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Text-to-911 service now available in Adair County

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville announced that text-to-911 service is now available at the Adair County Emergency Communications Center. This new technology is designed to assist those who are speaking or hearing-impaired, or someone in a situation where they are unable to

speak or speaking aloud would put them in greater danger. It is not designed to be a more convenient option than calling 911.

To text 911 in an emergency, simply enter 911 in the "To" field of your phone. Your first message to 911 should be brief and contain the location of the emergency. A dispatcher will be connected and

they will respond with additional questions or instructions. Pictures and videos are unable to be sent at this time.

Some helpful tips to know when texting 911:

- As with all text messages, 911 messages can take longer to receive, can get out of order, or may not be received.

- Please use plain language with no abbreviations.

- A text or data plan is required to place a text to 911.

- If texting 911 is not available in your area, or is temporarily unavailable, you will receive a message indicating that texting 911 is not available and to contact 911 by other means.

- Text-to-911 can't include more than one person. Do not send your emergency text to anyone other than 911.

- There may be instances when a voice call can't connect but a text can still go through.

- Adair County's text-to-911 system includes limited foreign language translation ability.

- If you accidentally text 911, send a reply stating it was a mistake and there is no emergency.

The Adair County Emergency Communications Center can initiate text messaging from the 911 Center. If we receive a 911 hang-up call from your number and cannot reach you with a voice call, we may text you to confirm that there is no emergency.

Blessing of the Hunt winners announced

By Blessing of the Hunt

The winners of the prize drawings at the Sixth Annual Blessing of the Hunt held on Thursday, Nov. 14, at the NEMO Fairgrounds, were announced. Joyce Miller won the grand prize portable deer blind from Hillside Metals, Brashear and a Savage, Axis 6.5 Creedmoor from Ammo Planet. Taelyn Waddle won the Ruger 10/22 from Ammo Planet, and Daniel Slawski from Veterans Healing Center, Novinger, was given a crossbow donated by Creed Archery, to his organization for veterans with disabilities. The annual event drew hundreds to the NEMO Fairgrounds.



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La Plata Police Department's 'Stuff the Cruiser for the La Plata Food Bank' to be held on Nov. 30

Staff Reports

The La Plata Police Department's "Stuff the Cruiser for the La Plata Food Bank" program will be held on Saturday, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the La Plata Dollar General Food

Market, 1080 N. Brown Street in La Plata. Volunteers will have a list of their needs to hand out to customers as they enter the store. The hope is that customers will purchase non-perishable food items to fill the cruiser with food for the local food pantry.



Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce 'Selfie with an Elfie' contest opens

Staff Reports

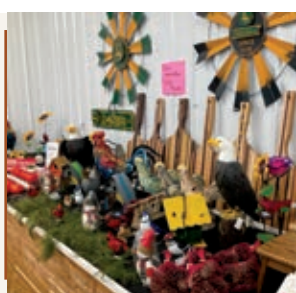
The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce wants to make this Holiday Shop Local season simple with its annual 'Selfie with an Elfie' contest. Chamber officials will bring one of their elves into a local business, which will place the elf somewhere in the store where selfies are easily taken.

Shoppers are then encouraged to visit and shop at the participating businesses and take a 'Selfie with an Elfie' and submit them for entry into their drawings, held at noon each Friday in December. Each picture enters them with a chance to win \$25 in Kirksville Ca\$h. The chamber also encourages businesses to provide a \$25 or \$50 gift card to sweeten the pot each week.

"The bigger the prize the better the motivation!" chamber officials wrote in an email announcing the start of this year's contest, noting that participating businesses will receive "tons of promotions through the Chamber's social media accounts, the Chamber Beats newsletter and the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce website."

For customers, if you see an Elfie in a store you're shopping at, take a selfie with it and submit it by email to selfiewithanelfiekv@gmail.com. Include your name, phone number and the business the selfie was taken at. The event is only good at participating chamber member businesses and will run from Nov. 30-Dec. 27.

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Register now for January online Extension Master Gardener training

By University of Missouri Extension

COLUMBIA — Gardening is an activity with many rewards, says Debi Kelly, state Master Gardener coordinator for University of Missouri Extension. MU Extension offers online training for those who can't take the weekly classes in person.

The spring session runs Jan. 19 to May 31, 2025.

"One of the joys of becoming an Extension Master Gardener is the satisfaction of sharing your plant knowledge with others," said Kelly. "The Extension Master Gardener program was initiated to do just that. Its motto, 'helping others learn to grow,' emphasizes service to others as the program's main objective."

Kelly, retired MU Extension state horticulture specialist David Trinklein and MU Extension horticulture specialist Sarah Denkler teach the 15 online sessions.



Students work at their own pace through a series of narrated and scripted presentations and optional hands-on activities that students can do at home.

Topics include basic botany, soils and plant nutrition, vegetable gardening, fruit production, insects and diseases, woody and herbaceous landscape plants, landscape design principles, turf management and pesticide safety.

Core training is the first step toward Extension Master Gardener certification. After completion of

core training, participants are required to complete at least 30 hours of volunteer service. Local Master Gardener coordinators help online trainees find opportunities to meet the volunteer service requirement.

Since its inception in 2013, more than 3,000 people have gone through MU Extension online Master Gardener training. Extension Master Gardener programs are offered in every U.S. state and most Canadian provinces.

Register at <https://miz-zou.us/MGspring25>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kirksville Area Calendar of Events

Section of South Osteopathy Street closed Nov. 27

The city of Kirksville wants to inform residents that South Osteopathy Street near Northeast Regional Medical Center will be closed from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27. This is for ongoing work being done at the hospital. There will be detour signage in this area, so please pay attention to that signage, any personnel and seek alternate routes if you need to traverse this area.

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 Kirkville Kiwanis Christmas Parade

The 13th annual Kirkville Kiwanis Christmas Parade begins at 5:30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 30, in downtown Kirkville.

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. Kirkville 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.

Kirkville Community Sing-Along

Sing Christmas carols with the Ray Miller Choir and performers from the Community Youth Christmas Musical. Piano accompaniment by Rich McKinney. Saturday, Nov. 30 in downtown Kirkville immediately following the Kiwanis Christmas Parade and Home-town Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony.

Giving Tuesday is Dec. 3

Giving Tuesday is quickly approaching and officials at Adair County SB40 believe that every generous gift or pledge is not

just a financial transaction; it is a valuable investment in assisting people with developmental disabilities to live self-determined lives. The Adair County DD Link is a non-profit affiliation of Adair County SB40 that provides funding for projects and supports that are not available to individuals with disabilities and their families through other types of funds distributed to people with disabilities by the Adair County SB40 Developmental Disability Board, such as programs, activities, and sensory room furnishings at the Community Learning Center as well as providing books about inclusion to all area first graders during Developmental Disability Month annually.

'Cards and Cocoa' event to promote community service and connection

The Adair County Health Department invites members of the community to participate in its upcoming "Cards and Cocoa" event on Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 3-5 p.m. at the Adair County Health Department Annex Building (1001 South Jamison Street, Kirkville). The event is designed to bring together individuals of all ages to engage in an impactful act of kindness. Attendees will have the opportunity to create festive, handmade cards that will be delivered to local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. "Cards and Cocoa" is a free, family-friendly event open to everyone. In addition to card-making, attendees can enjoy a warm cup of cocoa while socializing with neighbors and fellow community members. No prior registration is required to attend and all materials will be provided. Families, individuals and groups are all encouraged to participate in this festive community event. For more information or questions, contact the Adair County Health Department at 660-665-8491 Ext. 741.

Free Movie: 'A Christmas Carol'

Curtain Call theatre will offer up a free movie, "A Christmas Carol," on Dec. 6 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the theatre, 512 W. Elizabeth Street in Kirkville. Free admission, donations welcome.

Annual Reindeer Romp

The Annual Reindeer Romp will be held on Dec. 7 at 9 a.m. at the Dukum Inn, 111 S. Elson Street in Kirkville. The four-mile run & 1.5-mile walk is the perfect way to dash into the holiday season with a jolly heart, all while supporting two wonderful causes: The Salvation Army and the Radio Park Food Drive. On race day, they'll be collecting food and toys at both the Dukum Inn and TCC, giving participants and spectators the chance to embrace the true spirit of giving. Every registered runner and walker will receive a long-sleeve T-shirt, jingle bells and festive post-race refreshments to refuel. Proceeds from the Reindeer Romp will go directly to support A.T. Still University's KCOM and MOS-DOH Class of 2027.

Celebrating Christmas Thru Music

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



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OBITUARIES

Ronald 'Ron' Lundberg

Nov 17, 1952 – Oct 18, 2024

Ronald "Ron" Lundberg, 71 of Hurdland, Missouri, passed away Friday October 18th, 2024, at University Hospital in Columbia, Missouri with his daughter Danielle by his side.

Ron was born in Hannibal Missouri to Robert and Norma (Williams) Lundberg on November 17th, 1952. Both preceding him in death. Robert (Bob) passed away June 19, 1999, and Norma passed away December 14, 2004.



He attended school in Edina, Missouri and graduated from Knox County High School in May of 1970.

After graduating high school Ron attended Northeast Missouri State College, now Truman State University, graduating in 1975 where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. He then attended Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1975 and 1976 and went on to earn his certification with The American Medical Technologist group in 1976.

Ron or "Ronnie" as many people knew him, was raised in the Adair and Knox County area where he and his family were engaged in farming throughout his life. Ron's dream to work in the medical field took a turn when his father became ill, and he decided to carry on the family farming business.

Ron was a very private man. He was a proud farmer who kept his equipment and farmland in top notch shape. He enjoyed cars, being and working outside, taking care of his parents and maintaining the family farm.

Ron was a loving father who was very proud of his daughter, Danielle Renee Lundberg of Manhattan New York, who survives him.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday November 30th from 2-4pm at Travis-Noe Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Dialysis Clinic of Kirksville. Donations may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P. O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

Ronald R. Heller

Feb 4, 1942 – Nov 19, 2024

Ronald R. Heller, 82, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away on November 19, 2024.

Ron was born on February 4, 1942, in Watertown, Wisconsin, to Harley and Viola Heller, who preceded him in death.



Ron graduated from Watertown High School and a broadcast academy in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

A devoted family man, Ron was married to the love of his life, Kathleen Heller, for over 60 years. Kathleen passed away in July 2020, and Ron cherished the many decades they spent together building a loving family.

Ron dedicated his career to the world of television and radio, working in several cities, including Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Kankakee, Illinois; Marquette, Michigan; Kirksville, Missouri; and Quincy, Illinois. He was a respected journalist and leader in the field, serving as News Director at KTVO in Kirksville from 1971 to 1986 and at KHQA in Quincy from 1986 to 1996. His passion for storytelling and commitment to integrity left a lasting mark on his colleagues, the young journalists he trained and the communities he served.

Beyond his professional life, Ron enjoyed gardening and spent years as a partner in a shiitake mushroom farm near Martinstown, Missouri. His love for nature and dedication to the land brought him much joy and fulfillment.

Ron was the father of four children: Dawn (Jeff) Neil of Canton, Missouri; Donald (Che're) Heller of Mexico, Missouri; Duane (Britainy) Heller of Crawley, West Virginia; and Daryl (Julie) Heller of Salt Lake City, Utah. His legacy of love and kindness extends to seven grandchildren: Trent, Jayson, Drew, Brennan, Laith, Alexandra and Hannah. As well as four great-grandchildren: Olivia, Laith, Rose and Gavin. Also surviving is brother-in-law, Roger Plate of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; one sister-in-law, Karen Bresnehan and husband Dennis of Dousman, Wisconsin and brother-in-law, Jack Plate of Racine, Wisconsin along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Ron's warmth, generosity, and dedication to his family and career will be deeply missed. His memory will be a guiding light for all who knew and loved him.

In accordance with Ron's wishes, he will be cremated. The family requests to please watch a local news broadcast in remembrance of Ron.

May his soul rest in peace, reunited with Kathy, and may his legacy live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Memorials in memory of Ron may be made to the Adair County Humane Society. Donations may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

Willis Jackson Magruder

Aug 7, 1935 – Nov 17, 2024

In 2008 Jack was named President of A.T. Still University in Kirksville, MO becoming the only president of both Kirksville institutions.



Willis Jackson Magruder, 89, of Kirksville, Missouri, died Sunday, November 17, 2024 at his home in Kirksville. Jack was born on Wednesday, August 7, 1935 in his grandmother's home in Lentner, MO, the son of Charles Franklin Magruder and Jewell Maude Wood Magruder.

When he was 7 years old the family relocated to Kirksville to take advantage of higher education for their children. All five siblings, beginning with the oldest sister, would eventually graduate from what is now Truman State University, as had Jack's grandmother in the 1890s.

Jack's first memory in Kirksville is of riding his bike on campus in front of Kirk Memorial. He thought it was the most beautiful building he had ever seen. All his family "old ones" had photos taken in front of Kirk Memorial for special occasions. Years later his oldest grandson would hold his wedding reception in that building.

Jack graduated from Kirksville High School with the Class of 1953 and was a proud member of the 1950 Kirksville Tigers football Hall of Fame team. As a senior in high school Jack joined the US Naval Reserves with his classmates and friends, Don Noble and H.A. Lindberg. They served together until their honorable discharges in May 1961. Jack remained active in class reunions for 71 years and cherished his special life-long friendships.

After high school graduation, while standing in the summer class registration line for Northeast Missouri State Teachers College, he met a beautiful young woman named Sue Brimer. On their first date Jack told her that he was going to marry her and that he dreamed of someday becoming a science education professor at the college. Two months later, on August 4, 1954, they were married at First Baptist Church in Kirksville.

Even before his graduation from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College in 1957, Jack began his career as an educator teaching math at Hurdland and Kirksville high schools. The next several years were spent moving around the country (Iowa, Colorado, California, Louisiana) while Jack pursued his Masters and Doctoral degrees, Sue taught elementary school, and they grew their family. In 1964 the family returned to Kirksville where Jack had been offered a job teaching in the science division at Northeast Missouri State College, fulfilling that dream he had shared with Sue on their first date. For 22 years Jack taught Chemistry and Science Education in the building now known as Magruder Hall. In 1986 he became Science Division Head, later Dean of Instruction and Vice President of Academic Affairs. As President (1994-2003), he led the name change to Truman State University.

He retired from ATSU in 2012. Jack then returned to teaching chemistry at the Kirksville campus of Moberly Area Community College in 2014.

In 1966 Jack and Sue built their house in the country east of Kirksville on what is now known as Willis Creek Ranch. There they welcomed generations of students from around the world, and countless gatherings of friends and family. They raised their family with superb love and dedication, leaving a legacy of faith, hope, and love.

Jack was skilled both in riding and driving teams of horses. For decades he cherished time spent with his brothers, Charles and Mitch, riding horses and camping together for 'Guys Weekends'. Jack also shared this love of horses with his grandchildren; teaching them to ride, carrying them on sleigh rides in the winter while dressed as Santa Claus, and entering parades with them filling the wagon waving flags. His horses were such an important part of his life that they participated in special events at Truman. Frosty, his white mare, was present at the dedication of Magruder Hall and Governor, his beloved palomino, attended Jack and Sue's retirement reception at the backyard of the Truman President's house. His love of horses and the rural lifestyle led to his appointment by Governor Jay Nixon to the Missouri State Fair Commission. Jack and his family made many memories through the years enjoying campsites side-by-side at the Missouri State Fair, a legacy that continues with the next generation.

In 1992 Jack heard the song Look At Us on the radio and hand copied the lyrics in a love letter to Sue. He was correct that their love was the embodiment of the song — and that love lives on.

Look at us after all these years together.

Look at us after all that we've been through.

Look at us still leaning on each other.

If you wanna see how true love should be then just look at us.

Look at us still believing in forever...

If you wanna see how true love should be then just look at us.

Jack and Sue dedicated their lives to education and service to others. Together they taught young-married and college-age Sunday school classes for many years in the churches they attended, including First United Methodist Church where they were members since 1989.

Jack's toughest battle began in 1987 when he was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer and given a minimal chance of survival. Throughout 2

years of grueling treatment with radiation and chemotherapy, he never stopped working as Science Division Head, often returning to the office each morning before driving to Columbia in the afternoon for treatments. While always a man of deep faith, this time in his life refocused him on what was important in terms of his love of family, friends and his relationship with God. He stated, "I would never want anyone to go through that, but I feel it enriched my life greatly in the end."

He distilled his faith in a handwritten note in the margin of his Bible near the passage "love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:35-39): "Forgive everyone everything every night"

Jack brought out the best in everyone he encountered. All would rise to what he saw in us. His gratitude, generosity, kindness, and joy overflowed right up to the end of his life when medical personnel remarked in astonishment that he was "the most thankful person they had ever met".

Jack was preceded in death by his beloved wife of nearly 67 years, Sue Brimer Magruder, in May 2021. Also preceding him were his parents, Charles and Jewell, and his siblings, Marjorie Magruder Glass, Carolyn Magruder Baughman, Charles Magruder and Mitch Magruder.

He is survived by 3 children, Julie Beth Magruder Lochbaum, Kerry Vaughn Magruder (Candace), and Laura Ellen Magruder Mann (Marvin). Grandchildren include Rachel (Stephen) Folmar, James (Rojina) Lochbaum, Hannah Magruder, Anna (Matthew) Matheny, Jackson (Brianna) Mann, Susanna Magruder, and Jonathan Mann. Great grandchildren include Maverick Mann, Aasha Lochbaum, Carlile Mann, Ethan Folmar, Rosa Lochbaum, and a 6th (baby Mann) on the way.

Funeral service will be Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 1:00 pm at First United Methodist Church in Kirksville followed immediately by a graveside service. A public service of remembrance will be held on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at 2:00 pm in the Student Union Georgian Room at Truman State University.

Pallbearers are James Lochbaum, Stephen Folmar, Matthew Matheny, Jackson Mann, Jonathan Mann and Zac Burden. Honorary Pallbearers are Brian Degenhardt, Pete Detweiler, Marvin Mann, Matt Matheny, Dorothy Munch, Bob Nothdurft, Mary Rhodes Russell, Margaret Wilson, and Heinz Woehlk.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Sue & Jack Magruder Scholarship fund at Truman State University (giveonline.truman.edu), the A.T. Still University Jack Magruder Memorial Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research Symposium award (giving.atsu.edu/jack-magruder), or First United Methodist Church in Kirksville (https://firststumckirksville.breezechms.com/give/online).

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Thanksgiving embrace

Families find comfort in the embrace of Thanksgiving. A year of smiles and tears is almost over, and the punctuation of Thanksgiving is a reflective, warm, comma before its ending page.

We focus on the food we'll prepare, mentally gauging times and servings against the schedules of those we've invited. Freezers bulge with extra bulk. Brightly colored cans of cranberry sauce illuminate dark pantries.

Family secrets are extracted from stuffing-stained cookbooks and re-read, just to be sure we remember how to make the gravy/casserole/pies we've been cooking without variation for decades.

Do we have enough plates? Glasses? Cabinet doors fly open for inventory. Silverware is counted and matched up in uncharacteristic order. Thanksgiving must be served with our best household behavior. Tradition demands it.

We scrub our houses from porch to patio. Long-dusty corners are swiped clean. We appraise our homes with new eyes, smiling at endearing flaws and scurrying to remedy the more blatant evidences of another year of wear on cushions, carpets, and curtains.

Thanksgiving is a chance to shake the dust of the year's turmoil from our doormats; to give future footprints a fresh place to settle.

Then the day arrives. Aromas waft from chaotic kitchens. Doors swing open and usher in the people we've loved since their first breaths of life. They carry dishes filled with favorite foods and smiles of determined peace.

Tensions of both trivial and substantial differences between family members weave their predictable paths around stubborn hearts, but the warmth of Thanksgiving's simple moment in time loosens the knots.

We take in the scene before us: Familiar faces having grown older. New little lives glowing fresh and vibrant. The painful empty spaces of loved ones who are gone. Our hearts ache. And smile.

We realize, once again, how grateful we should be for the year we've lived through and the ones to come.



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH
ROBIN WRITES

Pray your thanks around a table that holds love in bowls and on platters. Give your family and friends a hug, and remember that everything that really matters on Thanksgiving is seated around you.

Happy Thanksgiving, readers!



HOME COUNTRY

The dancing machine

There is a payoff, Doc told us, for getting the aches and pains of old age. Doc should know. We have it on good authority that he is actually older than a flat, brown rock.

"Sure," said Doc, in his usual cheerful way. "You get gray hair, or maybe kinda bald like ol' Steve here, and you develop wisdom, which we all know just means you know not to argue with your wife, right? So then what happens? Your grandchildren think you have all the answers."

Doc leaned over conspiratorially. "I LIVE to embarrass my grandchildren."

Dud wanted specifics. "With me," Doc said, "it's dancing. You see, they are all teenagers now, and therefore they are cool and know everything, and the world couldn't turn without them. So when their friends come over and they crank that stereo up to where it's killing the neighbor's geraniums, I ask them just once to turn it down."

"Takes me a lot more than once," Dud said. "I swear those kids are hard of hearing."

"But do you dance for them?" Doc asked. "You see, if they don't turn it down, I kinda totter to my feet and start what the kids call the Grandpa Boogie. I mean I shake it like an Egyptian pharaoh. I wiggle and jiggle and stick out my chin like this ... and sort of thrust myself around the floor until one of them dashes over and shuts off the music. Then I go sit down and read the paper again. The first couple of times I did that, the kids got me to



SLIM RANGLES
HOME COUNTRY

one side and begged me never to do that again. I guess they were just jealous of my moves. Well, I hated to show them up in front of their friends, seeing as I could dance better than they could, but the music was too loud. I tell them when the music gets more than just kinda regular, I can't help myself and dance fever hits me like a sledgehammer."

"So," Steve said, "how did you do it? I mean, show us, OK?"

So Doc stood up and went into spasms, twitches and slides that had the whole coffee shop cracking up, and people didn't know whether to applaud or call the paramedics.

"The really great thing," said Doc, sitting back down, out of breath, with his coffee, "is that these kids think they invented being cool. And I blind-sided them with great mo-o-o-ves! I showed them a slink or two.

"And you'd be surprised how much quieter it is when they come over these days."

Brought to you with a smile from Slim's just-out fun novel, *Whimsy Castle*. At better book stores and on the internet at Amazon, Kindle, Barnes and Noble, Ebay, Thriftbooks and Page Publishing.

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Standing in the holiday punchline

She really knows how to pick 'em



GWEN ROCKWOOD
THE ROCKWOOD FILES

I'm good at some things — like making a paper projectile out of a straw's wrapper, swatting a fly with one targeted strike, and quoting lines from reruns of sitcoms. Thanks to excellent teachers, I also have a few academic skills, like knowing when to use "who" or "whom" in any given sentence and where apostrophes should and shouldn't be.

But I know my limitations. And if you see me at a grocery or retail store, you should walk the other way. Because I can promise you that once it's time to choose a check-out lane, I'll pick the wrong one — every single time.

I don't do it on purpose. I try to find the best option by slowly cruising past each check-out lane while evaluating the possible wait time. I count the number of people already standing there and watch to see if the clerk looks speedy or is walking that thin line between slow and slower. I avoid any check-out lane with its light flashing because that's a sure sign of delay. Yet even after all that analysis, a faulty instinct deep inside my overthinking brain gravitates toward what becomes a long line to nowhere.

Have you seen this line? Stood in this line? Asked, "Why me, God?" in this line? If you answered yes to all three questions, there's a good chance I was in that line, too.

When I'm not in a hurry, waiting doesn't bother me. It's a chance to people-watch or pop in an earbud to listen to a podcast. But if I'm pressed for time and the line suddenly stalls, I get reck-

less and start looking for something better.

A few lanes over, I spot what appears to be a shorter, faster line, and I'm so tempted to go for it. But I hesitate to make that move because I've already invested time in the current line — a phenomenon known as the "sunk cost fallacy." We humans feel reluctant to change course even when it's clear that switching would probably be better.

If I'm running late, need to pee, or just feel lucky, I step out of the snail-paced line and zip over to the shorter one. Occasionally, it works, and I congratulate myself on laying it all on the line like a champion. But often, the universe punishes me for not toeing the line with my first choice. Suddenly, the customer in front of me needs a price check. Or the cash register runs out of receipt paper. Or there's a complicated discussion about a sale price that didn't ring up correctly. A manager has to be called over, and that's when I know it's happening. My line has become a sea of not-so-quicksand.

I glance back at my previous line and see that it magically sped up right after I abandoned it and fell for the new one hook, line and sinker.

But I've learned a few lessons while waiting in lines, and the most important one is to keep your head up.

You have to scan the entire check-out area to watch for employees who might be managers — people whose jobs are on the line if customers get cranky. When you spot one, you need to make eye contact so they see that you're stuck there. Use your eyes to plead for help.

Sometimes the managers look away and pretend they don't see you. But now and then, a good one will throw you a lifeline. They open a new lane, wave you over, and you race toward the newly opened lane with joy and thanksgiving.

Just like in any high-traffic situation, another shopper might spot that lane opening and swoop in front of you. Sometimes it's accidental, and they don't realize you've been languishing in a stalled line. They don't know that your pitiful, pleading eyes triggered this new lane opening in the first place.

But sometimes, the person fully knows they're cutting you off, and they don't care. If this happens, breathe deeply and assume the line-cutter is on the verge of violent diarrhea. They're trying to get out of the store before it hits. This line of thinking will help you avoid an interaction that could escalate into retail road rage, which would be recorded by nearby smartphones and live forever on YouTube.

No matter how many bad Christmas songs we have to hear while standing in lines, we'll all make it out of there — eventually. The finish line is in sight. In the meantime, be gracious to your fellow shoppers in the slow lane because kindness still matters. And that, dear readers, is the bottom line.

Gwen Rockwood is a syndicated freelance columnist. Email her at gwenrockwood5@gmail.com. Her book is available on Amazon.

POETRY CORNER



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Rows of forsythias... filled with yellow blooms... they really brighten your day, Redbuds and dogwoods... are in full splendor... but up the

mountain, spring's still days away.

When it becomes fall... and the leaves have full color... it happens on the mountain top first, Then as temperatures drop... down in the valley... colors there will burst.

Civil war battlefields... caves to explore... it's there just waiting for you,

Sky Line Drive... the Shenandoah River... there is always something to do.

If I had my druthers... that's where I'd live... but for me, that's not in the cards,

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EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY Part 130

Theaters of Kirksville - Chapter 3 - Construction of The Kennedy

By Blytha Ellis, President
Adair County Historical Society and Museum

Carrie (Miller) Kennedy (1862-1942) was the person responsible for building both the Princess and Kennedy Opera Houses/Theatres in Kirksville. She was left a wealthy widow when her husband, John Mason Kennedy died in 1914. Her passion seems to have been to bring culture and sophistication to Kirksville through beautifully designed opera houses, and this she accomplished.

Last week, we discussed her first venture, the Princess Opera House, which was built on a lot containing the old First Presbyterian Church which the Millers and Kennedys tore down. The Princess opened in February 1916 at 202 S. Franklin. From all appearances, this theater was a great success. But, Carrie expressed disappointment in that the Princess could not hold larger shows, so within only a few years, she began to think bigger and better!

In a newspaper article from May 1925, Carrie announced that she and her son, Sam Kennedy, would build a larger opera house on a lot just back of the Princess. She stated that the new opera house would "be used for larger shows which cannot now be accommodated at the Princess." The new theater would seat 1,200 and have "a stage capacity for the largest road companies." Carrie stated, "The Princess is not large enough to give Kirksville some of the plays and road shows which should be produced here, as 22 persons will crowd the Princess stage, and we are determined to have a house big enough for the city." While the Presbyterian Church was still standing on the lot where the Princess was built, there were two "barns" on the lot behind it to the west as early as 1886. By barns we mean a business where horses were sold and a livery stable operated.

The horse barn business was named the North Missouri Stud and Bus Barn and was owned by C. L. Bounds. Here, they sold horses and operated a horse-drawn bus or omnibus around town. The other was the Graves Livery Stable owned by T. E. Graves. The horse barn was not heard of after the turn of the century. Mr. Graves sold his livery barn to new owners in 1904, and it became the Star Livery Stable. By this time, the whole lot containing the two barns was considered one lot belonging to the Star Livery Stable.

In 1907, a newspaper article states that the Graves/Star Livery Barn was then owned by Dr. Harry Mix Still, son of Dr. A. T. Still, founder of Osteopathy. In April 1923, it was stated that this old livery stable, which was by then an "eyesore" in the community, was being torn down, and that Dr. Harry Still planned to build some type of "handsome, modern, business building" in its place.

However, in May 1923, Charles V. Miller (1864-1931), brother of Carrie (Miller) Kennedy, made Dr. Harry Still an offer of \$8,500 to purchase the lot occupied by the livery barn, and Harry accepted before the barn was completely torn down. Apparently, Charles Miller purchased this property on behalf of his sister since



The Graves / Star Livery Stable facing McPherson St. which was torn down in 1925 to make way for the Kennedy Opera House / Theatre on the southeast corner of Elson and McPherson Streets in Kirksville. These are men of the Elks Club standing in front of the Sojourners Clubhouse (now the Historical Society Museum) at 211 S. Elson. The Elks Clubhouse was just to the right of the Sojourners (out of the picture). The smokestack in this picture was attached to the Princess Theatre which faced Franklin St. The Journal Printing Co. is the building you see on the other side of the livery stable.



she then took charge of constructing her new opera house in this location.

South Elson Street at this time was an up-and-coming area. Across McPherson Street north of the Graves/Star Livery Stable was a new two-story brick building constructed in 1905 for the Journal Printing Co.

In 1916, just south of this livery stable, a lot had been donated to the ladies of the Sojourners Club. Irwin Dunbar, the same man who designed the Princess, had designed a clubhouse/library for the Sojourners Club, and this building was completed in late 1916.

Just south of the Sojourners Club was the men's Elks Club, an impressive three-story building constructed in 1910 (no longer there). Both locations of the Sojourners and the Elks clubhouses were known as the Albertson Blocks and had previously been occupied by Elijah Dodson's blacksmith shop, a wainwright business (wagon making and repair), and a scrap iron yard, so many in Kirksville were glad to see these distasteful businesses replaced with upscale buildings.

On the west side of Elson Street, Dr. George Mark Laughlin (1872-1948), son-in-law of Dr. A. T. Still, had constructed the grand, new, three-story, brick Andrew Taylor Still College of Osteopathy and Surgery as a rival college to the American School of Osteopathy (ASO). This was located on the northwest corner of Elson and Jefferson Streets and stands today as the Couts Learning Center, part of A. T. Still University.

Behind the new college was the Dockery Hotel, at one time a premier hotel (no longer there). It came with a horse-drawn coach (bus) which transported hotel patrons to and from the train station three blocks away. So, the addition of a building constructed by the Miller family in place of the old livery stable across Elson Street from the Dockery Hotel would certainly have completed a rejuvenation of the 200 block of South Elson Street.

Carrie Kennedy reportedly visited theaters in St. Louis and Kansas City in search of ideas and inspiration for her new opera house. She again employed her nephew-in-law, Irwin Dunbar, to design her new opera house, which was to be more lavish than the Princess. This new venue

for public entertainment was to be called the Kennedy Opera House and was said to have cost Mrs. Kennedy \$500,000. In the tradition of her family's other large commercial buildings and the Princess Theater, the Kennedy was to serve multiple purposes. The ground floor would not only house the opera house but also five separate storefronts, and the upper floor would consist of apartments.

Work on the Kennedy Opera House began in 1925 and was completed by March 1926. The contractor for the Kennedy was Stanley V. Rollins (1888-1980). He was a native of Randolph County, Mo., who had worked as a brakeman for a railroad in Sullivan County, Mo., before he became a talented brick layer and contractor.

Mr. Rollins had just come from the massive project of building the four-story-plus basement, \$224,000, brick Travelers Hotel in Kirksville in 1923-24. This hotel was owned by the newly created Kirksville Hotel Company of which Dr. Harry Mix Still was vice president. The address of this hotel was 301 W. Washington Street and was only two blocks from where the Kennedy Opera House would be built. Conveniently for travelers, and intentionally, this hotel was placed right next door to the Wabash Railroad Station, and the hotel also replaced another old barn named the Palace Livery Stable.

Also in 1924, Stanley Rollins had teamed with the Miller family in building the \$51,000, 15-resident Rollins Apartment building on the northwest corner of Jefferson and Mulanix Streets in Kirksville.

Opening night for the Kennedy Opera House was Friday, March 26, 1926, with a silent film entitled "Let's Get Married." More details next week.

(Credit for part of this information on the Kennedy goes to Pam Sylvara who published an article on this theater in the January 2019 issue of "The Adair Historian," quarterly magazine of the Adair County Historical Society - copies still available at our museum, 211 S. Elson St. in Kirksville.)

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TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

115 Years Ago,
November 19, 1909

An announcement was made that Adair County was to have a "thoroughly up to date history" written and edited by Professor E. M. Violette of the Normal School in Kirksville. The work was to be known as "Violette's History of Adair County." C. N. Tolman, a former newspaperman of Kirksville, would write the biographies, and Mr. W. S. Vawter, an attorney was to be the business manager of the enterprise. It was expected that "these gentlemen will no doubt produce a first class and thoroughly reliable work." As time has revealed, Violette's History of Adair County, published two years later in 1911, became the premier source of historic information on Adair County from the days when native Americans inhabited the region until 1911.

105 Years Ago,
November 25, 1919

Amid a national coal miners' strike, Kirksville electric light and heat plant and gas plant had only about a two-week supply of coal on hand to conduct their vital daily operations. Although the supply was low it was expected that the federal fuel administration would allot additional supplies to public utilities. The city owned a coal mine near the Chariton River pumping station and there was a coal supply there that could be utilized if necessary. The shoe factory was running short on coal and the factory supervisor said the facility might be forced to shut down. Area residents who relied on the local mines as their source of coal, found their bins were empty, and a sudden cold snap added to the hardship. Some people were buying coal from Adair County farmers who had coal veins cropping out of the ground on their farms. This coal was generally of lesser quality coal, and at \$6.50 per ton, was more costly than coal from the mines. Others were burning slack coal which is the small pieces of coal that broke off the larger chunks of quality coal. It fell on the ground and when it was scooped into the coal trucks contained dirt and coal dust which because of its high density did not burn so well.

105 Years Ago,
November 27, 1919

A crowd estimated at between three to four thousand people gathered downtown Kirksville to witness the presentation of the Distinguished Service Cross to Captain Dale Heiny, Lieutenant Ben E. Turner and Mrs. Alice McAnish of Yarrow, mother of deceased Sergeant Levi Griswold. The presentation ceremony was held on the east side of the Adair County Courthouse square where a band stand had been erected for the occasion. After a band concert presented by the Porter Junior Band and the Kirksville Municipal Band, those who were to receive the Distinguished Service Cross medals, the

speakers, and platform guest took their seats on the rostrum. Col. James E. Rieger introduced Col. "Gatling Gun" Parker, a member of the U. S. Regular Army and guest speaker. In his oration, he paid high tribute to the American soldier on the battlefield and said it made no difference from what part of the country they came, they were all anxious to get into the front line in the thick of the fight. In addressing Mrs. McAnish, mother of Levi Griswold, Col. Parker told her that her son had met one of the most glorious deaths that could befall an American soldier—that of making the supreme sacrifice on the field of battle. Parker then proceeded with the presentation of the Distinguished Service Cross medals to the recipients—Captain John Dale Heiny, Ben E. Turner, and Mrs. McAnish, who received the medal posthumously for her son. The Distinguished Service Cross is the United States Army's second highest military decoration for soldiers who distinguish themselves in combat against an armed enemy force. It was first awarded during World War I and is surpassed only by the Congressional Medal of Honor. All three of Adair County's medal recipients served in combat in World War I.

Sergeant Levi Griswold's (1892-1918) final engagement was during the Meuse-Argonne Campaign during World War I that was conducted from September 26, 1918, until the armistice was signed on November 11, 1918. It was during the Battle of Argonne Forest (Argonne, France) on September 29, 1918, that Sergeant Griswold made the heroic effort to save the life of a fellow soldier and his Yarrow neighbor—Corporal Thomas E. Barnett. The act cost Griswold his life. And sadly, Barnett died just eight days later, October 7, 1918, of pneumonia in Hericourt, France. The bodies of both soldiers were returned to their native Adair County and buried in the Yarrow Cemetery.

90 Years Ago,
November 28, 1934

Kirksville was experiencing a gas war that had lasted for several months. The gasoline price war brought a 40 percent increase in retail gas sales in Kirksville according to service station operators. With prices ranging as low as six cents per gallon and not higher than thirteen cents, customers were coming to Kirksville from neighboring small towns to the extent that some stations employers in the surrounding towns are laying off employees because of decreased business. It was reported that gas distributors were los-



ing as much as six cents a gallon. Service station operators were pondering the situation and wondering how long it would last. Some people were purchasing large gas tanks of their own in which to store the cheap gas. Some gas stations in surrounding small towns were sending tank trucks to Kirksville to buy the six cent per gallon gas and taking it back to their stations to sell.

90 Years Ago,
November 30, 1934

On Thanksgiving night, a 13-inch heavy wet snow accompanied by howling winds shut down all of Kirksville's communication with the outside world. For hours telephone service was disrupted, highways blocked, and trains delayed. The snow was so wet that it melted from the bottom resulting in slush that went well over shoe tops as downtown merchants made their way to open their stores if they could even get to them.

85 Years Ago,
November 22, 1939

George Fellers, paint and wallpaper dealer in Kirksville for twenty-six years, announced the sale of his store at the corner of Washington and Marion Streets to his son-in-law, Walter Beard. At age 70 he planned to retire. His retirement ended a business career of almost 50 years that began in Brashear. Born in the communal colony of Nineveh, now Connelville, Fellers moved with his parents to Brashear when the communal colony disbanded. As a young man in Brashear, he ran a drug store, owned and operated a telephone exchange, and at one time was postmaster. After twenty-two years in Brashear, he came to Kirksville where he opened a paint and wallpaper store. In 1927 Fellers moved the business to the Washington and Marion Street location which the Beard descendants continue to operate as Beard's Decorating Center.

65 Years Ago,
November 24, 1959

William Brannick of Kirksville shot himself in the foot when the .22 caliber rifle he was using accidentally discharged. Brannick was on the back porch of his Kirksville home about 2 a.m. hunting a rat that had been bothering the family. He thought he heard the rat and was rummaging through the porch when he shot himself in the foot.

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Donations still being sought for Hope's Kitchen fundraiser

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 Leszczynski started the volunteer effort.

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

To donate, people can bring money by or mail it to the Daily Express office, which located at 705 E. LaHarpe Street, #F. Money can also be mailed to ATSU (800 W. Jefferson Street), with "ATSU/Hope's Kitchen" in the address line. Donations are tax deductible.

With a minimum donation of \$1, donors can have their names published in each week's Daily Express fundraising summary, as well as in a giant Christmas card that will appear in the Dec. 23 Daily Express, so include your name, busi-



ness 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 include:

Dr. W. E. Stock and Mrs. W. E. Stock; Bob and Hilary Giovannini, David Giovannini and Annette Kenney; John Giovannini and Tinley Giovannini; Hunter Giovannini and Kernper; Andrew Giovannini, Beth and Bobby Poston, Dillon, Monika, Claire and Anna Poston; Travis and Angela Poston; Katy and Brayton Gaspie; Mary and Charles Giovannini; Mallory Jackson, Deborah Jackson; Roger J. Johnson, Connie J. Johnson, Patrick L. Johnson, David C. Johnson, Drennan J. Johnson, Tiffany Johnson, Natasha Johnson, Anna Johnson, In memory of Bettie L. Johnson and Lois Rice, Tatum Johnson; Brian Noe, Eva Jane Noe, In memory of Donny and Bill Noe; Mark and Susan Martin; Gene and Karen Croarkin; Wayne and Jane

Lovstuen; Gale and Mary Anne Gordon; Gaylene Jacobs and Pat Pulis.

Brad Beard, Betty Jay, Margaret King, 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 of Geraldine Mikel, Jon and Carolyn Schwartz, John, Kelli, Garrett, Grace and Grant Henry, Jerry and Sharon Bunch, Scott, Robin, Travis, Kelsey, Tyler VanWye, Bill and Marla Goring, Troy, Mardi and Mia Smith, Raymond Schwartz.

Total raised for this week: \$316.

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.



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

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

The 19th Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner was held at Hamilton Street Baptist Church in Kirksville on Thursday, Nov. 21. The meal consisted

of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, noodles, dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, and pumpkin pie with whipped topping. The dinner was sponsored by Chariton Valley Association, a partner of Center for Human Services.



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KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

5th Annual Holiday Marketplace

The 5th Annual Holiday Marketplace will be open at the Sue Ross Arts Center at 215 S. Franklin Street in Kirksville from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Sponsored by the Missouri Arts Council and the Kirksville Arts Association.

Kirksville city offices to close for Thanksgiving

The city of Kirksville wants to remind residents that City buildings will be closed next week in observance of Thanksgiving. All city offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29. The Kirksville Aquatic Center will be closed on Nov. 27, 28 and 29. The Nov. 27 closure is for maintenance in the locker rooms.

Breakfast with Santa tickets on sale now

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

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

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

Kirksville Parks and Recreation to host ice-skating rink

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

Driver examination stations to close for November holidays

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

Missouri Livestock Symposium

The opening assembly of the 25th annual Missouri Livestock Symposium Committee will be held on Friday, Dec. 6, at William Matthew Middle School, 1515 Cottage Grove in Kirksville. The hours are 4 to 10 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7. The symposium has an agricultural trade show open during the two days. There will be sessions on beef, horses, sheep, market goats, forages, stock dogs and farm succession planning. Multiple tracks go at the same time. 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. Details are on the internet at www.missourilivestock.com.

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

NEMO Fair Association presents "The Christmas Lane Lighting," located at 2700 E. Illinois Street in Kirksville. Businesses, organizations and individuals are invited to participate in this first annual event. The competition will be held at the NEMO Fair Campground and spots are \$20 each and can be secured by messaging from their Facebook page. Contestants will have from Nov. 30 to Dec. 6 at 4 p.m. to complete their display for judging. The public is invited to drive through The Christmas Lane Lighting display on Dec. 6-7 from 6-9 p.m. at \$5 per car, cash only.

MOSI (Missouri & Southern Iowa) Art Guild show

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

Missouri State Highway Patrol wants motorists to be safe this Thanksgiving holiday

By Missouri State Highway Patrol

Col. Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, reminds everyone there will be an increase in traffic over the Thanksgiving holiday. The Thanksgiving holiday is one of the busiest travel periods of the year, with Wednesday and Sunday afternoon/evenings being the most heavily traveled times. Drivers should expect more traffic and the possibility of delays throughout the weekend. Regardless of traffic patterns, safety should remain a priority.

The counting period for the 2024 Thanksgiving holiday weekend is from 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, to 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1. Troopers will be participat-

ing in Operation C.A.R.E., enforcing all traffic laws, and available to assist the public. Over the 2023 Thanksgiving holiday counting period, nine people were killed and 4,823 injured in 1,342 traffic crashes.

If you plan to travel over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, be sure your vehicle is in good condition, obey all traffic laws, and be sure everyone in your vehicle is wearing a seat belt or secured in the appropriate child safety seat for their size and age. Remember: Missouri is now a hands-free state and there is never a reason to speed, drive aggressively, or drive impaired.

The MoDOT Traveler Information Map can be a helpful tool while you are traveling. The map provides up-to-date information such as road closures, delays, construction zones, and alternative routes. You can download the app for free to your smart device or access it by using this link: <https://traveler.modot.org/map/index.html>.

If being on or near the water is part of your Thanksgiving holiday weekend plans, remember that the water is becoming colder and hypothermia is a concern. The body loses heat 25 times faster in water than in the air of the same temperature. The proper use of life jackets is imperative.



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Martin eager for regular season play to arrive

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

Kirksville boys' basketball coach Tyler Martin is excited for his team to finally be playing against someone aside from itself, especially after so many of his players were down-trodden with the way the Tigers' football and soccer seasons ended.

By the time of this publication, the Tigers will have opened versus Highland on Tuesday night, and Kirksville brings back a lot of its weapons from a season in which it went 17-9 before getting bounced in the second round of Class 4 District 8 play to eventual quarterfinalist Mexico.

Martin said that his team's depth is going to be

its biggest strength – it's just a matter of getting into regular season play and seeing other opposition rather than seeing one another every day.

"To be honest with you, we have some ideas of how our rotations will work out, but that's just the challenge of all of it," Martin said. "Some of these kids have grown and matured, and one thing I'm really excited about is that they're all a year smarter."

The Tigers bring back four of the six players who appeared in at least 25 of their 26 games last season, losing size with the loss of Justin McKim who attempted more field goals than anyone on the team behind now-senior Cole Kelly. Gavin Pike is also

lost to graduation, and he was the only Tiger averaging better than 50 percent from the field, converting 115 of his 220 attempts.

As far as a big man that he believes will be an on-court extension of the coaching staff, Martin said that he is specifically excited to see what junior Kyle White will be able to do to keep his team steadfast.

"You have to go slow to go fast, and that's difficult to explain to these kids at times," Martin said. "(Kyle) kind of gets that, and he gets others to buy into it.

"If we're going to win a bunch of games, we have to play our type of game. Fortunately, I feel like we have a lot of chemistry types of guys, so we'll just see what some of those rota-

tions play out to be."

Martin also specifically mentioned seniors Sam Snyder and Carter Pinkerton as guys who he trusts will step up into expanded roles.

After traveling to Highland, the Tigers host South Shelby on Dec. 3 and travel to Macon two nights later. They finish up with Clarence Cannon Conference opponents hosting Clark County on Dec. 10.

"Early season against those Clarence Cannon teams, I like the schedule because of course you want to be in your best form when the season begins, but you just have to see," Martin said. "They'll roll out their best five every night, and it'll be huge toward seeing what we've got."



Kirksville boys' basketball coach Tyler Martin gives his team instruction at the end of a practice last week. Martin's Tigers were 17-9 last season and return many of the team's key pieces. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS



Bulldog quarterback Dylan Hair finds senior tight end Chris Kerr open in the sophomore's conference Player of the Week performance against Southwest Baptist. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

Hair earns first superlative of career as GLVC Offensive Player of the Week

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

With a six-touchdown, 277 yard passing performance against Southwest Baptist last Saturday at Stokes Stadium in Truman's final regular season game, sophomore quarterback Dylan Hair locked up his first career conference honors.

He finished with 18 completions on 23 attempts. Five of his six touchdowns were thrown in the first half, and after a third-quarter touchdown with his team up 48-3, Hair had done enough and was removed from the game in favor of junior Bennett Ellsworth.

Hair finishes his regular season with 25 touchdowns to just five

interceptions and 2235 yards on 60 percent passing.

He also was second on the team behind Denim Cook with 607 yards rushing.

The Bulldogs, sitting at 7-4 and 6-2 in the GLVC, will complete their season on Dec. 7 with an appearance in the America's Crossroads Bowl versus Tiffin (Ohio) in Hobart, In.

Truman accepts Crossroads Bowl berth

By Truman Athletics

INDIANAPOLIS – Truman State football will square off with Tiffin (Ohio) in the 5th America's Crossroads Bowl on Saturday, December 7 at 1 p.m. in Hobart, Indiana.

The Bulldogs enter the bowl game with a 7-4 record and finished in second place in the Great Lakes Valley Conference with a 6-2 mark. They won the tie-breaker over Upper Iowa by virtue of their 26-23 win over the Peacocks on October 5th.

Tiffin finished the regular season 8-3 and was 7-2 in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference. They defeated #22 Findlay (Ohio) 37-14 in the season finale on Saturday and share one other common opponent with the Bulldogs: Wayne (Mich.) State, against which both teams hold victories. Findlay defeated Truman State 37-21 in Kirksville in the season opener on September 7th.

It will be a rematch of the 2022 bowl game in which Truman State denied a two-point conversion with 46 seconds left to preserve a 28-27 win over the Dragons. The two schools played at each other's campus in 2021 and 2022 with both of those games coming down to the wire.

In 2021 at Tiffin, the Bulldogs trailed 35-17 and 35-24 heading into the fourth quarter and pulled to within five with a touchdown with 3:29 left to play. Truman State recovered the on-side kick and Cody Schrader capped off the comeback with a three-yard touchdown run with 26 seconds left.



Truman back Denim Cook rolls into the endzone in a win against Lincoln a handful of weeks ago. Truman enters the fifth America's Crossroads Bowl with a 7-4 record overall. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS FILE PHOTO

At Stokes in 2022 there were more dramatics. Grant Ross booted a 39-yard field goal with 50 seconds left to send the game into overtime tied at 10. After Tiffin scored a touchdown just two plays into the extra period, Shamar Griffith got the Bulldogs into the endzone on a six-yard run. Gambling for the two-point conversion, the first attempt saw a pass fall incomplete but the Dragons were flagged for holding. On the next try, Nolan Hair found Zach Zerwig at the near pylon for

the 18-17 Bulldog win.

The bowl game is a partnership between the Great Lakes Valley Conference, Great Midwest Athletic Conference, and the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority. The game started in 2019 with Truman State defeating Ohio Dominican in the inaugural event. The Bulldogs were champions of the first three America's Crossroads Bowl games. Last season, Ashland (Ohio) defeated McKendree (Ill.) for the GMAC's first win in the game.

Knights take pair from Brashear

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

Kirksville's home-school Knights, for MSHSAA purposes officially listed as North Mo. Knights HSA, took a pair of varsity victories from Brashear at the Tigers' place on Friday night.

The Knights' girls' team defeated the Tigers, 65-45, while the boys won 75-42.

By the time of this publication, Brashear will have traveled to Schuyler for a varsity doubleheader beginning at 6 p.m. on

Tuesday.

The losses count as official games played for Brashear. According to MSHSAA, North Mo. Knights HSA has not registered any further sanctioned activities on its end, and operates independently in an otherwise-governed interstate Home School Association (HSA).

However, by the time of this publication, the Knights will have played at Tri-County on Tuesday evening in a varsity doubleheader.

Truman State women fall to Washburn in unique home opener

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

The Truman women's basketball team fell to old MIAA foe in a non-conference game at Pershing Arena on Friday, 81-59. The game was played at 11 a.m. and Pershing hosted several hundred students from local schools as a "field trip" game of sorts with several hun-

dred students from local schools in attendance.

Friday marked the Bulldogs' third straight loss, and were considerably out-shot. The Ichabods were 55 percent from the field while the 'Dogs shot just 40 percent.

Jordan Cunningham and Molly Joyce combined for more than half of Truman's points with 18 and 12, respectively.

Bulldog women fall to Quincy on back end of home doubleheader, 85-76

By Truman Athletics

Jordan Cunningham set a career-high 26 points but a strong fourth quarter by the Quincy Hawks downed the Truman State Bulldogs 85-76 on Saturday night in Pershing Arena.

Truman State had their largest lead of the game midway through the third quarter at 50-42 but Quincy reeled them in and tied the game heading to the fourth frame at 60 each.

The Hawks shot a blistering 79% on 11-of-14 shooting with three triples in outpacing the Bulldogs 29-18 down the stretch. In the second half, Quincy was 7-of-9 from distance while Truman finished the game on a 1-of-12 slump from range.

Molly Joyce pulled Truman State to within seven at 83-76 with 43 seconds left then forced an errant pass to get the ball back. Joyce dialed from

distance but missed and Taylor Hasse gathered the rebounds. Quincy then worked the entire shot clock down before Joyce fouled Janice Dawson with only three seconds left.

Quincy won the glass 42-28 with 16 offensive rebounds and a 12-4 advantage on second chance points.

Cunningham bested her previous high of 19 points with 26 on the night, making 9-of-19 shots with two threes. Mallory Ott, making her first collegiate start scored a career-high 14 points. Joyce joined those two in double figures with 13.

Truman will look to get back on track when they travel to Springfield, Missouri for the Drury Thanksgiving Classic. The Bulldogs will play at 1 p.m. on both Tuesday and Wednesday against Newman (Kan.) and Arkansas-Fort Smith.

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 Bull-

dog defense remained strong in front of senior keeper Tatum 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 mus-

ter 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.

Northern Missouri Futbol Club shines at 3v3 Show-Me Games

By Northern Missouri Futbol Club

The Northern Missouri Futbol Club (NMFC) represented Kirksville and the surrounding communities at the 3v3 Show-Me Games held Nov. 16-17, at Missouri Soccer Park in Booneville. Competing against top teams from across the state, NMFC demonstrated exceptional skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Thirteen teams from NMFC participated in the tournament, earning an impressive haul of medals:

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For more information on NMFC and upcoming spring season registration, visit nmfc.soccer.



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Pictured with their conference champions plaque, left to right: Addy Davis (senior), Macy Nunan (senior), Payton Schempp (junior), and Coach Dana Boyer.

Lady Tigers golf team celebrates a stellar 2024 season

By Kirksville High School

The Kirksville High School girls' golf team wrapped up a successful 2024 season with much to celebrate. This year's team included seven returning players and four rookies. The team took first place at five of their 12 matches, including a first place finish at the North Central Missouri Conference Championship. Five of the girls earned All-Conference rankings: Payton Schempp (11th), Sophia Maag (6th), Lena Walston and Macy Nunan (tied for 3rd), and

Addy Davis (1st). Davis also made All-District with a 2nd place ranking, and All-State with a 5th place ranking.

In addition to their on-course achievements, three Lady Tigers were recognized for their academic excellence, earning Academic All-State honors: Lena Walston, Macy Nunan, and Addy Davis. To qualify, athletes must be a sophomore, junior, or senior. They must carry a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, or earn a minimum score of 25 on the ACT or 1200 on the SAT.

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Shearer's corner three-pointer seals game in back-and-forth donnybrook

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

Truman's second early-season, non-conference home victory of the season couldn't have come in more dramatic fashion against Northeastern State (Okla.) on Wednesday night. Coming off of a timeout with 15 seconds left to play and 11 seconds remain on the shot clock, senior guard Trey Shearer got the ball on the bench-side corner at Pershing Arena and knocked down the game's deciding three-pointer.

"We work on it, but a little luck involved and a little practiced involved - we'll take it," the graduate student smirked. It was one of Shearer's three three-pointers on the night on six attempts, and it came off of the last of Truman's 24 assists.

Northeastern State had just 10. Xavier Hall himself finished with 13 for the 'Dogs. Truman's identity will continue to be utilizing its guard play to find outlets.

Bulldog coach Jeff Horner acknowledged that 87 points was a lot to allow, but the full-court identity of his team won't change.

"Confidence is one of those things, and we got it from our leaders tonight," Horner said. "I thought we had a lot we can look back on as a team defense tonight, but I thought we did enough to win."

"We just have to be a little better and the sky's the limit."

The bench came unglued as the officials gathered to check the time remaining, and Northeastern eventually got the ball on its own baseline. The RiverHawks got the ball across half court before calling timeout with 2.2 seconds remaining.

Northeastern's shot as time expired was contested, perhaps tipped, and didn't make it to the rim.

Truman finished with 24 assists to Northeastern State's 10.

The two teams tied nine times and exchanged leads 10 times, and most of those occurrences came after the under-12 media timeout in the second half from the time the Bulldogs and RiverHawks were tied at 59-apiece.

The Bulldogs led 43-34 at the half.

Truman held the lead for 32:25, and seemingly took the lead back every time it needed it in the second half, but never held a lead greater than 69-65 after the game had been tied.

Brennan Lovette scored 16 points on nine attempts for a game-high. Matt Haefner had 14, Landon Eiland had 12, and both Shearer and Isaiah Reams posted 11. Hall had nine points and four boards



Truman grad senior Trey Shearer lifts his team to a 90-87 victory over Northeastern State (Okla.) with a corner three with a little over three seconds remaining in the game when the shot dropped. PHOTOS BY HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

to go with his 13 rebounds.

Eiland led the team with nine rebounds.

"(Hall) is a lot of that toward opening things up and finding the opening guy

when we need it," Horner said. "We had guys getting the ball back for us late. We're unselfish and we don't care who scores, and that's encouraging."



Matt Haefner gets his sideline electrified with a full-court assist off of a loose ball from Xavier Hall on Wednesday night.

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**LEGAL NOTICE
ADAIR COUNTY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FILING**

The Adair County R-II (Brashear) School District encourages qualified persons interested in running for a position on the School Board to file to be a candidate in the April 8, 2025 general municipal election. Interested persons may file at the superintendent's office located at 205 West Dewey Street, Brashear, Missouri. For more information contact Cody Moore, Superintendent at 660-323-5272.

Filing will begin on December 10, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. and will continue during the district's regular business hours, which are Tuesday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Except for the first and last day of filing, filing will not occur on days that the school district's office is closed due to inclement weather. Filing will also not occur December 24 through December 27, 2024 due to the district's office being closed for the holidays. On December 31 the office will be open from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Filing will end on December 31, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

There are two positions available with three-year terms.

**LEGAL NOTICE
Kirksville R-III School District
Notice of School Board Candidate Filing**

The Kirksville R-III School District encourages qualified persons interested in running for a position on the School Board to file to be a candidate in the April 8, 2025, election. Interested persons may file at the Superintendent's Office located at 1901 East Hamilton Street, Kirksville, Missouri. For more information contact Mr. Robert Webb, Superintendent at 660-665-8658.

Filing will begin on December 10, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. and will continue during the district's regular business hours, which are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 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: December 25, 2024. Filing will end on December 31, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Publication Dates: November 13, 20, 27, and December 4, 2024
Newspaper: Kirksville Daily Express 732442tr

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE KIRKSVILLE CITY
COUNCIL REGARDING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE
CITY OF KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI**

Notice is hereby given that the Kirksville City Council will conduct a public hearing with the first public reading of the 2025 Budget on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm in City Hall Council Chambers. This budget is preliminary and not considered a finalized document until the Kirksville City Council has given final approval at the December 16, 2024 City Council meeting.

Any revisions that are made as a result of or after the December 2, 2024 first public reading will be incorporated into the budget presented on December 16, 2024.

The proposed budget is available for review in the office of the City Clerk or can be found in the Finance Department budget section under 2025 on the City's website at www.kirksville.gov.

Notice of Nondiscrimination:
All persons within the City of Kirksville are free and equal and shall be entitled to the following equal use and enjoyment within the city at any place of public accommodation without discrimination or segregation on account of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender, gender identity, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation or on any other basis that would be in violation of any applicable federal, state, or local law.

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, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI

Case Number: 24AR-CV00734
(Date File Stamp)
n Re: The Marriage of:
JENNIFER ANN LAFFEY and MARK AARON LAFFEY.
JENNIFER ANN LAFFEY, Petitioner,
v.
MARK AARON LAFFEY, Respondent.

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to: MARK AARON LAFFEY, who is interested in the subject matter, address unknown. You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Adair, Missouri, the subject and general nature of which is: Dissolution. The name of all parties to said action are: Jennifer Ann Laffey, 1403 East Jefferson Street, Kirksville, MO 63501, and as attorney of record, Leslie J. Silvernail, Silvernail Law Firm LLC, 803 South Baltimore Street, Kirksville, MO 63501, 660-956-0997. You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the date of first publication of notice which occurred on the 13th day of November, 2024, judgment by default will be rendered against you. It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to the law in the Kirksville Daily Express, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Adair, State of Missouri.

A true copy from the record
Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 4th day of November, 2024.

Martha Cole
Adair County Circuit Clerk
PUBLICATION DATES: 11-13-2024, 11-20-2024, 11-27-2024, 12-4-2024.

IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: Case Number: 24AR-PR00108
PROBATE
In the Estate of EUGENE DWAIN AUSTIN SR, Deceased.

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of EUGENE DWAIN AUSTIN SR, Decedent:
On November 7, 2024, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of EUGENE DWAIN AUSTIN SR, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.
The personal representative's business address is:
Eugene Dwaine Austin Jr., 108 Baker Street, Villa Ridge, Missouri, 63089
The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.
The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:
Joshua P. Fay, 406 Walker Street, Macon, Missouri, 63552, 660-395-3950

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

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.
Publication Dates: 11-13-2024, 11-20-2024, 11-27-2024, 12-4-2024

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Notice

Election of three (3) members of the Board of Trustees for the Adair County Health Department, 1001 South Jamison, Kirksville, MO 63501, at the municipal election, April 8, 2025.

Each elected member will serve four (4) years beginning April, 28, 2025. Candidates shall meet the following qualifications:

- A. A citizen of the United States
- B. A registered voter of Adair County
- C. Shall have no interest, either directly or indirectly in the purchase of any supplies for the Adair County Health Department.

Interested candidates shall file a Declaration of Candidacy with the Adair County Clerk between Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 8:00 a.m., and Tuesday, December 31, 2024 (Filing closes at 5:00 p.m.)

November 22nd, 2024

**INVITATION TO BID
Kirksville R-III School District
BID #24-02
Kirksville Highschool Abatement Package**

Notice is hereby given that the Kirksville R-III School District will receive sealed bids clearly marked "Bid #24-02 Kirksville R-III Highschool Abatement Package" on or before 2:00 P.M. CDT, Wednesday, December 11th, 2024 at Kirksville R-III School District, Attn: Tricia Reger, 1901 E. Hamilton, Kirksville, MO 63501. There will be a public opening of the bids immediately following at the Kirksville R-III School District board room. Documents will be available November 20th, requesting from the Owners Representative, Navigate Building Solutions, Matt Nigh, at matt@navigatebuildingsolutions.com.

There will be one (1) bid package associated with this bid. Please reference the detailed scope of work narrative provided in the bid documents.

Prospective contractors are highly encouraged to attend the pre-bid meeting that will be held on Wednesday, December 4th, at 2:00pm CDT at the Kirksville Highschool Site, 1300 South Cottage Grove, Kirksville, MO 63501.

The School District reserves the right to reject any and all submittals, or to advertise for new submittals if deemed necessary.

City of Novinger NOTICE OF FILING

Notice is hereby given that the following positions are to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held on April 8, 2025

- 1. Mayor-two year term
- 2. Two Alderpersons-two year terms

Opening date for filing is December 10, 2024
Closing date for filing is December 31, 2024 at 5:00pm
Candidates must be at least 21 years old, a US Citizen, a resident of the city for one year prior to the election, a registered voter, must be current on all city, local, and state taxes and must not owe the city for any service provided.

Please call 660-216-9926 to make arrangements to file
Lisa Rhoads
City Clerk
RSMo 115.127

The Adair County R-1 School District (Novinger) encourages qualified persons interested in running for a position on the School Board to file to be a candidate in the April 8, 2025 election.

Interested persons may file at the Superintendent's Office located at 600 Rombauer Avenue, Novinger.

For more information, please contact Robin Daniels at 660-234-9193.

Filing will begin on **December 10, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.** and will continue during the district's regular business hours, which are **Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.**

Except for the first and last day of filing, filing will not occur on days that the school district's offices are closed due to inclement weather. Filing will also not occur on the following holidays and breaks when the school district's offices are closed: December 23, 2024 through January 3, 2025, with the exception of December 31, 2024. Filing will end on December 31, 2024. The district hours on December 31, 2024 will be 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

There are two positions available with three year terms.
Melissa Rodman, Board Secretary

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Self-storage Unit contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold via online auction by Smartlock Self Storage@ - Kirksville 2104 S Baltimore St, Kirksville, MO, 63501 to satisfy a lien on Nov 21, 2024 at approx. 11AM online at: www.Lockerfox.com Rayna Simonton.

Kirksville Area Technical Center is accepting bids for KATC Agriculture Kitchen Remodel to be completed at 1103 South Cottage Grove.

Prospective bidders can view the project and plans by contacting the school.

For further information, please call Jesse Wolf at 660-665-2865.

Sealed bids must be submitted to

Kirksville Area Technical Center, 1103 S. Cottage Grove, Kirksville, MO 63501 prior to 12:00 PM, Monday, December 16, 2024.

The Kirksville R-III School District and Kirksville Area Technical Center reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Notice of Filing City of Brashear 2025 Municipal Election

Notice is hereby given that the following positions is to be filled at the general municipal election to be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025:

- Mayor-two year term.
- Two Alderpersons-two year terms,

Opening date for filing: December 10, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. Closing date for filing: December 31, 2024 at 5:00 p.m..

A candidate must be at least 21 years of age, a U.S. citizen and a resident of the city for one year prior to the election, a registered voter, must have paid all city taxes, and must not owe the city for any service provided (including water & sewer).

Names of candidates shall be listed on the ballot in the order in which they are filed with the City Clerk.

Those interested may make arrangements to file at City Hall. Please call (660) 323-5575.

Angie McKim, City Clerk

CROSSWORD

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ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 266

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Drive stuffed, not distracted: MoDOT urges extra caution for Thanksgiving travelers

By MoDOT

JEFFERSON CITY – As Missourians plan to hit the road to spend Thanksgiving with loved ones, the Missouri Department of Transportation is urging drivers to be cautious, patient and use good judgment behind the wheel. Impaired driving, distracted driving, excessive speeds, and increased traffic are just a few of the concerns that can accompany holiday travel.

Motorists should expect heavy traffic volumes on interstates and major roads for the holiday especially on the day before Thanksgiving and the Sunday after. All work zones with extra lane closures will stop at noon on the day before Thanksgiving through 6 a.m. the day after. Typically, construction contracts don't work through the entire holiday weekend. All motorists should buckle up themselves and all passengers and

the driver should put their phone down to avoid distractions.

The night before Thanksgiving, sometimes referred to as Blackout Wednesday, has become a popular night for outings at bars, which can result in a potential increase of impaired driving. Additionally, speed and distraction present significant concerns, especially with increased traffic volumes over the holiday. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, from 2019 to 2023, 53 people died in crashes during the Thanksgiving holiday period.

This year, MoDOT is hoping a combination of public awareness, enforcement, and promotion of sober rides will be successful in eliminating traffic fatalities during the holiday. With the number of statewide traffic fatalities being more than 800 for the year, MoDOT is urging motorists to be vigilant, buckle up, obey posted speed limits and never drive impaired or distracted.

"Tragedies like these are almost always preventable, and there are simple actions everyone can take to prevent them," said Jon Nelson, State Highway Safety and Traffic Engineer. "Buckle up, put down your phone, slow down, and never drive impaired. If we all commit to these four actions every day, we can all enjoy a Thanksgiving holiday with zero traffic fatalities."

Drivers can avoid putting themselves and other road users at risk by planning ahead. Schedule a ride-share in advance or call a taxi, have a designated driver, or use public transportation. If you see a friend who is about to drink and drive, take their keys and find a sober driver that can get them home safely.

Drivers can stay informed of road conditions and delays on MoDOT's Traveler Information Map at traveler.modot.org, also available as a free mobile app for Apple and Android devices.

Upcoming Northern Missouri road work

By MoDOT

The following is a list of general highway maintenance work the Missouri Department of Transportation has planned in the Northern Missouri region for the next few weeks. All road closures and planned roadwork may be viewed on the Traveler Information Map at <http://traveler.modot.org/map/>. 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. 25-27, Closed for culvert replacement operations from Mariner Street to Laredo 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 January 2025.


Putnam County Route U now open.

The Putnam County Route U bridge over East Locust Creek, located just south of Iowa, is now open following a rehabilitation project through the Northwest Bridge Bundle Project. The bridge reopened on Friday, Nov. 15.

Sullivan County

Route OO – Closed for multiple culvert replacements from Route BB to Route O, Nov. 25-26, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

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9:00 a.m. Sunday School Faith
10:15 a.m. Worship Service Faith
10:00 p.m. Issues, Etc. 107.9 KLTE
www.faithkirkville.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

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 100 Pfeiffer Rd.
 Curtis Ferguson, Pastor
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
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rbchurch.net • 660-665-7577

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 201 S. High at McPherson
 Communion 1st Sunday
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 110 Pfeiffer Ave.
 Elders/Pastors: Dan Green, Dean Hansen
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11 a.m. Worship
Weds 6:30p.m. Bible Study
www.kvcc.org

First Baptist Church
 207 E. Washington
 Jason Marlin, Pastor
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10:45 a.m. Worship & Kidz Worship
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 1602 E. Illinois
 Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship

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 1010 W. Burton
 Pastor: Aaron Rodgers
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Preaching
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 2900 S. Halliburton
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10:00 a.m. Sunday Services

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Union Temple Church Southwest of Kirkville
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Sugar Creek Baptist Church
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Hazel Creek Primitive Baptist Church
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 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
11:00 a.m. Preaching

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

Life Church of Kirkville
 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 Kirkville, MO
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www.cornerstonechurch.faith

Countryside Christian Church
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9:00 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Bible Study
www.countrysidekv.com

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 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
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 2401 S. High St., Kirkville
 Shawn Meintz, Pastor
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10:40 a.m. Worship Wednesdays:
6:30 p.m. Family Night
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First Liberty Full Gospel
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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
 Timothy Polley, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

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

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

Seventh Day Adventist Church
 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.
 712-541-4675

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

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

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

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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
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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, Kirkville
 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 Kirkville on Rt. T
 Marvin Cross, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Kid's Klub/Youth Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship.

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

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

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

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

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

Bible Missionary Church
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11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

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

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

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

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 1004 W. Gardner
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5:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Queen City First Baptist Church
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10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Schuyler County Church of Faith
 Highway 136 East, Lancaster
 Sonny Smysler, 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

NEMO Senior Citizens Services awarded funding to conduct vaccination promotion activities

By NEMO Senior Citizens Services

NEMO Senior Citizens Services announced that it has received funding from the USAging-led Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative to conduct activities that will connect older adults and people with disabilities to Covid-19 and flu vaccines. Led by USAging and funded by the U.S. Administration for Community Living, the Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative grants are helping communities stay healthy by targeting older adults and people with disabilities, particularly those from historically marginalized and underserved communities in which vaccination rates are low. As part of its grant, NEMO Senior Citizens Services will be scheduling a flu clinic. "This funding will enable NEMO Senior Citizens Services to vaccinate our most vulnerable population in our community and create mean-

ingful impact quality of life and well-being," said Teresa Ross, executive director, NEMO Senior Citizen Services. "This grant money helps to bring to the forefront the concerns of our aging community."

"Our 100 Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative grantees have hit the ground running," said Sandy Markwood, CEO of USAging, which leads the Collaborative. "The funding we have received from the U.S. Administration for Community Living will enable us to make significant strides to increase the number of older adults and people with disabilities who are vaccinated."

With these resources, USAging anticipates funding more than 200 communities and vaccinating more than two million older adults and people with disabilities. These vaccination uptake efforts are lifesaving for the older adults and people with disabilities who research has shown are the most vulnerable to death

and severe illness from Covid-19 and the flu."

NEMO Senior Citizens Services and other Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative grantees expect to deliver vaccines to more than 110,000 older adults and people with disabilities while providing more than 130,000 supportive services over the duration of their grants. The grant period will span the summer months and the fall and winter, as well as the Medicare Open Enrollment period, a time when older adults are encouraged to ensure they are up to date on vaccinations such as shingles, pneumonia and others.

Applications will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis until funding is expended. Organizations interested in grants can learn more at www.usaging.org/ADVC.

About NEMO Senior Citizens Services

Their Mission is to provide social, recreational, and life-supporting

services that enable seniors and adults with disability to maintain their independence and remain in their homes for as long as safely possible. For more information, visit: www.nemoscs.org

About the Aging & Disability Vaccination Collaborative

Led by USAging and funded by the U.S. Administration for Community Living, the Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative will distribute funding to enable organizations across the aging and disability networks to perform an array of vaccination promotion activities. Organizations selected for funding will host community vaccine clinics, provide in-home vaccinations, provide transportation to vaccination sites, and will conduct outreach and education to older adults and people with disabilities among other activities. Learn more at: www.usaging.org/advc.



Adair County Route A now open to traffic upon completion of bridge replacement

By MoDOT

HANNIBAL - The bridge replacement project on Adair County Route A, over North Fork South Fabius River, located 1.2 miles west of Route J near Willmathsville, has been completed and opened to traffic on Nov. 19. Capital Paving & Construction, LLC was awarded the contract this summer in the amount of \$1.3M. For more information on this and other projects in your area, contact MoDOT's Customer Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK MODOT (275-6636).

Status update from the city of Kirksville on Rieger Armory

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville updated residents on the status of the Rieger Armory. The building belongs to the Kirksville R-III School District and in 2021, before the state of Missouri divested from the armory, the city entered into a lease agreement with the state to use the building. The city entered into a similar agreement with the school district for the last two years while the district discussed its plans for the building.

At its Sept. 25 work session, the Kirksville R-III School Board approved a request for realty services to sell the property. The city of Kirksville won't be using the building after Dec. 31. Any events scheduled there between now and then will still happen as planned.

City officials offered thanks to residents and lo-

cal organizations who used the building in recent years for celebrations, birthday parties and other events.

Instead of pursuing purchasing the armory, the city will put those resources into the community center project

planned along Industrial Road and Highway 6. That includes funds allocated from Kirk's Capital Improvement

Campaign. City officials say they look forward to making that space available for a wide range of community events.

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Turkey triumph: Master the perfect Thanksgiving bird

By University of Missouri Extension

INDEPENDENCE — Don't be intimidated by the prospect of cooking a big Thanksgiving turkey. It's not that difficult, even for novice cooks, says a University of Missouri Extension nutrition specialist.

First, make sure you have enough bird, says Tammy Roberts. If you're hosting a large group, get at least one pound of whole turkey per person, especially if you want leftovers. If you don't want leftovers or are cooking a turkey breast, buy three quarter pounds of turkey per person.

If you buy a frozen turkey, make sure to allow enough time for it to thaw out. To deter microbial growth, thaw in the refrigerator or in cold water, not on the kitchen counter. Allow one day of thawing in the refrigerator

for every five pounds of turkey. To thaw in cold water, completely submerge the wrapped turkey in cold water and change the water every 30 minutes so the outer layer of turkey won't get too warm. This method requires about 30 minutes of thawing for every pound of turkey.

Be sure to clean and sanitize the sink after removing the turkey. But don't rinse turkey and other meats before cooking. That only spreads those germs around the sink, which can cross-contaminate other foods. Any bacteria that might be rinsed off the surface of the turkey would be easily killed by cooking in the oven.

"We don't recommend stuffing the turkey," Roberts says. It's safer to cook the stuffing outside the turkey in a casserole dish. That's because it takes stuffing a long time to reach



a safe internal temperature when cooked inside the cavity of the bird. Roberts says more people get sick whenever the turkey is stuffed with stuffing.

Once it's ready for the oven, put the turkey breast side up on a rack in a shallow pan. Using a rack lets the drippings fall below the turkey and will help to evenly distribute the heat around the bird, Roberts says.

Then grab a meat thermometer. "Place the meat

thermometer in the thickest part of the breast or the thickest part of the thigh," she says. Make sure the thermometer is not touching bone. The temperature of the bone will go up faster than the meat.

Set the oven for 325 degrees. An 8- to 12-pound unstuffed turkey will take about 2 3/4 to 3 hours to cook. To prevent over-browning, you might want to put aluminum foil over the turkey for the first half of the cook-

ing time. "Roast the turkey until the thermometer reaches a minimum of 165 degrees," she says.

Some turkeys in supermarkets are labeled "basted" or "self-basting." That means the meat has been injected with something to make it flavorful and moist, Roberts says, adding that you might instead want to do that yourself with butter, oil, broth or spices.

But there's no need to baste while the turkey is cooking. The image of Mom lovingly spooning the juices over the roasting turkey is a perfect Norman Rockwell picture, but it doesn't really add to the flavor.

"The liquid only penetrates about an eighth to a quarter of an inch, so it only makes a difference in the very top layer of the turkey," Roberts says.

There is one trick for a moister turkey: "Once

you take the turkey out of the oven, let it sit for 20 minutes," she says. "That allows for the even redistribution of the juices so they spread back through the turkey, and the whole turkey will be moist."

Leftovers

Refrigerate the turkey (with meat removed from the carcass) in shallow containers within two hours of cooking. If sending leftovers home with guests who will be traveling more than two hours, make sure leftovers are packed in a cooler with ice or cold packs.

Leftover turkey will keep in the fridge for three to four days, but gravy and stuffing will only keep for one or two days. You can also safely freeze leftovers, but use them within two to six months for best quality. Reheat leftovers to 165 degrees.

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Rotary Club of Kirkville Thousand Hills
Hospice of Northeast Missouri
Northeast Missouri AHCC
Protech

Mid-America Orthopedic & Spine Institute
Bill & Mary Kay Crnic
Adair County Historical Society
Cenveo
H&R Block
Flat Branch Home Loans

ON THE HORIZON

November 30 --Hometown Holidays
December 2-Estate Planning for Small Business Owners -with Jessica Rooks
December 5 - Ribbon Cutting at Begging to Stay
December 6 - Ribbon Cutting Elara Caring
December 12- Business After Hours at Alliant Bank

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