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Sixth Annual Blessing of the Hunt to be held at NEMO Fairgrounds on Thursday

Staff Reports

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 hunt-

ing expertise before the big opening weekend.

According to Frank Miller, an organizer of the event, 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," Miller said. "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.

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McCarty to be honored at Livestock Symposium

Ashley McCarty to be honored with Livestock Achievement Award at 2024 Missouri Livestock Symposium

By Missouri Livestock Symposium

The Missouri Livestock Symposium pronounced Ashley McCarty as this year's recipient of the prestigious Livestock Achievement Award. This esteemed recognition celebrates her dedication to advancing agriculture and significant contributions to the Missouri farming community.

McCarty serves as the executive director of Missouri Farmers Care, an organization that unites the agricultural community to advocate for the farmers and ranchers who sustain local economies. Under her leadership, the Agri-Ready County Designation program has flourished, with 73 counties across Missouri now recognized for their commitment to agricultural enterprise and workforce readiness.



Ashley McCarty

Nestled in the rolling Green Hills of north Missouri, the McCarty family operates a century-old farm that exemplifies a commitment to quality livestock management. The McCarty Cattle Company specializes in grazing Red Angus cows, annually marketing feeder calves and high-quality replacement heifers. For over a decade, they have successfully sold farm-raised beef directly to loyal customers, offering a range of options from whole to eighths of beef, reflecting their dedication to community and quality.

In addition to their agricultural endeavors, McCarty and husband, Pat McCarty, are a proud rodeo family, with their three sons competing at national levels on the youth, Junior High and High School Rodeo circuits.

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Veterans Day ceremony fills Rieger Armory in Kirksville

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

The Rieger Armory in Kirksville was filled to near capacity as the Adair County Veterans Day remembrance ceremony was held at the 11th hour on Monday, Nov. 11. Music was provided by the Kirksville R-III Symphonic Band and Von L. Abbott, commander of the Larry Daniels Chapter 48, DAV, was host for the ceremonies.



Adair County Veterans Honor Detail.



Adair County Veterans Color Guard.



Captain Jacqueline Donnelly

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McHenry wins 2nd District Adair County Commissioner seat; Lene is elected sheriff

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

Gayla McHenry (R), won the race for 2nd District Adair County Commissioner over Harley Harrelson (D). According to unofficial results released by the Adair County Clerk's office, McHenry amassed 3,914 votes (68.73 percent) to Harrelson's 1,781 votes (31.27 percent). There were 12 write-in votes (0.21 percent). Commissioner Bill

King (R) ran unopposed in the 1st District contest.

Jason Lene (R) was elected Adair County Sheriff, overcoming a write-in challenge from Matt Kellison. Lene took in 7,314 votes while write-ins amounted to 1,598, though the clerk's office didn't distinguish as to who the write-ins were for.

In non-competitive Adair County races, Brian C Noe (R), was elected coroner; Kent Bryant (R), was elect-

ed assessor; Rhonda Noe (R), public administrator; and Patrick E. Boren (R), surveyor. Matt Wilson, who was also unopposed, was elected Circuit 2 Circuit Judge. Sam Graves took the 6th District U.S. Congress race; Danny Busick won the 3rd District state representative seat; and Greg Sharpe was returned as the 4th District state representative.

Adair County voters landed against Amendment 2 to regulate licensed

sports wagering, voting no 5,843 times (58.51 percent), and yes 4,144 times (41.49 percent). Statewide the amendment passed.

Adair County voters were against Amendment 3 to remove Missouri's ban on abortion, with 5,470 no votes (54.15 percent) and 4,632 yes votes. Statewide the amendment passed.

Constitutional Amendment 5, which would allow the Missouri Gaming Commission to issue one addi-



Gayla McHenry



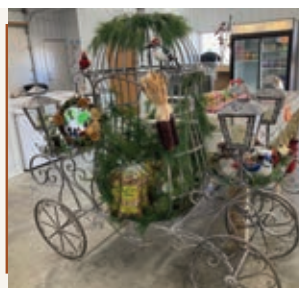
Jason Lene

tional gambling boat license to operate on the portion of the Osage River from the Missouri River to the Bag-nell Dam, was rejected by Adair County voters, with

5,608 (56.69 percent) voting no and 4,285 (43-31 percent) voting for it. Statewide the amendment failed.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Kirksville Area
Calendar of Events'Grounds for Discussion'
to feature Kirksville
city directors

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce, the city of Kirksville and the Missouri Job Center will host Grounds for Discussion at the Economic Development Alliance building, 315 S. Franklin Street on Nov. 13 at 8 a.m. Presentations will be made by Kirksville Community and Economic Development Director Ashley Young and Kirksville Code Enforcement Director Reid Yardley. The public is invited.

Truman State University
TRU-Entrepreneur
Speaker Series Features
Biotech Alumna

Jeanette (Robbins) Hill (Truman State University, '84) will speak from 12:30-1:20 p.m. Nov. 13 in the Doug & Diane Villhard Innovation Lab located in the Pickler Memorial Library, as part of the TRU-Entrepreneur Speaker Series. Hill is a biotech entrepreneur and currently founder and CEO of NanAby, which is developing new technology to catalyze captured CO2 into permanent and useful products. Previously, she founded and sold an award-winning company, Spot On Sciences, that developed medical devices to allow a blood sample to be taken at home with a finger stick. All totaled, Hill has more than 20 years of experience in research and management positions in small and large companies, working on preclinical drug testing and pharmaceutical research. She received a Ph.D. in bio-organic chemistry at Washington University in St. Louis and has published research in protein engineering, liver disease and diabetes.

South 63 Corridor
Community Improvement
District meeting

The South 63 Corridor Community Improvement District will hold a meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14, in the 2nd floor conference room at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street.

North Baltimore St.
Community Improvement
District meeting

Notice is hereby given that the North Baltimore St. Community Improvement District will hold a meeting at 2:30 pm on Thursday, Nov. 14, in the 2nd floor conference room at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street.

Vienna Boys' Choir to
Perform in Truman State
University Lyceum Series

The world-famous Vienna Boys' Choir will take the stage at 7 p.m. Nov. 14 in Baldwin Auditorium for the next installment in the Truman State University Kohlenberg Lyceum Series. Based in Austria, the Vienna Boys' Choir is composed of sopranos and altos between the ages of nine and 14. They perform for nearly 500,000 people each year and their performance will include Austrian folk songs, classical masterpieces, Christmas hymns and holiday carols. Tickets can be picked up downtown at the Kirksville Arts Association and on campus at three convenient locations: the Union and Involvement Office in the Student Union Building; the Advancement Office in McClain Hall 205; or the Admissions Office in the Ruth W. Towne Museum and Visitors Center. Tickets for the 2024-25 Kohlenberg Lyceum Series are provided free of charge thanks to the generous support of local sponsors, the Friends of the Lyceum program and the Truman State University Foundation. Any remaining tickets will be available the day of the event beginning 30 minutes before the performance. For more information about the Kohlenberg Lyceum Series, visit lyceum.truman.edu or contact the Advancement Office at (660) 785-4133.

NEMO Connect
Adult Prom Night

The NEMO Connect Adult Prom Night will be held on Friday, Nov. 15 from 7 p.m. until midnight at the Kirksville Moose Lodge, 2405 E. Illinois Street, Kirksville. Tickets are \$30 per couple, \$20 per person. The event, which benefits NEMO

Connect, features a DJ and dance floor, a photo booth, raffles and hors d'oeuvres.

Mr. Smith Goes to
Washington to be shown at
Curtain Call Theatre

Head over to the Curtain Call Theatre on Friday, Nov. 15, where the classic film Mr. Smith Goes to Washington, starring Jimmy Stewart, will be shown at 7 p.m. Free admission, donations appreciated. Refreshments available. The theatre is located at 512 West Elizabeth Street, Kirksville.

Adair County Family YMCA
2024 Turkey Trot

The Adair County Family YMCA 2024 Turkey Trot will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the YMCA, 1708 Jamison Street in Kirksville. All ages welcome. Kids under 13 run for free. 5K walk, 1K Fun Walk, \$10 run only, \$20 run and shirt. Contact Savannah Christian, schristian@adairymca.org, (636) 432-6611.

Symphony
Orchestra Concert

A Symphony Orchestra Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 16 at the Truman State University Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Double Reed Recital

A Double Reed Recital will be held at 12 p.m. on Nov. 17 at the Truman State University Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Clarinet Choir Fall Concert

A Clarinet Choir Fall Concert will be held at 2 p.m. on Nov. 17 at the Truman State University Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Fall Choral Concert

A Fall Choral Concert will be held at 4 p.m. on Nov. 17 at the Truman State University Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Joshua Ryan Senior
Clarinet Recital

The Joshua Ryan Senior Clarinet Recital will be held at 6 p.m. on Nov. 17 at the Truman State University Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Kirksville Arts celebrates
50 years with art auction

On Sunday, Nov. 17, the Kirksville Arts Association will be holding a live and silent art auction at the Sue Ross Arts Center, 215 S. Franklin Street, Kirksville, to celebrate 50 years of bringing art to the community. The art included in the auction has been donated by the area's most well-known artists including Janice Teter, Trish Hill-Bellington, Rusty Nelson, Anna Dabney, Clara Straight, Joyce Ayres, Greg Walter, Patti Kreps, Dana Forrester and others. The live auction will begin at 1:30 p.m. The auction items are on display at the art center from now until Nov. 17. In addition to the auction, a soup luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. on the 17th. Tickets for the luncheon must be purchased in advance and are \$20 for arts members and \$25 for non-members. Included in the price of the ticket will be a hand-crafted ceramic bowl made by Jeanne Scott of Gone to Pot Studio. Seating is limited. For more information contact Ashton Clema, Arts Administrator, 660-665-0500, kirksvillearts@gmail.com.

Honor Band and Wind
Symphony I Concert

An Honor Band and Wind Symphony I Concert will be held at 6 p.m. on Nov. 18 at the Truman State University Baldwin Auditorium. Stress pianos will be handed out at this event.

Jazz Ensemble Concert

A Jazz Ensemble Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 19 at the Truman State University Baldwin Auditorium.

Wind Symphony II Concert

The Wind Symphony II Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 20 at the Truman State University Baldwin Auditorium.

Quinn Winkeler
Senior Tuba Recital

The Quinn Winkeler Senior Tuba Recital will be held at 4 p.m. on Nov. 21 at the Truman State University Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Saxophone Studio Recital

A Saxophone Studio Recital will be held at 6 p.m. on Nov. 21 at the Truman State University Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Save the date
for Kirksville's
Hometown Holiday

By City of Kirksville

You'll want to stay home for the holidays this year as Kirksville's Hometown Holiday returns with plenty of festive fun on Saturday, Nov. 30.

The 13th annual Kirksville Kiwanis Christmas Parade begins at 5:30 p.m., led by Grand Marshal John Garlock. The theme for this year's parade is "Tinseltown," so decorate floats based on your favorite holiday movies. To register your business or organization for the parade, complete the form here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNULtAVcGCDYIqG138Knn_wq1eUPUJsIDgV-1dvzGkGXW8A/viewform.

Stick around after the parade for the ceremonial tree lighting at Dover Park. The fun continues through the night as Santa will be in the Adair County Courthouse for pictures, along with living windows, food and music around the square.

Kirksville Parks and Recreation will once again host an ice-skating rink in the courthouse parking lot. The rink will be open from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1. More details will be announced closer to the event.

Downtown Kirksville is the place to be for great community events like this!

AGENT AFIELD

Deer hunting season
to kick off Nov. 16

By Kevin Powell

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows that young hunters ages 6 through 15 harvested 13,923 deer during Missouri's early youth portion of the 2024 deer hunting season. Top counties were Franklin with 285 deer harvested, Howell with 273, and Texas with 265. Local county harvests were Adair 100, Knox 87, Macon 194, and Sullivan 103. Of the deer harvested, 9,852 were antlered bucks, 3,102 were does, and 969 were button bucks.

The November portion will open on Saturday Nov. 16 one-half hour before sunrise and close Nov. 26th one-half hour after sunset. Only one antlered deer may be taken during the entire firearms season (all-ports). Youth hunters that successfully harvested an antlered deer are not able to harvest another buck.



Kevin Powell

Hunters are encouraged to check their local county limits regarding the take of antlerless deer. County limits can vary, so pick up a Fall Deer and Turkey Booklet at a permit vendor or MDC office near you.

On Nov. 16-17, there will be mandatory sampling for CWD at stations across the local area. The NEMO Fairgrounds will again host hunters with drive through sampling stations. Required items are the harvested deer to be presented/sampled, Techeck information, and location of the harvest. Accurate monitoring assists in the correct management strategy to maintain a low prevalence rate of CWD in the Missouri deer herd.

The best of luck to hunters going afield. Make sure to plan ahead, be safe, and have fun. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, contact the Northeast Regional office at 660-785-2424. Should you see a Wildlife Code violation, you can anonymously call Operation Game Thief at 1-800-392-1111 or myself at (660) 216-1389. I look forward to seeing you afield.

Kirksville city offices to close for Thanksgiving holiday

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville wants to make residents aware of several upcoming office closures for city buildings. In observance of Thanksgiving, all city offices will be

closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29. The Kirksville Aquatic Center will be closed on Nov. 27, 28 and 29. The Nov. 27 closure is for routine facility maintenance. Additionally, city offices will be closed on Friday, Dec. 6, for an employee meeting.

**SATURDAY,
November 23, 2024**

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- Shopper's Delight
Novinger Fire House, 9-4

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OBITUARIES

Shirley Ilene Baker

Sep 25, 1942 – Nov 2, 2024

Shirley Ilene Baker, 82, passed away in her home, on Saturday, November 2, 2024, surrounded by her loving family.



The daughter of the late Glen W. Gerhold and Verda "Vernelle" (Pope) Gerhold, Shirley was born on September 25, 1942, in Millard, Missouri. She spent her childhood on the Gerhold family farm, where she helped milk cows, raise chickens, tend the family garden, and do other farm chores. That rural community, of good salt-of-the-earth people, with whom Shirley was raised, continued to be important to her throughout her life.

After attending grades K-8 in a local, one room schoolhouse, Shirley graduated from Kirksville High School, after which she served as a bookkeeper and secretary for several local banks, businesses, hospitals, schools, and ultimately, for the family sign company.

Shirley was united in marriage to Terry Baker of Kirksville, Missouri, on May 20, 1967. Together, they built a home, purchased and ran Baker Sign Company, all while raising four daughters. She nurtured her family with a fierce and unwavering spirit. Shirley was a guiding force and shining example of the Proverbs 31 woman, from gardening and canning to sustain her growing family, sewing clothing for her girls, loving and ministering to the needs of her family and neighbors, and bookkeeping for the beloved church in which she and Terry raised their girls. Her four girls all aspire to be just like her when they grow up.

Shirley was a generous person and was always willing to help someone in need. She was supportive of local ministries and of the Brashear and Kirksville Communities. Close, enduring friendships were formed with her neighbors and Christian family. Her ready laugh, ability to know just when a heartfelt and handwritten card were sorely needed, generous spirit, and common sense will be greatly missed.

The essence of Shirley will forever be remembered through fond memories shared between her loving husband, Terry Baker, and her daughters: Wendy Kerby and husband Brett, Shera Martin and husband Quinten, Misty Keene and husband Charles, and Jessica Austic and husband Benjamin. She is also survived by her brother, Glen "Laverne" Gerhold and wife Lela.

Shirley's greatest delights and extended legacy came through her grandchildren: Abigail Songer and husband Tristan, Samuel Kerby, Nichole Martin, Sean Keene, Lydia Keene, Nathan Keene, Seth Austic and wife Madison, Ethan Austic and fiancé Maren Elmore, and Anushri Fischer and husband Erik, as well as great-grandson, Elias Fischer.

Let a wistful smile of remembrance light Shirley's loved ones' faces when they bowl with friends, tend to a garden, play dominoes or cards, successfully complete a circle word puzzle, see a lovely violet or blue bird, drive by the Century Gerhold Farm and Homeplace, or order and enjoy a Frappe with a friend...

A Celebration of Life honoring Shirley will be held on November 16, 2024, at the Playle-Rimer-Millard Family Funeral Chapel's hospitality building, in Kirksville, MO beginning at 2:00 p.m. and concluding at 5:00 p.m. Friends, family, and all whose lives were brightened by Shirley's time on earth, are invited to celebrate the simple but important life of this woman, who lived with love at the center of her being. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date at Gibbs Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Brashear Community Bible Church or to Hospice of Northeast Missouri.

KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Breakfast with Santa tickets on sale now

The Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department announced that tickets are available for its annual Breakfast with Santa program. This year's enchanting event will happen on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. at Mi Casa, located at 512 S. Baltimore Street. Indulge in an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet that includes an array of delicious offerings such as breakfast burritos, hash browns, breakfast nachos, donuts, muffins, and fresh fruit... and a special visit from Santa. Tickets are \$15 for each adult and child 5 and up. Children 4 and under eat for free. Seating is limited, and all tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available at the Kirksville Aquatic Center or online at parks.kirksvillecity.com.

Kirksville High School Music and Theatre production of 'Into the Woods'

Tickets are now on sale for the Kirksville High School Music and Theatre production of Stephen Sondheim's beloved musical, Into the Woods, Nov. 21-24. This enchanting tale weaves together the stories of beloved fairy tale characters including Cinderella, Little Red Ridinghood, Rapunzel, and Jack (of Beanstalk fame). Performances will take place at the William Matthew Middle School auditorium on Thursday, Nov. 21 — Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. The box office will open one hour before show time and the doors will open 30 minutes before show time. All tickets are for an assigned, reserved seat so plan ahead to get seats together. Tickets for the show are \$12 for general admission and \$7 for students. Tickets can be purchased online at cur8.com/projects/KHSTheatre, at the high school office or at the door.

Curtain Call Theatre Company live production of 'A Christmas Story'

Curtain Call Theatre Company invites you to their live production of the beloved holiday romp "A Christmas Story" on Dec. 11, 12, 13, 14 at the theater, 512 W Elizabeth St. Kirksville. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show time 7. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 and under, and will be available at Hy-Vee two weeks before the event, and each performance night at the door.

Kirksville Parks and Recreation to host ice-skating rink

Kirksville Parks and Recreation will once again host an ice-skating rink in the courthouse parking lot. The rink will be open from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1. The synthetic ice rink will be in the northwest parking lot of the Adair County Courthouse and will be open select hours from Nov. 28 through Dec. 1, with each 20-minute skate slot costing \$3 per person including skate rental. Operating Hours: Nov. 28: 4-8 p.m.; Nov. 29: Noon-8 p.m.; Nov. 30: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6:30-9 p.m.; Dec. 1: 1-6 p.m. Pre-registration is recommended as spaces are limited and cash-only payment will be made at the time of skating. All remaining spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

Driver examination stations to close for November holidays

The Missouri State Highway Patrol would like to remind the public that driver examination stations throughout the state will be closed on the following dates: Thursday, Nov. 28, in observance of Thanksgiving; Friday, Nov. 29, in observance of Thanksgiving.

New work at the Ophelia Parrish Fine Arts Center

Stop by the Ophelia Parrish Fine Arts Center on the Truman State University

campus to enjoy the two exhibitions, which will be on display through Nov. 22. New Work – Rusty Nelson, Matt Derezhinski, and Aaron Neeley in the Main Gallery; Love Bomb by Kenneth Hall in the Charlyn Gallery. University Art Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. Art Gallery exhibits are free and open to the public. The Art Gallery is located on the first floor of the Ophelia Parrish Fine Arts Center, entrance on the west side of the building.

MOSI (Missouri & Southern Iowa) Art Guild show

The 2024 10th Annual Truman State University MOSI Art Exhibition will run through Dec. 13 at the Pickler Memorial Library — Library Café.

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, or picked up in person at the Kirksville Aquatic Center. For more information, contact the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

The Food Bank Children's Programs

You can help ensure all local children get the food they need to thrive by supporting The Food Bank for Cen-

tral & Northeast Missouri's Children's Programs. Right now, 1 in 5 children in the state of Missouri faces food insecurity. While many qualify for free or reduced-price meals at school, some families do not have access to nutritious meals during the weekend. The Food Bank's Children's Programs help fill that gap. Children's Programs include School Markets, which are small school pantries that allow students to choose ingredients to take home for family-style meals, and Buddy Packs, which are bags of entrees and snacks that can feed a single child through the weekend. Help a child focus on the business of playing, learning and growing by making your gift today. Donate at sharefoodbringhope.org or send a check made payable to "The Food Bank" to: The Food Bank, 2101 Vandiver Drive, Columbia, MO 65202. You can choose to designate that funds stay in the county right on your check, if you choose. Participating schools include Brashear Elementary, Kirksville Area Technical Center, Kirksville Primary, Novinger Elementary and Ray Miller Elementary. Sponsored by Alliant Bank and Kirksville Daily Express.

Join the Kirksville Young Professionals Committee

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

Ribbon-cutting ceremony held for the Downtown Cafe

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Downtown Cafe, 124 N. Franklin Street, on Friday, Sept. 27. Owner Jesus Lopez said the business opened about two weeks ago and he hopes the restaurant can attract more nighttime traffic to the courthouse square neighborhood. The business has daily specials that are advertised on an A-board sign out front of the cafe. The business is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.



Rotary Club of Kirksville hears from new members

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the Oct. 2 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, newer members Nick Ferry and Jackie Collett, PhD, spoke about themselves and their backgrounds. Ferry, a Kirksville native, is a new accounts representative at Alliant Bank, an organizational Rotary member. Collett, a native of El Paso, Texas, is a retired Truman State Professor of Music-Voice.



Jackie Collett



Nick Ferry

KIWANIAN JARED YOUNG SPEAKS ABOUT THE DEL AND NORMA ROBISON PLANETARIUM



The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed fellow Kiwanian Jared Young to speak at their Sept. 26 meeting. Young is the director of Academic Affairs Operations at Truman State University. He presented on the Del and Norma Robison Planetarium: its history, the services it offers, and future plans for the facility. For more information, visit planetarium.truman.edu. Pictured are Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Dan McGurk (left) and Young. KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

VETERANS

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The program began with the Bells of Peace, a national moment of remembrance, followed by the Posting of Colors by Adair County Veteran Organizations. An invocation was made by Pastor Tim Polley of the First Christian Church, and patriotic musical selections by Kirksville R-III Symphonic Band were interspersed throughout the program.

Captain Jacqueline Donnelly, the assistant professor of Military Science for the Military Science De-

partment at Truman State University, was the guest speaker. Donnelly was commissioned as a Quartermaster Officer from the University of Michigan ROTC program in 2016 and earned her BA in Psychology from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, was the guest speaker.

She was assigned to the 1st Battalion 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, and served as the Company Commander for the Miami Valley Recruiting Company in Mason, Ohio until December 2022. Her awards include The Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal,

Army Achievement Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon.

Donnelly's speech was a tribute to veterans, emphasizing their bravery, perseverance, and sacrifice. She recounted the history of Veterans Day, originally Armistice Day, which honored those who served in World War I and was later expanded to include all veterans.

Donnelly highlighted the contributions of veterans in various roles, their impact on society, and their con-

tinued service in civilian life. She also touched on the importance of recognizing veteran sacrifices daily, not just on Veterans Day, and acknowledged the multifaceted benefits they bring to the workforce and society.

A 21-gun salute led by the Adair County Veterans Honor Detail completed the program and afterward, a lunch sponsored by Alliant Bank and DAV Chapter 48, catered by Hy-Vee, was served to the

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ROBIN WRITES

It must be him

The only phone booth in my hometown stood on the corner of Main and Hibbard streets.

It was silver aluminum, with blue panels halfway up each side. Glass topped the blue walls, giving a clear view of both the user and those outside the booth.

The bifold door sported rusty, inset hinges that creaked a complaint when you pushed inside. Above the door, the word 'PHONE' shouted its glow into the night air.

It was taller than the tallest man in town, and the space inside could accommodate several kids or one girthy adult with only a bit of wobbling to get the door closed.

The hulking, gritty phone was black steel, partially overlaid with fingerprint-smudged chrome. In the center of the chrome, numbered pushbuttons waited for poking digits.

The numbers atop each button were faded from furtive index fingers. The "O" was particularly smudged and a bit sticky to the touch: Fuzzy's tavern was down the street and many over-served guzzlers swerved to the booth to ask the operator to help them call home.

The phone booth always smelled like sweat and potato chips. Shoe outlines and barefoot prints trampled Rorschach studies of nearly every person in town.

All in all, it was a Petrie dish of germs, but the summer I turned 15, I fell in love amid every filthy surface of that phone booth.

A boy asked for my phone number. My heart dropped, because we didn't have a home phone. I told him about the phone booth on the corner.

"I'll call you there," he mumbled. That night, I galloped to the corner of Main and Hibbard, clattered into the booth, and creaked the door closed.

A light glared from the ceiling; I cracked the door open a smidge; that would make the light go off. I didn't want to be on display to everyone walking and driving by. This would be a private call.

At 8 p.m., a jangle loud enough to summon volunteer fireman blared from the phone. I grabbed the handset, leaned my forehead against the pitted box, and whispered what I thought was a sultry 'Hello?'

"Is that you? Are you okay?" I modulated my voice to normal-girl volume and smiled. He called. I had a boyfriend on the phone.

All summer, my boyfriend and I talked, chuckled, stuttered, and breathed heavily to each other inside this magical phone booth. Same time, each appointed weeknight. I stitched my life around the call time and made sure to be there, hand atop the handset and heart pounding.

I tried to get there early to block other users from ruining my date. If someone was inside the booth, jabbering unimportant words and wasting time. I'd lean my body against the glass door, backside squished toward the caller, and huff repeatedly.



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH
ROBIN WRITES

I had to get in there, and it had to be NOW.

Once inside, the booth belonged to me. If someone headed my way, dime in fist, I picked up the phone and pretended to talk until they stormed off.

I felt clever and breathless in my delinquency.

On the corner in my small town, in a box of stale air and buzzing insects, I listened to a voice slightly deeper than mine share grudging/embarassed words of affection and lofty, improbable goals for our future.

My boyfriend played his radio for me. "Stand By Your Man" came sailing from his house to my tingling ears.

"That's what I want you to do," he croaked. I swooned and promised.

Sometimes, we both listened to nothing...in long, heart-pounding silences of sharing thoughts across telephone poles. It was true, first, love.

When I visit my hometown and drive past that now-empty corner, I still see me there, huddled dreamily inside a dirty-beautiful metal box... the most romantic place in town.

HOME COUNTRY

Replace elections with bull riding competitions

This whole election process just doesn't work for me," Dud said, sipping his coffee. "There's no way we can tell who is best for the job."

Doc, being the senior member of the Mule Barn truck stop's world dilemma think tank, looked kindly at Dud. "Well, haven't you been reading what each guy stands for, Dud?"

Dud shrugged. "Sure. But I firmly believe they only tell you what you want to hear. They're the best, and the other guy is going to take you straight to ruined aspirations."

"Ruined aspirations?" piped up Steve, the cowboy with the owlish look of pure bowlegged intellectualism. "That's why I've always thought we need a contest. A real contest. Have them put their aspirations where they'll do the most good."

"A contest?"

"Bull riding," said Steve, nodding sagely. "Just put them on bulls and the first one to fall off loses."



SLIM RANDES
HOME COUNTRY

"But what does bull riding have to do with taxes and warfare and education and all that stuff?" asked Doc.

"Nothing at all," said Steve, "but you can bet it will separate the serious candidates from the oh-what-the-heck guys."

"I like what I'm hearing here," said Dud, with a grin. "Only problem is, if they ride bulls, one of them might get killed."

Steve grinned, "Helps simplify the process, doesn't it?"

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THE ROCKWOOD FILES

Up against the wall

Road construction offers life lesson



GWEN ROCKWOOD
THE ROCKWOOD FILES

The interstate that connects my town to neighboring towns is under construction.

It's going from two lanes to a much needed three. But during the road's growing pains, construction workers have erected a concrete barrier that runs along the left-hand side of the road right next to the yellow boundary line. And that short but solid wall? It scares me.

I get nervous when I enter that stretch of interstate. I tense up. I put my hands at 10 and 2 on the steering wheel, and I feel like I'm barely 16, and my dad is in the passenger seat making sure I don't screw up. I even hold my breath a little, sucking in the way you do when someone takes your picture. I want to pull the sides of my car in and make it easier to squeeze through the construction zone.

The barrier wall makes the lane feel like a paved tightrope, and one little bobble would be disastrous. But instead of inching along the tightrope, I'm hurtling down it at more than 70 miles per hour.

(Note to state troopers: I only included the words "more than" because I've seen other cars on the interstate taking liberties with the speed limit. Not me. I would never.)

It would be hard enough to drive next to that concrete partition if I was the only driver on the road. But often there's an 18-wheeler in the right-hand lane, sandwiching me between a wall and a hard place. That's when things get tense.

With an iron grip on the wheel, I tell myself over and over: "Don't look at the wall. Don't look at it." I once read an article that said drivers who stare at

a particular object tend to steer their cars toward that object, sometimes colliding with it. It's called "target fixation" or the "moth effect."

No matter how hard I try to ignore it, I know it's there. I can feel it. And I'm counting the days until road crews complete the expanded interstate and tear down that worrisome wall.

I drove through the gauntlet yesterday and felt myself exhale and relax once the construction zone ended. And that's when it hit me: The lane's width stays the same. It doesn't get smaller because the wall is there. So why does driving feel so much trickier next to the wall than when it ends?

The answer has everything to do with margin. When we're up against the wall, the voice in our head reminds us how fallible we are. We're human. We mess up. It comes with the territory. When we're hemmed in by an unforgiving barrier, there's no room for mistakes — no margin of error.

We all need breathing room — both on the interstate and in our daily lives. We need it in the expectations we set for ourselves and other people.

If life is a highway (as the band Rascal Flatts once sang about), we need a road with broad, flat shoulders and a gentle, grassy median. There are so many situations that don't go as planned. May we all give ourselves time to get back on track. There is magic in the margin.

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PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day

By Kirstyn Dietle, MPH, CHES®
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International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day is observed this year on Nov. 23, providing a dedicated time for individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide to come together for support, reflection, and healing. This annual day of remembrance and connection is often called Survivor Day and offers an essential space for sharing experiences, finding understanding, and fostering hope.

A Day for Connection and Support

On this special day, survivors gather in communities worldwide—both in person and online—to connect with others who share similar experiences. Survivor Day events often include guest speakers, workshops, and activities that create a safe, supportive environment where participants can express their emotions, honor their loved ones, and find strength in collective healing. Sharing stories, memories, and resources helps remind survivors that they are not alone on their journey.

Navigating the Unique Challenges of Suicide Loss

Losing someone to suicide presents survivors with a range of difficult emotions, including profound grief, guilt, confusion, and even isolation. Many struggle with societal stigma or misunderstandings about suicide, making it challenging to seek support or talk openly about their loss. Recognizing and ad-



ressing these distinct needs is a crucial part of promoting healing and fostering resilience among survivors.

Raising Awareness to Prevent Suicide

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day also serves as a platform for raising awareness about suicide prevention and the importance of compassionate mental health support. The stories and insights of survivors contribute to breaking down stigmas, encouraging meaningful action to help those at risk. Together, these efforts create a more informed and supportive society that prioritizes mental well-being and suicide prevention.

Resources for Survivors

Organizations such as the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) host Survivor Day events and provide resources, support networks, and educational materials tailored to survivors' unique needs. From peer support groups and counseling services to online communities, these re-

sources help survivors navigate the complexities of their grief.

How You Can Make a Difference

Listen and Support: Being present for someone who has lost a loved one to suicide can make a significant difference. Offer an empathetic ear without judgment.

Spread Awareness: Share information about Survivor Day and suicide prevention initiatives to help reduce stigma and promote understanding.

Participate in Memorial Events: Attend or organize activities that honor those lost to suicide, such as candlelight vigils, remembrance walks, or group discussions.

Encourage Connection: Guide survivors toward resources and professional help that can aid in their healing journey.

On Nov. 23, International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day offers a powerful reminder that no one has to navigate their loss alone. Together, we can create a compassionate and supportive environment where survivors find solace, share their stories, and work toward a future of hope and healing.

POETRY CORNER

A Reflection You're Unable to See

Verses without rhythm...
words that don't rhyme... from a poem that wasn't to be,
A life full of dreams... that were never pursued... casts a reflection you're unable to see.

— Daniel D. Donovan



EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY Part 128

Theaters of Kirksville - Chapter 1

By Blytha Ellis, President
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Society and Museum

The Miller and Kennedy families, who were discussed in our previous episode, not only left a legacy of important building in Kirksville, they also left us two luxury theaters for their time — the Princess and the Kennedy.

Before we discuss these, however, it seems we should look back on the history of theaters in Kirksville. We have had several movie theaters over the years, but only a few of these are remembered today. Our current theater, the Downtown Cinema 8, on the west side of the square, opened in 2001. It was preceded by the Petite Twin which opened in the 1970s and was upgraded to the Petite 3 in 1980-81. It was located in the Northtown Shopping Center on the southeast corner of Baltimore and Northtown Road. The Petite 3 closed in 2001.

Prior to the 1970s, the Baby Boomers and our other older citizens will remember three indoor theaters, the Princess, Kennedy and the Family/Lyric, all in downtown Kirksville, and one drive-in theater, the Silver Star north of town.

But, before these, Kirksville had several other little-known theaters, most of which began as vaudeville houses. Many of the details and locations of these movie houses have been lost to time, but fortunately, some information is preserved in the files of the Adair County Historical Society.

The Harrington Opera House is believed to have been the oldest theater in Kirksville. It was built in 1883 as the Kirksville Mercantile College which closed in 1896. This was a three-story brick building at 210 E. Washington.

After closing as a college, the building was purchased by Francis M. Harrington (1835-1923), one time mayor of Kirksville. He first named it the Smith Opera House after the owners of the college, then changed it to the Harrington Opera House. It featured vaudeville and traveling plays. One of the plays presented in 1914 was "Shepherd of the Hills." Prices ranged from 25 cents to \$1, according to arrangement of seats. It was popular for 18 years until it burned in 1918. In 1929, the lot was purchased by Bell Telephone Co., which built the current AT&T building on the site in 1948-49.

As far as is known, the Harrington never featured films or movies. However, Mr. Harrington's son-in-law, Herbert Swaney (1880-1921), started an open-air theater for films on the west side of the Harrington in about 1908. It was appropriately named the Air Dome. It lasted about two summers. An old newspaper tells us that in June 1908, 30 Sigma Delta Chi sorority sisters gave a theater party at the Air Dome. A couple of pic-



1923 photo of the NW corner of the Kirksville square showing where the Williard Hotel burned on the left and the Gem / Liberty Theater on the far right under the white arches



tures shown there were advertised as "From Prison to Palace," and "Other People's Money."

Another historic theater was the Nickel-Odeon on the north side of the Kirksville square about two doors east of Pickler's Famous. It was next to the F. A. Adams & Son Hardware store. A picture exists of this theater during the World War I era and was published in the 2023 Adair County Historical Society Calendar.

As the name indicates, the cost of seeing films in this establishment was a nickel. They showed short silent films on any number of subjects from military films to funny animals, dancing girls, travel films, and comedies. Many films shown at nickel-odeons in general were originally played in 1890s traveling picture shows, the ancestor of the "movie house." A standard reel of film was about 10 minutes long.

The Iris was a small theater once located in one of the three store fronts of the Central Hotel in Kirksville, now the Dukum Inn. This was in the early 1900s, and the theater was numbered at 115 S. Elson in the city directory. The Historical Society has one newspaper advertisement for this theater which states "Program tonight — 'In the Hands of a Woman,' a Warner feature full of excitement from start to finish."

The Royal Theater existed in Kirksville during 1912 and 1913 as indicated from newspaper ads. However, the address was never listed, so their location is unknown. In October of 1912, one of the films shown was "A Daughter of Italy," and in 1913, "Max Fights a Duel."

The Colonial Theater was located somewhere on South Franklin Street. It existed at least from 1913 to 1915. In 1915, they advertised a two-reel feature "Oil and Water" and two comedies, "Taming the Spooks" and "The Absent-Minded Lover."

In 1915, the Colonial installed a 16' long x 6' high pipe organ described as "the finest of its kind in North Missouri." They also boasted "a high-class four-piece orchestra" in the theater. At Christmas 1913, the Colonial offered

a free picture for kids, "Joseph Sold by His Brothers." This was sponsored by the Elks Club of Kirksville.

The Gem Theater was located under two large arches at 205-207 N. Elson, just north in the same block as the Union Bank which became the First National Bank (now the location of Bank Midwest). This theater was first known to exist in 1912 next door to Divan's Music House. That same year, it was damaged by fire, but by January 1913, it was "ruled safe" after repairs. This theater lasted at least until 1923. The admission charge was from 5 to 10 cents in 1913 but increased to from 15 to 30 cents by 1920. In January 1913, the Sojourners Club of

Kirksville sponsored a one-night showing of Sarah Bernhardt in "Queen Elizabeth" at the Gem Theater. Also in January 1913, the Gem presented "Ringling Bros. Circus in four big reels."

In October 1914, the Gem advertised they would have "University girls from the Eastern and Central States" appearing in person to provide orchestra music and vocals.

The name of the Gem Theater changed to the Liberty in the early 1920s. In February 1920, this theater was sold by a Mr. Everett to Dewi Michael who, with her husband, owned the Welch Singers, "a nationally known musical organization."

In June 1922, the Liberty Theatre advertised that they were featuring a week-long "festival" with Professor R. Roberts of Chicago, celebrated "organist from the leading theatres of Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis" who had a large library of music. Along with this, the Liberty would have "a special line-up of photoplays." The ad declared that the Liberty Theatre was "the coolest place in Adair County."

In 1923, the Williard Hotel (formerly the Parcels House) on the southwest corner of Harrison and Elson Streets in Kirksville burned to the ground. Several photos were taken of this fire and its aftermath, as well as nearby buildings. Fortunately, the Gem/Liberty Theatre was included in these photos as taken from the tower of the Adair County Courthouse. Otherwise, we probably would not have had a photo of this historic theater.

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TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

110 Years Ago, November 11, 1914

Vice President of the United States Thomas Marshall and Mrs. Marshall were welcomed to Kirksville by a crowd of approximately 1,000 people as they arrived at the Wabash passenger depot. Marshall was in Kirksville to speak to the Kirksville Y.M.C.A. on the state teacher's college campus. Vice President and Mrs. Marshall were only in Kirksville twelve hours and were hosted by Professor and Mrs. E. M. Violette.

110 Years Ago, November 11, 1914

The Adair County Treasurer, H. Clay Worman, departed Kirksville unannounced and left notes saying that he was going to California and the Hawaiian Islands and did not plan to return. Adair County Court Judge Shoop received notice by mail of Worman's resignation. Shoop immediately ordered an audit of the county financial records, and they were reconciled satisfactorily. Worman's wife found a note stating his intentions. She stated that their marital relationship was a stable one, and she had no plausible explanation for his sudden departure. He had expressed concerns about his health and had made it known to some that he thought he had cancer. A few days before his departure, Worman transferred the ownership of his farm and residence to his wife and borrowed money from local banks. The means of Worman's travel in leaving Kirksville were unknown. He did not take his vehicle, and a check with the Wabash ticket agent did not reveal that he left Kirksville on the Wabash. A check at the Santa Fe depot at LaPlata revealed that one ticket had been sold on the night of Worman's departure, but the identity of the purchaser was not known. Worman had served as Adair County Treasurer for six years and left a two-year unexpired term.

85 Years Ago, November 15, 1939

The Adair County Circuit Court heard its first case of a parent being charged with failure to keep a child in public school. Mack Rusk appeared in court for failure to keep his son in school at the West Center School located west of Kirksville. Rusk was given notice by the Adair County Superintendent of Schools Marion Schott in October that the state law provided he must keep his son in school. When he did not see that his son attended school, a court summons was issued to Rusk to appear in court. Missouri law provided parents must keep children under 16 years of age in school, and it was the duty of the County Welfare Officer to see that the law was obeyed. Rusk was fined \$10 and given parole on condition that the child be kept in school.

70 Years Ago, November 12, 1954

Large crowds were viewing the showing of the new 1955 Fords at the Kirksville Motor Company operated by George McGregor. Causing special comment were the lower, longer body style, the grill and the wrap-around windshield.



65 Years Ago, November 15, 1959

Karen Forquer and John Ditmars, senior candidates, were crowned king and queen of the Kirksville High School Barn Warming dance held in the high school gymnasium. Junior attendants were Joe Zeigler and Joan Moore, and Nancy King and Cecil Billington were sophomore attendants. The dance was an annual event jointly sponsored by the Future Farmers of America and the Future Homemakers of America of the high school.

65 Years Ago, November 15, 1959

The Citizens National Bank located on the east end of the south side of Kirksville square, was celebrating its 100th birthday the week of November 16. The bank was founded in 1859, two years before the Civil War broke out, by a group of progressive minded men who secured a charter for the Kirksville Branch of The Bank of St. Louis. A building was constructed on the southeast corner of the square and fitted for a banking business. It opened its doors in November 1859. The original building was utilized until 1879 when a new building was built on the same location. This building was destroyed by a fire that ravaged the south side of the square on March 15, 1890. A brick building replaced the burned structure. It served as the bank until 1923 when a new two-story limestone building was constructed which is the present building and home of Pagliai's Pizza. In 1959 the Chairman of the Bank Board was Dr. George A. Laughlin, and the Board of Directors consisted of Charles C. Croup, George J. England, Ruby P. Green, Les Orwiler, and Dr. Richard H. Still. Over the years the bank was known by different names and was controlled by various owners. One of the oldest and best-known names was that of William T. Baird, who came to Kirksville in 1857, bought stock in the bank in 1859, and in 1878, he bought out his banking partners and the bank assumed the name of the Exchange Bank of W. T. Baird. In 1906 Baird sold the banking business to the Citizens National Bank which was operating in Kirksville at another location. Baird retained ownership of the bank building until his death in 1912. The Citizens National Bank operated in the 1923 building until 1963 at which time a new bank building was constructed on the northwest corner of McPherson and Marion Streets (current location of the Kirksville Police Department). A reminder of the bank's long existence on the south side of the square are the engraved words "Citizens National Bank" above the door of Pagliai's Pizza. This two-story white limestone structure has occupied the northeast corner of Kirksville square since 1923.

65 Years Ago, November 16, 1959

Adair County held its first deer hunting season. Jerry Hills of Kirksville brought in the first deer. Hills bagged the 12-point whitetail buck at 7 a.m., thirty minutes after the season opened. He took the deer nine miles southwest of Kirksville. The second deer was brought in by Lee Cupp and the third by R. O. Gill both of Kirksville. Only bucks were allowed to be taken in Adair County's first deer season.

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Judge voids actions of illegal board meetings at north Missouri hospital

Scotland County Hospital's board chair was 'less than creditable' in testimony that she was responding to a financial crisis that could have closed the hospital

By Rudi Keller
Missouri Independent

A judge on Friday found a north-east Missouri hospital board guilty of "gross violations" of the Sunshine Law and voided all the actions taken during illegal closed meetings in August 2022.

Circuit Judge Rick Roberts also ruled that Scotland County Hospital must also pay a civil fine of \$5,000 and attorneys fees to its former CEO, Dr. Randy Tobler.

Tobler sued the hospital in March 2023, alleging he had been slandered, the target of a conspiracy to remove him and that the board vote to fire him was done at a meeting that violated the Sunshine Law. The slander and conspiracy counts were dismissed from his lawsuit and a trial was held in September on the Sunshine Law violations.

While Tobler's attorney, Lowell Pearson, didn't explicitly ask for attorney fees during the trial, Roberts wrote that he would award them.

"Refusing to award attorney fees for the time spent in obtaining the judgment would thwart the purpose of the Sunshine Law," Roberts wrote.

In an interview, Pearson said the ruling was everything Tobler asked for.

"This is a total victory for Dr. Tobler and complete vindication for him that the actions of the hospital were unlawful," Pearson said.

The decision is gratifying, Tobler said.

"I appreciate Judge Roberts issuing a thoughtful, careful and thorough decision," he said. "It provides vindication for me and establishes accountability for the hospital's illegal, knowing and purposeful violation of Missouri Sunshine Law."

Tobler said he is examining with Pearson whether to refile the defamation count in the case.

The area's residents, he said, "deserve hospital leadership that can be trusted in providing the essential healthcare needs of the community."

In a statement sent Sunday, hospital CEO Megan Weber said the hospital is disappointed with the ruling.

"The board continues to still feel strongly that the hospital did not knowingly or purposefully violate the Sunshine Law, and are examining our options with regards to any appeal," Weber said.

The case focused on two meetings held Aug. 15 and 16, 2022. The first was held at the home of Lori Fulk, board chair, with only four of the board's six members present. Fulk did not post a public notice of the meeting, the two board absent members were not notified and Tobler was not given any notice, Roberts found.

Holding the meeting at Fulks house violated the hospital district bylaws, Roberts wrote. Failing to inform all board members or the public violated the Sunshine Law.

At the meeting, the board members present voted to fire Tobler and chief financial officer Michael Brandon.

During the trial, Roberts wrote, Fulk testified that the hospital was "facing an immediate financial collapse so immediate that she felt the hospital only had days if not hours before it closed."

Scotland County Hospital serves 12,300 people in five counties. It is located in Memphis, a town of about 1,700 people. The hospital was losing money, but had \$8.2 million in cash on hand at the beginning of 2022, an audit shows. The morning of Aug. 16, rumors started spreading in Memphis that Tobler had embezzled money from the hospital.

Tobler, an obstetrician and gynecologist, had been CEO of the hospital since 2014. The vote to fire him disrupted an orderly transition because he had already submitted his resignation effective Sept. 3, 2022.

If Fulk was truthful when she said the hospital had a severe financial crisis, the logical step would be to have the entire board meet with the CEO and the chief financial officer, Roberts wrote.

But Fulk was "less than creditable" in her testimony, Roberts wrote.

"The selection of the members to attend clearly demonstrates that the purpose of this meeting was not the alleged financial crisis but was to focus on how to remove certain officers from the organization," he wrote.

All board members were present for the Aug. 16 closed meeting, which was held at the hospital on short notice to the members and no notice to the public.

"Whatever her agenda was in August 2022 she knew she wanted to limit the persons informed of and who could participate in the meetings of August 15 and 16, 2022, and the only way to get what she



Lori Fulk, chair of the Scotland County Hospital District Board of Directors, speaks during an Aug. 30, 2022, meeting. ECHO MENGES/MEMPHIS DEMOCRAT

wanted was by a gross violation of the Sunshine Law, which is exactly what she did," Roberts wrote.

The language Roberts used is some of the strongest he has seen about a witness, Pearson said.

"It's unusual for a judge to make a credibility finding that is that stark," he said. "That's a pretty unusually explicit way for the court to say that he found a witness to not be credible."

The decision will not result in Tobler's reinstatement as CEO, Weber said Sunday. The board voted to fire him at its Aug. 30, 2022 meeting that met the requirements of the Sunshine Law, she said.

Brandon has not sued over his firing and his status after Roberts' decision is unclear.

Another case stemming from the same time is also pending before Roberts. Terri Schmitt, who was the human resources officer of the hospital, was fired Aug. 17, 2022, by Weber, named CEO at the Aug. 16 meeting.

Schmitt, who was 59 at the time of her firing, is suing for age discrimination and violation of her employment contract, which required 90 days notice of termination. The case is expected to go to trial sometime next year.

Kirksville Police Dept. reminder on overnight downtown parking restrictions

By Kirksville Police Department

The Kirksville Police Department would like to remind citizens of restrictions on overnight parking in the downtown Central Business District. This affects portions of Franklin, Elson, Main, Washington, Harrison and McPherson streets. There is no parking on these streets' south and west sides on Mondays between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m.. There is no parking on these streets' north and east sides on Tuesdays between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m..

These rules allow the city's public works department to clean downtown streets.

There is often confusion over these parking restrictions because residents may park their vehicles late at night and not take into consideration a parking restriction that takes effect the next morning.

The no parking areas are marked with signage detailing the days and times parking is prohibited. The Kirksville Police Department enforces these parking restrictions with the issuance of parking citations. Please take these areas into account when parking in downtown.



BLESSING

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Miller said that the cost to put on this event has also grown over the years. He noted 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!" Miller said. "An-

other 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. According to Miller, Cruise 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 we really enjoy is the chance to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the message from our keynote speaker, Jason Cruise," Miller said. "The 500-plus 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."

McCARTY

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Ashley McCarty's involvement extends beyond their farm. Through Missouri Farmers Care, she has led initiatives such as the Drive to Feed Kids, which has successfully raised resources for over 13 million meals for food insecure Missouri families since 2017. Additionally, they support local FFA programs, helping to implement "Agriculture Education on the Move™" initiative, bringing agricultural literacy to one sixth of Missouri's third graders annually.

With a background in agricultural policy and leadership, Ashley's influence extends across various agricultural organizations, including her role as Legislative Chair of the Adair-Schuyler Farm Bureau and as chairwoman of the Missouri Clean Water Commission, representing agriculture, industry and mining. Her work is marked by a collaborative spirit and a commitment to advancing the agricultural sector in Missouri.

The Missouri Livestock Symposium will formally honor Ashley McCarty

during its annual event in Kirksville on Friday Dec. 6. The Livestock Symposium will also have a complimentary beef dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday evening, Dec. 6. Cassandra Fish from Amarillo, Texas will be the keynote speaker.

Zac Erwin, MU Extension Field Specialist in Livestock and Symposium vice-chair, says, "We are excited to honor Ashley's dedication and leadership to Missouri agriculture. Ashley is an extremely deserving recipient of the Livestock Achievement Award and our first female recipient."

The Missouri Livestock Symposium meets at the William Matthew Middle School, 1515 S. Cottage Grove in Kirksville. The hours are 4 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7.

If you're serious about livestock production, don't miss our lineup of nationally-known speakers covering timely topics, and our large agricultural trade show on Saturday, Dec. 7. The symposium offers a sponsored lunch on Saturday, courtesy of your Missouri Department of Agriculture and Missouri commodity groups.

ELECTED

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Constitutional Amendment 6 to amend the Missouri Constitution to levy costs and fees to support salaries and benefits for current and former sheriffs, prosecuting attorneys, and circuit attorneys, failed in Adair County, with 5,871 (61.27 percent) votes against the amendment and 3,711 (38.73 percent) for it. Statewide the amendment failed.

Constitutional Amendment 7, which prohibited the rank-

ing of candidates by limiting voters to a single vote per candidate, was approved by Adair County voters, with 6,774 (69.56 percent) voting to approve the amendment and 2,964 (30.44 percent) voting against it. Statewide the amendment passed.

Proposition A, which increased the minimum wage and gave workers in the state paid sick leave, won approval from Adair County voters, with 5,052 (50.54 percent) yes votes, and 4,944 (49.46 percent) voting against it. Statewide the proposition passed.

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Birthday Blessings to wage Thanksgiving Double the Impact Campaign

By Birthday Blessings

Birthday Blessings, a nonprofit supporting local foster kids, is having a Thanksgiving Double the Impact Campaign from Nov. 18-22. An anonymous supporter will match donations up to a total of \$5,000 during this time.

"Kids in foster care deal with a lot of trauma and uncertainty," said Shannon VonAllmen, executive director of Birthday Blessings. "We know we can't erase their damaging experiences. We can add some hope and cheer to their lives by letting them know someone cares about their existence."

The 501c3 organization partners with child advocacy agencies like Children's Divisions and Court Appointed Special Advocates to assist local

foster kids. The agencies send a referral for each child to Birthday Blessings. The nonprofit designs each service specifically to the needs and tastes of the child. Advocates take birthday bags, care packages, bedding and other resources to the kids during visits.

"Our goal is to give the kids a morale boost while providing items essential for functional living. That could mean self-care items, a backpack for school or a board game to promote positive social interactions," she said. "This year we anticipate filling more than 2,000 requests for service through all our programs. We depend on donations from individuals, businesses and foundations to do that. Costs of almost everything have risen.

Your support during this donor match will help us continue to fill all requests that come in."



Cheri Joyce and Kathy Kleeschulte wrap a doll and new book for a birthday party headed to a young girl in state custody. The nonprofit relies on dozens of volunteers each month to maintain operations. Volunteers put much heart and effort into making the gifts look exciting for recipients.



Shannon VonAllmen, executive director of Birthday Blessings, prepares CocaCola Christmas care packages for teens living in residential facilities. These will go to teens who often have no one other than a caseworker or advocate to visit them on occasion. Ozarks CocaCola donated logo bags, sunglasses, frisbees and drink bottles to build the care packages around.

Donations can be made on their website at www.birthday-blessings.org/donate. Checks can be

mailed to Birthday Blessings, 429 Aid Ave, West Plains MO 65775. Checks postmarked during the

event will count towards the match total. For more information, contact VonAllmen at 417-372-5306.

Hospice of Northeast Missouri celebrates 30th anniversary

By Marty Bachman Daily Express

Hospice of Northeast Missouri celebrated its 30th anniversary with a ribbon-cutting ceremony outside the Alliant Bank building on South Baltimore Street on Friday, Nov. 8.

The ceremony was hosted by Linette Baker, executive director of the organization. Dr. Ron Gaber, who was the founding board president, spoke to a large audience in attendance at the event. Gaber recognized past and current board members as well as volunteers and grant writers, including Gaylah Sublette, who helped secure a three-year grant by the Department of Health and Human Services for over



Dr. Ron Gaber, the founding board president of Hospice of Northeast Missouri, cuts the ribbon celebrating their 30th anniversary.

half a million dollars. "Community support was a huge part of the organization's early success and when the grant was submitted it contained over 100 local signatures of endorsement and support," Hospice officials said in a press release.

According to Hospice of Northeast Missouri leader-

ship, in 1993, Gaber and a group of community volunteers, began the process of creating the non-profit Hospice 2000. In 1994 that organization became a reality when they were able to hire their first full-time administrator and nurse case manager. They had a goal of serving 50 patients a year in the 30-

mile radius of Kirksville. "Today that same organization, now known as Hospice of Northeast Missouri, serves over 200 patients a year in the counties of Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Sullivan and Shelby," Hospice officials wrote. Hospice 2000 changed



Hospice of Northeast Missouri received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce. From left to right: Nathan Nichols of the Kirksville Chamber, founding Board President Dr. Ron Gaber, Hospice Executive Director Linette Baker, and Hannibal Regional CEO Todd Ahrens.

their name to Hospice of Northeast Missouri in 2004 to better reflect the geographic location of the organization and the area it serves. At the start of

2022, Hospice of Northeast Missouri joined forces with Hannibal Regional Healthcare System. Hannibal CEO Todd Ahrens also spoke at the gathering.

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Kirksville girls finish 14th at State cross country meet, boys qualifiers both finish top 110

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

On a cold, mucky Saturday afternoon at Gans Creek Cross Country Course in Columbia, Kirksville's first girls' group to qualify as a team in 23 years finished 14th in Class 4.

The last two races of the entire weekend across all five classes were Class 4 girls followed by Class 4 boys, so the course had taken more than its fair share of abuse by the time the starting gun sounded.

For the girls, junior Concillia Kunseviko finished her strong first season of cross country with a 55th place finish with a time of 21:26.

Kunseviko, who will be a threat in the 800 meters in track this spring, said that keeping up with the front of the pack was tough in Saturday's conditions.

"I wanted to keep up with the top 30, but it was hard when the group kept breaking up and there was nowhere solid to pass," she said. "I wish today could have gone better, but I'm very thankful and happy with what my teammates and I have done this season."

The rest of the Tiger runners remained tightly packed with one another as they had throughout the course of the season.

Freshman Amber Kottwitz finished 74th with a 21:48, then senior Lauren Albright and freshman Mary Frushour finished back-to-back at 112 and 113. Albright's 22:39 was a second ahead of Frushour.



Kirksville junior Forrest Cason (left) and sophomore Skyler Cook challenge a group in front of them midway through Saturday's championship race.

Junior Rosemary Shook was 121st at 22:55, and senior Madison Albright was three spots back nine seconds later. Junior Claire Brewer was 136th at 24:18.

"Five of our girls were completely new to this experience, so I feel like we did really well," Kirksville coach Alicia Wollmering said. "They battled, and Concillia for example has never run in a race like this. We weren't chasing times today, and we didn't want to be happy with just being here. Our girls ran an unselfish race."

"You never know when you're going to be back here."

The Tigers missed finishing 13th by just two placement points behind Pleasant Hill. Festus, West Plains, and Parkway Central ran away with the top three team spots.

On the boys' side, junior Forrest Cason finished 95th in 18:11 and sophomore Skyler Cook was 106th at 18:23 in a photo finish with a runner from Capital City. Cook was seven seconds away from finishing top-100.

"As muddy as it was, this wasn't a day to chase times," Wollmering said. "I was proud of their effort."



Junior Concillia Kunseviko sticks with the pack in Saturday's cold and slippery cross country Class 4 State championship. Kunseviko finished 55th. PHOTOS BY HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS



Freshman Mary Frushour and junior Rosemary Shook work together entering the third kilometer of Saturday's State meet.



Freshman back Elijah Stevens makes a jump cut and looks for space late in Saturday's win. PHOTOS BY HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

Two NCMC football teams remain alive entering District championships

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

Despite Kirksville's untimely exit from the Class 4 bracket, two of the teams it had defeated still have breath after Friday night's competition.

Mexico travelled to Hannibal on Friday night and the Pirates won a game that was back-and-forth for most of the evening, 42-27. Hannibal moves on to travel to face the only team aside from Kirksville that came into District 5 play undefeated, Warrenton. The Warriors, who received the District's only bye, defeated Osage, 42-7.

Coming out of a weak District 3, Moberly defeated Wright City, 49-42, to amazingly host the District title game against Hallsville. Both teams enter the game at 4-7 — there will be a 5-7 team entering the State quarterfinal. The top-seeded team in District 3 was 3-6 St. Charles West entering the bracket.

Bulldogs' dominant shutout at Jewell propelled by first-half defensive scores

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

Truman capitalized on its defense early to force William Jewell to look toward the final week of the season for its first 5-win campaign in a decade.

The Bulldogs won in Liberty, 34-0, to advance to 6-4 and 5-2 in the GLVC. The Cardinals fall to 4-6.

The 'Dogs got off to an early start with a field goal before Ulysses Ross continued his memorable Bulldog career with a fumble recovery for a touchdown. Markiese Jones picked off a pass for a touchdown in Jewell territory, and from that point on, the Bulldogs were content to play the clock game and pound the football.

Dylan Hair and Denim Cook both finished with upward of 100 yards rushing, and Truman finished with over 300 rushing yards. Cook had a 66-yard rushing touchdown early in the second quarter.

Truman had not shut out an opponent since the 2021 season with a late-October shutout of Jewell on homecoming.

Saturday was Hair's first 100-yard rushing game, and he finished with 83 yards passing completing 10 of his 20 attempts.

The Bulldogs out-gained the Cardinals, 393 yards to 136. Ross led the Bulldogs in tackles with 9 total.

Truman finishes its season on

Saturday when it hosts Southwest Baptist, and hopes for the Crossroads Bowl remain on the line with Upper Iowa's win over McKendree on Saturday.



Ben Miller snuffs out a rush in the backfield in Saturday's victory.



Zach Rouland fight through an obvious hold to pursue the William Jewell quarterback in Saturday's 34-0 victory.



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Yet another tough loss eliminates 'Dogs volleyball from postseason eligibility

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

Heartbreaking losses have been too common for the Truman volleyball team, and Friday was yet another, as they fell in five sets at home to Indianapolis to mathematically eliminate the Bulldogs from the GLVC tournament.

The 'Dogs fell in five sets. After dropping the first, 25-17, Truman stormed back with a 25-13 victory before taking the third set, 25-23, including scoring the final five points.

Indy took the fourth set, 25-16, before winning the tiebreaker 15-12.

Michaela Goad and Autumn Erickson both recorded 13 kills,

and Jessie Julius had 12.

The 'Dogs have now participated in 12 matches this season that went to all five sets.

With the loss, Truman falls to 5-19 (2-8 within the conference) while Indianapolis improves to 13-9 (6-4 GLVC).

All five of Truman's victories this season came in consecutive matches.

All-NCMC football teams released

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

The North Central Missouri Conference released its all-conference football teams on Wednesday, and Kirksville is well represented.

On the offensive side, senior Jace Kent was first-team as were his protection, linemen junior Bennett Fraser and senior Andrew Williams. Senior Carter Pinkerton was also voted first-team at wide receiver.

Seniors Alex Semple and Aidan Dimmitt were second team linemen, as were fellow senior quarterback Ryder Lyons and receiver Hayden Davis.

Defensively, the Tigers also have Bennett and Fraser on the first team as linemen. Freshman Blake Nesbitt got a nod for first-team honors, and he was also a second-team all-conference tight end. Pinkerton and senior Corbin Denslow received first-team recognition as defensive backs.

Senior Denver Cunningham and junior Kyle White were named sec-

All-Conference 2024-2025			
Rank	Final Team Standings	Record	Overall Record
1	Kirksville		5-0
2	Hannibal		4-1
3	Mexico		5-2
4	Moberly		2-3
5	Marshall		1-4
6	Fulton		0-6

ALL CONFERENCE OFFENSE			
First Team			
Position	Name	Grade	School
Quarterback	1. Weylon Anders	SR	HANN
Running Back	1. Mike Ferreira	SR	HANN
	2. Jace Kent	SR	KIRK
	3. Drew Demint	JR	MEX
	4. Ka'Von Tiger	JR	MOB
Offensive Line	1. Jarren Landis	SR	HANN
	2. Andrew Williams	SR	KIRK
	3. Bennett Fraser	JR	KIRK
	4. Leighton Hiderman	JR	MEX
	5. Devin Snow	SR	MOB
Tight Ends	1. Gaiten Chambers	SR	FUL
Wide Receivers	1. Carter Reed	SR	HANN
	2. Carter Pinkerton	SR	KIRK
	3. Gabe DeFily	SR	FUL
All Large	1. Landyn Essig	JR	HANN
Specialist	1. Landyn Essig	JR	HANN
Specialist	1. Cael Duren	SO	MOB

ALL CONFERENCE DEFENSE			
First Team			
Position	Name	Grade	School
Linebackers	1. Aden Scott	JR	HANN
	2. Tre Hopkins	JR	HANN
	3. Bennett Fraser	JR	KIRK
	4. Andrew Williams	SR	KIRK
	5. Carter Wood	SR	MOB
Linebackers	1. Dylan Book	SR	HANN
	2. Kaiten McFee	JR	HANN
	3. Blake Nesbitt	FR	KIRK
	4. Peyton Hoover	SR	MEX
Defensive Backs	1. Cameron Davis	SR	HANN
	2. Kyler Fanning	JR	MOB
	3. Gabe DeFily	SR	FUL
	4. Carter Pinkerton	SR	KIRK
	5. Corbin Denslow	SR	KIRK
All Large	1. Drew DeFily	JR	MEX

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE			
Position	Name	Grade	School
Quarterback	1. Ryder Lyons	SR	KIRK
Running Back	1. Darron Washington	SO	HANN
	2. Hunter Gunt	SR	MEX
	3. Carter Howery	JR	MARSH
Offensive Line	1. Mason Harvey	JR	MARSH
	2. Jonathan Green	SR	HANN
	3. Noah Brown	JR	HANN
	4. Alex Semple	SR	KIRK
	5. Wyatt Throsser	SR	MEX
	6. Landon Smith	JR	MOB
	7. Aidan Dimmitt	SR	KIRK
	8. Dante Cline	SR	MEX
	9. Patrick Arthaud	JR	HANN
Tight Ends	1. Blake Nesbitt	FR	KIRK
Wide Receivers	1. Hayden Davis	SR	KIRK
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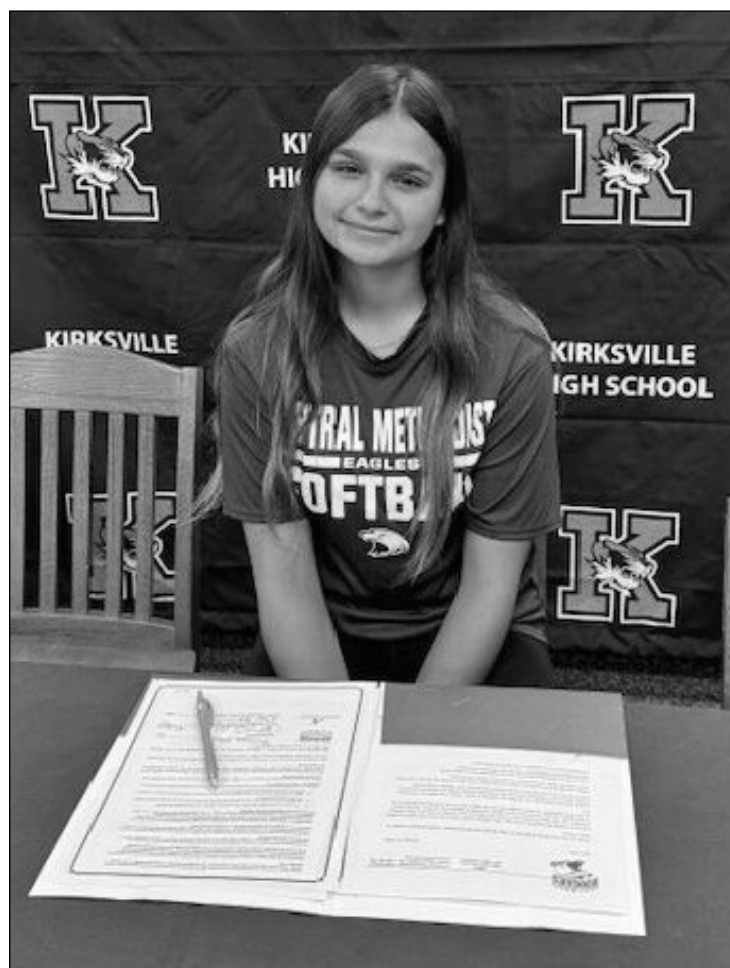
SECOND TEAM DEFENSE			
Position	Name	Grade	School
Linebackers	1. Dallas Zimmer	SR	HANN
	2. Denver Cunningham	SR	KIRK
	3. Kyle White	JR	KIRK
	4. Duane Cline	SR	MEX
	5. Gaiten Chambers	SR	FUL
Linebackers	1. James Watson	JR	HANN
	2. Brantley Kottwitz	JR	KIRK
	3. Keegan Graves	SO	MOB
	4. Grant Van Horn	SR	MEX
Defensive Backs	1. Carter Howery	JR	MARSH
	2. Max Richardson	JR	MOB
	3. Chance Whiteside	SR	HANN
	4. James Deoley	SR	FUL
	5. Greyson Houser	SR	KIRK
All Large	1. Wyatt Dorsey	SO	HANN

Editorial note: Listings are alphabetized by school. (H comes before K, for example.) PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NORTH CENTRAL MISSOURI CONFERENCE

ond-team defensive linemen. Junior linebacker Brantley Kottwitz and se-

nior defensive back Greyson Houser also received second-team nods.

Beckett Lyons, sophomore kicker, was on the second team.



Paishynce Fouts signed with Central Methodist's softball program on Oct. 29. PHOTO COURTESY OF SYDNEY SNYDER

Fouts signs with Central Methodist

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

Kirksville senior Paishynce Fouts said that the first time she stepped on Central Methodist's campus for a visit, it felt like where she wanted to be. Fouts will be an Eagle next year, and it's still up in the air whether she will stick at her primary position of catcher or if she'll play third. Both positions were occupied by seniors last season.

"Their campus is beautiful, and I was looking for somewhere that feels like a small town," Fouts said. "They have a good psychology program, which is what I was looking for ... my family was really happy with my decision and so am I."

Fouts finished her senior season as a first-team All-District and All-Region catcher. She batted .434 with an on-base percentage of .452. She posted 29 runs batted in and she crossed the plate 31 times herself. She will focus on basketball in the winter and begin back with softball in January.

She said she's waiting with cautious optimism to see what the All-State teams reveal on Nov. 14.

"They really wanted to get to know me as a person, which made me really happy with the coaching staff and athletic staff."

Central Methodist comes off of a 42-12 tournament in which it qualified for the NAIA tournament.

Maryville dooms Tiger soccer season

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

Kirksville fell to Maryville in the Class 2 District 8 semis in Chillicothe on Tuesday. It was a grueling, scoreless through two overtimes before the Spoofhounds ended it 3-1 on penalty kicks.

The Tigers finish their season 13-9, and Maryville advanced to 10-6-1 with the victory. Maryville went on to lose, 9-1, to Excelsi-

or Springs, in the District championship on Friday.

Kirksville coach Shawn Meintz said that he wishes his team had a little more time to jell since everyone has been fully healthy about midway through the season.

"Everything we do well is about controlling the ball and controlling the field," he said. "Sometimes we did a really good job of doing that, and other times we've looked sluggish."



In this file photo from Sept. 17, Kirksville junior midfielder Camden Perry gets around a Mexico defender. The Tigers finish the season with a 13-9 record, including ending matches six times by going up by eight goals. HENRY JANSSEN/KDE FILE PHOTO

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Replace Glass Panels
The Adair County Sheriff's Office is requesting bids for the replacement of glass panels in the Adair County Detention Center. A bid package may be obtained in the Sheriff's Office at 215 N. Franklin St. in Kirksville or from www.adaircounty-missouri.com/government/bids-requested. Bids will be due by November 22, 2024 at 4:00 PM

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
Sealed bids for the Northeast Regional Office Carpet Replacement (00-02-15), Adair County, Missouri, will be received online at Virtubid with QuestCDN, UNTIL 2:00 PM, December 5, 2024, then publicly opened. A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid meeting will be held for this project at 10:00 AM on November 13, 2024, at the Northeast Regional Office, 3500 S. Baltimore St., Kirksville, MO 63501. Project bid documents must be downloaded at <https://mdc.mo.gov/bidding>. Quest number 9381331, for a nonrefundable cost of \$42.00, which will add your company to the Planholder List and allow access to VirtuBid for online submittal of your bid. For project questions contact Steve Dutrow, (573) 522-4115 ext. 3741, bidding questions contact Laura Buchanan, (573) 522-4115 ext. 3727. QuestCDN Customer Support is available at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI
PROBATE DIVISION
Estate No. 23AR-PR00115
In the Estate of SHANNON LEE JACKSON, Deceased

NOTICE OF FILING OF STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AND SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION
(Sec. 473.840)

You are hereby notified that the undersigned Independent Personal Representative will file a Statement of Account and Schedule of Proposed Distribution of the assets of the estate, in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri, on December 12, 2024. If no objections are filed within twenty (20) days after the filing of the Statement of Account, the Independent Personal Representative will distribute in accordance with the Schedule of Proposed Distribution contained in the Statement of Account.

You are further notified that if no proceeding is commenced in the Court within six months after the filing of the Statement of Account, the Independent Personal Representative will be discharged from further claim or demand by any interested party

Terry Leonard Jackson, Independent Personal Representative

Publication Dates: November 13, 20, 27, and December 4, 2024
Newspaper: Kirksville Daily Express

PAINTING
The Adair County Sheriff's Office is requesting bids for painting of walls, bunks, etc. in the Adair County Detention Center. A bid package may be obtained in the Sheriff's Office at 215 N. Franklin St. in Kirksville or from www.adaircountymissouri.com/government/bids-requested. Bids will be due by **November 22, 2024 at 4:00 PM**

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IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI Case Number: 24AR-PR00116 (Date File Stamp)
Judge or Division: PROBATE
In the Estate of LEWIS F ROOP, Deceased.
Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Supervised Administration)
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of LEWIS F ROOP, Decedent:
On October 21, 2024, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of LEWIS F ROOP, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of ADAIR COUNTY, Missouri.
The name and business address of the personal representative is: Harold Love, 23942 Stukey Cemetery Trail, Kirksville, Missouri, 63501
The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: Jessica Rooks, 2211 East Normal Avenue, Kirksville, Missouri, 63501. 660-627-3369.
All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.
Date of the decedent's death: September 6, 2024
Date of first publication: October 30, 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: 10-30-2024, 11-6-2024, 11-13-2024, 11-20-2024

KIRKSVILLE R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES PAID AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM MODIFIED CASH TRANSACTIONS - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Governmental Fund Types	Special Revenue				Total Governmental Funds
	General (Incidental) Fund	(Teachers') Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Funds	
REVENUES COLLECTED:					
Local	\$ 8,033,159	\$ 8,002,710	\$ 2,614,518	\$ 3,968,098	\$ 22,618,485
County	686,294	751,980	222,075	48,731	1,709,080
State	4,028,760	7,730,189	-	1,106,985	12,865,934
Federal	3,039,530	1,400,197	-	136,312	4,576,039
Received from other districts	208,963	-	-	-	208,963
Total Revenues Collected	15,996,706	17,885,076	2,836,593	5,260,126	41,978,501
EXPENDITURES PAID:					
Regular instruction	1,386,749	9,445,997	-	18,149	10,850,895
Special instruction	2,582,053	4,241,672	-	-	6,823,725
Vocational instruction	241,294	823,793	-	285,121	1,350,208
Student activities	569,492	346,768	-	-	916,260
Student support services	901,825	895,769	-	-	1,797,594
Instructional support services	740,447	326,114	-	-	1,066,561
Board of Education services	73,473	-	-	-	73,473
Executive administration	652,375	736,865	-	44,991	1,434,231
Building level administration	571,833	884,839	-	-	1,456,672
Business/central services	229,871	-	-	-	229,871
Operation of plant	2,554,771	3,885	-	1,125,167	3,683,823
Pupil transportation	1,961,348	-	-	-	1,961,348
Food services	1,466,121	93,822	-	11,015	1,570,958
Adult education and community services	508,993	446,592	-	-	955,585
Principal retirement	-	-	1,975,000	-	1,975,000
Interest and fees	-	-	121,950	335,735	457,685
Total Expenditures Paid	14,440,645	18,246,116	2,096,950	1,820,178	36,603,889
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES COLLECTED OVER EXPENDITURES PAID	1,556,061	(361,040)	739,643	3,439,948	5,374,612
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES):					
Transfers	-	-	-	33,000,000	33,000,000
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	-	-	-	33,000,000	33,000,000
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES PAID AND OTHER FINANCING USES	1,556,061	(361,040)	739,643	36,439,948	\$ 38,374,612
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	19,669,253	361,040	2,302,875	2,151,486	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$ 21,225,314	\$ -	\$ 3,042,518	\$ 38,591,434	

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Kirksville R-III School District, Kirksville, Missouri (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General and Special Revenue Funds for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

November 1, 2024
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI Case Number: 24AR-CV00734 n Re: The Marriage of: JENNIFER ANN LAFFEY and MARK AARON LAFFEY. JENNIFER ANN LAFFEY, Petitioner, v. MARK AARON LAFFEY, Respondent. NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The State of Missouri to: MARK AARON LAFFEY, who is interested in the subject matter, address unknown. You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Adair, Missouri, the subject and general nature of which is: Dissolution. The name of all parties to said action are: Jennifer Ann Laffey, 1403 East Jefferson Street, Kirksville, MO 63501, and as attorney of record, Leslie J. Silvernail, Silvernail Law Firm LLC, 803 South Baltimore Street, Kirksville, MO 63501, 660-956-0997. You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the date of first publication of notice which occurred on the 13th day of November, 2024, judgment by default will be rendered against you. It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to the law in the Kirksville Daily Express, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Adair, State of Missouri. A true copy from the record Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 4th day of November, 2024. Martha Cole Adair County Circuit Clerk PUBLICATION DATES: 11-13-2024, 11-20-2024, 11-27-2024, 12-4-2024.

IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: Case Number: 24AR-PR00108 PROBATE In the Estate of EUGENE DWAIN AUSTIN SR., Deceased. Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of EUGENE DWAIN AUSTIN SR., Decedent: On November 7, 2024, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of EUGENE DWAIN AUSTIN SR., decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address is: Eugene Dwaine Austin Jr., 108 Baker Street, Villa Ridge, Missouri, 63089 The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: Joshua P. Fay, 406 Walker Street, Macon, Missouri, 63552, 660-395-3950 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 item pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo. Date of the decedent's death: July 11, 2024 /S/Martha Cole Date of first publication: November 13, 2024 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: 11-13-2024, 11-20-2024, 11-27-2024, 12-4-2024

TRUSTEE'S SALE IN RE: Irian Encina Fabre, a married woman and Leonardo Gonzalez Vicente, her husband Trustee's Sale: For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Irian Encina Fabre, a married woman and Leonardo Gonzalez Vicente, her husband dated July 5, 2018 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Adair County, Missouri in Book 1062, Page 722 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 3:30 PM), at the South Front Door of the Court House, City of Kirksville, County of Adair, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Adair County, State of Missouri, to wit: ALL OF LOT 10, BLOCK 3, KILMER'S 2ND [SECOND] ADDITION [(PHASE 2), AN ADDITION] TO [THE CITY OF] KIRKSVILLE, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI. [THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN BRACKETS HAS BEEN ADDED TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION.] to satisfy said debt and cost. MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C., Successor Trustee 612 Spirit Drive St. Louis, MO 63005 (636) 537-0110 File No: 200358.111924.449386 FC NOTICE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. PUBLISH ON: October 23, 2024 10/30/2024, 11/06/2024, 11/13/2024

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Truman State University Theatre season features musical 'Ride the Cyclone'

By Truman State University

The Truman State University Theatre season will continue with the quirky, edgy musical, "Ride the Cyclone," Nov. 15-17.

Six teen chamber choir members meet their fate on a doomed roller coaster ride. In limbo, a mechanical fortune teller offers them a chance to return to life. As they

face their fate, each character reveals their dreams, regrets and unique stories through catchy tunes and dark humor. This cult hit blends comedy, tragedy and enchantment, leaving audiences laughing, reflecting and feeling great about life.

Music, lyrics and book for "Ride the Cyclone" are by Jacob Richmond and Brooke Maxwell. A fairly new work, the final version of the script was completed in 2023, and the show has developed a cult following on TikTok. Truman's production is under the direction of student director Regan Bohanan.

Performances of "Ride the Cyclone" will take place in the Severns Theatre at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 7-9 and Nov. 15-16, along with a matinee at 2 p.m. Nov. 17. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at boxoffice.truman.edu or at the theatre prior to each performance. For more information, contact boxoffice@truman.edu.



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By City of Kirksville

Get ready to lace up your skates and glide into the holidays once again!

The city of Kirksville's Parks and Recreation and Tourism departments are excited to announce the dates and times for ice skating as part of this year's Hometown Holiday event. The synthetic ice rink will be in the northwest parking lot of the Adair County Courthouse and will be open select hours from Nov. 28 through Dec. 1, with each 20-minute skate slot costing \$3 per person including skate rental.

Operating Hours:

- Nov. 28: 4-8 p.m.
- Nov. 29: Noon-8 p.m.
- Nov. 30: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6:30-9 p.m.
- Dec. 1: 1-6 p.m.

Pre-registration is recommended as spaces are limited and cash-only payment will be made at the time of skating. All remaining spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up, head to www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EAEAF2EA1FAC34-45857603-hometown#/.

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY ICE RINK
Nov. 28-Dec. 1
ADAIR COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Dates & Times
Nov 28: 4pm-8pm
Nov 29: 12pm-8pm
Nov 30: 10am-5pm & 6:30pm-9pm
Dec 1: 1pm-6pm

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See more photos on Scotty's website
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For more information, contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

Hope's Kitchen fundraiser enters its second week

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

Kirksville's Hope's Kitchen continues strong into its 25th year of operation and now the annual Daily Express fundraiser is set to begin Nov. 4 and will run until Dec. 16. Since the Daily Express began organizing the fundraiser in 2001, it has raised more than \$132,576 for the kitchen. Last year's fundraiser raised more than \$5,000. That money goes directly into feeding folks who need it.

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,

at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church. 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 located at 705 E. LaHarpe Street, #F. Money can also be mailed to ATSU (800 W. Jefferson Street), with "ATSU/Hope's Kitchen" in the address line. Donations are tax deductible.

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 will appear in the Dec. 23 Daily Express, so include your name, business or organization when



you donate and include at least \$1 for each name you would like to see published.

The list for that card will be finalized on Dec. 20.

For more info about Hope's Kitchen, contact

them at 660-853-0167 or email them at hopeskitchen@atsu.edu. For information on the Saturdays meals are available, follow the Hope's Kitchen Instagram or Facebook page.

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Kirksville Real Estate & Personal Property Auction

Thurs., Nov. 14, 2024 at 3:00 pm
Gary Ray

Waterford crystal; antique oak armed rocking chair; various home decor; large variety of costume jewelry; antique parlor table

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: Martin acoustic guitar with case; Conservarte flute

ELECTRONICS & OFFICE EQUIPMENT: HP printer/copier; paper shredder; NIB; HP 17" notebook; NIB; Dell Laptop (2013) NIB; computer table; 2 Halo ac/dc jump packs

ACCESSORIES: various new purses; Size 9 various ladies shoes, NIB - Brands include New Balance and Propel; umbrellas

There are many more items still in boxes or stored that we were unable to get pictures. All or most items are

STORAGE BUILDING: We will be selling a 10' x 16' storage building to be moved by the buyer, immediately following the sale of the real estate.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Oreck Intella Shield vacuum cleaner; Shark Rocket vacuum; NIB; GE portable dishwasher; Hamilton Beach microwave; baking ware; Kenmore side by side refrigerator; maple round dining table with 4 chairs; microfiber reclining couch; La Z Boy powered reclining chair; card table with chairs; various pieces of luggage; 3 piece full size maple bedroom set

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: Tiffany style table lamp; silver plate silverware; aluminum drinking glasses;

Clarence Real Estate Auction

Wed., Nov. 20, 2024 at 4:00 pm
Danny & Darla Hays

conditioning units and a wood fireplace in the basement. This would make a very nice home for your family.

TRACT 2: We will be selling 0.6 acres more or less located on Shelby County Road 302. The property has a metal pole building, a barn and a large circle drive. This would be an idea building site just outside of Clarence. Both properties will be auctioned at the Elm Street location.

REAL ESTATE: We will be selling 2 pieces of real estate owned by Danny and Darla Hays. Both properties will be auctioned at the Elm Street location. Please contact Scott at 573-356-4405 to schedule your personal showing.

TRACT 1: We will be selling this four bedroom, two bath, brick ranch home conveniently located on a corner lot. The home has a large living room, updated kitchen, laundry room, a full, dry, unfinished basement and a two-car garage. The home has a large patio for entertaining or to enjoy a nice quiet evening outdoors. There have been many updates to the home including flooring, windows and the roof is approximately ten years old. The home has gas, forced heat, two central air

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Dec. 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
Multiple Consignors

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All items must be checked in by a Scotty's Auction Service crew member. Call 573-356-4405 to schedule check in of your items.

DOWN PAYMENT: 10% of the contract purchase price will be due upon acceptance of the Sales Contract. Personal or Cashier's Checks will be accepted. This is "AS IS, WHERE IS" and is non-refundable. CLOSING: Closing shall be within 30 days of the auction date.

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9	KIRKVILLE, HS			1	4	KNOX COUNTY, HS			6
0	MACON	8/30	KIRKVILLE	35	68	PLATTSBURG	9/6	KNOX COUNTY	32
42	KIRKVILLE	9/6	CHILlicothe	7	28	KNOX COUNTY	9/13	BISHOP LEBLOND	52
7	KIRKVILLE	9/13	SAVANNAH	6	-	KNOX COUNTY	9/20	OFF WEEK	-
7	MOBERLY	9/20	KIRKVILLE	28	62	SCHUYLER CO.	9/27	KNOX COUNTY	44
0	MARSHALL	9/27	KIRKVILLE	40	60	PARIS	10/4	KNOX COUNTY	20
16	KIRKVILLE	10/4	HANNIBAL	15	48	KNOX COUNTY	10/11	NORTH SHELBY	34
13	MEXICO	10/11	KIRKVILLE	28	18	LIVINGSTON CO.	10/18	KNOX COUNTY	76
42	KIRKVILLE	10/18	FULTON	0	20	KEYTESVILLE	10/25	KNOX COUNTY	72
12	CENTRALIA	10/25	KIRKVILLE	41	8 MAN CLASS 1 DISTRICT 8 TOURNAMENT				
21	KIRKVILLE	11/01	MEXICO	14	52	KNOX COUNTY	11/01	PRINCETON	16
11 MAN CLASS 4 DISTRICT 8 TOURNAMENT					44	NORTH SHELBY	11/08	KNOX COUNTY	42

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5	SCHUYLER CO., HS			5	3	MACON, HS			8
16	SEYMOUR	8/30	SCHUYLER CO.	52	18	N. CALLAWAY	9/6	MACON	7
72	BISHOP LEBLOND	9/6	SCHUYLER CO.	12	56	PALMYRA	9/13	MACON	14
42	SCHUYLER CO.	9/13	PLATTSBURG	46	15	MACON	9/20	HALLSVILLE	46
28	KEYTESVILLE	9/20	SCHUYLER CO.	60	38	CENTRALIA	9/27	MACON	14
62	SCHUYLER CO.	9/27	KNOX COUNTY	44	8	CLARK COUNTY	10/4	MACON	15
70	SCHUYLER CO.	10/4	LIVINGSTON CO.	22	56	MACON	10/11	HIGHLAND	12
34	SCHUYLER CO.	10/11	BRAYMER	64	21	MACON	10/18	SOUTH SHELBY	42
58	NORTH SHELBY	10/18	SCHUYLER CO.	62	48	MONROE CITY	10/25	MACON	19
56	PARIS	10/25	SCHUYLER CO.	24	11 MAN CLASS 2 DISTRICT 8 TOURNAMENT				
86	PARIS	11/08	SCHUYLER CO.	46	0	MARK TWAIN	11/01	MACON	37
8 MAN CLASS 1 DISTRICT 8 TOURNAMENT					48	SOUTH SHELBY	11/08	MACON	35

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