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Tigers Homecoming Parade Pep Rally, Football Game Dance and Reunions



Homecoming in Kirksville! With Kirksville High School and Truman State University both celebrating Homecoming, local folks can enjoy two parades and two really great football games.

According to a story in Wikipedia, both the board game “Trivial Pursuit” and the popular game show, “Jeopardy!” claim the University of Missouri’s 1911 football game was the first Homecoming in the country, a battle that pitted Mizzou against its border rivals, the Kansas Jayhawks. According to the legend, the event was dubbed “Homecoming” when Mizzou Athletic Director Chester Brewer invited all alumni to “come home” for the game in 1911. The celebration also included a parade and spirit rally with a bonfire.

Researchers at the Adair County Historical Society found the first mention of Homecoming at Kirksville High School in the 1948 Yearbook. There may have been a Homecoming prior to 1948, but due to the country being at war in Europe and the Pacific since 1941, the school district did not print a yearbook due to all resources being routed to the war effort. With most young men joining the U.S military, it was rumored that Kirksville didn’t even field a football team during the war years as the young men of that era left school to join the troops in battle.

For many years Homecoming served as a call to alumni to return to the campus and reunite with old friends and teammates. There were pep rallies at school, bonfires held prior to the game, a parade in the streets, the crowning of the Homecoming Queen, King and their court, the football game and a dance to cap it all off. Many came to their class reunions held during Homecoming.

Other activities included the snake dance, where a long, long line of dancers holding

hands would follow the leader across a field, zig-zagging their way around and often running in circles.

Activities then were held on a Saturday, as was the game. Robinson Field, where many activities would take place, was on the land east of where Hy-Vee currently sits, though the games would be played at Stokes Stadium on what was then the Northeast Missouri State University.

Games were played during the day because there were no stadium lights back then and Homecoming lasted all weeked with the dance at the armory wrapping things up.

While it was aimed at supporting the football team. some say Homecoming began in Kirksville as a way to welcome back the soldiers from WWII.

This year, Homecoming lands on Oct. 4 for the Tigers, with the parade on the square beginning at 4 p.m, the varsity game (vs. Hannibal) at 7 p.m. at Spainhower Field, and the dance at 9 p.m.

Homecoming Queen



From the 1948 Kirksville High School Yearbook

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Bonfires were part of the original Homecoming activities at Kirksville High School.



The football team captains kiss the Homecoming Queen.



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Truman State Homecoming



Truman State University, which at the time was named Northeast Missouri University, began celebrating Homecoming in 1939, celebrating every year except the WWII years of 1942-45. According to the Truman State web page dedicated to the history of Homecoming at the University, the Blue Key Honor Fraternity sponsored the first Homecoming celebration on Friday, Nov. 3, 1939, beginning with an assembly in Kirk Auditorium and a parade that featured three bands, 21 floats, and Martha Decker, of Callao, as

the first Homecoming Queen. The Bulldogs lost that initial football game to the Warrensburg Mules by a score of 21-7. A banquet at the Travelers Hotel dining room followed the game and in the evening, a Homecoming Dance in Kirk Auditorium featured Dick Ames and his orchestra. The web page states that recent Homecoming celebrations have featured a pep rally, parade, banquet, and team competitions to encourage school pride and spirit. Other activities, such as the lip sync compe-



tition, tailgate, and a 5K run/walk, have become part of the festivities. "Many alumni return to campus to help celebrate Homecoming, one of the University's most cherished traditions," the page states. This year, the Bulldog Homecoming will

be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, with a parade held downtown that morning, followed by a tailgating party and the football game. Check kirkville-dailyexpress.com for more details on Truman State's Homecoming as they become available.

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6th annual Halloween Town set for Oct. 31

Halloween Town is back! Join the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department, #For660 and more than 100 community partners for the 6th annual Halloween Town event. Halloween Town is a safe, fun and interactive trick-or-treat experience all in one location. Join them Oct. 31 from 5:30- 8 p.m. in front of Kirksville High School and William Matthew Middle School. This event is free for everyone! Have a business and interested in having a booth at this great community event? Contact Luke Callaghan at 660-627-1485.

Halloween Flashlight EGGstravaganza

Get ready for a night of spooky fun as the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department and Kraft Heinz invite you to the 8th annual Free Halloween Flashlight EGGstravaganza! Join them on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. at the North Park Complex, located at 2710 Novinger Street. Prepare for an egg-hunting adventure like no other as they scatter 11,000 Halloween eggs filled with candy and toys across the ballfields. Don't forget to bring your flashlight and a bag because the egg hunt begins promptly at 7 p.m.!



19th Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner at Hamilton Street Baptist Church



The annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner is held at Hamilton Street Baptist Church in Kirksville in November (Check the Kirksville Daily Express for date and time). The event is a dine-in only meal of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, noodles, dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls,

and pumpkin pie with whipped topping., coffee and soft drinks.

Past dinners were made possible through a partnership with Adair County SB40, Brashear Schools, Chariton Valley Association, Colton's, Hightower Supply, Hope's Kitchen, Hy-Vee, and Walmart.

NEMO Fair Association presents 1st Annual 'The Christmas Lane Lighting'

NEMO Fair Association presents "The Christmas Lane Lighting," located at 2700 E. Illinois Street in Kirksville.

Businesses, organizations and individuals are invited to participate in this first annual event. The competition will be held at the NEMO Fair Campground and spots are



\$20 each and can be secured by messaging from their Facebook page. Contestants will have from Nov. 30 to Dec. 6 at 4 p.m. to complete their display for judging.

The public is invited to drive through The Christmas Lane Lighting display on Dec. 6-7 from 6-9 p.m. \$5 per car, cash only.

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Christmas time is always an exciting time of the year for Kirksville residents and visitors alike, beginning with the annual Kiwanis Christmas Parade on Saturday, Nov. 30 at 5:30 p.m. in downtown Kirksville. This year's Grand Marshall will be John Garlock, anchor at KTVO Television. The annual tree lighting ceremony will be held following the parade. Main Street Kirksville will offer horse drawn carriage rides and local businesses will display their "Living Windows" while Santa will hold court in the Adair County Courthouse.

Other activities include the opening of the ice skating rink on the north end of the courthouse from Nov. 28-Dec. 1, and the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce's "Shop Local" season will begin on Nov. 30 and continue through Dec. 24. For more details as the event gets closer, go to visitkirksville.com





This year's grand prize includes a deer blind, built on a trailer, and a Ruger American 6.5 Creedmoor deer rifle. (Must be present to win)

By Frank Miller
Special to The Kirksville Quarterly

The Sixth Annual Blessing of the Hunt will be held on Thursday, Nov. 14, at the NEMO Fairgrounds. Doors open at 5 p.m. and speakers will start around 5:30. The annual event has continued to grow in popularity as more and more hunters come into the Kirksville area looking to gain hunting expertise before the big opening weekend.

Hunting season is a big draw in the northeast Missouri region. People come from all over to this area hoping to fill their tag with a trophy buck. The Blessing of the Hunt allows these hunters to unwind a little bit, learn some hunting tips, and win some great prizes. This year's grand prize includes a deer blind, built on a trailer, and a Ruger American 6.5 Creedmoor deer rifle. (Must be present to win.) There will also be hundreds of door prizes from area businesses, and vendors at the event.

Cost to put on this event has also grown over the

years. One main fundraiser that Cornerstone Church has done is serve a full breakfast one Sunday each month before church services. Donations are taken for the meal and Cornerstone members have really stepped up to see this ministry grow! Another source that has really helped financially is a grant from the Kirksville Tourism Center.

Speakers for this year's event include the Missouri Conservation Department, Guardian Hills Veteran Retreat Center, and Jason Cruise, a hunter and a pastor from Nashville, Tenn. He has been speaking to groups of hunters for the past several years and really draws his audience in with stories and personal experiences.

Another aspect of the event they really enjoy is the chance to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the message from the keynote speaker, Jason Cruise. The 500+ people attending get the opportunity to fill out a card at the end of the event to indicate if they made a profession of faith, rededicated their life, or just need more information from Cornerstone Church. These cards are in the drawing for the grand prize at the end of the night.

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Christmas in Novinger



Christmas in Novinger will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the 38th Annual Novinger Country Christmas Craft Festival being held at the Novinger School. The Novinger Community Center will host the Holiday Bazaar while the Novinger Firehouse on Hwy. 6 holds Shopper's Delight. The Country Christmas Craft Festival and Holiday Bazaar are fundraising events for Novinger Renewal, Inc., a non-profit whose mission is to preserve the history of the area and community betterment.

Celebrating Christmas Thru Music

Celebrating Christmas Thru Music will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m. at the former Novinger Methodist Church, 606 Davis Street. Join them for vocals, instrumentals, community singing and tours of the historic building. Free admission and refreshments — handicapped accessible thru north door.



Daily Express Fundraiser helps feed families

Kirksville's Hope's Kitchen will continue strong into its 25th year of operation with the help of The Daily Express' annual fundraiser, which traditionally begins in November and runs through early December. Since the Daily Express began organizing the fundraiser in 2001, it has raised more than \$136,000 for the kitchen.

The fundraiser is the main source of donations that Hope's Kitchen, which is run by ATSU medical students, receives. All of the money is used toward buying food and supplies.

The kitchen began in 1999 when Kirksville High School students Rachel Higgins and Megan Lesczynski started the volunteer effort.

The students make the free meals two Saturdays a month during the school year, August through May. About 150 meals are made and can be picked up or delivered. More than 100 ATSU students volunteer to cook, man the phones taking orders and delivering the meals.

To donate, people can bring money by or mail it to the Daily Express office, which is located at 705 E. LaHarpe Street, Suite F. With a minimum donation of \$1, donors can have their names published in each week's Daily Express fundraising summary, as well as in a giant Christmas card that appears in The Daily Express.

Check the Daily Express for upcoming details.

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- Hands of Friendship Quilt Guild Exhibit Sept. 10-Oct. 26
Reception Sept. 26 5:30-7 p.m. Sue Ross Arts Center
- Art Auction and Soup Luncheon with bowls made by Jeanne Scott celebrating 50 years of Red Barn, Nov. 10, 11:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. Art will be on exhibit at the Sue Ross Arts Center from Nov. 2-10.
- Holiday Marketplace Nov. 14-Dec. 14
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- REMINDER: Red Barn Arts and Crafts Festival, Sept. 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Downtown Kirksville. This is the golden anniversary, celebrating 50 years of Red Barn.

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Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fall NEMO Job Fair

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce and Missouri Job Center will hold their Fall NEMO Job Fair on Friday, Oct. 11 beginning at 11 a.m. at Moberly Area Community College, 2105 E. Normal Avenue in Kirksville.



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Thousand Hills State Park Calendar of Events

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**Friday, October 4
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Constellation Stories**

Celebrate the night sky at Thousand Hills State Park. Explore the night sky and learn about the stories that go with the constellations in the sky. There will be telescopes but everybody is welcome to bring their own telescopes, chairs, and binoculars. Meet at the Point Shelter.

**Friday, October 11
7 p.m.
Spotlight on Spiders**

Shine a spotlight on the lives of spiders. Join park staff to learn about spiders, discover just how important they are, and even go looking to see if any spiders are nearby. Please bring a flashlight or headlamp. Meet at the Campground 1 Amphitheater.

**Saturday, October 12
10 a.m.
Something About a Snake**
Something about a snake make them sssuper important. Join park staff to learn what that reason is and why snakes are unique. Meet at the Campground 1 amphitheater.

**Friday, October 18
6 p.m.
Fall Painting**

Art is a wonderful way to connect ourselves to nature. Learn how to paint a fall nature scene with staff and volunteers. Supplies will be provided but you may bring your own if you prefer. Seating is limited. To ensure a spot, call the park office 660-665-6995. Meet at the Park Office.

**Saturday, October 19
10 a.m.
Petroglyph Tour**

Thousand Hills State Park is home to a col-



lection of petroglyphs or rock carvings made by ancestors of today's American Indians. Explore the petroglyphs with park staff to learn more about this unique piece of history. Meet at the petroglyph shelter located next to the beach

**Friday, October 25
6-8 p.m.
Spooktacular Stargazing**

Come out to Thousand Hills State Park for a night of spooktacular stargaz-

ing. Learn about constellation myths and explore the stars in the night sky. Meet at the Point Shelter.

**Saturday, October 26
1-2 p.m.
All About Bats**

Join park staff and volunteers to take a closer look at bats in a pop-up style event. Several activities or stations will be set up for you to enjoy during this time. Meet at the tables by the Oak Trail and Playground.

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Maples Repertory Theatre's fall season kicks off

The Maples Repertory Theatre's fall season kicks off with Steel Magnolias, through Oct. 13, and The Woman in Black from Oct. 18 through the 27th. At Christmastime they will have "Tis the Season: A Maples Rep Holiday Celebration," which will feature holiday music and comedy for the whole family.



The historic Royal Theatre (circa 1889) in downtown Macon, is easy to get to from anywhere in Upstate Missouri. Parking is free. Shopping and food are just a few steps away. Call the box office at 660-385-924 or go online at www.maplesrep.com to learn more about Maples Repertory Theatre and to get tickets.

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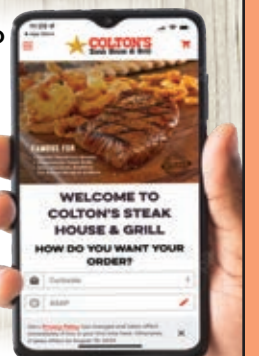
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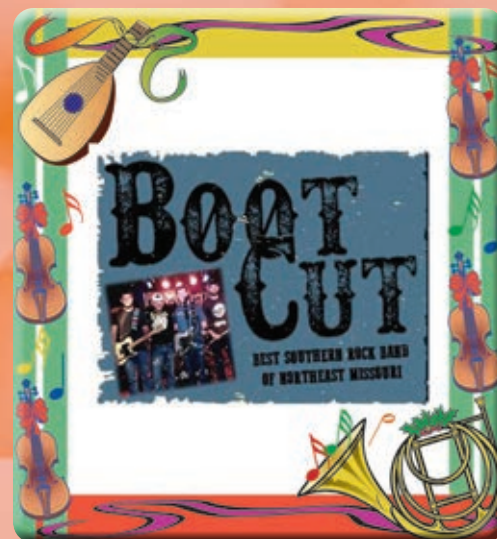


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Oct 5, Private Event
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Nov. 8, The Fort, Yarrow, Mo.
Nov. 30, Avalons Playhouse, Avalon, Mo.
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October 5, 2-5 p.m., Centralia Wine Stroll at Centralia
More Dates Pending



Oct. 19, 7 p.m., Kirksville VFW
Oct. 26, 6 p.m., Yarrow, Mo.
Nov. 9, 8-12 p.m., LD's, Economy, Mo.
Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Kirksville VFW
Nov. 23, 8 p.m., Helm Street Inn, Brookfield, Mo.
Nov. 30, 7 p.m., Kirksville VFW
Dec. 7, 8 p.m., LD's, Economy, Mo.
Dec. 13, 8 p.m., Helm Street Inn, Brookfield, Mo.
Dec. 21, 7 p.m., Kirksville VFW
Dec. 28, 6 p.m., Fort Chariton



Oct. 12, Walkers Bluff Casino, Carterville, Ill.
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Oct. 12, Private Event, Macon, Mo.
Oct. 19, LD's, Economy, Mo.
Nov. 16, LD's, Economy, Mo.
Dec. 14 LD's, Economy, Mo.



Sept. 28, 3-7 p.m., OK Tavern Marceline
Oct. 5, 8-12 p.m., Helm Street Inn Brookfield
Oct. 18, 8-12 p.m., Hale Hangout Hale, Mo
Nov. 2, 8-12 p.m., Helm Street Inn Brookfield
Nov. 16, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., LD's Economy
Dec. 28 9 p.m.-1 a.m., LD's Economy
New Years Eve, 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.,
Brunswick American Legion, Brunswick, Mo



Missouri Livestock Symposium

The Missouri Livestock Symposium, the premier educational event and trade show for livestock producers, will be held on Dec. 6 & 7, at William Matthew Middle School, 1515 S. Cottage Grove, in Kirksville. If you're serious about livestock production, don't miss their lineup of nationally-known speakers covering timely topics, and their large agricultural trade show. There's no cost to attend and no pre-registration is required. Just show up and enjoy the educational programs, trade show and free meals. The trade show opens at 8 a.m. and educational programs begin at 9 a.m. There is a free Governor's Style Luncheon at noon hosted by Missouri's finest commodity groups and co-sponsored by the Missouri Department of Agriculture.



2nd Annual Bologna Fest

In recognition of National Bologna Day, the 2nd Annual Bologna Fest will be happening on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 3 – 5:30 p.m. in the Downtown Kirksville Square

Bolognafest features free bologna products as well as games and activities for attendees. The Oscar Mayer Frankmobile, will be displayed downtown during the event.

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