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## Garden 'n Grow grows business for small town

By MU Extension

More than 20 years ago, 8-year-old Casey Jefferson Coy enrolled in the Garden 'n Grow program in Kirksville at the University of Missouri Extension Center in Adair County. Little did she know that the summer-long program would lead her to decades of employment and enjoyment.

For Coy, the class was also an opportunity to bring her out of her shyness while learning to plant and care for a garden, how to identify insects and plant diseases, when and how to harvest produce to eat, and how to grow flowers.

She loved the twice-weekly class so much that she enrolled four more summers under the direction of MU Extension horticulturist Jennifer Schutter and Kirksville-area Extension Master Gardener volunteers.

Twenty-two years later, after working at various floral shops, she opened Wildflower Grove in Greencastle, with her friend and former co-worker, Alaina Dennis. Both have young children and the business offers them the opportunity to balance home and work. Their children also participate in the business by working in their gardens, harvesting produce for sale at the store and helping to restock store items.



After working at various floral shops, former Garden 'n Grow participant Casey Jefferson Coy opened Wildflower Grove in Greencastle, with her friend and former co-worker Alaina Dennis. In addition to meeting the floral needs of Greencastle and the surrounding area, Wildflower Grove offers a specialty coffee shop that provides a meeting place for locals. PHOTOS COURTESY OF JENNIFER SCHUTTER.

Greencastle, 18 miles west of Kirksville in Sullivan County, has a population of only 224 residents, so Wildflower Grove provides a multitude of services, including

specialty coffees, home-cooked lunches and baked goods, unique crafts and more. They also offer a small room for dining, meetings or as a gathering place where

locals can catch up on the latest news while sipping coffee.

Wildflower Grove's specialty is fresh flower arrangements, but the store also offers season-



Wildflower Grove offers an inviting exterior in the town of Greencastle, population 224. The shop specializes in cut flower arrangements but also offers a variety of other seasonal products such as hanging baskets, bedding plants, fresh produce and mums.

al items such as bedding plants, hanging baskets, mums, vegetables and ornamentals such as pumpkins. The store also deliver flowers and plants to nearby towns for a small fee.

"Our mission is to provide quality products and services to Northeast Missouri while working to revive and sustain rural culture and values," says Coy.

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Children enjoy the pool at Brashear Park.

## Kirksville parks department holds last block party of the summer

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

The Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department held their final block party of the summer on Sunday, Aug. 4 at Brashear Park. The park was filled with neighborhood residents enjoying the sunny weather, games and food provided them.



A kid waits for his snow cone to be made.



A volunteer makes cotton candy for attendees of the block party at Brashear Park.



Hot dogs cook on the grill.



Kids enjoy playing in the wake of the foam machine.

## \$10,000 grant opportunity now open for Adair County non-profits and public entities

By Rotary Club of Kirksville-Thousand Hills

The Rotary Club of Kirksville-Thousand Hills, is excited to announce the opening of the application window for a new \$10,000 grant opportunity available to non-profits and public entities in Adair County. This grant is intended to support organizations working within one of Rotary International's areas of focus, including peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development.

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## Kirksville Police Dept. reminds drivers to obey traffic laws, signage in work zones

By Kirksville Police Department

Many drivers have expressed their frustration with the closure of US Highway 63 due to road construction and this morning's closure of South Business 63/Baltimore Street due to a damaged power line. Kirksville Police encourage drivers to remain patient and obey traffic laws and temporary signage to ensure everyone's safety.

Kirksville Police have also received several complaints of vehicles driving past barricades and signs denoting road closures, and failing to obey stop signs at intersections. Police would like to remind the public that even though north/south traffic on US Highway 63 is closed, the stop signs are still in place at Route P/Fairview Drive, Highway 11/Illinois Street and Highway 6/Shepherd Avenue. Drivers must stop when crossing the alternate route as there may still be Missouri Department of Transportation or other construction vehicles traveling.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Kirkville Area Calendar of Events

#### Kirkville Tourism Advisory Board meeting

The city of Kirkville's Tourism Advisory Board will hold a meeting at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at the Economic Development Alliance Building, 315 S. Franklin Street.

#### Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce 30th Annual Golf Tournament

The Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce's 30th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on 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.

#### 'Shakey Ground' to perform at courthouse square

"Shakey Ground" will perform at courthouse square on Aug. 9, as part of the Kirkville Arts Association's Summer on the Square concert series. The show begins at 7 p.m. and is free.

#### Curtain Call Theatre Film Night presents 'The Thin Man'

Join Curtain Call Theatre for another fun film night on Saturday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m., when they will be showing the classic 1934 film, "The Thin Man." William Powell and Myrna Loy (and their dog Asta) star in this lighthearted detective story based on the novel by Dashiell Hammett. Free admission, donations appreciated. Refreshments available! The theatre is located at 512 West Elizabeth Street, Kirkville.

#### Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce Grounds for Discussion

Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce Grounds for Discussion will be held on Aug. 14 at 8:30 a.m. at Mark Twain Behavioral Health, 105 Pfeiffer Avenue, in Kirkville. Presentation by Angela Caraway, vice-president of Clinical Operations and Jamie Huffman, director of Crisis Services. This presentation will cover mental health and crisis intervention resources that are available in the local community. All members of the community are invited to participate.

#### Thousand Hills State Park Petroglyph Tour

Thousand Hills State Park Petroglyph Tour will be held on Friday, Aug. 16, at 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. Join park staff for a slideshow presentation to get a close up look and learn more about this unique piece of history. Meet at the petroglyph shelter next to the beach.

#### 'Hootin' Annie's' to perform at courthouse square

"Hootin' Annie's" will perform at courthouse square on Aug. 16, as part of the Kirkville Arts Association's Summer on the Square concert series. The show begins at 7 p.m. and is free.

#### 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.

#### Thousand Hills State Park 'We're Going On A Bug Hunt'

Thousand Hills State Park "We're Going On A Bug Hunt" will be held on Saturday, Aug. 17 at 8 p.m. Join park staff to go on a bug hunt! We will observe bugs and see if any of them will stay long enough to catch them and identify them. All bugs will be released and none will be harmed in the process. Some flashlights will be available for use during this, but participants can bring their own. Meet at the Special Use Area.

#### 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.

#### Novinger Renewal Ice Cream Social

Help Novinger Renewal raise funds to replace the furnace! An Ice Cream Social will be held at the Novinger Community Center on Sunday, Aug. 18 beginning at 2 p.m. Donations accepted to enjoy, pies, cakes, cobblers, brownies, cookies, root beer floats and ice cream. View a video about Novinger and a slideshow of photos covering Renewal's activities over the past 30-plus years in the Community Center. Pick up a copy of the "It Happened in Novinger" anecdote booklets or the history book, "Novinger (Adair County) Missouri: The People, the Town and the Surrounding Communities." Tour the Novinger Log Homestead and Coal Miners Museum (owned by Novinger Planned Progress). Don't forget to invite your friends!!!

#### Thousand Hills State Park Learn 2 Paddle

Thousand Hills State Park Learn 2 Paddle will be held on Friday, Aug. 23 from 6-8 p.m. Have you ever wanted to try kayaking or strengthen your kayak skills? Register for one of our Learn 2 Paddle events. Registration is \$5. Participants must be at least 10 years in age. Register at mostateparks.com/learn2

#### 'Keota' to perform at courthouse square

"Keota" will perform at courthouse square on Aug. 23, 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 Learn 2 Paddle

Thousand Hills State Park Learn 2 Paddle will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 10 a.m. until noon. Have you ever wanted to try kayaking or strengthen your kayak skills? Register for one of our Learn 2 Paddle events. Registration is \$5. Participants must be at least 10 years in age. Register at mostateparks.com/learn2

#### 'Pumptown' to perform at courthouse square

"Pumptown" will perform at courthouse square on Aug. 30, as part of the Kirkville Arts Association's Summer on the Square concert series. The show begins at 7 p.m. and is free. This is the final concert of the summer.

## August activities at the Community Learning Center

By Community Learning Center



Here are classes and activities available during the month of June at the Community Learning Center along with other events and dates to be aware of. They have a special Open Hearts Story Time on Aug. 28. Volunteers from the Adair County Public Library will be at the Learning Center with Miss Bre and do a guide painting class to go along with the story. If you would like to participate on the 28th, sign up by Friday, Aug. 23 so they can be sure to have enough supplies for everyone.

#### August Activities at the Community Learning Center:

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

**Dance Aerobics** — Come dance with Angela and get your workout in at the same time. You'll have so much fun dancing that you won't realize it was exercise!

**Project STIR** — This class for self-advocates who are at least 18 years old will help you learn to become your own best self-advocate, how to problem solve and negotiate, and what it means to be self-determined. This class begins on Tuesday, April 9, 1:30 p.m. — 3 p.m. — class full.

**Cooking Class** — Want to learn the basics of beginning cooking? This class is designed for beginners who are just learning the skills needed to cook on their own or with limited support. It will help you become familiar with several kitchen appliances and the basics to get you started. —class full.

**Fun with Music** — Join Angela for fun activities that incorporate music and movement.

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

**Open Hearts Storytime** — Come join Miss Bre from the Adair County Public Library for a fun story with easy art project on a new day at new time! This new activity is great for visitors of ALL ages! — If you plan to attend story time and guided painting on Wednesday, Aug. 28, sign up with Melissa or Angela by Friday, Aug. 23 so they have enough supplies for everyone.

**Get Fit** — Have fun while getting healthy! Angela will help you get moving with fun workout videos, walks in the community, and more. This is one is a favorite for many.

**CIRCLES Level 2** — This class is a continuation of CIRCLES Relationships & Intimacy. The class looks more closely at the people in each circle and how a person can move in and out of circles over time. To register for this class, the attendee must have completed CIRCLES Level 1. Classes will begin on Wednesday, April 10 at 3:30 p.m. Registration is required.

**Science Fun** — While volunteer Jim is away for a few weeks, come see Angela for some excitingly fun, hands-on experiments.

**Chair Yoga** — This exercise class with Angela can be done while sitting in a chair or on the floor using a yoga mat. You will follow fun YouTube videos that will help you stretch and relax.

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

#### Other Activities and Information to Know:

**Parent-to-Parent Group** — August's meeting invites anyone who would like learn what StationMD is and how you can benefit from using their telehealth services. You do not need to be a parent to attend this month's meeting. August's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 22, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Community Learning Center. This month, Rebecca Keller, member relations specialist with StationMD, will be here to share the many ways that you can use Station MD, which is a telehealth service for people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities who live in Missouri.

**People First of Northeast Missouri Meeting** — CALLING ALL SELF-ADVOCATES! Grab your friends and come learn about how to become a member of People First. We will discuss why developing advocacy skills for yourself and others is so important, build self-determination skills and stronger relationships with other self-advocates. In August we will be meeting on Monday, Aug. 19 from 6-7 p.m.

**Missouri Tiered Supports Family Coaching Series** — This is a FREE opportunity for families and caregivers to learn more about positive parenting practices while receiving support, coaching, and resources from Division of Developmental Disabilities Positive Supports Consultants. The class consists of eight, one hour online classes, in the evenings. This makes it very accessible to people who work during the day and/or have families. The first class begins on Thursday, Aug. 8. For more information or to register, contact the Learning Center. If you would like to participate in this class and do not have the ability to participate from your home, reach out to the Community Learning Center. The Center has the resources to assist you in being able to take the class.

**FREE Virtual Mental Health Trainings** — Over the next few months, Preferred Family Healthcare will be offering several opportunities for you to improve your skills to recognize the signs of someone struggling with mental health, suicidal ideation, and the stigmas of mental health.

**Virtual Mental Health & Stigma Workshop** (Aug. 27, noon-1 p.m.)  
**Virtual Youth Mental Health First Aid** (Sept. 10, 9 a.m to 3 p.m)

**Resource Reminder** — If you are looking for resources in Northeast Missouri, visit https://NEMOResources.org where you can find everything by visiting one site instead of surfing the web. If your business or organization is not listed, contact Adair County SB40 for assistance in getting it listed. (sb40@sb40life.org or 660-665-9400).

Remember, the Community Learning Center is open Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m. — 5 p.m. and Mondays by appointment.

## KIRKSVILLE POLICE REPORTS: JULY 25-AUG. 1, 2024

**Grafton I. Francis**, 21, of Palmer, was arrested at 10:13 p.m. on Aug. 1 on North High Street, charged with misdemeanor alcohol-related DWI.

**Dustin Ryan Gaspie**, 33, of Kirkville, was arrested at 5:16 p.m. on July 31 on High Street on a warrant. Gaspie was charged with 3rd degree felony assault and 2nd degree misdemeanor property damage related to a Jan. 5 incident in Kirkville. According to a probable cause statement filed by Kirkville police, while friends had come to help a woman who had been living with Gaspie, move out of his home, he attacked the vehicle and its passengers, busting out a

window in the truck, assaulting the driver and shattering glass over the vehicle's passengers at 13 Shannon Lane in Kirkville. The driver, who was in fear of Gaspie, had to drive across a neighbor's yard with Gaspie holding onto the truck, to get away. "I believe that Mr. Gaspie poses a danger to the community and the victim(s) due to his extensive criminal history and multiple recent domestic assault charges," police wrote in the probable cause statement.

**Jeremy Wiggins**, 44, was arrested at 9:54 a.m. on July 29 on South Baltimore Street for misdemeanor no valid license, a second offense.

**Ryan J. Larsen**, 30, of Kirkville, was arrested at 10:27 p.m. on July 29 at 811 E. Randolph Street on a warrant. The warrant was issued on July 29 by Judge Thomas P. Redington of the 2nd Judicial Circuit over his failure to obey a judge's order based on a felony possession of a controlled substance charge dated Dec. 11, 2023. No bond was authorized. Larsen had been sentenced in the case on June 28.

**Bryon Dale Lough**, 49, of Kirkville, was arrested at 4:15 p.m. on July 26 on Potter Avenue, charged with felony driving without a valid driver's license, his third or subsequent offense. Lough was contacted by police through a traffic stop.

**Chloe Alynn Musgrove**, 33, of Kirkville, was arrested at 2:10 a.m. on July 27 on Country Club Drive, charged with felony possession of drugs and felony possession of a controlled substance.

**Joseph S. McKim**, 47, of Kirkville, was arrested at 12:38 p.m. on July 27 at 2209 N. Baltimore Street on a failure to appear warrant out of Clay County. Police were at the address responding to a harassment call.

**Shane L. Mullen**, 37, of Kirkville, was arrested at 7:14 p.m. on July 24 on Boundary Street, charged with driving with a license that was either revoked or suspended, a misdemeanor offense. Mullen was also charged with careless and imprudent driving, and a misdemeanor charge of operating a motor vehicle of another knowing the owner provided no financial responsibility, a first offense.

**Brittany Rene Winslow**, 32, of Kirkville, was arrested at 4:46 a.m. on July 25 at 301 S. High Street, charged with felony unlawful use of a weapon, exhibiting.

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## OBITUARIES

### Floyd Henry Sanders

Mar 24, 1961 – Jul 27, 2024

Floyd Henry Sanders, 63, died Saturday, July 27, 2024 in Moberly, MO. Floyd was born March 24, 1961 in Peoria, IL, the son of James Floyd and Doris Avenell (Woolridge) Sanders.



Floyd was a mechanic for Sutton Auto Sales. He was a Norse Neo-Pagan. He was the founder of the South Gifford- HeMan Woman Haters Club.

Floyd had the biggest heart anyone could have ever had, he made friends everywhere he went. He enjoyed collecting X-Men cards with his daughter. Having long talks with his best friends & Neighbors Dean & Neva that would always come over and bring him a Pizza and Dr. Pepper for his Birthday. Dean & Floyd would sit and have conversation for hours through his bedroom window when Dean would be mow. Calling up his good friend Steve and asking him what's the word of the day, to help him after he had his stroke. He always enjoyed when his nephew Joey would come over and smoke with him, or he would go visit his long-time best friend Dara and her three kids that he always claimed as his nieces and nephews Ashley, Joey and Josh. He'd call up Brian and chat about Mountain Monster, that was always their favorite topic of the week. Floyd always could count on his good friend Dudley to keep him on his toes with either fireworks, worried about driving into his house or just giving a good laugh from being goofy like always!

Floyd was well known and well loved by many people all over, he will be greatly missed!

Floyd is survived by a daughter Bridget Lair of Braidwood, IL, sisters Doris Louise Sanders of Jacksonville, FL, Sharon Hempen and Lillie Overholt both of Canton, IL, two grandchildren Eryn (Thomas) Gavin, Jayla Skinner and a great grandson to be born in November. He was preceded in death by his parents, and infant brother James Floyd Sanders, Jr.

A service will be held October 19th at 1pm until sundown at his home at 11593 Main Street, LaPlata, MO. Entombment of remains will follow at Prairie Valley Cemetery in Salisbury, MO. Memorial contributions may be made to Prairie Hill Cemetery Association.

## Scotland County Hospital CEO serves on discussion panel at National Healthcare Conference

By Scotland County Hospital

Meagan Weber, DPT, MBA, CEO, Scotland County Hospital and Rural Health Clinics, recently served on a discussion panel at the 2024 CVS Accountable Care Symposium in Nashville, Tenn. Weber presented on a panel with John Henderson, the president/CEO of TORCH (Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals). He works for the 157 rural Texas Hospitals — primarily in the areas of advocacy and education. Also on the panel was Kate Inman, Network Practice Administrator at Doshier Memorial Hospital, North Carolina. Kate oversees operation and supervision of nine total (three Rural Health) clinic locations including primary care, surgery, and gynecology.

Weber stated, "It was a great experience, and I'm passionate about bringing rural health suc-



cesses and challenges to the national stage. More importantly, the reason I got this opportunity in the first place, is because of our dedicated ACO team's continued success. They bring SCH to the national spotlight as they are deeply committed to quality care for our patients."

The conference attendees and audience were primarily C-suite executives, healthcare

thought leaders and visionaries, physician leaders, and other experts working to improve healthcare. The symposium discussions focused on the future of technology in healthcare, the challenges of staffing, and hearing directly from Centers for Medicaid & Medicare (CMS) about upcoming policies that will influence the healthcare system.

The CVS Accountable Care Symposium, last month in Nashville, was the premier value-based care conference and networking event in the nation. Healthcare professionals and thought leaders from across the country convened in Nashville to learn new methodologies, hear success stories, take away best practice tips, and network directly with their colleagues.

Tabitha Wittstock, Population Health Coordinator and Stephanie Ketchum, LPN, Population Health Nurse and Chronic Care Management Coordinator at Scotland County Hospital & Clinics presented in Nashville in April at the CVS Accountable Care Educational Summits. Their presentation prompted the invitation for Dr. Weber to serve on the panel for the 2024 CVS Accountable Care Symposium in Nashville last month.

## KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

### Area veterans honored at Sue Ross Arts Center

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 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.

### Scholarships available for city recreational programs and lessons

The Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce the launch of its new Scholarship Program, an initiative to reduce financial barriers for participation in the department's wide array of activities and programs. To be eligible for a scholarship, you must reside within the city limits of Kirksville and meet the household size/yearly income requirements, which can be found on the application. Applicants meeting the eligibility guidelines are awarded a 50 percent scholarship on programs and events, including the Kirksville Baseball and Softball Leagues, Little Sluggers Tee Ball, Kids Mini Mud Mile, Group Swim Lessons and more. Guidelines and the scholarship application can be found online at [kirksvillecity.com/p/parks-recreation](http://kirksvillecity.com/p/parks-recreation), or picked up in person at the Kirksville Aquatic Center. For more information, contact the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

### Kirksville Kiwanis Farmers' Market

The Kirksville Kiwanis Farmers' Market opened for the season on Saturday, May 4 and will be open every Saturday from 7 a.m. until noon on the Elson Street side of the Kirksville Downtown Square, through October and is open to the public. Items available include fruits, vegetables, plants, baked products, eggs, meats, crafts, and much more.

### Motorized vessels must be registered to operate on Forest Lake

The city of Kirksville would like to remind residents that motorized vessels must be registered with the city to operate on Forest Lake. Permits can be purchased at the Marina Store, City Hall, or online at [parks.kirksvillecity.com](http://parks.kirksvillecity.com). Annual permits are available for \$45. Daily permits are available for \$5 per consecutive day. For any questions, contact the Finance Department at 660-627-1251.

## GROW

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"My years doing Garden 'n Grow built my love and knowledge of plants and flowers to get me where I am today," she says. "Sharing this passion with my customers and my children is fulfilling, I often have memories of my days at the MU Extension Center in Kirksville."

"Casey was one of my first students in Garden 'n Grow," Schutter says. "It's such a joy to see her own and operate her own floral and gardening business while serving the Greencastle community and the communities around her with her special talents."

Schutter says Garden 'n Grow develops a love of gardening in youths and instills a sense of responsibility, pride and accomplishment. "I teach the children not only how to grow a garden but how to prepare it for eating and how to be generous and donate excess produce to those in need," she says.

"I'm developing gardening skills that the children can use in future gardening endeavors while having fun," she adds. "We have fun picking produce, exhibiting it at the NEMO District Fair, cooking it, and having an occasional water fight out in the garden."

About Garden 'n Grow MU Extension's Garden 'n Grow program is for 9- to 13-year-olds. Youths learn vegetable gardening and how to "cultivate" other science, math and language arts skills while having fun. Young gardeners also are encouraged to share their harvests with others in need.

Adult volunteers, trained by MU Extension specialists, educate youths about seeds, transplants, garden planning and design, site preparation, soils, plant growth and development, costs of production, garden pests, plant health care, human nutrition, food value, food needs in the local community, and horticultural career opportunities.

Learn more at <https://mizzou.us/garden-n-grow>.

## GRANT

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The grant aims to fund capital projects and one-time expenses, ensuring

a lasting impact within the community. Please note that the grant cannot be used for operating expenses.

The application deadline is Sept. 30. Interested

organizations can access the application form and further details at [thousandhillsrotary.com](http://thousandhillsrotary.com).

This generous grant opportunity is made possible by the success of our Annual Reverse Raffle Fundraiser. We extend our deepest gratitude to all participants and supporters who have made this possible.

For more information, contact the Rotary Club of Kirksville — Thousand Hills at [thousandhillsrotarykirksville@gmail.com](mailto:thousandhillsrotarykirksville@gmail.com).

About the Rotary Club of Kirksville-Thousand Hills: The Rotary Club of

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## ROBIN WRITES

## He's coming

It was late August. The night wind played tag with the trees. Leaves whispered secrets to one another and the slowly darkening sky listened in with twinkling eyes.

Settling into the old lawn chair, I lifted my eyes to look at the blanket of summer stars above the house.

The entire night sky was colored with a vivid pink glow. Streaks of red, trailing off like kite tails, blurred into shades of ripe peaches and flamingo coral. Cotton candy colors splashed the sky, tingeing the world with their gentle glow.

I held my breath, dumbstruck. I had never seen anything like this. Was it the end of the world? I went inside to turn on the radio, excited and afraid of what I might hear.

Radio in hand, I returned to the porch and eased back into my chair. I looked up and stifled a gasp of delight.

"...and we have been told by the experts at the St. Louis Science Center that the red sky we are experiencing is the result of the Northern Lights, which are very rarely seen in this part of the country. There is no explanation for this phenomenon, and its occurrence is a once-in-a-lifetime spectacle. We suggest you sit back and enjoy..."

I wanted to see Mom. Something this magical needed to be shared. If she was afraid, I want-

ed to be there to reassure her. If she was excited, I wanted to be there to be excited with her.

There would never be another night just like this; I wanted to share it with my best friend.

I could see her long before my car turned into her driveway. She stood motionless on the sidewalk in front of the house, one foot slightly tiptoed as if poised to pirouette. The breeze swirled her white, worn-thin nightgown around her bare feet in a wild Gypsy dance.

Mom's hair billowed and gyrated. Its black-gray puffs climbed her shoulders, tickled her eyes, kissed her lips. Her face was tilted toward the fiery display overhead.

With one arm scrunching the side of her blowing nightgown against her thigh, Mom raised the other toward the crimson colors. She was a statue of wonderment, trying to capture the moment by holding her life very still.

I rolled to a quiet stop and opened the car door, all the while watching her ethereal figure standing barefoot on that sidewalk. There was no reason to look up anymore. I could see the magnificent night sky reflected on my mother's beautiful face.

She looked ready to fly away home to a Heaven of sweet breezes and lovely sunrises. Her arm was reaching upward in a loving way, as if trying to grasp the beauty and pull it closer to her heart.



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH  
ROBIN WRITES

I came closer and saw her lips bent into a smile of pure happiness and faith-filled validation.

"He's coming..." Mom's whisper was almost carried away in the night wind, but the familiar sound of her voice found me and pierced my soul with its tremulous clarity.

"Oh, my Lord is coming..." I went to her side and wrapped my arm across the back of her gown. Her warm familiar body leaned against mine, sharing her rapture in shivers and silent tears.

After a while, the outstretched hand she had offered to Heaven slowly fell, finding mine to squeeze. "Isn't it glorious." Mom said nothing else.

We stood together in those passing minutes of our lives and watched Eternity display its splendor.

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When Jesus comes and Mom rises to meet Him, face to Face, I'm sure she will look just as she did that magical night. I will see her again, her eyes shining with joy.

And she will shout, her arms outstretched:

"He's coming. Oh, my Lord is coming!"

## HOME COUNTRY

## The blessing of the rain

When the world is hot and my skin is fried, scratching from the constant dry, let the clouds boil up — boil up high. And then shade the earth with the darkening sky and bring the secrets and the smell of rain. The heat and the blessed rain, again.

Our land is brown but blessed, stressed in the heat, the shiny heat of day. The slender green of desert rivers slides along, striving to continue, to feed its own along the banks — the banks where the dust rises. Rises, powdery clomp by clomp as we walk — walk the shady way.

Ours is the blessing of challenge, to live, to thrive in the heat. But bring us the clouds, the black bellied clouds, the clouds that softly hold the heads of gods in their moistening grasp. Let them come, with their silver tops and their bellies black as night and cool as forgiveness.

The summer clouds, the clouds that define our culture, our art, our summer,



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our hot, heavy summer. Let the magic come and stay, stay for a while, at least for a while, and wet us down, all the way down. Fill our pores, smooth our skin, wash us free of dirt and sin, with the rain, the cleansing blessed rain.

A rain, a storm, a suddenness of life and blast and sweet charity designed to keep us living here, here in the rain, here in the sun, and keep us praying, here in the rain, and looking toward the west for more, always to the west, always looking for more.

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## THE ROCKWOOD FILES

## Laugh like it's the law

How to get through election season



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There are less than 100 days until the election, which means the next three months will be filled with people yelling about politics on television, radio, and podcasts. There'll be plenty of furious ALL CAPS typing on social media, too.

The issues are important, but all the back-and-forth theatrics are exhausting.

Most of us will need coping mechanisms to get through the next few months, and laughter should be at the top of the list. In the northern part of Japan called Yamagata, the local government passed an ordinance encouraging residents to laugh daily. The exact wording of the new rule says people should "make efforts to shape mental and physical health through means such as laughing once a day."

Just to be clear, there are no penalties for not laughing. I looked it up, and there's no jail time for being a Grumpy Gus. You can't be ticketed for aggressive moping, and there are no fines for frowning.

The decree was developed after a research study by the Yamagata School of Medicine found that laughing out loud at least once a week has several health benefits. It's good for your heart. It helps you live longer. It boosts immunity. And it even burns calories and strengthens your abdomen. (Knock, knock. Who's there? Jokes instead of sit-ups. Yay!)

Officials in Japan went even further by asking local businesses to create environments where laughing is welcomed. And on the eighth day of each month, the community is asked to celebrate a "day of laughter."

Proving that politicians can argue about literally anything, some officials launched

a backlash to the ordinance by saying that it violates constitutional law. Those in favor of the law responded by basically saying to lighten up. No one gets penalized for having zero sense of humor. Yet still, the arguing over laughing will likely continue.

The laughing ordinance is not the most unusual piece of legislation to ever be passed. There was once a town law in America banning people from giving a lit cigarette to a monkey. Another local law in a California town said that you can't ride a bike in a swimming pool. Another rule banned falling asleep in a cheese factory.

I like the idea behind this one-of-a-kind laughing law. I'd love to see a Department of Motor Vehicles where the mood is light and friendly instead of the usual "You will die here" vibe.

The funny thing is that we humans usually find what we look for. If you go through the day looking for a reason to laugh, you're likely to find it. If you spend the day looking for something to gripe about, you'll find that, too.

I've decided to balance all this election intensity with a regular dose of funny dog videos — the one redeeming element left on social media. Cat, bird, raccoon, and bear videos are welcome, too. Throw in a few unlikely animal friendship videos, and I'm as happy as a puppy in a ball pit.

And congratulations to the people of Yamagata, Japan, for realizing that laughter is an important part of a good life. We should all look for opportunities to do more of it.

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## PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

## National Breastfeeding Month

By Kirstyn Dietle, CHES<sup>®</sup>  
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Welcome to the Public Health Corner: National Breastfeeding Month

August is National Breastfeeding Month, a time dedicated to promoting the importance of breastfeeding for the health and well-being of both infants and mothers. This month provides an opportunity to raise awareness about the benefits of breastfeeding, support breastfeeding mothers, and advocate for policies that facilitate breastfeeding in various settings.

## Benefits of Breastfeeding

Breastfeeding offers numerous health benefits for infants, including optimal nutrition, enhanced immune protection, and reduced risk of infections, allergies, and chronic conditions such as obesity and diabetes. For mothers, breastfeeding can help with postpartum recovery, reduce the risk of certain cancers, and strengthen the bond with their baby. Breastfeeding can be an effective way to ensure the health and development of infants.

## Supporting Breastfeeding Mothers

Breastfeeding can be challenging, and support is crucial for mothers to successfully breastfeed. This support can come from family, friends, healthcare providers, and lactation consultants. There are also Breastfeeding Peer Counselors, like Anna Cummings in the Adair County WIC



office at the Adair County Health Department. Providing accurate information, encouragement, and practical assistance can make a significant difference. Support groups, breastfeeding classes, and online resources can also offer valuable guidance and community for breastfeeding mothers. You can receive help finding these resources and support groups by contacting the Adair County WIC Office.

## Creating Breastfeeding-Friendly Environments

Creating environments that support breastfeeding is essential for mothers to feel comfortable and confident. This includes providing designated breastfeeding areas in public places, workplaces, and healthcare facilities. Employers can support breastfeeding mothers by offering flexible work schedules, private spaces for breastfeeding or pumping, and adequate breaks. Public policies that protect the rights of breastfeeding mothers and

promote breastfeeding-friendly practices are also vital.

## Addressing Barriers to Breastfeeding

Many mothers face barriers to breastfeeding, such as lack of knowledge, cultural attitudes, and logistical challenges. Education and advocacy are key to overcoming these barriers. Public health campaigns can raise awareness about the benefits of breastfeeding and normalize it as a natural and healthy practice. Training healthcare providers to support and encourage breastfeeding can also help address barriers and improve breastfeeding rates.

## The Role of Community

Community support and public policy play a significant role in promoting breastfeeding. Community organizations, health departments, and advocacy groups can work together to create supportive environments and provide resources for breastfeeding mothers.

National Breastfeeding Month is an opportunity to celebrate and promote the practice of breastfeeding. By raising awareness, providing support, and advocating for breastfeeding-friendly policies, we can ensure that more mothers and babies benefit from breastfeeding. Let's use this month to commit to supporting breastfeeding mothers and creating environments that facilitate and encourage breastfeeding for the health and well-being of our communities.

## POETRY CORNER

## Your World's Become Broader

Letters of black... on paper that's white... appears so drab and plain,  
But when those letters... are joined into words... something of wonder will then remain.

Ideas and thoughts... equations and formulas... all now enters your mind,  
Your reason expands... your world's become broader... who you were is now left behind.

— Daniel D. Donovan





## TURNING THE PAGE

### This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans



#### 105 Years Ago, August 7, 1919

Adair County Physician Conner, accompanied by Dr. W. T. Stephenson, went to the Yarrow neighborhood and quarantined several cases of smallpox in the village and among the farmers in the vicinity. Among the sufferers were Postmaster Barnett and his family. The physicians estimated that there were at least 15 cases of smallpox. The epidemic first became noticeable in the neighborhood in mid-June when Miss Grace Weber, daughter of Oscar Weber, came down with the disease. The young woman was engaged to be married and the date was set, although she had smallpox at the time. The ceremony took place despite the circumstances. The bridegroom and other members of the wedding party stayed a considerable distance from the bride.

#### 90 Years Ago, August 10, 1934

The weather records were being rewritten in Kirksville as the temperature soared to 103 degrees marking the 36th time the daytime high temperature for the summer was recorded above 100 degrees. Forty-five of those days saw temperatures above 95 degrees. The 103-degree temperature was far short of the previous day's all-time record high temperature of 111 degrees. The average daily high temperature for the preceding eighteen days stood at 105 degrees. Discomfort among Adair County residents was great as the humidity rose with the temperature. Despite the humid conditions, the most severe drought to ever plague the United States was in its second year. Rainfall for the preceding 18 months was about 22 inches below average. The local death toll from the unprecedented sweltering summer reached seven with the most recent death of George M. Korn who succumbed at his home the night before from a heat induced illness. Many other people in Kirksville and the surrounding area were known to have serious heat related conditions brought on by the oppressive temperatures. Kirksville's water supply source, the Chariton River, had practically stopped flowing, however some water seeped into the river from underground springs. A recent ban on use of water to sprinkle grass was lifted. Most people had stopped watering because the grass was already dead, and it would do no good to water it. Everyone was extremely concerned about the elevated temperatures, recent deaths, and drought, and did all they could to conserve resources and cooperate with authorities during the crisis.

#### 75 Years Ago, July 31, 1949

Claude O. "Pete" Sorrell, of Kirksville, announced his plans to build his second straw house. The plan for Sorrell's first straw house was developed through his own ingenuity and creativity. It was completed and occupied in January 1949. With straw walls 22 inches thick, the structure was designed to be warm in winter and cool in summer. The ceiling was only seven feet high, and it was also lined with straw. The straw house was located on North Green Street near the junction of what is now North Green Street, North Baltimore and Potter Avenue.

#### 70 Years Ago, August 3, 1954

At its regular meeting the Kirksville Board of Education voted to end school segregation in Kirksville effective with the beginning of the upcoming school opening. The board's decision to end racial segregation meant the closing of the Lincoln School, Kirksville's only Black school. Eight Black students would be enrolled in the Kirksville schools in the fall—one at junior high school, three at Willard, and four at Benton. On May 17, 1954, in its famous decision in Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka,

Kansas, the U. S. Supreme Court delivered it's unanimous ruling that state-sanctioned segregation of public schools was a violation of the 14th amendment of the U.S. Constitution and was therefore unconstitutional. Despite the Supreme Court's ruling, it was many years before segregation in all schools was eliminated.

#### 70 Years Ago, August 5, 1954

Clarence Paul Yadon, the 13-year-old son of Clarence and Rosa Marie (Talbert) Yadon of Kirksville, died in a Kirksville hospital from injuries he received on July 27 when he was buried under from five to seven tons of gravel at the Hayden Concrete Works. Young Yadon was working in a gravel bin helping unload a freight car of gravel when the accident occurred. Despite the crush injuries and suffocation, he received at the time of the accident, he survived in an unconscious state for eleven days.

#### 45 Years Ago, August 8, 1979

The Kirksville R-III Board of Education unanimously approved a plan for a proposed new junior high school at their recent board meeting. A representative of Architects Design Collaborative presented the plan for the construction of the new facility that would coordinate the cost with the \$3.5 million figure the board had tentatively received from the bonding attorney. This figure represents the amount of money the district could spend without an increase in the school tax levy. In less than three years the district would have paid off the bonds on the senior high school, the vocational-technical school, and the upper elementary school, thus freeing up the necessary \$3.5 million for the junior high school without an increase in the tax levy.

#### 40 Years Ago, August 5, 1984

Edward Kelly (1942-2006), Kirksville native, 1960 graduate of Kirksville High School, and superintendent of the Little Rock Arkansas School District, was slated to deliver Northeast Missouri State University's (NMSU, now Truman State University) summer commencement address at Stokes Stadium. Kelly received his bachelor's degree from NMSU in 1964, and a master's in secondary school administration in 1968. While attending NMSU, he served as president of Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity in 1963. In 1973 Kelly received a doctorate from St. Louis University. He taught at Centralia (MO) High School and Parkway Central High in St. Louis. He served as assistant principal at Parkway Central and moved to a vice principal position at Harlem High School in Rockford, IL, eventually becoming principal and superintendent. In 1982 Kelly became superintendent of the Little Rock Consolidated School system where he managed about 19,500 students, 2,000 employees, and a \$50 million annual budget.

#### 40 Years Ago, August 6, 1984

The Sally Mountain Show was again performing at the seventh annual McLain Family Band Festival at the McLain Family's Farm near Berea, Kentucky. The festival of bands was introduced by Ricky Skaggs in a segment on the CMA Awards the previous October. The Sally Mountain Show consisted of Johnny and Carolyn Vincent, their daughter, Rhonda, and sons, Darrin and Brian. Based in Greentop, the Vincents performed at amusement parks, shows and state fairs. Carolyn played the acoustic bass; Johnny played the five-string banjo, and Rhonda alternated between mandolin and fiddle. All three sing either lead or harmony depending on the song material. Darrin played the rhythm guitar and lead guitar and other instruments. Brian was beginning to play mandolin and fiddle.

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## EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Part 114

### The Smith-Kellogg Mansion – Chapter 2 – Capt. John T. Smith's \$1 investment in a piece of Kirksville

By Blytha Ellis, President

Adair County Historical Society and Museum

Col. John Thompson Smith (1813-1896) was said to be "a very influential man in his day." He involved himself in nearly everything of importance in Adair County and Kirksville during the developing early years. As mentioned last week, John had the first mercantile store in Kirksville, was a founding member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and served in the Missouri Legislature.

John was quick to invest in anything that might have potential in his community. He often purchased land that might have a higher value later. The story is told about one time in the 1850s, several lots were up for auction around or near the Kirksville square. The best lots sold for \$5.00 and up, but the majority of the other lots sold for less.

The lot at 122 South Elson Street was offered for sale, and John bid \$1.00 for it. No one else bid on it, so John won it for that price. John had expected someone else to bid higher, and he wasn't thrilled about having the winning bid. He felt that \$1.00 was actually too much for this lot, which was a block off the square, so he didn't want to take the deed. However, he changed his mind when he was threatened with a lawsuit. John eventually came out okay on this property as he sold it much later for \$800. [This is the lot where Adair Lumber Co. later sat, and it is now the parking lot of Wooden Nickel.]

The first bank to be organized in Adair County was the Kirksville Branch of the Bank of St. Louis. John Thompson Smith was one of the founding directors. Some of the other founding directors were David A. Ely, William Parcels Linder, and William Henry Parcels, all men who have been discussed in previous episodes of this history.

This bank was opened on November 29, 1859, in a small wooden building known as the Thomas Building at 101 West Washington Street in Kirksville (now the location of Pagliai's Pizza). At different times up to 1864, John T. Smith served as President and cashier at this bank.

In 1861, John joined the Confederate Army during the Civil War and served under Colonel (later General) Sterling Price. John knew Col. Price as John had served in the Missouri Legislature 1853-1855 when Sterling Price was Missouri Governor from 1853 to 1857.

During the Civil War, John was captured by the Union Army and spent several months as a prisoner. He was then granted amnesty if he would sign a form for parole stating he vowed not to fight against the North again. John did so because, by this time, he believed there was no chance of the South winning the war.

Although John fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War, he did not believe in secession of the states nor in the preservation of slavery. John owned slaves as did many prosperous men in Adair County during the 1840s and 1850s. However, when slavery became a national issue in the 1860s, John freed all of his slaves. Most of them chose to stay and work for him as they felt they had no better



The modern replica of Reshaw's Bridge which spanned the North Platte River in Wyoming Territory when emigrants crossed on their way to Oregon and California. Capt. John T. Smith from Kirksville brought his company of pioneers here in 1864 on their way to the Montana gold fields.



place to go. One of the slaves who was very personal to the Smith family was named Sukey. She had originally been given to John's mother-in-law, Mary "Polly" (Cabel) Goode, by her father. In the 1860 census, Sukey was listed in the John T. Smith household, age 68, as a mulatto servant born in Kentucky.

After John was freed from imprisonment by the North during the Civil War, he decided to leave the area for a time with his two oldest sons who were of military age, Mancil, 19, and Robert, 18. John had heard of Montana and was impressed with its prospects, so he set his sights on that territory. (Montana would not become a state until 1889.)

Again, as had happened during the 1849 Gold Rush, John's very capable wife, Sarah Ann, was left to manage the household and the farm in Adair County with the help of her children and servants.

John later wrote about this time in his life: "In the spring of 1864 I was residing at Kirksville, Missouri, where I had lived for many years. The animosities of the Civil War had become intense. My personal property had, to a great extent, been confiscated, and being the only solvent surety remaining upon the bond of a defaulting sheriff, my real estate was practically tied up.

"My two oldest sons were about the age for conscription [draft into the military], and I determined to leave the country and take them with me. In May of that year [1864], a man by the name of Alexander Foster and myself prepared to go west. I had two teams consisting each of a team of oxen and two yokes of cows."

John T. Smith also took with him one of his former slaves from North Carolina, now a servant, named John. This John was referred to as "Old John" to distinguish him from his employer. He did not want to be left behind when his former master left Adair County on this trip, so he asked to come along. He was a big man, said to weigh 200 pounds. He especially enjoyed John T. Smith's singing, which was reportedly outstanding. It is recorded that when John played music and sang, Old John would energetically "pat his huge foot in time."

John continued with his narrative, "Old John; my two sons, Mancil and Robert; Porter Ruby Smith, a nephew; and myself, together with Alexander Foster, started for Nebraska City about the middle of May [1864]." (It should be noted here that Porter Ruby Smith (1845-1902) was the son of John T. Smith's brother, Henry Smith, (who died in 1847) and his second wife, Jane (also deceased). Porter later returned to Kirksville where he pursued a lifelong career in printing. He is buried at Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery in Kirksville.)

It is also interesting to note here that John T. Smith only mentions taking his two oldest sons when he writes about his adventures in Montana. However, in the history of his third son, James Alfred Smith, born in 1848, that son states that he also went to Montana with his father in 1864 when he was only 16.

When the Smith group reached Nebraska City, they found an assembly of pioneers who were headed west but needed a leader and a guide. John organized the group into a company and took command as their captain. (This is where John earned his title of Captain, which he carried throughout the rest of his life.) John guided the group on what he called "the old California route" that he had traveled in 1850 when he was involved in the Gold Rush.

They struck the Platte River a little below Fort Kearney, Nebraska, where they learned about the discovery of gold in Alder Gulch, near Virginia City. (This area was then in Idaho Territory and later Virginia City was in the southwest corner of Montana near Yellowstone National Park.) The group decided to go toward the gold. They went up the Platte River to Reshaw's Bridge.

Reshaw's Bridge had its beginnings in 1852 when an experienced mountain trader, John Baptiste Richard, began building it to span the North Platte River. When completed, he charged \$8 to all who crossed it, and there were many travelers who did on their way to Oregon and California. Because Mr. Richard had a thick French accent, most travelers mistook his pronunciation of "Richard," thinking it was "Reshaw." And, this is how the bridge got its name. Here, at Reshaw's Bridge, John T. Smith would meet and assist a man who would become famous in the history of Montana. See who he was next week.

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## MFA Oil Foundation grant supports Scotland County Hospital Foundation

By Scotland County Hospital Foundation

Columbia — The MFA Oil Foundation has awarded a grant to the Scotland County Hospital Foundation to assist with purchasing Boss Snowrator equipment for snow and ice removal. The MFA Oil Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations that are working to improve communities where MFA Oil has a significant concentration of members and employees. Since it was established in 1998, the MFA Oil Foundation has awarded more than three million dollars in grants. MFA Oil Senior Director of Employee Engagement and Culture, Tom May, described MFA Oil Foundation as “a program that allows our company to give support back to the rural communities that are the foundation of our business. The grants the Foundation awards help support many youth programs and organizations active in addressing and solving community problems and improving the quality of life.”

Tara Shultz, grant writer for Scotland County Hospital, took the lead in writing the grant.

“The Hospital Foundation received a \$2,000 grant check from

The MFA Oil Foundation to go towards the purchase of a 2023 Boss Snowrator,” Shultz said. “The hospital’s maintenance crew is excited to have the new snow removal equipment for sidewalks and small areas. We’re ready for the snow to fly! We appreciate MFA Oil Foundation’s support of rural communities, and that Cory and Monte personally visited our healthcare campus. Scotland County Hospital and Scotland County Nursing Home District dba Sigler Square purchased the equipment jointly.”

About MFA Oil Company: MFA Oil Company, formed in 1929, is a farmer-owned cooperative with more than 40,000 members. MFA Oil is the ninth largest propane retailer in the United States. The company supplies fuels, lubricants and propane to customers in Missouri, Arkansas, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. Through a subsidiary, MFA Oil operates Break Time convenience stores in Missouri and Big O Tires franchises in Missouri, Arkansas and Kansas; a solar panel installation company, BlueSphere Energy; and APM, a wholesale fuel distributor. For more information about MFA oil, visit [www.mfaoil.com](http://www.mfaoil.com).



## Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging initiative takes top honor at national conference

By Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging

The Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging (Ma4) earned the top innovation award July 9, at a national conference hosted by US Aging, the national association representing more than 600 and supporting the network of Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs).

Ma4 is statewide association for Missouri’s 10 area agencies on aging.

The winning initiative is the Missouri Direct Adult Protective Services (MODAPS) Initiative — an innovative partnership between Missouri’s 10 AAAs and Missouri’s Adult Protective Services (APS) that adds community-based supportive services to emergency interventions to improve the health, wellness and safety of eligible adults referred to the APS hotline for abuse or neglect.

Through this collaborative project, AAAs have expanded their reach to older adults and Missourians in crisis. The initiative transformed the refer-

ral process between emergency hotline calls and services provided and was life-saving to the clients who were assisted.

“As Missouri’s official senior advocate, I am proud of the work the Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging (Ma4) does for our state’s seniors,” said Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe. “The Missouri Direct Adult Protective Services (MODAPS) Initiative benefits seniors across the state, working to educate and support our state’s seniors on elder abuse prevention. I am pleased that both MODAPS and Ma4 have been recognized on a national stage, receiving first place at the USAging Aging Innovations and Achievement Awards Showcase.”

Sandy Markwood, USAging CEO, is thrilled to recognize this year’s Aging Innovations & Achievement Awards recipients. “Their innovative programs and unwavering commitment to improving the lives of older adults set a high standard for excellence in our field,” she said.

The MODAPS initiative is being replicated across the country as the “Missouri model” in recognition of the pilot initiative’s positive outcomes.

“Our initial efforts resulted in a greater awareness of AAAs and shone a light on the incredible work they do, with limited resources,” said Julie Peetz, Ma4 executive director. “When they are asked to respond to an emergency, they do whatever it takes to get it done.”

Proven success and measurable impact:

- Increased safety: 94 percent of clients report increased safety in their living conditions.
  - Enhanced independence: 92 percent report greater ability to remain independent at home.
  - Improved connection: 89 percent report increased awareness and access to resources for independent living.
- The pilot initiative was funded by state ARPA funds is coming to an end. The association is currently looking for a funding source to continue the program.



The Scotland County Hospital Foundation received a \$2,000 grant check from The MFA Oil Foundation to go towards the purchase of a 2023 Boss Snowrator that will be used to service both the Hospital and Nursing Home District properties. Left to right: Monte Fisher-MFA Board of Director District 2 Northeast, Todd Cline-Maintenance Supervisor Scotland County Hospital & Clinics, Tara Shultz-Scotland County Hospital Grant Writer, Cory Fett-Plant Manager Kahoka, Canton and Memphis.

## Jacqueline Collett inducted into Rotary Club of Kirksville

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the July 24 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, Jacqueline Collett was inducted by Club President Ruth Bowers. She is a retired professor of Music-Voice at Truman State University. Pictured from left are Bowers, Collett and Randy Smith, Collett’s Rotary sponsor.



## Missouri Water Center grant will protect sustainable water management

By University of Missouri

While residents of north central Missouri are making plans to fish and boat in a new reservoir being constructed in Sullivan County, University of Missouri researchers are working to ensure that the water remains safe and clean as the basin fills.

Under the direction of Baolin Deng, the University of Missouri’s William Andrew Davidson Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and co-director of the Missouri Water Center, the team is developing tools to monitor water quality

at the future site of the Roy Blunt Reservoir near Milan. The project is part of a three-year, \$5 million grant the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently awarded to Mizzou to better understand and help manage the state’s water resources.

Once built, the reservoir will become a major source of drinking water, as well as a recreation area, for Missourians living in north central and northeastern Missouri.

“We’ll be developing and installing sensors, gauges and other research equipment during the construction of the reservoir to



Baolin Deng, the University of Missouri’s William Andrew Davidson Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and co-director of the Missouri Water Center. PHOTO BY ZAC ANDERSON

gather valuable research data,” Deng said. “We’ll then monitor soil samples, sediment and the status of the reservoir basin before and after water accumulates to monitor quality and understand changes.”

The information Deng and team collect will allow governmental agencies, including local water commissions, to make any adjustments needed to preserve the quality of water during construction, which is expected to take four to five years.

When complete, the reservoir is expected to provide seven million gallons of water a day to more than 100,000 people in the surrounding 10-county region. The project has a design life of 100 years.

In addition to the reservoir project, the grant will allow the Missouri Water Center at Mizzou to further its mission

of becoming the center of water research in the state.

“Water, in sufficient quantity and quality, is critical for maintaining global human and environmental health,” Deng said. “In the United States, the management of water resources is becoming more integrated, including how to respond to issues such as a changing hydroclimate and emerging contaminants. At Mizzou, we want to make sure we understand how we can measure, monitor and adapt to changes in water uses, quality and hydrology, all of which are essential for long-term sustainable use of water resources.”

This integration is critical to the livelihood and economy of midwestern states like Missouri, especially as the state has experienced frequent severe flooding and drought in recent years.

“Missouri is at the confluence of Missouri River and Mississippi River,” Deng said. “These rivers provide drinking water for almost half of Missouri’s residents as well as water-related activities, including recreation, irrigation, power generation, power storage, flood control, commercial navigation and are a source of significant economic activity and opportunity.”

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## GLVC coaches pick Bulldogs for second in annual preseason poll

By PRESS RELEASE

LEBANON, Ill. — The Truman State Football team was picked to finish second in the Great Lakes Valley Conference preseason coaches poll that was released on Friday as part of the league's 12th annual "Kickoff Event".

It's the third consecutive season and sixth time in the 12 polls conducted by the league that the Bulldogs were picked second by league coaches. Indianapolis received eight of the nine first place votes with Truman named on the Greyhounds ballot as schools could not vote for themselves. McKendree was selected third, fol-

lowed by Missouri S&T, Southwest Baptist, Quincy, Upper Iowa, William Jewell and Lincoln.

Under the direction of interim Head Coach Kellen Nesbitt, the squad returns 14 starters from last season's 9-2 team with a 5-2 record in the conference.

"We had a good spring practice and have had fantastic summer workouts as our new coaches and players want to continue our winning tradition," said Coach Nesbitt. "It will be a lot of newness on the offensive side of the ball but a lot of good leaders and we are excited to watch them in action. In addition to the veterans on the defensive side of the ball, we feel that

they can help us be competitive early on."

Eight of the 14 starters returning are on the defensive side of the ball as the Bulldogs were the stingiest defensive unit last season allowing a league-low 275 yards per game last year. They were first against the pass at 173.4 and second against the run at 101.6 per game. Returners Jake Closser (DB), Ulysses Ross (LB), Thomas Spaulding (DE) and Jake Weltha (DE) each earned all-conference honors last season.

The offense will look to replace veteran starting quarterback Nolan Hair, top rusher Mason Hussey, top receiver Tate Crane and all-league offensive



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linemen Dane Eggert and Justin Watson.

New offensive coordinator and Bulldog alum Austin Zoda used the spring practice season to fill those key roles and will have some experience to work with behind junior running

back Denim Cook, all-conference tight end Christopher Kerr and starting offensive lineman Kody Klingensmith.

The Bulldogs will open fall camp next week at Stokes Stadium with their season and home opener

scheduled for September 7th against the University of Findlay (Ohio). The following week, Truman will travel to the defending league champion, Indianapolis for an early season showdown with the Greyhounds.



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## Klingensmith, Closser represent Truman State at GLVC Kickoff

STAFF REPORTS

LEBANON, Ill. — McKendree University hosted the annual Great Lakes Valley Conference Kickoff event to generate attention and excitement for the upcoming football season.

All nine members of the GLVC with a football program were present, and the day was filled with all sorts of different

media events like press conferences with coaches as well as live social media videos.

Each team sends an offensive player and a defensive player to represent their school at the event, and selected to appear on behalf of the Truman State Bulldogs were senior offensive lineman Kody Klingensmith and senior defensive back Jake Closser.

## Truman State basketball camp scheduled

Staff Reports

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. — Spots are starting to fill up for the Truman State Elite Basketball Camp for high schoolers at Pershing Arena on Sunday, August 11

from 1-5p. Participants can register now or sign up at the door.

<https://trumanmbbcamps.com/elite-camp.cfm>

For more information, email: [amcderrmott@truman.edu](mailto:amcderrmott@truman.edu)



TRUMAN STATE ATHLETICS

## Makenzie Merritt named assistant softball coach at Truman State

By PRESS RELEASE

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. - Truman State Softball Head Coach Ron Ferrill has selected Makenzie Merritt to be the assistant coach. Merritt previously coached at her alma mater of Northern (S.D.) State University.

Merritt played from 2018-2021 and hit .275 in 104 career games played with 10 doubles, a triple, nine home runs and 41 runs batted in. She was 16-13 as a pitcher with 14 complete games. In over 220 innings tossed, she struck out 100 batters and picked up two saves. She won seven games each in both her freshman and sophomore seasons.

Merritt graduated from Northern State with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies and a minor in Public Relations and Sociology. She worked the past two seasons as an assistant coach at Northern State working with the pitching staff as well as assisting with camps, community events, and fundraisers. Merritt also assisted at the high school and club level in the Aberdeen community.

"I am extremely excited about Makenzie as our new assistant coach", said



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Ferrill. "She brings Division II pitching, hitting, and defensive position playing experience, as well as DII coaching experience. More importantly, she brings a high level of energy as well as a very positive and motivating personality. Once Makenzie and I started talking in the search process she quickly stood out and rose to the top of the applicant pool. I believe Makenzie has all of the small intangibles that I was looking for in an assistant coach and will be a great addition to both our program, and the Truman State family."

Hailing from Waconia, Minnesota, Merritt graduated from Hopkins High School where she was an all-conference and all-section honoree for the Royals.

## Truman State ranked second in GLVC preseason coaches' poll

STAFF REPORTS

INDIANAPOLIS – The University of Indianapolis was voted in the preseason coaches' poll as the unanimous choice to win the 2024 Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) football title, the league office announced on Friday. Truman State came in second.

The preseason poll is selected by the league's nine head coaches, who, per GLVC Bylaws, are not permitted to vote for their own team.

### No. 1 Indianapolis

- Received all eight of the possible first-place votes and 64 total points.

- Head coach Chris Keevers enters his sixth season at the helm of the program, recording a 9-2 mark overall and 6-1 Conference record en route to winning his third league crown and GLVC Coach of the Year in 2023.

- Defeated Southwest Baptist 41-3 in final week of regular season to secure the title.

- Finished season ranked No. 22 in American Football Coaches' Association (AFCA) poll, reaching as high as No. 8.

- Garnered NCAA Division II playoff bid last season, falling to Pittsburg State on the road in its first game.

- UIndy returns 16 starters, including eight on offense and seven on defense.

- The Greyhound offense will feature a pair of 2023 GLVC major award winners: quarterback Gavin Sukup (Offensive Player of the Year) and receiver Anthony Crowell (Freshman of the Year).

- UIndy brings back 14 letterwinners on the defensive side of the ball, including All-GLVC First Team honorees Aaron Barnett (DL), Michael Brown (DB), and Clay Schulte (LB).

### No. 2 Truman State

- Received the other first-place vote and 55 total points.

- Have won one GLVC title when it shared the crown in 2016 with Southwest Baptist.

- Interim head coach Kellen Nesbitt takes the reins from his father and longtime Bulldog head coach – Gregg – after 14 years on staff in various positions.

- The Bulldogs tied for second in the Conference last season with a 9-2 overall record and 5-2 GLVC mark.

- Truman returns 14 starters in 2024, including eight on defense.

- All-GLVC Second Team selection Chris Kerr (TE) highlights the trio of returning offensive starters for the Bulldogs.

- The Truman defense will be headed by a plethora of All-GLVC performers, including one first-team honoree – Ulysses Ross (LB) – and three second-team selections – Jake Closser (DB), Thomas Spaulding (DE), and Jack Weltha (DE).

### No. 3 McKendree

- Received 51 total points.

- Head coach Mike Babcock enters his 12th year in Lebanon, going 5-6 overall and 5-2 in GLVC action to tie for second a season ago.

- The Bearcats made their first-ever postseason appearance last year, falling to Ashland 23-20 in the America's Crossroads Bowl.

- McKendree returns a league-high 20 starters, including 10 on offense and nine on defense.

- The Bearcat offense will feature All-GLVC First Team wideout Yogi Flager, Jr., who had an injury-shortened 2023 season after leading the Conference in receiving yards and touchdowns in 2022.

- 25 letterwinners are back on defense, highlighted by second-team defensive lineman Sam Amponsah, who registered 25 tackles (6.5 for loss) and 1.5 sacks last year.

### 2024 GLVC FOOTBALL PRESEASON POLL

Place	School	Points (first-place votes)
1.	Indianapolis	64 (8)
2.	Truman State	55 (1)
3.	McKendree	51
4.	Missouri S&T	40
5.	Southwest Baptist	33
6.	Quincy	29
7.	Upper Iowa	25
8.	William Jewell	14
9.	Lincoln	13

- Punter Kaleb Barry is the lone returner on special teams after landing on the Second Team a year ago.

### No. 4 Missouri S&T

- Received 40 total points.

- Andy Ball comes into his third season as the Miners' head mentor, finishing fourth in league standings with a 4-3 Conference record while going 4-7 overall last year.

- S&T returns 18 starters, including nine on offense and seven on defense.

- On the offensive side, All-GLVC First Team selection CJ Jarmon (WR) will be joined by a quartet of second-team performers: Nadeem Ayoub (OL), Cole Littrell (OL), Jake Seidel (OL), and CJ Wiggins (WR).

- All-GLVC Second Team selections Bentley Hart (DE) and Carson Prenger (DB) are among the 19 returning defensive players for the Miners.

- Sophomores Logan Jacobson (P) and Layne Ryals (K/P) head the Miners' special teams unit after both earned Honorable Mention recognition in their rookie campaigns.

### No. 5 Southwest Baptist

- Received 33 total points.

- Head coach Robert Clardy returns for his 10th season leading his alma mater, as the Bearcats are coming off a 4-7 overall record with a 3-4 league clip in 2023.

- SBU has won one GLVC title when it shared the league crown with Truman in 2016.

- The Bearcats return 12 starters, including six on defense and five on offense.

- Quarterback Collin Sutton and All-GLVC Honorable Mention wideout Jordan Kent are back to lead the offensive attack for SBU.

- Among 20 returning defensive letterwinners, defensive back Kellen Curtis and All-GLVC Second Team defensive lineman Joshua Koranda pace the group.

- Kicker Logan Turner, the 2023 GLVC Special Teams Player of the Year, returns to Bolivar after leading DII in field goals last season.

### No. 6 Quincy

- Received 29 total points.

- Head coach Jason Killday enters his first season at the helm, returning to Quincy after a stint on the Hawks' staff from 2010-15.

- Quincy tied for fifth in the league last year with a 6-5 overall record and 3-4 GLVC mark.

- The Hawks return 12 starters, including five on both offense and defense.

- All-GLVC Second Team running back Teon Dollard comes back after averaging a league-high 7.5 yards per rush, thanks in part to fellow second-team selection Austin Dearing (OL).

- Defensive returners are headlined by a pair of second-team honorees in Joseph Webb (DB) and last season's GLVC interception leader, Brock Inman (LB).

- Punt returner Anthony Gilpin looks to anchor the special teams unit after leading the Conference in yards per punt return (16.3) and earning Honorable Mention status.



## 2024 Truman State volleyball schedule preview

By Shane Gravlin  
Daily Express

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. — The Truman State volleyball team is a little over 30 days from returning to the court.

The Bulldogs' 2023 season could have been better. They finished 12-16, but lost their last eight games of the season to free-fall in the standings. In their losing streak to close out the year, they only pushed one of those games to a second set.

Sill, 2023 was a jump for the Truman volleyball program who struggles before that.

Not taking their foot off the gas in the middle of the season could be a key to success for Truman volleyball in 2024.

**Maverick Invite — Mankato, Minn.**

**Sep. 5:** Truman State University vs. Parkside, 5p

**Sep. 6:** Truman State University vs. Minnesota State University-Mankato, 12p

**Sep. 6:** Truman State University vs. Northern Michigan University, 4p

**Sep. 7:** Truman State University vs. Minnesota State University-Moorhead, 8a

**Fort Hays State Tournament — Hays, Kan.**

**Sep. 13:** Truman State University vs. Emporia State University, 10a

**Sep. 13:** Truman State vs. Northwestern Oklahoma State University, 4p

**Sep. 14:** Truman State University vs. Fort Hays University, 12p

**Sep. 14:** Truman State University vs. University of Colorado-Colorado Springs, 4p

**Southwest Baptist Tournament — Bolivar, Mo.**

**Sep. 20:** Truman State University vs. Fort Hays State University, 9:30a

**Sep. 20:** Truman State University vs. Southwest Baptist University, 2p

**Sep. 21:** Truman State University vs. Ouachita Baptist University, 9:30a

**Sep. 21:** Truman State University vs. Missouri Southern, 2p

**Sep. 28:** Truman State University at Upper Iowa University, 3p

**Oct. 3:** Truman State University vs. University of Illinois-Springfield, 7p

**Oct. 5:** Truman State University vs. Quincy University, 3p

**Oct. 11:** Truman State University at Drury University, 6p

**Oct. 12:** Truman State University at Southwest Baptist University, 3p

**Midwest Region Crossover — TBD**

**Oct. 18:** Truman State University vs. TBD, TBD

**Oct. 19:** Truman State University vs. TBD, TBD

**Oct. 25:** Truman State University vs. William Jewell College (Mo.), 6p



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**Oct. 26:** Truman State University vs. Rockhurst University, 6p

**Nov. 1:** Truman State University at University of Missouri-St. Louis, 6p

**Nov. 2:** Truman State University at McKendree University, 3p

**Nov. 8:** Truman State University vs. University of Indianapolis, 6p

**Nov. 9:** Truman State University vs. Lewis University, 3p

**Nov. 15:** Truman State University at Missouri S&T, 6p

**Nov. 16:** Truman State University at Maryville University, 3p

**GLVC Championships — TBD**



Photo from 2023 season. KIRKSVILLE DAILY EXPRESS ARCHIVES

## 2024 Truman State football schedule preview

By Shane Gravlin  
Daily Express

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. — Things will be different for Truman State football this year, most notably with a new coach in place, one who's been around the Bulldogs program for over a decade

Kellen Nesbitt will be Truman's interim head coach this fall. He spent the last 14 seasons as defensive coordinator for the Bulldogs and previously had coaching roles at Central Missouri, his alma mater where he played.

In his tenure at Truman, the Bulldogs consistently had a top defense in the GLVC and had

success limiting opponents rushing yards.

He'll be carrying the legacy of former coach (his father) Gregg Nesbitt who retired from coaching college football to return to coaching high school football.

Kellen Nesbitt will try to extend Truman's streak of six straight winning seasons.

**Sep. 7:** Truman State University vs. University of Findlay (Ohio), 12p

**Sep. 14:** Truman State University at University of Indianapolis, 5p

**Sep. 21:** Truman State University at Saginaw Valley State University (Mich.), 1p

**Sep. 28:** Truman State Univer-

sity vs. Wayne State University (Mich.), 1p

**Oct. 5:** Truman State University at Upper Iowa University, 6p

**Oct. 12:** Truman State University vs. Missouri S&T, 6p

**Oct. 19:** Truman State University at Quincy University (Ill.), 1p

**Oct. 26:** Truman State University vs. McKendree University (Ill.), 2p

**Nov. 2:** Truman State University vs. Lincoln University (Mo.), 12p

**Nov. 9:** Truman State University at William Jewell (Mo.), 3p

**Nov. 16:** Truman State University vs. Southwest Baptist University (Mo.), 12p



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## 2024 Linn County Mustangs softball schedule preview

By Shane Gravlin  
Daily Express

PURDIN, Mo. — Adair County isn't the only county in northern Missouri with fall sports beginning in a few weeks. Linn County High School softball is in action in just over a month.

The 2023 Mustangs season was rough, and Linn County finished the year with a record of 4-15 overall. They were able to win a postseason game, defeating Hale with Bosworth in the first round of the district tournament, but their season ended with a loss against Schuyler County.

The Mustangs were never able to create any momentum and failed to win consecutive games at any point of the season. Three of their losses, however, were decided by just a single run, so staying sharp in close games could be a key to improvement for Linn County this year.

**Aug. 30:** Linn County vs. Grundy County with Newtown-Harris, 5p

**Sep. 3:** Linn County at Higbee, 5p

**Sep. 6:** Linn County at Brashear, 5p

**Sep. 10:** Linn County at Bevier, 5p

**Sep. 12:** Linn County vs. Bucklin with Macon County, 5p

**Sep. 17:** Linn County vs. Green City, 5p

**Sep. 19:** Linn County vs. North Shelby, TBD



**Sep. 20:** Linn County vs. Novinger, 5p

**Sep. 21:** North Shelby SB Tournament

**Sep. 23:** Linn County at Meadville, 5p

**Sep. 27:** Linn County vs. Atlanta, 5p

**Sep. 30:** Linn County at Brunswick with Keytesville, Northwestern (Mendon), 5p

**Oct. 4:** Linn County at La Plata, 5p

**Oct. 7:** Linn County vs. Tri-County, 5:30p

**Oct. 8:** Linn County at Milan, 5p

**Oct. 10:** Linn County at Mercer, 5:30p

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#### No. 7 Upper Iowa

• Received 25 total points.

• Head coach Jason Hoskins enters his fifth season, going 3-8 overall and 1-6 in league play in the Peacocks' inaugural GLVC campaign.

• UIU returns numerous familiar faces to Fayette, as 19 starters come back for 2024.

• The Upper Iowa offense will feature a handful of All-GLVC performers, including first-team selections Mante Morrow (WR)

and Eddie Burgess (TE), along with second-team honorees Tyler Nielsen (OL) and Willy Camacho (RB).

• Nine Peacock defensive starters are back this season, led by defensive back Zacarius Murray, who earned Second Team recognition in 2023.

#### No. 8 William Jewell

• Received 14 total points.

• Head coach Jason Ambrosio will lead the Cardinals this season after taking over in December.

• Jewell tied for seventh in the league last year with a 2-8 overall record and 1-6 GLVC mark.

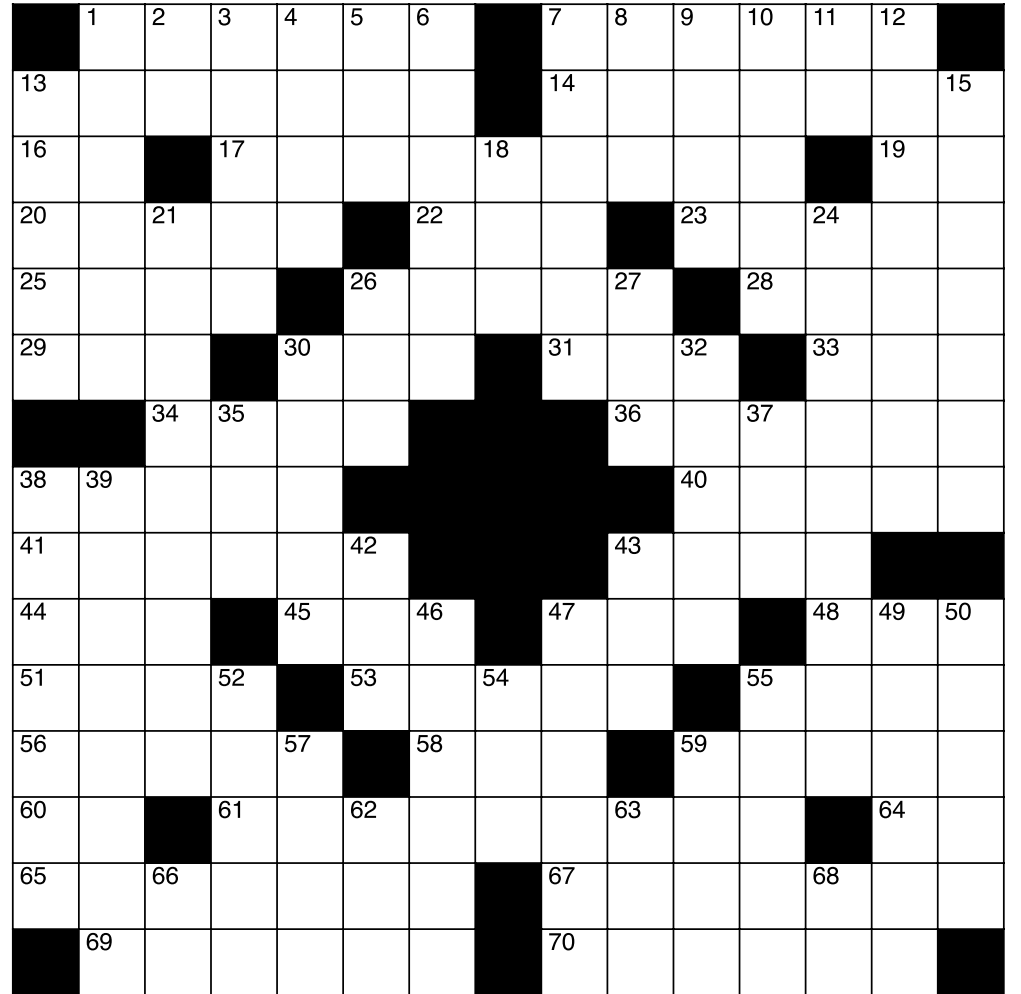
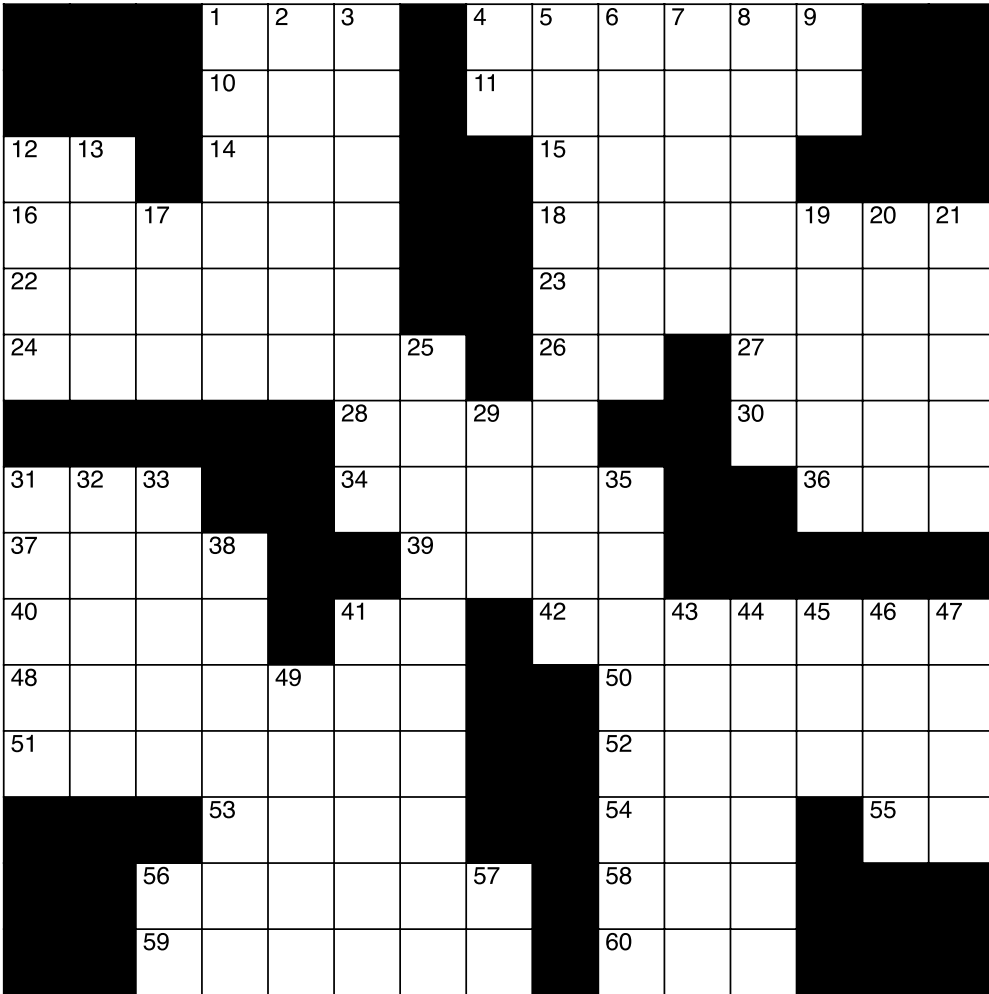
• The Cardinals bring back 14 starters for 2024, with seven on both offense and defense.

• All-GLVC Second Team running back Keandre McCullough will be a main piece of the Jewell offense after rushing for 731 yards and five touchdowns in 2023.

• Sean Mitchell, an All-GLVC First Team selection, paces the defensive returners after leading the league in tackles per game (8.3) last season.

• The 2024 GLVC Champion will be determined by the results of the round-robin league schedule, which begins Sept. 7.





**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Storage device
- 4. Disagree with
- 10. Political organization
- 11. Playoff appearances
- 12. Collection of cops
- 14. Balkan mountain peak
- 15. Island north of Guam
- 16. Seizure of someone's property
- 18. Repeat
- 22. Beautiful youth
- 23. Bullfighters
- 24. Charges a fare
- 26. Not off
- 27. Where skaters ply their trade
- 28. Meson
- 30. Guru
- 31. Cycles/second
- 34. Alternating turns
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 37. Mound
- 39. Boxer Amir
- 40. Away from wind
- 41. Exist
- 42. Working man

**CLUES DOWN**

- 48. British soldier
- 50. Scrounge
- 51. Upset
- 52. The act of escaping
- 53. Poet Pound
- 54. Confederate general
- 55. Midway between south and east
- 56. Becomes hot from the sun
- 58. Fictitious poet Mailey
- 59. Not yet purchased
- 60. Intersperse

**CLUES ACROSS**

- 12. Chilean province Capitan \_\_\_
- 13. Father
- 17. Pestilence
- 19. Songs
- 20. Grilling tools
- 21. Long, winding ridge of sand and gravel
- 25. Court game
- 29. \_\_\_kosh, near Lake Winnebago
- 31. Variety of beet
- 32. Caps
- 33. Rides in the snow
- 35. Took without permission
- 38. Tall stand to hold books
- 41. Spanish neighborhood
- 43. Spanish dance
- 44. Countries of Asia
- 45. Make fun of
- 46. Elk Grove High School
- 47. Network of nerves
- 49. Greek apertifs
- 56. Unit of volume
- 57. South Dakota

**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Spiritual leaders
- 7. A solution
- 13. Fortified wine
- 14. Edible mollusk
- 16. Blood group
- 17. A way to compare
- 19. Gov't lawyer
- 20. Actor Ciaran
- 22. Calendar month
- 23. Very willing
- 25. \_\_\_ ex Machina
- 26. Satisfies
- 28. Type of berry
- 29. Distinctive practice
- 30. Popular pickup truck model
- 31. Dekagram
- 33. Naturally occurring solid material
- 34. Company officer
- 36. Villains
- 38. Cricket frogs
- 40. German founder of psychology
- 41. Endured
- 43. A female domestic
- 44. A situation you can be in
- 45. Cigarette (slang)
- 47. Fiber optic network (abbr.)
- 48. Belgian composer Walter
- 51. Employee stock ownership plan
- 53. Belonging to the bottom layer

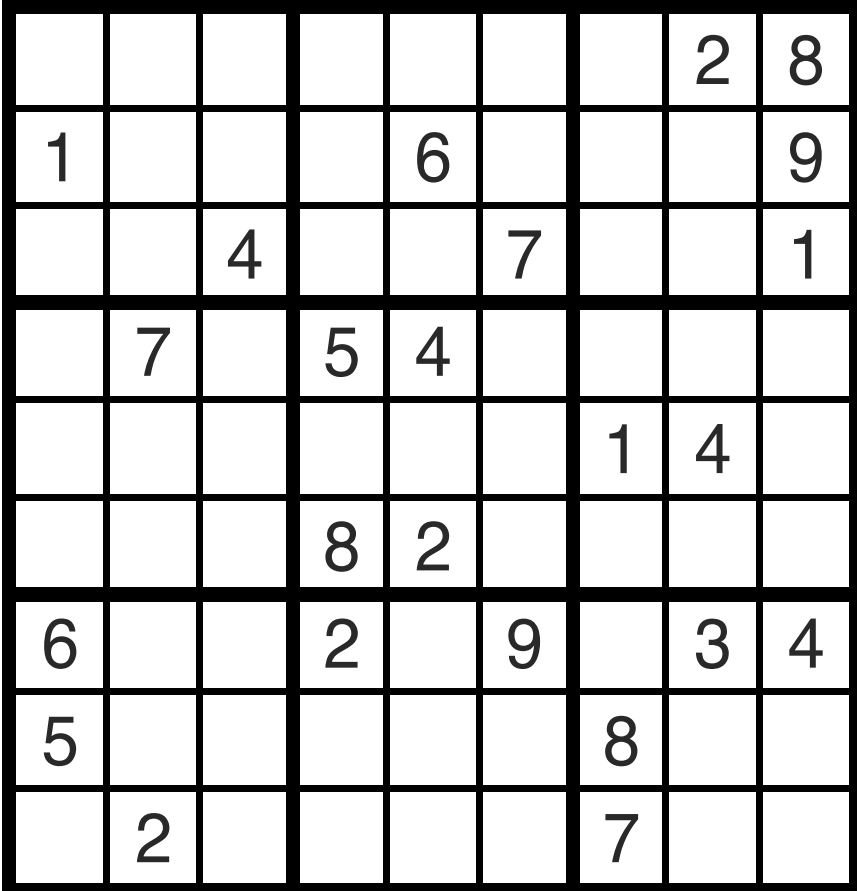
- 55. Musical or vocal sound
- 56. Yankees' great Judge
- 58. Dickens character
- 59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
- 60. South Dakota
- 61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- 64. Atomic #79
- 65. Former Braves pitcher Julio
- 67. Humor
- 69. Shawl
- 70. Hospital unit

**CLUES DOWN**

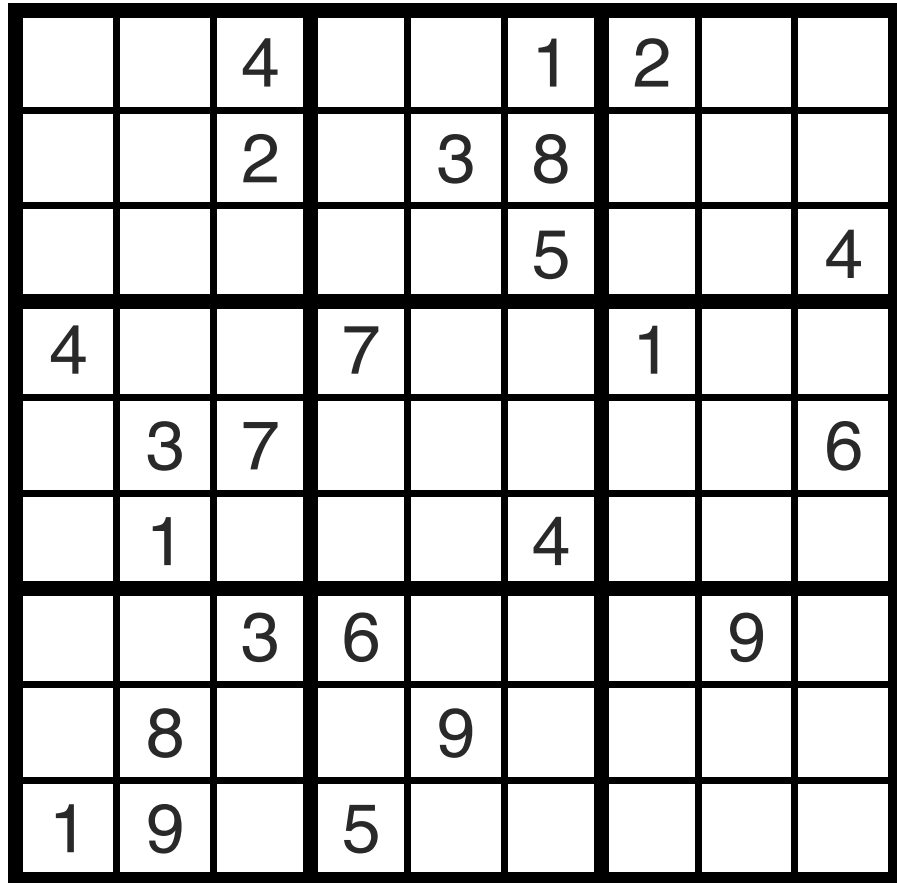
- 1. Animal disease
- 2. Commercial
- 3. Arts and crafts supplies
- 4. Containers
- 5. Investment vehicle
- 6. A way to greet in a friendly way
- 7. Bulged downward
- 8. "A Day Without" singer
- 9. Lay about
- 10. Intestinal
- 11. Negative
- 12. Caused to be loved
- 13. Prominent in Islamic eschatology
- 15. Sincere
- 18. Not in
- 21. Number above the line in a fraction

- 24. Bill Murray chased one
- 26. Pouch
- 27. Swedish krona
- 30. Start over
- 32. Wild white or yellow flower
- 35. Fourteen
- 37. Visual way of interacting with a computer (abbr.)
- 38. Up-to-date
- 39. Campaigns
- 42. Touch lightly
- 43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- 46. Violent seizure of property
- 47. One who supports the Pope
- 49. Malaise
- 50. Body fluid
- 52. Inauthentic person
- 54. Title of respect
- 55. Chilean city
- 57. Central Japanese city
- 59. Garment
- 62. Draw from
- 63. Automobile
- 66. The man
- 68. Top government lawyer

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Level: Intermediate



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**Kirkville R-III School District Tax Rate Hearing Notice**  
A hearing will be held at the District Administration Center, located at 1901 East Hamilton Street, Kirksville on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 6:00 PM, at which time citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the Kirksville R-III School District, a political subdivision.

The tax rates are set to produce the revenues from the property tax required by the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue needed by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

Assessed Valuation (AV) (by categories)	Estimated Current Tax Year 2024	Prior Tax Year 2023
Real Estate	\$232,728,798	\$230,254,635
Personal Property	\$79,787,094	\$78,953,585
Combined Real Estate & Personal Property	\$312,515,892	\$309,208,220
Adjusted Assessed Valuation on Which Tax Revenue is Received	\$312,515,892	\$309,208,220
New Construction & Improvements (Included in AV Total above)	\$4,351,860	

The following Tax Rates are Proposed by Fund:				
	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted (assumes 100% collection)	Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$100)	Amount of Calculated Property Tax Revenue From Prior Year	Property Tax Rate (per \$100)
Incidental	\$5,332,595	1.7063	\$5,264,270	\$1.7025
Teacher	\$5,332,595	1.7063	\$5,264,270	\$1.7025
Debt Service	\$2,559,505	0.8190	\$2,532,415	\$0.8190
Capital Projects	\$312,516	0.1000	\$309,208	\$0.1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,537,210</b>	<b>\$4.3317</b>	<b>\$13,370,163</b>	<b>\$4.3240</b>

Total New Revenue:	\$139,957
New Revenue from New Construction and Improvements:	\$152,533
New Revenue from Reassessment:	(\$36,599)
Percentage of New Revenue from Reassessment:	-0.3377%

\*Estimates reflect the most accurate information provided by the County Clerks at the time of this posting. These figures are based on information available as of Thursday, August 1, 2024. It is possible the estimate may change by the Tax Rate Hearing or that the Board of Education may make changes until September 1, 2024.

Board of Education  
Kirkville R-III School District  
Dr. Jeremy Houser, President Robert Webb, Superintendent

SouthLaw, P.C.  
13160 Foster, Suite 100  
Overland Park, KS 66213-2660  
(913) 663-7600  
File No. 24614

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

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.

SouthLaw, P.C. Successor Trustee

First Publication: July 24, 2024. For more information, visit HYPERLINK "http://www.southlaw.com/" www.southlaw.com

**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).

**IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL** Case Number: 24AR-PR00081  
**CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI** (Date File Stamp)  
Judge or Division: PROBATE  
In the Estate of SHERRI DIANNE RAY, Deceased.

**Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Supervised Administration - Non-Resident Fiduciary)**

**To All Persons Interested in the Estate of SHERRI DIANNE RAY, Decedent:** On August 2, 2024, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of SHERRI DIANNE RAY, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. The personal representative's name and business address is: Gary D Ray, 310 West 5TH Street, Moulton, Iowa 52572

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

The non-resident personal representative's designated agent's name, business address, and phone number is: Jessica Rooks, 2211 East Normal, Kirksville, Missouri 63501, 660-627-3369

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: July 11, 2024  
Date of first publication: August 7, 2024

Martha Cole  
Adair County Circuit Clerk  
PUBLICATION DATES: 8-7-2024, 8-14-2024, 8-21-2024, 8-28-2024

**SURPLUS SALE**  
The Adair County R-I School is offering a surplus sale. The sale will include 2 surplus, 2008 International Buses. Information is listed below.

YEAR	BODY	MODEL	Miles
2008	INT.	CE300	162,480
2008	INT.	CE300	150,664

Bids will be accepted until August 21, 2024 at 12:00 pm and will be sold to the highest bidder meeting the minimum price point. The buses will be offered individually, with a minimum bid of \$5,000 each. Please call to inspect on site. All sales will be final and the equipment will be sold AS IS. Please call 660-234-9193 to set up an appointment to view or submit a bid.

**IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL** Case Number: 24AR-PR00079  
**CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI** (Date File Stamp)  
Judge or Division: PROBATE  
In the Estate of RICHARD DALE MCCOLLUM, Deceased.

**Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration)**

**To All Persons Interested in the Estate of RICHARD DALE MCCOLLUM, Decedent:**

On July 22, 2024, the following individuals was appointed the personal representative of the estate of RICHARD DALE MCCOLLUM, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of ADAIR COUNTY, Missouri.

The personal representative's name and business address is: Amy Lynn Kielman, 707 East Hereford Avenue, Independence, Missouri 64055

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

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: Lisa C. Machicao, 6731 West 121ST Sreet, Suite 219, Overland Park, Kansas, 66209, 913-312-5604

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: February 6, 2023  
Date of first publication: July 31, 2024

Martha Cole  
Adair County Circuit Clerk

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

PUBLICATION DATES: JULY 31, 2024, AUGUST 7, 2024, AUGUST 14, 2024 AND AUGUST 21, 2024

**ACCEPTING BIDS**

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

A. Notice to Bidders: Bidders may submit bids for project as described in this Document. Submit bids according to the Instructions to Bidders.

B. Project Identification: **Renovate Building for Northeast Missouri Area Agency on Aging.**

- Project Location: **2815 North Baltimore Street, Kirksville, MO 63501**
- Owner: Northeast Missouri Area Agency on Aging, 2815 North Baltimore Street, Kirksville, MO 63501
- Owner's Representative: Mrs. Debbie Blessing, Executive Director, 606-665-4682
- Architect: Poeppling, Stone, Bach & Associates; PSBA, Inc.
  - Darin Prost, AIA
  - 100 South 54th Street, Quincy, Illinois 62305
  - Phone: 217-257-9450
  - Website: www.psba.com.
- Project Description: Project consists of the renovation of the existing Maritz Call Center building to accommodate the NEMO AAA offices and nutritional and wellness center. Work will include a new commercial kitchen and associated systems upgrades for kitchen, and finish improvements to building.
- Construction Contract: Bids will be received for the following Work:
  - General Contract (all trades).

**BID SUBMITTAL AND OPENING**

A. Owner will receive sealed lump sum bids until the bid time and date at the location given below. Owner will consider bids prepared in compliance with the Instructions to Bidders issued by Owner, and delivered as follows:

- Bid Date: Thursday, August 15th, 2024.
- Bid Time: 1:00 P.M., local time.
- Location: NEMO AAA, 2815 North Baltimore Street, Kirksville, Missouri 63501

B. Bids will be thereafter publicly opened and read aloud.

**BID SECURITY**

A. Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of 10 percent of the bid amount. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after opening of bids. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities.

**PREBID MEETING**

A. Prebid Meeting: A Prebid meeting for all bidders will be held at the Project Site on Thursday, August 8th, 2024 at 1:00 P.M., local time. Prospective prime bidders are requested to attend.

- Bidders' Questions: Architect will provide responses at Prebid conference to bidders' questions received up to two business days prior to conference.

**DOCUMENTS**

A. Printed Procurement and Contracting Documents: Obtain after July 22nd, 2024, by contacting PSBA, Inc. Documents will be provided to prime bidders only; only complete sets of documents will be issued.

- Deposit: \$100.00.
- Shipping: Additional shipping charges will apply.

B. Online Procurement and Contracting Documents: Obtain access after July 22nd, 2024, by contacting PSBA, 217-223-4605, Attention Christina Cane. Online access will be provided to all registered bidders and suppliers.

C. Viewing Procurement and Contracting Documents: Examine after July 22nd, 2024, at the locations below:

- PSBA Quincy, IL Office
- NEMO AAA Kirksville, MO office.

**TIME OF COMPLETION**

A. Successful bidder shall begin the Work on receipt of the Notice to Proceed and shall complete the Work within the Contract Time.

**BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS**

A. Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain insurance and bonds required for the Work. **A Performance Bond, separate Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Insurance in a form acceptable to Owner will be required of the successful Bidder.**

**NOTIFICATION**

A. This Advertisement for Bids document is issued by the Northeast Missouri Area Agency on Aging.

B. The Owner reserves the right to waive bid irregularities and to reject any and all bids.

C. Bidders are required to pay a Prevailing Wage:

- The Missouri Prevailing Wage Law requires that all workers employed on public works projects be paid the proper prevailing wage rate. Prevailing wage rates are determined by actual hours worked, for a particular occupational title (classification/trade, in each individual county throughout the state.)
- Rates are available online, and are incorporated into this document.

D. Tax Exempt - All bidders are hereby notified that this project is exempt from sales tax on all materials. No bid shall, therefore, include sales tax.



**IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI** Case Number: 24AR-PR00048  
 Judge or Division: PROBATE

In the Estate of LARRY GLASPIE, a Disabled Person.

**Notice of Appointment of Conservator**  
**To All Persons Interested in the Estate of LARRY GLASPIE, a Disabled Person:**  
 On JULY 30, 2024, RHONDA NOE, Adair County Public Administrator was appointed conservator of the estate of Larry Glaspie a person adjudicated disabled under the laws of Missouri by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of ADAIR COUNTY, Missouri.  
 The business address of the conservator is:  
 300 North Franklin, Kirksville, Missouri 63501  
 All creditors of said disabled person are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court.

Date of first publication August 7, 2024.  
 (Publication to run 4 consecutive weeks)

/s/Martha Cole  
 Adair County Circuit Clerk

PUBLICATION DATES: 8-7-2024, 8-14-2024, 8-21-2024, 8-28-2024

**IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI** Case Number: 24AR-PR00050  
 Judge or Division: PROBATE (Date File Stamp)

In the Estate of ROSE MARIE LEA, a Disabled Person.

**Notice of Appointment of Conservator**  
**To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ROSE MARIE LEA, a Disabled Person:**  
 On JULY 30, 2024, CYNTHIA M. LEA was appointed conservator of the estate of ROSE MARIE LEA, a person adjudicated disabled under the laws of Missouri by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of ADAIR COUNTY, Missouri.  
 The business address of the conservator is: 701 West Shepherd Avenue, Kirksville, Missouri 63501 All creditors of said disabled person are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court.  
 Date of first publication August 7, 2024.

Martha Cole  
 Adair County Circuit Clerk

PUBLICATION DATES: 8-7-2024, 8-14-2024, 8-21-2024, 8-28-2024

**IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI** Case Number: 24AR-PR00070  
 Judge or Division: PROBATE (Date File Stamp)

In the Estate of AMEY BHATIA, a Disabled Person.

**Notice of Appointment of Conservator**  
**To All Persons Interested in the Estate of AMEY BHATIA, a Disabled Person:** On July 30, 2024 AMIT BHATIA and SUNIDHI BHATIA were appointed conservators of the estate of AMEY BHATIA, a person adjudicated disabled under the laws of Missouri by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of ADAIR COUNTY, Missouri.  
 The business address of the conservators are respectively:  
 2510 North Oak Lane, Kirksville, Missouri 63501  
 All creditors of said disabled person are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court. Date of first publication August 7, 2024.

Martha Cole  
 Adair County Circuit Clerk

PUBLICATION DATES: 8-7-2024, 8-14-2024, 8-21-2024, 8-28-2024

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI STATE OF MISSOURI**

S'VINTE WALLACE SR. Petitioners  
 vs.  
 TAMARA MCMILLIAN Respondent

Case No.: 23AR-CV00871-01

**NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
 The State of Missouri to: Tamara McMillian, 213 St. Clair St Apt 213, Conyers, GA 30094.

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is Motion to Modify Custody.

The names of all parties to said action are stated in the caption above, and the name and address of attorney for Petitioner is Patrick Nolan, 210 N Elson St. Ste. A, Kirksville, MO 63501

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend against this action within 45 days after the 24th day of July, 2024, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri on the 15th day of July, 2024.

/s/ Martha Cole, Adair County Circuit Clerk

DATES OF PUBLICATION IN KIRKSVILLE DAILY EXPRESS: 7/24/2024, 7/31/2024, 8/7/2024, 8/14/2024

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2024 TAX LEVY**

A public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, August 19, 2024, in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 201 S. Franklin Street, during which time, citizens may be heard on the property tax rate proposed to be set by the City of Kirksville, a political subdivision. The following information is provided pursuant to RSMo.67.110:

Assessed Valuation (by category)	Current Tax Year 2024	Prior Tax Year 2023
Real Estate	\$153,806,780	\$152,655,380
Personal Property	51,220,568	52,541,274
Commercial Aircraft	354,077	460,465
Railroad and Utilities	13,041,280	14,079,624
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$218,422,705</b>	<b>\$219,736,743</b>

2023 Tax Rate	\$0.6817/100
2024 Proposed Tax Rate	\$0.6908/100

Property Tax Revenues in 2024 Budget:

General Fund	\$1,382,500
Tax Increment Funds	1,230
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,383,730*</b>

Tax Revenues from new construction & improvements based on proposed tax rate-\$10.455 or 0.8%.\*

\* The amounts reflected are net of uncollectibles, releases and County collection costs.

The final tax levy is subject to revised figures from the Missouri State Auditor and Adair County sources.

City of Kirksville  
 Lacy A. King, Finance Director

If you require special accommodations at the public hearing, please contact the City Clerk at (660) 627-1225.

**IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION** Estate No: 21AR-PR00026  
 Judge or Division: PROBATE

In the Estate of Judith Shelley, Deceased.

**Notice of filing of final settlement and PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION**

**TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF JUDITH SHELLEY, Deceased.**

You are hereby notified that the undersigned Personal Representative will file a Final Settlement and Petition for determination of the persons who are the successors in interest of the personal/real property of the decedent and of the extent and character of their interests therein and for distribution of such property, in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair county, Missouri, on or about September 4, 2024 or 7 days after last publication or as may be continued by the Court, and that any objections or exceptions to such Final Settlement or Petition or any item thereof must be in writing and filed within twenty days after the filing of such Final Settlement.

Robin Phillips  
 Robin Phillips, Personal Representative

SWEDBERG LAW, LLC  
 908 E Morgan  
 Edina, MO 63537  
 660-216-9210 Telephone  
 swedberglawllc@gmail.com

ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE  
 Brenda Swedberg  
 BRENDA SWEDBERG #36806

PUBLICATION DATES: AUGUST 7,14,21 AND 28,2024

**IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI** Case Number: 24AR-PR00061  
 Judge or Division: PROBATE

In the Estate of TERESA M. HOUSEMAN, a Disabled Person.

**Notice of Appointment of Conservator**  
**To All Persons Interested in the Estate of TERESA M. HOUSEMAN, a Disabled Person:**  
 On October 31, 2023 RHONDA NOE, Adair County Public Administrator was appointed conservator of the estate of TERESA M. HOUSEMAN, a person adjudicated disabled under the laws of Missouri by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of ADAIR COUNTY, Missouri.  
 The business address of the conservator is (respectively):  
 300 N. Franklin, Kirksville, Missouri, 63501  
 All creditors of said disabled person are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court.

/s/Martha Cole  
 Adair County Circuit Clerk

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Upcoming Northern Missouri road work

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/.

Route 129 - Resurfacing project, Aug. 5-9. The road will be narrowed to one lane and a 10-foot width restriction will be in place

Route Y - Closed for a culvert replacement from Route J to Route N, Aug. 6, 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Route Y - Closed for a culvert replacement from Route RA to Field Drive, Aug. 7, 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Knox County

Route C - Aug. 5-8, Closed for asphalt pavement repairs from Missouri Route 15 to Missouri Route 11 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

Route O - Aug. 14, Closed for seal coat operations from Laramie Street to Missouri Route 6 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Route Z - Aug. 15, Closed for seal coat operations from Bean Blossom Loop to Missouri Route 6 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Macon County

Missouri Route 3 - Aug. 14, Lane restriction from Old Highway 36 to the South Outer Road (Golden Avenue) between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. A 12-foot width restriction will be in place where crews are actively working.

U.S. Route 36 (West-bound) - Aug. 14, Lane restriction for bridge maintenance over the structure over Middle Fork Little Chariton River, located 0.50 mile west of Route C at Bevier between 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. A 12-foot width

restriction will be in place where crews are actively working.

U.S. Route 36 (West-bound) - Aug. 15, Lane restriction for bridge maintenance from Missouri Route 129 to Route W between 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. A 12-foot width restriction will be in place where crews are actively working.

U.S. Route 36 (East-bound) - Aug. 13, Lane restriction for bridge maintenance from 0.25 mile before and after the bridge over Gantz Street in Macon between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Schuyler County

U.S. Route 63 - Aug. 5-8, Lane restriction for bridge maintenance from 0.5 mile before and after the South Fork Middle Fabius Riv-

er Bridge between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. A 12-foot width restriction will be in place where crews are actively working daily.



PUZZLE ANSWERS from page B3

Two crossword puzzle grids with their respective answers filled in.

THIS WEEK'S FEATURED CHURCH Fellowship Baptist Church

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Hamilton Street Baptist Church 802 W. Hamilton Pastor Tim Ingle 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups 9:45 a.m. Worship Service www.hamiltonstreet.org

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

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

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

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

Faith United Methodist Church 1602 E. Illinois Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship

Southside Baptist Church 1010 W. Burton Pastor: Aaron Rodgers 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Preaching 6:30 p.m. Evening Service

First Church of God 2900 S. Halliburton Tiffany and Michael Vincent 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship www.firstchurchofgod.com

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

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

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

Grace Community Bible Church 1501 E. Northtown Rd. Benjamin Jordan, Pastor Affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 12 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Small groups KirksvilleGCBC@gmail.com www.KirksvilleGCBC.com • 660.665.1615

First United Methodist Church 300 E. Washington Pastor: Choongho Kwon 9:30 a.m. Worship In Person & Online kvumc.org

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

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

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

Yarrow Methodist Church Highway N., Yarrow Pastor David Stuckey 10:00 a.m. Sunday Services

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

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

Union Temple Church Southwest of Kirksville Alan Coonfield, Pastor Every Sunday Evening 5-5:30 p.m. Bible Study 5:30-6:30 p.m. Church Service

Sugar Creek Baptist Church 5 mi South on Hwy 3 Pastor, Virgil K. Jones 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

Meadow Brook Christian Church 602 E. Washington 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Morning Worship

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Novinger, Mo. 7:30 a.m. Sunday

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

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

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

Countryside Christian Church S. Boundary St. Rt. H. Troy Mills Preacher, Harold R. Engel 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Bible Study www.countrysideckv.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 2000 E. Normal

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

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

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

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

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

Illinois Bend Community Church Highway 3 Pastor Terry Hunsaker 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 660-349-0052

Baring Community Church 112 W. Potter 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Service 660-379-2329

Willow Bend Church Find Us on Facebook for Event Schedule

New Hope Methodist Reformed Church - Millard 9:15 a.m. Bible Stud 10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Trinity United Fellowship Church Pastor: Josh Botello 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 660-626-4446

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Baptist Church of LaPlata B. J. McAlpin, Pastor 9:00 am "Donut Hole" Fellowship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Worship 6:00 pm Monday - AWANA http://laplatafbcc.org Email: laplatafbcc@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Victory Baptist Church Of Greentop -Meets at the Willmathsville Community Church on Hwy A. Pastor Joshua Wesley 10:30 a.m. Worship

Union Temple Pastor Alan Coonfield Sunday evening worship 5:00 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Worship

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