welcome to bring their own telescopes, chairs, and binoculars. Meet at the Point Shelter.

Petroglyph Tour
Saturday, July 6 • 10 a.m.

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

Something About A Snake
Friday, July 12 • 7 p.m.

Something about a snakes



make them sssuper important. Join park staff to learn what that reason is and why snakes are unique. Meet at the Campground 1 amphitheater.

Mindfulness Hike
Saturday, July 13 • 10 a.m.

Join park staff for a mindfulness hike. Reconnect with yourself and nature on this hike inspired by forest bathing and other mindfulness

practices. Meet at the Redbud Trailhead on Big Loop Trail Rd., across from the playground.

Petroglyph Tour
Friday, July 19 • 7 p.m.

Thousand Hills State Park is home to a collection of petroglyphs or rock carvings made by ancestors of today's American Indians. Explore the petroglyphs with park staff to learn more

about this unique piece of history. Meet at the petroglyph shelter located next to the beach.

Pollinators for Kids
Saturday July 20 • 10 a.m.

Join park volunteers to learn about pollinators and get the chance to be a pollinator and "pollinate" flowers to see how our pollinators help our plants and ecosystem. Location TBD

Native Reptiles
Saturday, Aug. 3 • 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 learn Meet at Campground 1 Amphitheater.

Petroglyph Tour
Friday, August 16 • 7 p.m.

Thousand Hills State Park is home to a collection of petroglyphs or rock carvings made by ancestors of today's American Indians. Explore the petroglyphs with park staff to learn more

about this unique piece of history. Meet at the petroglyph shelter located next to the beach.

Eyes on the Sky
Friday, Aug. 30
8:30-10:30 p.m.

Come out to Thousand Hills State Park to take a look at the night sky. Learn about the importance of night sky to us and wildlife. There will be telescopes but everybody is welcome to bring their own telescopes, chairs, and binoculars. Meet at the Point Shelter.

Guided Hike of the Redbud Trail
Saturday, Aug. 31 • 10 a.m.

The forest of Thousand Hills is a never-ending story where every plant, animal, and even person has a part to play. Join park staff to uncover more of this story. Please wear closed-toed shoes and bring water and bug spray. Meet at the Redbud Trailhead on Big Loop Trail Rd., across from the playground.

Petroglyph Tour
Sunday, Sept. 1 • 10 a.m.

Thousand Hills State Park



is home to a collection of petroglyphs or rock carvings made by ancestors of today's American Indians. Explore the petroglyphs with park staff to learn more about this unique piece of history. Meet at the petroglyph shelter.

History of the Park
Saturday, Sept. 6 • 7 p.m.

Thousand Hills State Park has a unique history. Join park staff to learn more about how the park was created and how it has grown over time. Location TBD

Learn 2 Aim
Saturday, September 7
10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Begin your archer journey by attending a hands-on workshop this summer! Prior Registration is required.

REGISTER AT: mostate-parks.com/learn2

Snake Survival
Friday, Sept. 13 • 7 p.m.

Snakes have a variety of different ways that they defend themselves. Join park staff to discover these survival techniques.

There may be a chance to meet a live animal. Meet at the Campground 1 amphitheater.

Archeology Day
Sunday, Sept. 15 • 1-4 p.m.

Join park staff, archeologists, and volunteers for a fun day of archaeology! From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., check out a variety of fun and interactive archaeology activities. Meet at the beach parking lot.

Petroglyph Tour
Friday, Sept. 27 • 7 p.m.

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

Learn to Fish
Saturday, Sept. 28
4- 6 p.m.

Come learn to fish with us! There will be some equipment available for use. If you have your own fishing gear, please bring it. Fishers 15 or younger do not need a fishing license.

Fishers 65 and up who are Missouri Residents do not need a fishing license. All other participants will need a fishing license to participate. Day permits can be purchased at the Missouri Department of Conservation Regional Office or online at <https://mdc-web.s3licensing.com/> Meet at the shoreline in front of the cabins. Parking available between the cabins and the

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The 50th Annual Red Barn Arts and Crafts Festival will be held on September 28th in downtown Kirksville from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festival will feature artists and crafters from throughout the Midwest, an Entertainment Corner featuring local amateur talent, Kids Corner with fun arts and crafts for the kids, and a variety of food vendors. New this year will be a bounce house and a photo booth for selfies.



Kirksville Motor Company to sponsor 'The Ville' Golf Tournament

The Hannibal Regional Foundation and Complete Family Medicine's inaugural "The Ville" Celebrity Golf Classic, sponsored by Kirksville Motor Company/Kirksville Toyota, will support the Inspire Hope Campaign. On Sept. 11, participants will have the opportunity to golf alongside members of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame and other sports celebrities. "The Ville" Celebrity Golf Classic involves a day full of activities including catered breakfast, lunch, snacks, and beverages, 18 holes of golf with a golf cart, team photo opportunities for each player, exciting hole competitions, and much more! For more information about "The Ville" Celebrity Golf Classic or the Inspire Hope Campaign, call (660) 234-0044.



Downtown Kirksville Whiskey & Turkey Festival

The Downtown Kirksville Whiskey & Turkey Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Downtown Kirksville Square. The event features exhibits, activities, whiskey, axe throwing, beer, great food and great music. There are exhibitor booths honoring area contributors to local turkey hunting, a turkey calling contest, a Cornhole Tournament and a concert to pay homage to Kirksville legend, Jesse Kirk.



16th Annual Macon Fork & Cork Artisan Festival

The 16th annual Macon Fork & Cork Artisan Festival in historic downtown Macon is scheduled for August 17th at Vine and Rollins Street. Bakery on Vine at 9 a.m.; Arts/Crafts/Antiques and vendors open at 10 a.m. Food, wine and beer and wine toss at 11 a.m. Music begins at 12 p.m. Music lineup includes: Just Friends, Blue Velvet, Adam Powell, Lakehouse Band, Keota and John Bates, 3:25 Band, Aiden Blackstun, Luke Wright and Dylan Pagliai/ Vendors close at 5 p.m., and Happy Hour begins at the Wine & Beer Garden. Music ends and festival closes at 9:30 p.m. For general information, call 660-385-2811.



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'Thank You For Your Service' at the Sue Ross Arts Center

"The Sue Ross Arts Center's annual "Thank You for Your Service" photography exhibit honoring area veterans, will be held in the Ellebracht Gallery at the Sue Ross Arts Center, July 8-Aug 29. A reception will be held on Aug 29 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Five of the veterans will receive patriotic quilts made by members of the Hands of Friendship Quilt Guild. The quilts will be on display at the Sue Ross Arts Center during this exhibit. This is the third year they have had this exhibit with new veterans every year.



...also at the Sue Ross Arts Center

"The Art of Margaret (Biggerstaff) Laughlin" will be on display in the Gaber Gallery on the mezzanine level of the Sue Ross Arts Center, Aug 5-30.

be on display in both the Ellebracht and Gaber Galleries at the Sue Ross Arts Center from Sept. 9-Oct, 26,

The "Hands of Friendship Quilt Guild" reception will be held Sept 12 from 5:30-7 pm. Quilts will

A "Barn Quilt Painting" workshop will be held on July 13 at the Sue Ross Arts Center.

Little Sluggers Coed Tee Ball

Little Sluggers is a Coed Tee Ball program for kids ages 3-5 year olds. All practices and games will be held at the North Park Sports Complex in Kirksville. Practices will start the week commencing July 29, and games will run Aug. 12 through Sept. 13. The cost is just \$40 per child through June 30 and \$50 after. Registration includes a shirt, hat, and end of season award. Registration deadline is Sunday, July 14. Sign up online at parks.kirksvillemo.gov or visit us in person at the Kirksville Aquatic Center.



The 71st Annual La Plata Soybean Festival will be held Aug 31- Sept 2, at La Plata City Park. Local food vendors and Mercantile Market all weekend! Saturday: Run through the Jungle 5k Cornhole Tourney sponsored by Smittys Tavern; Queen Soya Contest, Street Dance with live music by Cody Vanderoux Band. Sunday: Church in the Park. Live music by Rivers Edge. Tractor Pull Live music by No Apology. Monday Parade, Baby show, Car show

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