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Kirksville R-III Schools Superintendent Webb retires

A school administrator for 37 years

By Kirksville R-III

Kirksville R-III Schools Superintendent Robert Webb announced his retirement from school administration after 37 years in education. Webb's departure will be effective June 30, 2025.

Webb is currently in his sixth school year serving as superintendent of Kirksville schools. Since arriving in the summer of 2019,

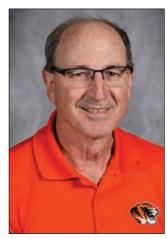
he has guided the district through the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and initiated changes to the district's health plans for employees, resulting in substantial savings for the community. He led the district through the transition to Missouri's School Improvement Plan (MSIP 6), which sets district-wide goals for improvement each year.

He also oversaw the early stages of facilities planning, including preparation for the recent school bond initiative that will bring a performing arts center and updated facilities with enhanced safety to the district.

Webb began his teaching career in Minnesota and Bunceton, Mo. Over the years, he has taught physical education, social studies, Spanish, and yearbook, before spending 12 years as a building principal at

the elementary, middle, and high school levels. He has served as superintendent for 16 years in three different districts: a Navajo reservation in Sanders, Ariz.; Monte Vista, Colo.; and Kirksville. In a letter to the school board, Webb shared that he has long intended to "end my professional career where it began, as a teacher." He plans to return to teaching in some capacity. He and his wife, Jackie, have five children and 13 grandchildren.

Kirksville R-III Board of Education members have expressed their gratitude for Webb's contributions to the district. Vice President Nan Davis noted that the district has faced challenges and successes during Webb's tenure, from the uncharted territory of the pandemic to his recognition as a statewide leader in school improvement planning. President Jeremy Houser thanked Webb for leaving behind a 'legacy of positive change' in Kirksville.



Webb







Eric Bailey

Missouri Livestock Symposium beef program focuses on cattle health and production

By Missouri Livestock Symposium

Beef producers will learn how to manage production challenges at the 25th annual Missouri Livestock Symposium, says Garry L. Mathes, chairman. Farmers and ranchers will learn the value of management and marketing at the Symposium, December 6 and 7.

Zac Erwin, MU Extension Livestock Specialist and Symposium vice-chair, says "Industry dynamics are in a period of rapid change and producers need to make decisions now that will have long-lasting impacts and our beef speaker lineup will address many of the issues important to beef producers."

Rachel Hopkins, University of Missouri Extension Field Specialist in Agribusiness will talk about "Stocker Financial and Production Tracker Tool."

Dr. Craig Payne, University of Missouri Director of Veterinary Extension, will talk about "Emerging Issues in Beef Cattle Health."

Dr. Eric Bailey, University of Missouri Extension State Beef Specialist, will talk about "Building Resilience in your Beef Cattle Operation

through Diversifying Grazing Enterprises."

Dr. Jamie Courter, University of Missouri Extension State Beef Genetics Specialist, will discuss "Genetics for a Better Cow Herd."

Erwin adds, "There are other notable beef topics in other sections of our lineup as well, discussing managing winter feeding and cow costs. The economic environment we are currently in as an industry has producers making decisions that have historically high nominal dollar amounts attached to them, and making informed decisions will have significant impacts moving forward."

The Missouri Livestock Symposium has an agricultural trade show open during the two days. The symposium meets at Matthew Middle School, 1515 Cottage Grove. The hours are 4 to 10 p.m.. Friday, Dec. 6, and 8 a.m. to

4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. In addition to sessions on beef, others are on horses, sheep and market goats. Other topics are forages, stock dogs and farm succession planning. Multiple tracks go at the same time.

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Adair County SB40 Developmental Disability Board announces leadership changes

Aminirad, current executive director retiring Dec, 31.

By Adair County SB40

The Adair County SB40 Developmental Disability Board (Adair SB40) announced the appointment of Sean Jacob as its new executive director, following the upcoming retirement as of Dec. 31 of Crystal Aminirad, who has served in the role for the past 3-1/2 years. Jacob, who currently serves as the director of Service Coordination, will assume the role upon Aminirad's retirement.

During her tenure, Aminirad has been a passionate advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities and has overseen significant growth and development at Adair SB40. Her leadership has set a solid foundation and she will be missed by the entire Adair SB40 community.

See **\$B40**, Page A3 Laura Morrow



Sean Jacob





Susan Lassabe



Hannah Munn

Firearm safety reminder from Kirksville Police Dept. ahead of hunting season

By Kirksville Police Department

As the hunting season approaches, the Kirksville Police Department wants to remind residents and visitors of some important safety practices and encourage them to follow all firearms safety rules.

The four basic rules of firearms handling are:

- Treat all guns as if they are always loaded.
- Never let the muzzle cover anything that you are not willing to destroy.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target and you have made the decision to shoot.
- Be sure of your target and what lies beyond it. Additionally, you should follow all the safe-

ty guidelines from the

and all regulations from the Missouri Department of Conservation. Make sure all firearms are secured away from

firearms manufacturer

children. Safe storage is another important aspect of responsible firearm ownership. They should be kept in locations that kids don't have easy access to, and that doesn't just mean in a high spot.

Gun locks, lock boxes and safes are great options for safe storage.

The Kirksville Police Department has a supply of gun locks available for free to the public. These gun locks come courtesy of Project Childsafe, a national foundation that promotes firearms safety and education. Anyone can stop by the station during business hours to receive

one while supplies last. Individuals can receive a maximum of three.

Additionally, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) recommends unloading guns before storing them and keeping ammunition in a secured location away from firearms.

Do not leave firearms in vehicles. Most firearm thefts occur when the firearm is left in a vehicle. Secure your firearms in your home or hotel room and not in an unattended vehicle. Keep a record of all of your firearms including make, model, and serial number. This form from the U.S. Department of Justice can help you keep track of the info.

For more information, contact the Kirksville Police Department at 660-785-6945.





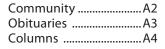
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Kirksville Area Calendar of Events

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.

19th Annual Thanksgiving **Community Dinner at Hamilton** Street Baptist Church

Chariton Valley Association Proud Partner of Center for Human Services welcomes you to the 19th Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner at the Hamilton Street Baptist Church, Thursday, Nov. 21 at 11 a.m. Enjoy food, share stories, and enjoy this wonderful gathering of friends and family in the community.

Kirksville Watershed Management Commission meeting

The city of Kirksville's Watershed Management Commission will hold a meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21, in the Conference Room at EDA Building, 315 S. Franklin Street.

Kirksville's Franklin Street **Community Improvement Districtmeeting**

The Franklin Street Community Improvement District will hold a meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street.

Kirksville's Baltimore **Commons Community Improvement District meeting**

The Baltimore Commons Community Improvement District will hold a meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21, in the 2nd floor conference room at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street.

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.

Christmas in Novinger

Christmas in Novinger will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23, with

three shopping locations providing a variety of gift selections. The 38th Country Christmas Craft Festival will be held from 9.m. - 3 p.m. in the Novinger School (on Hwy 149, four blocks north of Hwy 6). Over 70 booths of all types of crafts will fill both gyms and all the hallways.

On the west side of town, the Novinger Community Center will host a Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Visitors should take Route O toward the former downtown area and turn left at the caboose. The center is located next to the fairgrounds area.

Shopper's Delight will be held from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., at the Novinger Firehouse located along Hwy. 6 on the east side of town.

The Country Christmas Craft Festival and Holiday Bazaar are fundraising events for Novinger Renewal, Inc., a non-profit corporation whose mission is to preserve the history of the area. Proceeds from Shopper's Delight will assist the Friends of the Novinger Firehouse in providing maintenance of the building.

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.

10th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The 10th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cornerstone Church, 1702 N. Elson Street in Kirksville. The meal is free and everyone is welcome.

13th annual Kirksville Kiwanis **Christmas Parade**

The 13th annual Kirksville Kiwanis Christmas Parade begins at 5:30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 30, in downtown Kirksville. Led by Grand Marshal John Garlock, the theme for this year's parade is "Tinseltown," so decorate floats based on your favorite holiday movies. 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.

Now open: Sullivan County **Route N and Y intersection**

By MoDOT

ST. JOSEPH - The Missouri Department of Transportation (Mo-DOT) is administering a US DOT Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant for the construction of transportation improvements around the Roy Blunt Reservoir project. Contractors from Capital Paving and Construction, LLC., reopened the Route N and Y intersection today, Friday, Nov. 15.

During the closure, crews were able to reconfigure the intersection and connect to Mayapple Road.

Construction of three new bridges on Mid-Lake Road is ongoing and expected to be complete in spring 2025. One new bridge on Mayapple Road has been completed. To learn more about the project and 2025 construction plans, visit Roy Blunt Reservoir

Transportation Improvement Project | Missouri Department of Transportation (modot.org).

The Roy Blunt Reservoir Project (formerly known as the East Locust Creek Reservoir Project) is a cooperative effort between Sullivan County, North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission (NCMRWC) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The BUILD grant project, while separate, is dependent on the schedule and timeline of the reservoir project.

All work is weather-permitting, and schedules are subject to change.

To learn more about the Roy Blunt Reservoir project, you can visit the website at https://elcr. info/ or Facebook page at https://www.facebook. com/people/North-Central-Missouri-Regional-Water-Commission-EL-CR/100044680706501/.

Kirksville R-III School District notice of school board candidate filing

By Kirksville R-III School District

The Kirksville R-III School Dis-

to be a candidate in the April 8, 2025, election. Interested persons may file at the superintendent's

superintendent at 660-665-8658.

Filing will begin on Dec. 10, at 8 a.m. and will continue during the district's regular business hours, which are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Except

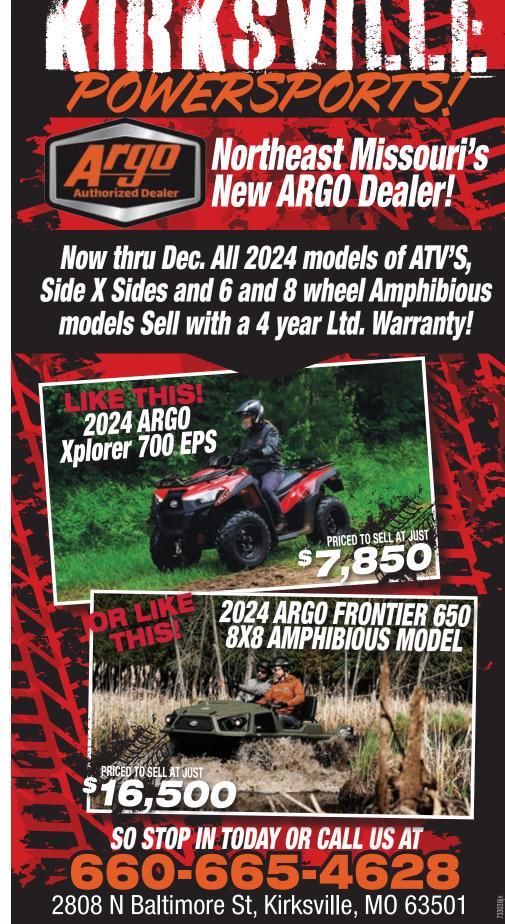
for the first and last day of filing, filing will not occur on days that the school district's central offices are closed due to inclement weather. Filing will also not occur on the following holidays and breaks

when the school district's central offices are closed: Dec. 25. Filing will end on Dec. 31, at 5 p.m.

There are two positions available with three-year terms and one position with a one-year term.



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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

Jerry Pinkerton

Oct. 20, 2024

Jerry Pinkerton was born in California in 1943 to Elmer and Bessie (Munsell) Pinkerton.

His younger years were spent in Kirksville, MO, where he graduated from Kirksville High School. His life was changed at Missouri State Free Will Baptist youth camp in Niangua, MO. There he



accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and answered God's call to the ministry.

He turned from that decision a few years later until an older pastor, Reverend Lester Jones, urged him to return to the Lord. Jerry took his young wife, Carol, and their two sons to Nashville, TN to attend and graduate from what is now Welch College.

Son number three was born in Nashville. Jerry accepted God's call to serve as a foreign missionary while at Welch.

He accepted the pastorate of the FWB church in Manchester, TN during his Junior year. He pastored for three years, then moved to Columbia, SC, to attend Columbia Bible College. Before completing his degree, Jerry and family were approved to go to Ivory Coast West Africa by the FWB International Mission Board.

Jerry and his family served for 36 years in various locations in Ivory Coast. From bush villages to the capital, and Abijan, a city of over five million souls. The work was challenging and rewarding. Many people were added to God's Family (and his).

As each son graduated from High School in Africa, they returned to the US for college, found beautiful, talented wives and gave Jerry and Carol grandchildren.

In 2008 African pastors had been trained and began pastoring native churches. This allowed Jerry and Carol to return to Mountain Grove, MO and accepted the pastorate of the FWB church there. While at Mountain Grove, Jerry completed his studies and earned a Master's Degree from Hillsdale College in Moore, OK.

For the last few years, Jerry suffered from Dementia. Perfect lodging was provided by second son, Jerry, Jr. and wife Melody, who have an Air B&B attached to their home in Gilbert, Arizona. Jerry and Carol moved there when God called Jerry to his Eternal Home, October 20, 2024.

On October 27th a special service honoring Jerry was held at Freeman Chapel, St. Joseph, MO. Pastor Vernon Maggart (Brother-in-law, married to Carol's sister, Neta) conducted the service. Anna Mithelavage of Lee's Summit, MO is also a sister. Miss Peggy Jo McElhinney and her parents await their arrival in heaven.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Carol, sons Lee Howard (Juleen) of Del City, OK, Jerry, Jr (Melody), Gilbert, AZ and Tim, Las Vegas, NV. He's also survived by his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Other Celebrations of Life Services are pending. Memorials may be sent to FWB International Missions, PO Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011. Memorials will be used to construct an additional classroom at the Christian School at Bondoukow, Ivory Coast. This is a beautiful way to honor the life and service of a humble, God-honoring man.

Dr. Adam Lauer

Oct. 29, 2024

Dr. Adam Lauer died peacefully at home Oct. 29, 2024 surrounded by family following a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 51 years old.

Adam is survived by his wife Dr. Ellen Lauer, and 3 children Maggie (10y), Frankie (8yr), and Charlie (6yr). He is also survived by his parents Dr. Lonnie and Linda Lauer, sisters Gretchen Lauer and Stephanie (Lauer) Baltos, along with numerous extended family members and friends.

He now joins in heaven his beloved grand-

parents Paul and Helen Lauer and Homer and Elise Conkle.

Adam was born and raised lakeside in Bridgton, ME which instilled in him a lifelong love of the water. He attended Lake Region High School and was a bright and gifted student as well as competitive cyclist. Following high school, he attended University of Southern Maine graduating with highest honors with a degree in biology.

On the path to fulfill his life's mission, he attended University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine and graduated in 2000, where he received his doctoral hood from his father, Dr. Lonnie Lauer, also an Osteopathic Physician. He practiced family medicine in Brewer Maine for the past 21 years following the completion of his medical residency in 2003.

All who knew Adam would describe him as an extremely dedicated, driven, smart man who cared deeply for his family, friends, community, and patients. Adam said he felt called by God to become a physician and to practice medicine the way he knew he should, he opened his own practice, Twin City Family Medicine, in 2005. He lived this calling with loving kindness and compassion. He improved the health and wellbeing of countless patients and families over the years and will be greatly missed by his patients.

Adam also served in various volunteer capacities over the years including as a YMCA board of directors member where he spearheaded a fundraiser, the Tri for the Y, a sprint triathlon. He was a Maine Osteopathic Association board member, UNECOM Alumni Association President, Brewer School department physician, preceptor for many medical students, and most recently donated time and gifts to All Saints Catholic School where his 3 children attend school.

Most important to Adam was his family. He and his wife Ellen were married in 2012 and he referred to her as his "angel sent down from heaven." Together they have 3 beautiful children whom he adored and were such bright lights in his life. He cherished time spent with them and loved to teach them all kinds of things from driving a boat to renovating a room to identifying the planets in the night sky. The children share their father's curiosity and determination. The wisdom and practical knowledge he imparted to them will stay with them throughout their lives. They will grow up with many fond memories of their daddy whom they knew was "stronger than metal."

Adam was many things—father, husband, son, brother, friend, physician, teacher, sailor, diver, cyclist, volunteer, home remodeler, tree trimmer, Lincoln Town Car collector, among others. He left indelible marks on countless lives and he will be greatly missed, but we know he will remain with us in spirit until we meet again.

Family and friends may visit 1 – 5 PM Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024 at Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 12 Noon Monday, November 4, 2024 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. John's Catholic Church, York St., Bangor. Mass will also be livestreamed HERE Interment will be at a later date. To honor the love Adam had for his children, memorial gifts may be made to All Saints Catholic School, Bangor c/o Catholic Foundation of Maine, PO Box 799, Portland, ME 04104 or at allsaintsmaine.org.

Operation Christmas Child drop-off locations now open

By Operation Christmas Child

> Children in need are being blessed this Christmas season through the Samaritan's Purse project, Operation Christmas Child. Individuals, families and groups have the opportunity to pack a shoebox gift filled with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items and drop them off now during National Collection Week, Nov. 18-25. There are more than 4,700 drop-off locations open around the country.

Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts to children worldwide for more than three decades. In 2024, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoeboxes to reach another 12 million children. The project of Samaritan's Purse partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. Find a step-by-step guide on the How to Pack a Shoebox webpage.

"Samaritan's Purse is committed to taking the Gospel to hard-toreach places—whether its responding to a disaster or sharing God's love through the power of a simple shoebox," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "You can show kids in need the true meaning of Christmas this year through a shoebox gift. Please prayerfully consider packing a shoebox this year."

Participants can use the online lookup tool to find the nearest drop-off location and hours of operation as they make plans to drop off their shoebox gifts. It is searchable by city or ZIP code. Signs at each location will identify the drop off. In Kirksville, the drop-off location is the Rehoboth Baptist Church, 100 Pfeiffer Avenue.

For more information, call 630-474-9478, or visit samaritanspurse.org/occ. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 220 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

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Keynote speaker Cassandra Fish will speak on Friday night on "Cattle Market Outlook: How the Industry has Changed."

The program is free, with no advance registration. The symposium offers a complimentary beef dinner, at 6 p.m. Friday and complimentary lunch on Saturday. Meals are sponsored by Missouri commodity groups. A volunteer symposium committee organizes the event.

Program is free in large part to the Platinum lev-

el sponsors University of Missouri Extension, Sullivan Auctioneers, LLC, Missouri Department of Agriculture, Missouri Sheep Merchandising Council, FCS Financial, KTVO Studios, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, NEMO Feed, LLC and the Missouri Beef Industry Council.

Details and additional sponsors are on the internet at www.missourilivestock.com. Or ask at Adair County MU Extension Center, 660-665-9866, or Mathes at 660-341-6625.

The Symposium draws visitors from across Missouri and nearby states.

SB40

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Jacob brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to the Adair SB40 mission, having served as the director of Service Coordination for the past three and a half years and as a service coordinator for five years prior. In this role, Jacob has led a dedicated team of service coordinators and worked to enhance service delivery, ensuring high-quality support for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. As executive director, Jacob will continue to build on the organization's success, leading efforts to expand resources and community partnerships.

Jacob has appointed Susan Lassabe, previously the assistant director of Service Coordination, to succeed him as the new director of Service Coordination. Lassabe has been instrumental in supporting the service coordination team and brings extensive experience and a strong vision for the future of service coordination at Adair SB40.

Additionally, under Lassabe's leadership, Service Coordinators Laura Morrow and Hannah Munn have been named as Service Coordination Team Leads. Both Morrow and Munn are well-respected within the organization and have demonstrated a steadfast dedication to their roles, consistently advocat-

ing for quality services and community integration.

"The Adair SB40 Board and staff are excited to welcome Sean Jacob to his new role and look forward to a seamless transition and continued success under his leadership," SB40 officials said.

The Adair County SB40 Developmental Disabilities Board is a not-for-profit organization, a political sub-division of the State of Missouri, providing services and supports to local citizens with developmental disabilities. It is funded through a special property tax passed by Adair County voters in April, 2005, as approved through the Missouri State Senate Bill 40 in 1969 and through Targeted Case Management contract with the Missouri Department of Mental Health. The organization is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who are appointed by the Adair County Commission.

Adair County SB40's mission is to engage in advocacy, promote inclusion, and provide essential

resources to assist people with developmental disabilities to live self-determined lives. The organization now services Adair, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland and Sullivan Counties. It offers Support Coordination, Indi-

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As we struggle to adequately express our heartfelt appreciation to our family, friends, and communities for the loving support you have all shown to our family during this time as we struggle to find our individual ways to deal with the loss of our beloved Don/Donnie/Dad.

We are sending our thank yous to all of you in this word of prayer: Lord, we lift up all of those who have shown us so much love and kindness during our time of grief. We ask that you shower them with your blessings and surround them with your love and protection for now and always..

Amen and GOD bless!

Your generous donations to the Donnie Fields Memorial Scholarship Fund will help support many local students now and in the future.

We love you all. -The Donnie Fields Family

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vidual and Agency Funding and operates the Community Learning Center located on Country Club Drive. For more information on this organization, please go to

https://www.sb40life.org/.

If you would like more information, contact Crystal Aminirad at 660-665-9400 or email crystal@sb40life.org.







www.kirksvillelivestock.com SPECIAL BRED HEIFER, COW & BULL SALES 6:00 P.M. SPECIAL CATTLE SALES 11:00 A.M.

SPECIAL SHEEP SALES 10:00 A.M. DECEMBER, 2024 SALE SCHEDULE

Monday, December 2 - Special Sheep, Goat, & Hog Sale, 10:00 a.m.
Friday, December 6 - Special Breeding Stock Cattle Sale, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 9 - Special Feeder Cattle Sale, 11:00 a.m.

Friday, December 13 - North Central Missouri Show-Me-Select Bred Heifer Sale, 6:00 p.m.
 Monday, December 16 - Special Feeder Cattle Sale, 11:00 a.m.
 Friday, December 20 - Special Breeding Stock Cattle Sale, 6:00 p.m.
 Monday, December 23 - **NO SALE** **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Monday, December 30 - Regular Cattle Sale, 11:00 a.m.

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Columns

ROBIN WRITES

Shoe box treasures

he day will come, when my daughter will have to slog through my possessions and discover all the things I've collected/saved/not thrown away over my lifetime.

It's not a happy thought, but I am still tempted to giggle when I think about it.

My home is a box of surprises, and that box of surprises is one of many, many boxes.

I've had a love affair with boxes that has lasted longer than any-

thing that had been boxed inside.

It was probably a shoe box that started it all. I was a girl with four brothers who snooped, pried, and pilloged anything that was mine.

pillaged anything that was mine. Drawers were easy targets, and my closet was routinely ransacked for anything of worth.

Every August, it was time to take the trip to a store for my annual pair of new school shoes. They were never expensive, but they always came home inside a brown box that I proudly cradled to my body on the way home.

Once home, I galloped to my room and plopped onto my bed, box in lap. Removing the lid was magical. When I pulled it upward, a tiny wisp of plastic-scented air wisped from the opening. My shoes laid inside in tidy alignment, twins with unlaced laces and uncreased tongues and snow-white eyelets.

After a moment spent admiring them, I replaced the lid with sur-

geon's precision, careful not to snap the corners of the box or bend the edges. My shoes had a perfect place to live until the first day of school.

I looked forward to wearing the shoes, but I was even more excited about the empty box I'd have once they took up residence on my feet. This box was ready for secret contents and the prized possessions of a pre-teen girl.

I ransacked my shelves and dresser drawers for special, hide-worthy items. Diary, of course. Favorite pens. Any nickels or dimes I may have scrounged from here and there. Plastic barrettes and hair-snarling rubber bands for ponytail action. A tiny, tarnished locket—sans picture or chain—I'd found somewhere.

Then I circled my room, looking for hiding places. Finally, I shoved it waayyy under my bed, where gangly boy arms seldom scrounged. This was my box, and this was my stuff.

I grew up and grew old. My brothers are no longer snooping—nobody is—so reusing boxes has changed from a covert operation to simple practicality. It's organization, I tell myself. A thrifty mindset to keep our landfills box-free.

Amazon purchases clunk onto my welcome mat, and I see potential in the varying containers. I carry some to the garage or to my office, my brain measuring stuff to contents.

If I don't need it this minute, I'm sure I soon will.



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH ROBIN WRITES

Most of the boxes in my house have things inside. Most of those things are nothing I can't live without, but all are things that will probably outlive me. Some are sentimental. Many reflect the things I've valued over the years.

And, all in all, I've tucked away a lifetime of memories and things inside those empty boxes.

I like to think it will be like Christmas for my daughter. She will open each with anticipation—or dread—and marvel at my incomprehensible logic. Her eyes will goggle at boxes of used pens or leftover craft scraps or "collectible" knick-knacks no one collects anymore.

And maybe she'll smile when she lifts a lid from a tattered shoebox filled with her childhood—scribbled drawings, tiny baby teeth, and construction paper Mother's Day cards—and see how precious the items in old boxes can be.

I hope she keeps some of the things she finds...maybe in her own, special shoe box.

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HOME COUNTRY

Attempting to commit journalism

ou think this pandemic thingie we're going through is deadly? At least unpleasant? Hey, you've come here to this tower of truth to learn the little-known stuff that will make you completely shunned at lunch time, and cussed during choir practice. We modestly refer to it as attempting to commit journalism.

When it comes to historical terrors, there are none that reached the pinnacle of pain as quickly and briefly as the dance fever. Yes, friend, the dance fever of 1518 was a month-long plague in Strasbourg, which is today in France. During the dance fever, hundreds of people, for no apparent reason, danced around the clock for a month. A number of them danced themselves to death.

There is no record of which platter was spinning during this Renaissance sock hop, unfortunately. Looking back at



SLIM RANDLESHOME COUNTRY

the music of that time, a bunch of it was Gregorian chant.

I like that tune, Dick. It has a good beat, you can dance to it. I'll give it a seven.

Strasbourg is in Alsace-Lorraine, and Alsace-Lorraine is today in France. But every so often Germany decides to take it over, and then we have to help get it back into French hands again.

Now if only Alsace could get along with Lorraine

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Walk the walk

What happens when "someday" finally arrives

or years, I said the thing all busy parents say when we're wading through the drama of raising humans the feeding and cleaning, the last-minute science projects, and the after-school activities that swallow up evenings and whole weekends. On days when I felt outnumbered by kids, errands and messes, I'd mentally reassure myself with this one hopeful phrase: "When the kids are in college, I'll have time to take care of myself."

And now here we are. All three kids in college. No one needs me to drive them somewhere, sign permission slips, or edit their college application essay. It's time to do the thing I always said I'd do, right?

I started small, which was hard for me because I have that voice in my head that says, "If you're not going to do it right, don't do it at all." (That voice is such a jerk.) Movement was at the top of my to-do list.

Roughly one billion health articles have drilled this truth into me: Movement and strength are the things that will largely determine how the rest of your physical life is going to go. So, I started with only 10 minutes of walking up and down my driveway. When the weather was bad, I walked around the house and timed it. I listened to audiobooks or podcasts during the walk, which made it go by faster. I didn't change into exercise clothes. Didn't go to a walking trail or a gym. I just put on the closest pair of tennis shoes and started walking.

Sometimes I stopped walking after 10 minutes because, technically, that's all I promised myself. Ten for the win. But most of the time, I keep going because, by that point, I realize it feels good to walk. And this magical earbud full of books, podcasts and music keeps my mind entertained while my feet keep the promise.



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And for the first time in my life, it's not motivated by vanity. I just want to stay well. To feel better. To be able to keep walking my driveway two decades from now.

In addition to putting one foot in front of another, I'm trying so hard to eat better food, which mostly means breaking up with the convenient snacks I grew up with in the '80s. Particularly for women whose estrogen levels are diving off a cliff, eating the good stuff is a huge deal. My brain is jam-packed and dizzy from all the experts' advice: More protein! More fiber! Magnesium for leg aches! Turmeric for inflammation! Low sodium! Macronutrients! Omegas! Strength training! Balance exercises!

Water! Water! Water!
As a recovering Cheetos addict who would hook myself up to an IV of Chick-fil-A sweet tea if I could, this new way of eating isn't easy. Eating lousy is wildly convenient. There are entire industries designed to make it that way. Eating well requires strategy and planning, and I'm trying to get the hang of it.

I keep reminding myself of all the reasons why it matters. The quality of our health colors every aspect of our lives. And if Tom and I have grandkids someday, I want to be able to scoop them up and haul them around on my non-brittle hip.

But sometimes, especially at night, another part of me is tired of being smart and responsible. She just wants a bowl of cereal and a funsized Twix bar left over from Halloween. I have to put that part of me to bed before she makes choices we'll both regret. The kids are in college now, and it's time for me to make good on that promise.

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PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

Family Health History Day

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elcome to the Public Health Corner: Family Health History Day

Family Health History Day, observed each year on Thanksgiving Day, encourages families to gather and reflect on their health history—a vital step for improving well-being across generations. Initiated by the U.S. Surgeon General, this day emphasizes the importance of understanding inherited health risks, facilitating conversations, and empowering families to take proactive steps for healthier futures.

The Importance of Knowing Your Health History

Family health history encompasses medical conditions, diseases, and health patterns within your family. By learning about conditions that run in your family—such as diabetes, heart disease, cancer, or mental health issues—you gain a better understanding of potential risks you may face. This knowledge can lead to early screening, preventive care, and lifestyle adjustments that may reduce your risk of developing these conditions.

Encouraging Family Conversations

Thanksgiving gatherings provide a unique opportunity for families to discuss their health history in a supportive setting. Conversations about health can be challenging, but they are critical for gaining insights into shared health risks. Questions to ask may include:

- Are there any chronic illnesses, such as diabetes or heart disease, in our family?
- What age were family members when they were diagnosed with certain conditions?
- Are there patterns of mental health conditions or substance use disorders in our family?

Sharing Information with Your Healthcare Provider Once you have collected your

family's health information, share it with your healthcare provider. Medical professionals can assess your risks, recommend screenings, or suggest preventive measures tailored to your unique needs. Many providers use tools like family health history charts to map out potential risk factors, helping you take informed steps toward better health.

Family Health History Tools

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other health organizations provide resources to help families document their health histo-

National Family Health History Day

ries. Online tools like "My Family Health Portrait" offer a simple way to create and share health history with family members and healthcare professionals.

The Power of Prevention

Knowing your family's health history can empower you to:

- Make Lifestyle Changes: Adopt healthy habits, such as eating a balanced diet, engaging in regular exercise, or quitting smoking, to lower your risk for conditions that run in your family.
- Seek Early Detection: Screening tests for cancers, heart disease, or other inherited conditions can lead to early intervention and better outcomes.
- Create a Healthier Legacy: Sharing health information with the next generation helps your children and grandchildren make informed health decisions.

Take Action

On Family Health History Day, take time to start this important conversation with loved ones. Understanding your family's health past can help create a healthier present and future for everyone. By discussing and documenting your health history, you empower yourself and your family members to lead healthier, more informed lives.

POETRY CORNER

We Had Our Music

I didn't live... in ancient times... but loved studying the life they had, I never experienced... what chivalry was like...

or the life of Sir Galahad.

I wasn't around... for the Declaration of Independence... or the Gettysburg Address,

I wasn't here... when D Day occurred... but that

doesn't mean I've lived less.

I was in 6th grade... with Mrs. Gelbach... when it was announced that Kennedy was dead,
Walter Cronkite... was always there... and we listened to each word he said.

I was watching a movie... at the Silver Star Drive In... when we landed on the moon, What a day that was... and I didn't know it then... but technology would be exploding soon. During my lifetime... I can honestly say... such wonders we had in store,



We had our music... and the magic it created...
who could ever wish for more?
When you heard bands like Steppenwolf...
Grand Funk Railroad... or the Moody Blues,
Our time here on earth... has to be the best... a
better time you couldn't choose.

— Daniel D. Donovan

Local History

EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Part 129

Theaters of Kirksville – Chapter 2 – The Princess

By Blytha Ellis, President Adair County Historical Society and Museum

Last time, we discussed the little-known theaters of Kirksville which were before the time of people living today. Now, we will explore the theaters which were familiar to many older citizens beginning in their youth. These were the Princess, Kennedy, Family/Lyric, and the Silver Star Drive-in.

The first of these to be built was the Princess in 1916. This was discussed briefly in Part 127 of this history. Prior to 1912, there were two Presbyterian churches in Kirksville, the First Presbyterian and the Cumberland Presbyterian. These churches merged in 1912 and used the Cumberland building. They put up for sale the First Presbyterian building at 202 S. Franklin.

The prominent business family of Valentine Miller in Kirksville saw potential in this location which was in the second block south of the Kirksville square. Valentine Miller's signature three-story brick building, built in 1909, was located diagonally across the street from this church site.

Tradition says that it was Valentine Miller's widowed daughter, Caroline "Carrie" (Miller) Kennedy, who purchased the church building in 1915 with the intent of tearing it down and building an opera house. This venture may have been a collaborative effort between Carrie and other members of the Miller family who were wellknown builders in this area, but Carrie seems to have been the driving force in wanting to bring a high-class opera house to Kirksville.

It was reported that Carrie and her only child, Sam Kennedy, were left with a large fortune when Carrie's husband, John M. Kennedy, died in 1914. He was not only a good businessman but also a shrewd investor which made him wealthy for his time. He had owned a successful grain and implement business on Main Street in Kirksville which he sold in 1904. In 1889, he had established the first telephone company in town, which he sold in 1905 for a considerable sum to the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Co., also known as Bell Telephone.

He had then worked for that company for five years as their district manager. In addition, Mr. Kennedy had invested in Kirksville's first electric light plant, which was sold to Missouri Power and Light Co.

Therefore, there is little doubt that Carrie could have afforded to build the luxurious opera house, which she put in place of the old church. Carrie hired 27-year-old Irwin Dunbar, a new architect in Kirksville, to bring her vision to life. (He would later marry Carrie's niece, Margaret Baxter.) This was Mr. Dunbar's first contract for designing a large building.

Carrie seemed to spare no expense in designing her theater. She insisted upon using the finest of materials inside and out. The theater was especially elaborate and unique for its time. It was built for vaudeville acts of the day, fine music, and as a place for large, local events.

Designed after the large opera houses in other cities of that day, Carrie's venue had an orchestra pit, a pipe organ, a balcony with mahogany seats, three box seats on each side, ornate plaster, frescos, several large chandeliers with intricate medallions on the ceiling, and the best lighting and ventilating systems of that era. Two large, angel-like figures blowing trumpets graced the highly decorative proscenium arch of the stage. It would later



The Princess Theatre which opened in Kirksville February 29, 1916, at 202 S. Franklin

have a movie screen made of gold fibre. The theater color scheme was red and gold, and employees dressed in uniforms of these colors.

Outside, there were two square towers on the building, a center dormer, marquee, recessed entryway with ticket booth, and large globe lights along the front and north sides. To portray elegance, grandeur and culture, Carrie named her establishment the PRINCESS THEATRE. Being practical like her father. Carrie also designed her theater to have at least two storefronts along the north side and two in the front for rental opportunities. Western Union and a barber shop were known to be two of the businesses to occupy these small shops. Upstairs, there were apartments and a dance hall. The name PRINCESS, written in script, was inlaid in small tiles in the theater entrance walkway. Later, this name would be placed in the center front of the building on a long vertical sign. Performance posters sat on the front sidewalk outside the theater.

The original Princess marquee was a flat, rooflike structure extending over the entrance decorated with globe lights and an awning. It was suspended with three cables secured to the building. This marquee did not display the name of the theater nor the name of performances. Later, a triangular-shaped marquee was erected which proclaimed the name Princess in neon lights. This newer marquee stood in place until October 1962 when a picture in the local newspaper showed it being removed a few years after the theater closed.

Opening night for the Princess Theatre was on Tuesday, Feb. 29, 1916. The first entertainment was a five-act play called "Misleading Lady." A regular schedule of performances and later movies continued for some 40 years. In the beginning, they advertised "High-Class Photoplays" and "Big-Time Vaudeville." A brochure put out by the theatre declared, "The ventilating and cooling of this theatre is pronounced perfect by the engineers." Regular prices for admission were 10 and 20 cents, and there were usually two matinees and two evening shows.

In the early years, the Princess purchased large and multiple ads in local newspapers. During the silent movie era, they presented many live entertainers on stage. It is interesting to note that in April 1916, the "Kirksville Daily Express" had ads for three local theaters side-by-side, Princess, Gem and Iris.

It became fashionable to have "Box Parties" at the Princess, and these were printed in the society column of local newspapers listing the attendees. It appears that each box would hold about four people. One such party was said to have "occupied three boxes."

The Princess also hosted many community events such as graduations, club meetings, school programs, political rallies, lectures, and even wrestling matches on their stage. In 1931, they

hosted a three-day cooking school. The Princess became the premier place to be.

On election day in 1916, the Princess became the center for election returns in Kirksville. People packed the house waiting for county, state and national returns which were received by the theater in election bulletins up until 1 a.m. the next morning.

A brochure from about 1919 lists the orchestra members at the Princess as Henry Stookey on violin, Paul Howland on clarinet, Raymond Rogers on cello, Stanley Shaw on bass, Ray Dillinger playing cornet, Hettie Galbreath playing piano, James E. Dixon on trombone, and Edwin Myers on drums, bells, etc.

Perhaps one of the most unusual events held at the Princess was in November 1921. Myers Bros. Shoe Store in Kirksville sponsored the "Billiken Show." This was a live show based around the Billiken Doll which was all the craze at the time.

The Billiken Doll was a 'charm doll" created by Florence Pretz, an art teacher from Kansas City, who supposedly saw this mysterious figure in a dream. The doll she created is a fat little Oriental-looking creature with pointed ears and a pointed head. It came in all forms and was a pop culture phenomenon worldwide for a time. (One can read more about this online.)

After the Billiken Show at the Princess Theatre in 1921, the patrons, mostly children, gathered outside the theater for a panoramic picture. The line of children stretched several deep from the theater across McPherson Street to the other side. The Historical Society has a copy of this large panoramic photo.

Carrie Kennedy perhaps caused the demise of her own theater because she sought to outdo herself when she built and opened in 1926, a bigger and more luxurious theater back-toback with the Princess. It was to be called the Kennedy Opera House, and it became a first-run theater while the Princess was reduced to a second-run. However, the Princess lasted until 1957 when it was finally closed. It lives on today as the Princess Emporium where part of the elaborate interior can still be seen.

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TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

115 Years Ago, Nov. 18, 1909

A Kirksville banker stated: "There are more one-dollar bills in circulation in Kirksville now than ever before." The reason: the Friedman-Shelby Shoe Company paid it employees every week in one-dollar bills. Most of these bills were put into circulation in Kirksville immediately after payday. The shoe factory paid its employees in one-dollar bills because they wanted to use only clean money, and the company could always get fresh one-dollar bills at the banks because of the large supply the government printed.

115 Years Ago, Nov. 19, 1909

The Daily Express became the property of the Express Publishing Company, composed of Walter Ridgway, E. E. Swain, and Joseph Doyle. The new owners stated: "It is the purpose of the new editors of the Daily Express to maintain a paper independent in politics and independent of factions and special interests, to give all the news each day, to treat all fairly and courteously, and to help all we can in promoting and best interest of Kirksville and Adair County."

110 Years Ago, Nov. 14, 1914

What Kirksville po-

lice officers claim was a case of a "double life," of a man with one home maintained in Greentop and the other in Kirksville, was revealed when Mrs. John Colegrove of Greentop, was assaulted by her husband and a woman by the name of Elsie Bollman, at a house in Kirksville. Mrs. Colegrove's husband, John Colegrove, who was middle aged, was arrested and jailed on charges of assault and drunkenness and Miss Bollman. in her mid-twenties, was in jail on charges of assault. Both Colegrove and Bollman entered pleas of not guilty, and their trial was set for the next day. Police officers learned that for several months Colegrove had been residing in Kirksville with the Bollman woman part time and the remainder of the time in Greentop with his wife, and their five children, the youngest of which was six months old. In court the next day. John Colegrove and Elsie Bollman entered pleas of guilty and Colegrove was fined on charges of assault and drunkenness and Bollman was fined on the charge of assault. The fines and costs against the pair totaled \$35. As soon as that case was closed, the City Attorney filed charges of adultery against the two, and they were placed in jail.

100 Years Ago, Nov. 23, 1924

The new Davis & Wilson Funeral Home, a three-story brick structure, on the southeast corner of Marion Washington Streets was practically completed, and the firm moved into the new building which was one of the most up to date establishments of its kind in northeast Missouri. There were three rooms and a bathroom upstairs. One large room on the south side was a casket show room, and another small show room was for suits and dresses for outfitting the deceased. The other room on the top floor was a bedroom with adjoining bath. This facility was to accommodate relatives and friends of a deceased person who was brought to the undertaking parlor. On the first floor of the building was the funeral chapel with a family room to one side, two offices, the lay out room, and the morgue. The basement which was reached by a stairway, or a hand elevator was used for storage. A cement driveway ran around the outside, and there was a brick garage in the rear that was heated with city heat. It was large enough for the hearse and ambulance. The funeral home was beautifully furnished, and no expense had been spared in making it one of the finest establishments of its kind in the area.

90 Years Ago, Nov. 19, 1934

The depression of the 1930s and the resultant unemployment, accompanied by the drought of 1934, left many families in Adair County in an impoverished situation. The federal, state, and local relief organizations were stretched far beyond their normal capacities to assist the needy. In Adair County 800 families were on the relief rolls with many more signing up daily. Some families in the county could get by with less than others. Those who lived on farms or small acreages might have livestock that they could butcher for food while others might have stockpiles of canned or preserved garden products on which they could subsist. Others who were not so fortunate as to have food sources were entirely dependent on government commodities, and in most cases such food items were in short supply. The Adair County Relief Office reported that it had at its disposal only one-half of the necessary food to provide the people on relief who needed it worst. Besides food, other shortages of clothing, fuel, and bedding were a pressing need. The local relief agencies were attempting to provide each boy with

a shirt and each girl with a dress and underwear. A more severe problem however was the shoe shortage. It was reported that dozens of children were going to school barefooted and possessed not a single pair of shoes. To help alleviate the critical situation local charities such as churches, ladies' clubs, social and business organizations were doing much to collect food and clothing for distribution to those on the relief rolls. Some ladies' organizations were gathering materials and making clothes for the needy. The city of Kirksville and the county court were doing what they could to re-direct funds for non-crucial budgeted items to relief for county residents.

80 Years Ago, Nov. 17, 1944

Paul Straight of Yarrow was not only the winner of the seventh annual Adair County corn shucking contest, but he broke a county record by shucking six bushels more than the previous record. He shucked 34.86 bushels, while the former record was 28.65 bushels. Leonard Hughes was second in the competition with 31.22 bushels and Lloyd Novinger was third with 30.39 bushels. The corn shucking contest was held on the W. C. Houghton farm four miles east of Gibbs and was witnessed by about 500 people. Reports indicated it was an ideal place for the contest with the cornfield lying in the bottom, and spectators could sit in their cars on surrounding higher ground and see the entire field. The field was in decent shape and the weather was cool enough to permit the men to work at top speed. Additionally, the corn was in good shape for picking. In winning the contest, Straight threw into his wagon bed from 43 to 52 ears a minute. His prize was \$10. He won second place in the Macon County corn shucking event held a month earlier, by shucking 35 pounds less corn than Ted Koger, the state champion, who also took first place in the Macon County contest. The ten Adair County corn huskers in the order of their placement were: Paul Straight, Leonard Hughes, Lloyd Novinger, Wilson Stribling, Max Laird, Harold Turner, Earl Ross, Archie St. Clair, Stanley Ambrosia, and Harry Hartsock. Hartsock who came in final place did not let the corn husking interfere with his visiting, as he did plenty of that as he threw his ears of corn in the wagon. The ten men shucked a total of 20,217 pounds or 288 bushels of corn at the event.

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News

Sixth Annual Blessing of the **Hunt held at NEMO Fairgrounds**

By Marty Bachman

Daily Express

The Sixth Annual Blessing of the Hunt was held on Thursday, Nov. 14, at the NEMO Fairgrounds. The annual event continues to grow in popularity as more and more hunters come into the Kirksville area businesses and vendors at the looking to gain hunting expertise before the big opening weekend.

This year's grand prize included a deer blind, built on a trailer, and a Ruger American 6.5 Creedmoor deer rifle. There were also hundreds of door prizes from area

Speakers for this year's event included the Missouri Conservation Department, Guardian Hills Veteran Retreat Center, and Jason Cruise, a hunter and a pastor from Nashville, Tenn.























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Sports

Bulldogs clinch GLVC runner-up with third-straight blowout victory

By Henry Janssen

Daily Express

Truman coach Kellen Nesbitt said earlier in the week that he wished his team's schedule might not have been so front-loaded, but with a 55-3 victory over Southwest Baptist at Stokes Stadium on Saturday afternoon, the Bulldogs finish the final three games of their regular season with a combined score of 141-10.

The Bearcats entered 1-6 in the GLVC and 2-7 overall.

Truman finishes the season 7-4 and 6-2 in the GLVC, and the victory all but guarantees a berth in the America's Crossroads Bowl in Hobart, In., against the best G-MAC team not qualifying for the Division II playoff. The Bulldogs held the tiebreaker with a win versus Upper Iowa.

In Saturday's game, the Bulldogs took control from the open-

ing kickoff. Joseph Spaulding took the opening return to midfield, and freshman Jackson Overton continued his remarkable debut season by getting open for a 30-yard touchdown on fourth down.

Later on in the first quarter, the 'Dogs stopped the Bearcats from two yards out in a first-andgoal situation and forced them to settle for their only three points of the game.

Dylan Hair finished with five passing touchdowns in the first half, and the next one was to redshirt freshman Kel Battle from 23 yards, as he continued an impressive first year in his own right.

Hair's six total passing touchdowns ties Jake Czeschin from a game in 2004, and six is the most passing touchdowns the 'Dogs have had since joining the GLVC.

Southwest Baptist and Truman

then exchanged interceptions on consecutive plays - after Jake Closser jumped a route for a pick with a 14-3 lead, Hair gave it back away on the following play by undert-hrowing Battle.

Spaulding reeled in two more touchdowns before the half expired, and the 'Dogs headed toward the Kennel with a 35-3 lead.

The Bulldogs' three scores in the second half were all on big plays - Closser took a punt return 86 yards to the house, Chris Herr reeled in a 38-yarder from Hair, and Harrison Folwer rumbled on a rush for 42 yards.

The 'Dogs finished with 438 yards of offense to Southwest Baptist's 206.

Hair finished 18-for-23 with 277 yards. Elijah Stevens led the 'Dogs in rushing with 80 yards on 20 carries.

Spaulding's 87 yards receiving marked a season-high.



Joseph Spaulding, in a career three-touchdown, 87-yard game, bursts down the sideline on a pitch-and-catch from Dylan Hair in Saturday's home victory against Southwest Baptist. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS



With Kirksville coach Dana Boyer behind her and her mom and grandparents next to her, Addy Davis commits to play golf at Central Missouri. She says that she wouldn't be here without her family spending all the time and energy they have to take her to meets, workouts, and practices on weekends over the years. PHOTO COURTESY OF KATIE MILES

Davis signs with **Central Missouri**

By Henry Janssen **Daily Express**

Kirksville golf standout Addy Davis signed with University of Central Missouri on Friday to contin-

ue her career as a

Jenny.

"I think the feeling of being a college athlete has set in somewhat," Davis said. "I've to play college golf for a long time, so I knew I needed to make."

Davis said that the comparable size and community of Warrensburg as well as the golf coaching staff were attractive pieces to her decision.



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Bulldog volleyball picks up road GLVC sweep

By Truman Athletics

ROLLA, Mo. — The Truman State Volleyball team opened the final weekend of the regular season with a 3-0 sweep (-23, -18, -23) over Missouri S&T on Friday night. Michaela Goad led with 11 kills and 14 digs. The Bulldogs will be at Maryville at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The Bulldogs broke a 20-20 tie by scoring four straight points in the first set then dodged a Miner rally as they closed to 24-23. A service error gave Truman State the final point and the 1-0 lead.

Truman State led 11-10 in set two then scored six consecutive points to take control. Emma Baierl ended the set in style with a service ace. The Bulldogs had six blocks during set two.

Set three went back and forth until Elise Gibson and Autumn Erickson notched kills following a 23-23 tie to give the Bulldogs the sweep.

The Bulldogs had 20 blocks on the night with six block assists each from Lily Porter and Makayla Way.

Truman snapped a threematch streak to Missouri S&T with all three previous matchups going the Miners way by 3-0 scores.

Bulldogs snap losing streak with old MIAA foe in home opener

By Henry Janssen **Daily Express**

Truman men's basketball team had lost to Emporia State at the Hornets' place in consecutive years, but got the best of them at Pershing Arena on Wednesday night, 91-79. The Bulldogs advance to 2-1, bouncing back from a loss at Findlay last weekend.

The 'Dogs came out slow as Emporia built an 8-0 lead while Truman couldn't get anything to fall in the early moments of the game. At the first media timeout, the Hornets held a 15-4 lead, then Truman's size and shooting finally came alive - the Bulldogs took a 24-23 lead with just under 10 minutes in the first half wnen Casen Lawrence knocked down one of his five three-pointers on eight attempts.

Emporia State took the lead back on the following possession, but that was the last time the Hornets would have the advantage. Truman tied the game at 31 apiece with a Chris Harris three-pointer on his only field goal attempt of the game with around eight minutes remaining in the first

"We switched the lineup from Ohio to here, and a little bit of

that slow start is who's in, who's out," Truman coach Jeff Horner said. "We started to get some stops, started to hit some threes, and that was the biggest thing that helped us.

up space for our guards to be able to

a 50-41 lead into the halftime break, and an early 10-0 run pushed their lead to 70-54 until Emporia hit a couple free throws on the back side of the under-16 media timeout in the second half.

of the season - eight guys saw at least 17 Quientan McCafferty got more than seven minutes as he continues to get comfortable in the Bulldogs' fastpaced offense.

14-of-32 from threepoint range and 34-of-61 from the field overall, making seven more field goals than Emporia on one attempt fewer.

tical discrepancy was assist totals; the 'Dogs finished with 22 to

"Hitting shots opens

kick while also letting our bigs do their thing fighting down low, and that was really encouraging tonight." The Bulldogs took

Truman's depth proved huge, as it will minutes on the floor. and freshman true big

The Bulldogs finished

The biggest statis-



Junior guard Isaiah Reams finds the open outlet in throughout the course the corner in Wednesday's 91-79 victory against

just six for the Hornets. Xavier Hall, the "X-Man," finished with a team-high eight. Hall also had 10 points, and also led the team with eight boards.

Four other Bulldogs finished in double figures. Trey Shearer led the team with 16 points, Lawrence had 15 on those five three-pointers, Brennan Lovette posted a dozen and Matt Haefner had 10.

The Bulldogs won

bounding Emporia State 36 to 29.

"We came out really slow, but we found our intensity. Our guys played a really physical game and that's what we've been working on all week," sophomore guard Kobi Williams said. "We have a lot of trust in our three-point specialists and that opened up what we wanted to do."

The Bulldogs have a week off before hosting Northeastern State



Bulldog sophomore Kobi Williams slams it off of a backdoor cut in Wednesday's victory.



Redshirt junior Landon Eiland draws a foul on a floater. PHOTOS BY HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

Sports

Truman men's cross country finishes season 24th at regional

By Truman Athletics

ROMEOVILLE, Ill. — The Truman State Men's Cross Country squad wrapped up their 2024 season at the NCAA Midwest regional race on Saturday. Evan Aubuchon led the Bulldog contingent with a 10-kilometer time of 33:29.68.

Aubuchon, the team's lone senior runner, finished 120th and scored 118 points for the Bulldogs. He was followed across the finish line by Jacob Gutzman in 126th position

and a time of 33:42.68. Gavin Hill was next in 154th and 34:36.50. Andrew Kuntz and Andrew Gonaski completed the team scoring by finishing in 164th and 176th place. Kuntz ran 35:04.31 and Gonaski ran 35:42.19.

Nolan Meara (36:10.81 -183rd) and Brycen Compton (36:33.03 - 189th) were the final two Bulldogs to finish the race.

Truman State tallied 728 points and placed 24th as a

Truman cross country women finish top 10 in regional thanks to late Mathis push

By Truman Athletics

ROMEOVILLE, Ill. — Senior Addie Mathis put herself in position for a possible NCAA national championship bid and helped the Truman State Women's cross country team to their best team finish in 13 years on Saturday at the Midwest regional race.

Mathis jumped six places over the final kilometer in the 6K race and closed with

a time of 21:54.86 to place placed 18th in 2016. 19th overall. The NCAA Division II national committee will now compare results across all eight regional races with qualifying teams and then select at-large individuals to complete the field. They will notify schools later in the week with the national championship race set for November 23 in Sacramento, California. It is the best individual regional finish since Laura Tarantino

Fellow senior Lexi Henrikson was the next Bulldog to finish as she ran 22:48.12 and was in 50th position. The next three Bulldog scorers all finished within two seconds of each other. Kate Yates was 57th in 23:04.06, Carmen Gentilia was 60th in 23:05.13 and Kati Schoeneberg was 62nd in 23:05.44.

That five-person unit gave the Bulldogs 248 points and a seventh place team finish. They were second behind Lewis among Great Lakes Valley Conference teams and posted the highest team finish since a fourth place showing in 2011. Last year, the Bulldogs were 13th.

Lydia Lehmbeck (23:18.79 – 78th) and Cora Stimpson (23:25.29 — 84th) rounded out the Bulldogs squad on Saturday on the Lewis University course.

Bulldog women's soccer season ends in 1-0 loss at Maryville

By Truman Athletics

ST. LOUIS - Truman State surrendered a goal midway through the second half and fell to Maryville (Mo.), 1-0, in the opening round of the 2024 GLVC Women's Soccer Championship.

The Saints tallied 26 shots, including 10 on goal, while the Bulldog defense remained strong in front of senior keeper Tatumn Damron. The game winner came from Maryville's Ashlyne Hunt in the 67th minute, with assists by Urika Bredin and Maddie Dickerman, to break the scoreless tie.

Damron tallied nine saves on the afternoon while the Purple and White were unable to muster a shot on goal for the second straight match at Maryville. It marks the seventh-consecutive shutout for the No. 1 seed in the GLVC postseason.

The Bulldogs finish the 2024 season 5-9-4 overall, 4-7-3 in GLVC play, while Maryville continues in the postseason tourney 15-0-2 overall, 13-0-1 in league action.

Late 16-0 run not enough as Truman State loses first of season to Concordia-St. Paul

By Truman Athletics

ST. PAUL, MINN. - A Truman State 5-0 lead in the first three minutes, all by graduate student guard Jordan Cunningham, proved to be the high-water mark for the Bulldogs as Concordia-St. Paul (Minn.) cruised to a 68-57 victory Friday

Truman State, despite 17 points each from Cunningham and sophomore guard Molly Joyce, and 12 from sophomore guard Bryar Duwe, struggled on the glass tallying only six offensive boards to 23 by Concordia-St. Paul (CSP). Two Golden Bears, Lindsey Becher and Megan

Gamble, achieved double digits in rebounds, 11 and 10, respectively, while Lexie White and Maddie Niemeier paced the 'Dogs with five apiece. CSP eventually pulled out in front by as many as 24

points, but a 16-0 run in the fourth quarter allowed Truman State to narrow the gap to seven, 62-55.

Cunningham built the 5-0 Bulldog lead out of the gate with two buckets and one from the charity

stripe with 8:02 to play in the first. CSP spent the next five minutes scoring seven unanswered, during which Truman State had two turnovers, until Joyce got the 'Dogs back on the board at 3:24 for a 7-7 tie. The rest of the quarter played as a back-and-forth affair with the Golden Bears holding a 13-12 advantage at the buzzer.

CSP increased its lead to 20-15 out of the break with a Truman State turnover and early fouls by White and Niemeier. Duwe had the second five-point run by a single Bulldog on the evening when she went 2-3 from the floor with one from behind the arc. A Joyce free throw at 4:48 to play in the second quarter gave Truman State a 21-20 advantage for its last lead of the night but trailed 35-26 at the half.

The Golden Bears outscored the Purple and White 22-14 in the second quarter behind a 6-0 rebound advantage. Cunningham led Truman State scorers at half with 11 points, 4-7 in field goals and 2-3 from three-point

Four different Golden Bears accounted for 11 points to extend their lead to 14, 46-32, halfway through the third quarter. Joyce scored four of the next six Bulldog points in that span. CSP spent the next two and a half growing its lead to an even 20, outscoring Truman State 11-3, with the only score a three-pointer by Cunningham. The frame ended with the Bulldogs behind 60-38 on the scoreboard and 1-5 in three pointers to CSP's 3-4 while tightening the rebound gap to 10-9.

Down 62-42 with 8:07 remaining in the contest, the Bulldogs rattled off a 16-0 run behind seven from Duwe and six by Joyce. The Golden Bear 0-11 from the field, with Truman State going 4-5 from the free throw line, allowed the Bulldogs to back within seven, 62-55, with three minutes to play.

The first loss of the season leaves the 'Dogs 2-1 while the Golden Bears remain perfect at 3-0. A quick turnaround greets Truman State tomorrow with a trip southeast for a 6 p.m. tilt at Winona State in Winona, Minn.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Kirksville, Missouri will conduct one (1) public hearing at Kirksville City Hall, 201 S. Franklin St., 6:00 pm on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 concerning: a special use permit application at 610 S. Osteopathy Ave. to operate as communal housing.

Notice of Disability Accommodations

Any person with a disability desiring reasonable accommodation to attend this meeting may contact the City Clerk at 660.627.1225 to make such arrangement.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Case Number: 24AR-CV00734

ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI (Date File Stamp) n Re: The Marriage of: JENNIFER ANN LAFFEY and MARK AARON LAFFEY. JENNIFER ANN LAFFEY, Petitioner,

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 Case Number: 24AR-PR00108 Judge or Division:

PROBATE In the Estate of EUGENE DWAINE AUSTIN SR, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of EUGENE DWAINE AUSTIN SR, Decedent: On November 7, 2024, the following individual was appointed the personal

representative of the estate of EUGENE DWAINE 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 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 imitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: July 11, 2024

/S/Martha Cole

Date of first publication: November 13, 2024

Adair County Circuit Clerk

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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 FROOP, 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.

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Date of first publication: October 30, 2024

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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.

Your 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

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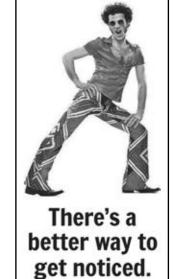
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Adair County SB40 Community Learning Center celebrates 15 year anniversary

Staff Reports

The Adair County SB40 Developmental Disability Board celebrated the 15th anniversary of the Community Learning Center (CLC) with an open house that was held on Nov. 4

Visitors were able to tour the center and learn what is has to offer; an offering that includes many classes, activities, training and a sensory room.

"For a decade and a half, the CLC has been a beacon of support, providing free, inclusive programs to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Programs focus on fostering independence, personal growth, and community integration, helping participants achieve meaningful, fulfilled lives," Executive Director Crystal Aminirad wrote in an email..

Aminirad wrote that at the heart of the Learning Center is a diverse array of activities designed to build life skills, employment skills, and social connections. Programs such as:

• Coffee & Cards: A social space for casual interactions and making friends.

• Dance Aerobics: A fun way to get moving and stav healthy.

• Project STIR~: Empowering individuals with self-advocacy skills.

• Circles Relationships & Intimacy 1 & 2: Teaching healthy relationship-building skills.

• BINGO: A classic, favorite activity fostering fun and socializing. • Guided Painting:

Nurturing creativity and self-expression. • Halloween Dance: Celebrating the season

with joy and dance. • Young Adults Neuro-Diverse Group: Creating a supportive space for young adults.

"These programs, and many others, are designed with the community members' needs in mind, providing opportunities for social engagement, recreation and personal development," Aminirad wrote. "Some programs, like Nature Time and Science Fun. are specifically designed to support education and outdoor exploration, while others, such as Exercise Your Mind and Healthy Habits, promote physical and mental well-being.

addition to programming for individuals, the CLC is committed to offering training and support for families and service provider staff. The Parent Group and Charting the LifeCourse Tools programs are designed to equip families with the resources and knowledge needed to empower their loved ones to lead self-determined, meaningful lives.

Through the Mandt System training for Providers, they also provide specialized training for service providers, focusing on strategies that support individuals and foster a strong, inclusive community.

She said that the CLC programs reflect the Missouri Quality Outcomes, which prioritize independence, choice, and inclusion in all areas of life. The objectives align with these principles to ensure individuals can:

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"As we reflect on 15 years of service, we are reminded of the countless lives touched by the Community Learning Center," Aminirad wrote. "With every activity, class, and program, the CLC has helped create a stronger, more inclusive community where individuals with developmental disabilities are empowered to live their best lives."

Aminirad said they extend their deepest gratitude to the participants, families, staff, and community partners for making these 15 years a suc-

"Together, we look forward to many more years of growth, inclusion, and support," she wrote. "Happy Anniversary, Adair Aminirad said that in ment, as seen in programs County SB40 CLC! Here's to many more years of success!'



Adair County Historical Society holds annual banquet and hears of local utopian communities

By Marty Bachman

Daily Express

The Adair County Historical Society held its annual banquet on Nov. 9 at the Truman State University Student Union Activities Room. The guest speaker was Steve Wiegenstein, who lectured Canton for 20 years.

on "Utopian Communities," specifically Bethel Colony in Shelby County and Nineveh Colony in Adair County. Wiegenstein is the author of five books, which were available for purchase at the event. He has been a professor at Culver Stockton College in

KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

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.

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 allyou-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.

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

Vehicle donations are fully tax-deductible and the proceeds help provide services to

help the blind and visually impaired.

FREE TOWING & TAX DEDUCTIBLE

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.

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Imagine the Difference You Can Make















News



Pictured left to right: Heidi Templeton, development director; Linnette Baker, hospice director; Mayor Zac Burden.

Kirksville city officials recognize Hospice of Northeast Missouri's 30th anniversary

first Hospice 2000 office.

Hospice 2000 changed

its name to Hospice of

Northeast Missouri in

2004 to better reflect the

geographic location of

the organization and the

area it serves. Hospice

of Northeast Missouri

joined forces with Hanni-

bal Regional Healthcare

Additionally, November

is National Hospice and

Palliative Care Month.

It is an opportunity to

increase awareness and

understanding of end-of-

life care. For more info

on Hospice of Northeast

Missouri, visit hospiceof-

northeastmissouri.org.

System in 2022.

By Hospice of Northeast Missouri'

The city of Kirksville recognized Hospice of Northeast Missouri's 30th anniversary with a proclamation signed by Mayor Zac Burden at the city council meeting held on Monday, Nov. 4.

Hospice of Northeast Missouri, a partner agency of United Way of Northeast Missouri, serves Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby and Sullivan counties by providing compassionate care for people experiencing an advanced, life-limiting illness.

Thirty years ago, a group of dedicated community members, under the leadership of Dr. Ron Gaber, created the non-profit Hospice 2000, using the hospice model that involves an interdisciplinary, team-oriented approach to care. There was an outpouring of volunteer and financial support from northeast Missouri businesses and community members to support this new endeavor.

Hospice 2000 was awarded a \$500,000 grant over three years, written by Gaylah Sublette, who was the lead author and director of grants and program development at the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine at the time. The Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, under the leadership of President Fred C. Tinning, donated a house for the use of the Daily Express continues campaign to raise funds for Hope's Kitchen to ATSU (800 W. Jeffer-**By Marty Bachman Daily Express**

Kirksville's Hope's Kitchen continues strong into its 25th year of operation and this year's annual Daily Express fundraiser will run through 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 son 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.

Donors since the fundraiser began this year incude:

Deborah and Daniel Slattery; Scott and Heidi Templeton; Mike Martin; Bonnie McCollum; Janet White, in memory of Raymond "Ray" White, Robert "Bob" Goodwin, Charles and Ida Gregg; Bob and Jane Dager; Marianna Giovannini, in memory of John and Anna Giovannini; Charles Thompson; Ron Mikel, in memory if Geraldine Mikel, Jon and Carolyn Schwartz, John, Kelli, Garrett, Grace and Grant Henry, Jerry and Sharon Bunch, Scott, Robin, Tra-

vis, Kelsey, Tyler VanWye, Bill and Marla Goring, Troy, Mardi and Mia Smith, Raymond Schwartz.

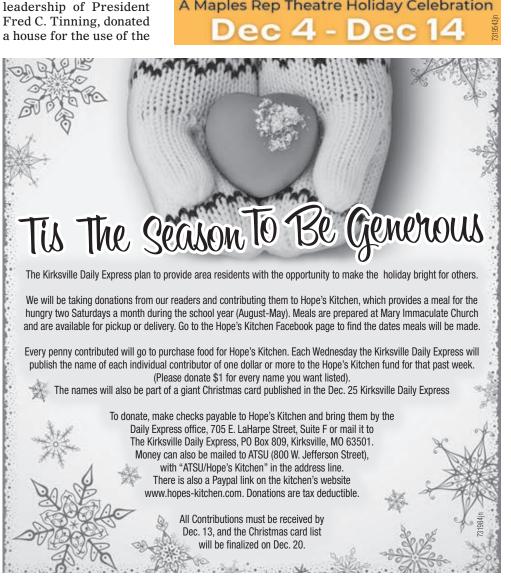
Total raised for this week: \$1,085.00

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.











News

Kirksville city officials seek public's help to complete water service line inventory

By City of Kirksville

Kirksville city officials want to inform residents of a water service line inventory project and a letter they may soon receive, as well as seek their help to complete said project.

All water systems across the country are federally mandated by the **Environmental Protection Agency** (EPA) to complete an inventory of water service line materials, both publicly and privately owned, to check for lead. Every public water system is required to identify the primary material of each service line, specifically if it is lead, galvanized, or non-lead (copper or PVC).

Currently, the city has not identified any lead service lines in their system and regular testing has not

produced any results showing elevated lead levels. However, there are still service lines of unknown material and they will continue working until all are identified.

Letters are being sent to properties with unknown service line materials. Those letters include information mandated by the EPA. The city of Kirksville needs help from residents and property owners who receive one of those letters to identify their private service line material.

Please complete a short survey on their website at www.kirksville. gov/p/lead to help them efficiently complete this inventory. That link includes additional information on this project that may be helpful. Those who own multiple properties should submit entries for each property.



If someone is unable to complete the form online, one can be filled out in the Administration Office on the second floor of City Hall.

To assist in the identification process, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources prepared a short video on water service line pipe identification and procedures to follow. That video can be found on the same page of their website shown above. If you still have questions after viewing that video, contact the Public Works Department at 660-627-1291 and someone there will work to answer your questions.

"We encourage our residents to stay informed and contact us with any questions," city officials said in a press release. "Your participation and cooperation are both valued and appreciated."

Upcoming North Missouri road work

By MoDOT

The following is a list of general highway maintenance work the Missouri Department of Transportation has planned in the Northern Missouri region for the next few weeks. All road closures and planned roadwork may be viewed on the Traveler Information Map at http://traveler.modot. org/map/. Inclement weather may cause schedule changes in some of the planned work. There may also be moving operations throughout the region, in addition to the work mentioned below.

Macon County

Route M - Nov. 18-22, Closed for culvert replacement operations from Mariner Street to Lare-

do Avenue between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.

Putnam County

Route 129 - Closed at the North Blackbird Creek Bridge for a bridge rehabilitation project through February 2025.

Route M - Closed at the Medicine Creek Fork Bridge for a bridge rehabilitation project through Jan. 2025.

Sullivan County

Route OO - Closed for multiple culvert replacements from Route BB to Otter Road, Nov. 19-22, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

Route 6 - Diamond grinding to smooth the road surface between Green City and Green Castle, Nov. 18-22. The roadway will be narrowed to one lane.

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This Directory is made possible by these businesses who encourage all of us to attend worship services. The Church Listings below are provided at NO CHARGE to our area churches in Kirksville. If your Church is not listed, please call us at 660-665-2808.

Faith Lutheran Church

1820 S. Baltimore, Baltimore & LaHarpe David Lukefahr, Pastor 7:30 a.m. The Lutheran Hour KLTE 8:15 a.m. Worship Service Peace, Milan 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study Faith 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Faith 10:15 a.m. Worship Service Faith 10:00 p.m. Issues, Etc. 107.9 KLTE

www.faithkirksville.org **Hamilton Street Baptist Church** 802 W. Hamilton

Pastor Tim Ingle 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups 10:15 a.m. Worship Service www.hamiltonstreet.org **Rehoboth Baptist Church**

100 Pfeiffer Rd Curtis Ferguson, Pastor 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

rbchurch.net • 660-665-7577

First Presbyterian Church (USA) 201 S. High at McPherson Communion 1st Sunday 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time. 11:00 a.m. Church School/all ages **Kirksville Church of Christ** 110 Pfeiffer Ave. Elders/Pastors: Dan Green,

Dean Hansen 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11 a.m. Worship Weds 6:30p.m. Bible Study www.kvcoc.org

First Baptist Church 207 E. Washington

Jason Marlin, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Bible Study for all ages 10:45 a.m. Worship & Kidz Worship firstbaptistkirksville.com

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

10:45 a.m. Worship **Southside Baptist Church**

1010 W. Burton Pastor: Aaron Rodgerson 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Preaching

6.30 p.m. Evening Service First Church of God 2900 S. Halliburton Tiffany and Michael Vincent

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship www.firstchurchoflove.com **Central Church of Christ** 2010 S. Halliburton 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 am. Worship Service **Faith Baptist Church**

502 N. Florence Pastor: Brandon Rhea 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

12:30 p.m. Noon Lunch The Crossing Church 810 E. Shepherd Ave. 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service

www.thecrossing.net **Grace Community Bible Church** 1501 E. Northtown Rd. Benjamin Jorden, Pastor

Affiliated with the Evangelical Free **Church of America**

9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages **12 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m.** Small groups KirksvilleGCBC@gmail.com www.KirksvilleGCBC.com • 660.665.1615 First United Methodist Church

Pastor: Choongho Kwon

300 E. Washington

9:30 a.m. Worship In Person & Online kvumc.org **Pure Air Baptist Church** 9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship TBA Bible Study

Church of God of Prophecy 807 Benton Way Pastor: Rob Linhart

10:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Service **Fellowship Baptist Church**

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

Yarrow Methodist Church Highway N., Yarrow Pastor David Stuckey

10:00 a.m. Sunday Services Mary Immaculate Catholic Church Weekday Masses: Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Wed.& Friday: 7 a.m. Thursday: 8 a.m. Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. **Catholic Newman Center**

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

Union Temple Church Southwest of Kirksville Alan Coonfield, Pastor

Every Sunday Evening 5-5:30 p.m. Bible Study 5:30-6:30 p.m. Church Service **Sugar Creek Baptist Church**

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

Hazel Creek Primitive Baptist Church 2 mi. W. Greentop on Rt. K then 1/2 Elder Dillion Thurman, minister

Services on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 10:30 a.m. Song Service 11:00 a.m. Preaching **Meadow Brook Christian Church**

602 E. Washington 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Morning Worship St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

7:30 a.m. Sunday

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

Community Presbyterian Church 210 N. Owensby, LaPlata, Mo Pastor Rev Jeff Carter

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Worship Service **Cornerstone Church**

1702 N Elson St Kirksville, MO Jeremy Broach, Senior Pastor Chad Stearman, Associate Pastor Sunday 10 am - Morning Worship Wednesday 6:30 pm-8 pm Family Minis-

www.cornerstonechurch.faith Countryside Christian Church

S. Boundary St. Rt. H, Troy Mills Preacher, Harold R. Engel 9:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Bible Study www.countrysidekv.com Gifford Christian Church Minister: Darren Potter

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship **Lake Road Chapel**

22963 Potter Trail Pastors: Andrew Turner, Andy Thompson 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

Service www.lakeroadchapel.org **Church of God (Holiness)**

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

New Hope **Evangelical Church**

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

First Assembly of God 2401 S. High St., Kirksville Shawn Meintz, Pastor Sundays:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Worship Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Family Night www.kirksvillefirst.org

info@kirksvillefirst.org First Liberty Full Gospel 1302 E. Filmore

Rev. Fred Baker, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 2000 E. Normal Kirksville First Ward Bishop John Grider

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

Trinity Episcopal Church

Rev. Amy L. Fallon, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Seventh Day **Adventist Church** 1301 N. Elson

Kent Dunwoody, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School (Saturday) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Saturday) Fellowship Dinner on 4th Saturday.

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

United Methodist Church

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

Illinois Bend Community Church Highway 3 Pastor Terry Hunsaker 8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Bible Study 660-349-0052 **Baring Community Church** 11:00 a.m. Worship

Downing Christian Church 430 E. Prime Street Minister Walker Franke Associate Minister Larry Smith 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Service

660-379-2329 **Willow Bend Church** Find Us on Facebook for Event Schedule

New Hope Methodist Reformed Church - Millard

9:15 a.m. Bible Stud

10:00 a.m. Worship **Greentop Community Church** Highway K, Greentop, Mo.

Pastor: Lynae McFarland 10:30 a.m. Worship Service **Trinity United** Fellowship Church

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

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

10:00 a.m. Sunday School **Shekinah Mennonite Church** 15981 Blueberry Way, Kirksville

John Mark Miller, Pastor Roger Berry 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday - hymn sing 6:00 p.m. 4th Sunday of month Topic **Bethel Community Church**

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

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

7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Grace Bible Baptist Church Greencastle, Mo. Rev. Earl Baker, Pastor 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

5:00 p.m. Evening Service **Winigan Christian Church** Ryan Crist, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

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

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

LaPlata Christian Church

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

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

David E. Brown, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship **Brashear Community Bible Church**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 660-323-5305

First Baptist Church of LaPlata B. J. McAlpin, Pastor 9:00 am "Donut Hole" Fellowship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service

6:00 pm Evening Worship **6:00 pm** Monday – AWANA http://laplatafbc.org/ Email: laplatafbc@gm **Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church**

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

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

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

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

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

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday worship Cornerstone **Community Church** Meeting at the Fohn Family Center

9:30 a.m. Sunday Small Group Bible Study designed for adults Locust Hill **Community Church** Rt. I, Novelty, Mo William Gaines, Pastor

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship **New Harmony**

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

Word Alive! Family Church Hwy 63, Greentop

Pastors: Robert Gange 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Adult service. Childrens Church

Schuyler County Church of Faith Highway 136 East, Lancaster

Sonny Smyser, Pastor 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Sunday Services 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday Class 3rd Sunday Fellowship dinner 12 noon **Gospel Outreach Church**

209 W. Washington Norman Keller, Pastor Gonda Manning, Co pastor 7:00 p.m. Thursday Services 7:00 p.m. Sunday Services **Victory Baptist Church**

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

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

5:30 pm Worship