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City Council filing opens Dec. 10

By City of Kirksville

Filing for Kirksville City Council candidates begins Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 8 a.m. and continues through Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 5 p.m. You may file in the city clerk's office on the second floor at City Hall, 201 S. Frank-

lin Street, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24-25.

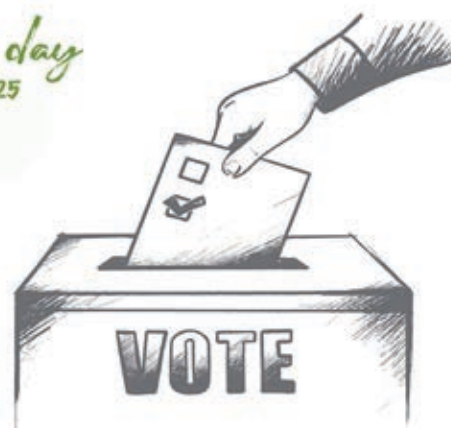
The Municipal Election for City Council will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025. There are two full, three-year terms available in the election.

To qualify, you must be 21 before taking office; a U.S. citizen; a resident of Kirksville for one year preceding the election; and a registered voter. Anyone found guilty of, or pled to, a felony does not qualify. Prior to filing, each person must complete an "Affi-

davit" with the Missouri Department of Revenue affirming that all state income, personal property, and real property taxes on their place of residence have been paid.

For more information, contact City Clerk Diane Albrecht at 660-627-1225.

Election day
April 8, 2025



Kirksville PD welcomes Greathouse as new officer

By Kirksville Police Department

The Kirksville Police Department announced the hiring of a new police officer, Trevor Greathouse, who was sworn in and began his duties with the patrol division of KPD on Oct. 25. Greathouse is a 2024 graduate of the Law Enforcement Training Institute. Greathouse is a Kirksville area native and comes from a farming background.



Last week to donate to Hope's Kitchen

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

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

Dec. 16 will be the last day you can make your donation to Kirksville's Hope's Kitchen, which continues strong into its 25th year of operation. 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, business or organization when you donate and include at least \$1 for each name you would like to see published.

Donors since the fundraiser began this year include:

James and Carroll Snyder; John and Eileen McConnell, David and Lynn Petre, Dawn and Delgean Burgin, Nicholas and Holly Bell, Curtis and Kira Burgin, Jacob Burgin, Sandi and Ron Darr, Grant Darr, Garrett Darr; In memory of Tom "T.K." Murphy, Carole Murphy, Alan and Sheila Hubbard, Austin and Alyssia Hubbard-Thompson, Degan Thompson, Korbin Thompson, Justin and Trinity Day, Brees Day, Colston Day; Lawrence and Louise Newman.

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Scotland County Hospital receives 2024 Rural Health Champion award

By Scotland County Hospital

Scotland County Hospital officials accepted the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) RURAL HEALTH CHAMPION award in Jefferson City on National Rural Health Day (Nov. 21). Meagan Weber, CEO; Chris Musgrove, Board Secretary; Carolyn Davies, Chief Financial Officer; and Cassie Beard, Chief Nursing Officer were in attendance at the awards program to receive the award.

Scotland County Hospital was nominated by a community member who explained the hospital has grown by adding family practice physicians and added new service lines and a full-time orthopedic surgeon. In addition, understanding the importance of keeping vital services close to home, the hospital purchased a 3D mammography and Dexa scan equipment, and increased availability of MRI from one half-day a week to one full day per week and extended clinical services in OB/Women's Health to Putnam and Sullivan County hospitals, to address the maternity desert in northern Missouri. Scotland County Hospital is one of the few Critical Access Hospitals that continue to provide labor and delivery services while providing quality care for mothers and babies.

Scotland County Hospital also recognizes the needs of both staff and community and expanded daycare to support staff and recently opened the daycare to community members to fill the great need for childcare in the area and implemented medical clubs in area high schools to allow students to shadow healthcare professionals and learn



Left to right: Aleesha Jones, Chief, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care; Meagan Weber, CEO Scotland County Hospital; Cassie Beard, CNO Scotland County Hospital; Chris Musgrove SCH Board Secretary; Carolyn Davies, CFO Scotland County Hospital and Pat Simmons, Division of Community & Public Health, Assistant Deputy Director.

about the different medical fields while they are still in high school.

"Scotland County Hospital's commitment to its patients and community is a direct representation of the definition of a Champion," hospital officials wrote in a press release. "The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is honored to celebrate the efforts of Missouri's rural health leaders, innovators and champions who are working to increase health equity, combat disparities, and keep our communities healthy."

Since 2011, the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health, the 50 State Offices of Rural Health, and rural health stakeholders from across the country have set aside the third Thursday of November to celebrate National Rural Health Day. This day promotes the "Power of Rural," which brings much-needed attention to the ongoing efforts to communicate, educate, collaborate, and innovate to improve the health of an estimated 57 million rural Americans.

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Kirksville Area Calendar of Events

Holiday Celebration Business After Hours

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual Holiday Business After Hours Celebration at Alliant Bank, 201 S. Baltimore Street in Kirksville on Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. Free food, drinks and music. Catering by Wooden Nickel and music by Randy Smith. Additional parking is available in Lincoln Square with a shuttle ride provided for guests.

Christmas Holiday Recital

A Christmas Holiday Recital will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 5-6 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 100 N. High Street, Kirksville. Admission is a non-perishable item(s) to benefit the Pantry for Adair County.

12th Annual Kirksville Community Christmas Dinner

The 12th Annual Kirksville Community Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 3-5 p.m. at the Kirksville Moose

Lodge, 2405 E. Illinois Street. Drive-thru only. Enter the line via the circle drive on the east side of the building. Do not exit the vehicle, they will come to you. Served until the food runs out.

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 p.m. 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.

5th Annual Holiday Marketplace

The 5th Annual Holiday Marketplace will be held 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, through Dec. 20. Sponsored by the Missouri Arts Council and the Kirks-

ville Arts Association.

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.

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.

Alumna to provide Truman State University commencement address

By Truman State University

Truman State University will celebrate its newest graduates during the fall commencement ceremony at 11 a.m. Dec. 14 in Pershing Arena.

Alumna Marjorie (Iwai) Maas ('02) will give the commencement address. Maas is the CEO of Share Good, an engagement partner for communities, foundations and nonprofits wanting to increase local philanthropic involvement. Its community platform brings local nonprofits together in one place and offers simple and creative ways for people to do good and engage with them.

Doors will open at 10 a.m. for guests. Tickets are not required to enter the arena. Seating is first come, first served. Guests are encouraged to use the main arena entrance on the west side of the building and to park in the parking lots on Franklin Street, directly west of Pershing Building



Marjorie Maas

and the General Services Building and south of Patterson Street. Guests needing handicapped parking may park on the east side of Pershing and enter the east entrance in order to utilize the elevator if needed.

A livestream of the ceremony will be available online for guests who are unable to attend in person. More information about the ceremony, including links to the livestream, can be found at truman.edu/registrar/commencement.

Hospice of Northeast Missouri facilitating ongoing support group around the grief of aging

By Hospice of
Northeast Missouri

Carrol Davenport, Hospice of Northeast Missouri's Spiritual Care & Bereavement coordinator, and Diane Johnson, Hospice volunteer and retired communication faculty at Truman State, are continuing to facilitate monthly meetings where participants explore dealing with getting older and experiencing the reality of "life is NOT what I thought it would be when I got to this point."



Many of us had lots of plans for those later years, but instead are dealing with physical issues that keep us from doing all the things we want to do," Hospice officials said in a press release.

All are welcome to attend this monthly support group that meets from 1-2 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the

Hospice of Northeast Missouri Conference Room (lower level of Alliant Bank) at 201 S. Baltimore Street in Kirksville. Future meetings are scheduled for Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, and March 18.

Hospice of Northeast Missouri, a service of Hannibal Regional, is a non-profit hospice that fo-

cuses on quality of life for people and their caregivers who are experiencing an advanced, life-limiting illness. Hospice of Northeast, a partner agency of the United Way of Northeast Missouri, serves Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby and Sullivan counties. Hospice of Northeast also provides grief support programs that are open to everyone and information about those grief programs are announced on our website at hospiceof-northeastmissouri.org.

ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE WELCOMES NEW MEMBER



At the Oct. 16 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, Club President Ruth Bowers inducted a new organizational member, Geneva Financial. Pictured from left are Elizabeth Gregory (Rotary sponsor), Stephanie Formhals and Angie Findling (member representatives) and President Bowers. ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE

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OBITUARIES

Chris Eugene Jones

Feb 19, 1953 – Oct 27, 2024

Chris Eugene Jones joined many of his dear family and friends in heaven on October 27, 2024 at the age of 71, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born February 19, 1953, in Kirksville, MO to Dorothy Louise (Robb) and Darrel Gene Jones, both preceding him in death, as well as his brother Dennis K. Jones.



Chris received his education in Kirksville and graduated with the Class of 1971. Chris developed a strong work ethic from a young age. He spent his youth working at his family's DX service station, sparking a lifelong passion for collecting DX signs. Over the years, Chris wore many hats. Truck driver, drywall finisher, farmer; but was most proud of his time as a Construction Trades teacher. In this role, he inspired young people both inside and outside the classroom. He also coached youth softball, encouraging and mentoring many along the way. His friendships were forged across these different chapters of life, from the students he taught to the buddies he met playing softball and working his chip and pop routes.

He answered to many names throughout his life—Bim, Bimbo, Jonesy, Bubba, Dr. J and Chris—but the one he loved most and was proudest of was Poppy. Known for his warm humor, captivating storytelling, and generous heart, Chris could light up a room with laughter, often through tales of his hunting adventures, outdoor pursuits, and time spent junking with Terri. Together, they found joy in antiquing and crafting displays of their "uniques and curiosities" at home.

In 2011, Chris retired from teaching and drywalling to spend more time doing what he loved: hunting, fishing, and enjoying the outdoors. These excursions were as much about friendship as they were about the game, and he cherished the time spent with his companions in the field. His bird dogs and the strays he took in also became beloved members of his family, filling his days with joy.

Though he didn't attend church regularly, Chris had faith in God and His creations. He shared this sense of wonder with his granddaughters, Abby and EmmyLee, instilling in them a love for the outdoors and teaching them the importance of stewardship. With Abby, he shared his passion for hunting, gifting her a pink BB gun and a purple camo .243 rifle to mark the start of their adventures. He carefully taught both girls gun safety, ensuring that every lesson, like every shot, was deliberate and meaningful. EmmyLee often joined him in hunting for Native American artifacts, combing ditches together with quiet determination. And when it came time for driving lessons, Poppy made sure to keep things fun as he taught the girls to drive the buggy, their laughter echoing across the fields and dirt roads surrounding the Jones property.

Chris found happiness in life's simple moments: mowing acres of grass in his flannel pajama pants, sitting on the back porch watching birds with Terri, or savoring a cup of Folgers coffee with a Marlboro Red cigarette and an old western on TV.

Chris is survived by his wife Terri, who was by his side for nearly 40 years (May 25, 1985); his children, BJ Richardson of Springfield, MO; Brittany Shaffer (Michael Hall) of Moscow Mills, MO; and Melissa (Dave) Salter of Ashland, MO; and his two granddaughters, Abigail Nicole Shaffer and Emma Lee Shaffer, his uncle Bob (Sharon) Jones, his aunt Laura Rachel Casey, his sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Though Chris's passing leaves a deep void, his warmth, humor, and love for life will live on in the many lives he touched. He taught his family how to face life's challenges with determination and grace, and his love of the outdoors will be remembered in every hunting trip, shared laugh, and quiet moment over black coffee. Those lucky enough to know Chris will carry his legacy forward, guided by the lessons he taught and the memories they shared.

Pallbearers will be Dannie Rhoads, Mark Louder, Dr. Garry Elam, Greg Murphy, Dennis Wilson, and Ronny Roof. Honorary pallbearers include Dick Gooch, Joel Shipman, Jim Miller, Bryan Collier, Marty Jones, and Tim Findling

Public visitation will be held Friday November 1, 2024 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville.

A funeral service for Chris will be held at 11am, Saturday November 2, under the direction of Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville, with Virgil Jones presiding. Burial will follow at Parkview Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 5-7pm on Friday, November 1st.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Jones Family Scholarship for a Career & Technical graduate, and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

Perry Truman Livingston

Aug 2, 1947 – Dec 6, 2024

Perry Truman Livingston, 77, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away peacefully on December 6, 2024 at his home with family by his side.



The son of the late Perry Eddie and Sylvia Annis (Stiles) Livingston, Truman was born on August 2, 1947, in LaPlata, Missouri. He was also preceded in death by four sisters: Marie Wellman, Ruth Sizemore, Violet Livingston, and Katherine Livingston. On November 22, 1969 in Quincy, Illinois, Truman was united in marriage to Judy Jeanette Truitt who preceded him in death on May 27, 2021. Together, they built a life full of love, laughter, and memories.

Truman is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Dustin and Sara

Livingston of Kirksville, MO; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer Kay Moore and husband Aaron of Joplin, MO and Christine Truitt and husband Eric of Kirksville, MO. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and their partners: Tanis Truitt and Bree Moreau of Humphreys, MO, Drake Truitt and Jessica McCamant of Kirksville, MO, Kitara Truitt and Kurtis Couch of Green Castle, MO, Jesse Moore, Lily Moore and Sophie Moore of Joplin, MO; Dade Livingston and Ember Livingston of Kirksville, MO; and Alexa Livingston and

Aubrey Livingston of Bevier, MO. Truman's legacy also includes nine great-grandchildren: Jaryah, Broxigar, Josie, Tucker, Addison, Wesley, Evelyn, Aspy, and Kohana.

Truman began working for his father at the young age of eight, learning the trades of drywall and painting. Truman was a graduate from Kirksville High School with the Class of 1965. Throughout his life, he worked in many industries, including pizza delivery, Donaldson's manufacturing, welding, carpentry, house building, and truck driving. A skilled and hardworking man, Truman was able to fix nearly anything that came his way. He retired in 2010 from driving for Gully Transportation, but remained a strong presence in his community. He loved Harley Davison motorcycles, and was a member of El Kadir Shrine Club.

A committed Christian, Truman devoted many years to serving in the churches where he worshiped. He was especially known for his work as a Royal Ranger leader, where he taught boys practical skills and instilled in them a strong sense of discipline and faith. In the final years of his life, Truman made a tremendous effort in spite of his ailments to worship and pray with old and new friends at Fellowship Baptist Church in Kirksville, MO. Most of all, Truman was deeply dedicated to his family, and his love for them was evident in everything he did.

Public visitation will be held on Friday, December 13 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville, MO.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 14 at 11:00 am at

Travis-Noe Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Gibson officiating. Interment will follow the service at Lutz Cemetery in Novinger, MO where Truman will be laid to rest alongside his beloved wife Judy.

Memorial donations in memory of Truman may be made to Lutz Cemetery and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

KITCHEN

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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: \$40.

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.

Rotary Club of Kirksville welcomes new members

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the October 23 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, Equity Bank, a new organizational member, was inducted by Ruth Bowers, club president. Tyler Miller, Commercial Lender, VP, is Equity's principal representative. Pictured from the left are Miller, Equity Bank Regional CEO Craig Dunn, and Bowers.



Angie Steele named MFA Oil manager for Unionville, Centerville

By MFA Oil

UNIONVILLE — MFA Oil Company announced the promotion of Angie Steele to plant manager for its Unionville, Mo., and Centerville, Iowa locations. In her new role, Steele will oversee the company's bulk fuel and propane operations, ensuring reliable service to the surrounding communities. Steele, born and raised in Unionville, has been a valued member of the MFA Oil team for the past 30 years, serving as a customer representative at the local office. Her deep community roots and decades of industry experience make her a natural fit for this leadership role.

"MFA Oil is committed to providing top-notch service to our customers, and Angie embodies that mission," said Barry Oden, MFA Oil District manager. "She's incredibly conscientious about caring for our customers and is well-known in the community. We are confident that under her leadership, our Unionville and Centerville operations will continue to thrive."

For Steele, this new position is a meaningful opportunity to give back to the community where she grew up.

"Unionville is home, and it's a privilege to lead our local operations," she said. "I'm committed to growing our services and strengthening the relationships we've built with our customers over the years."



Angie Steele

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ROBIN WRITES

Grinchy groceries

Every business in town is ready for your holiday shopping dollars. Even the grocery store you've visited all year long to buy mundane essentials—bread, toilet paper, dog food—has transformed itself into 'Santa's Factory Outlet of Edible Specials.'

No longer can you run in for a gallon of milk on the way home and expect to be in and out in a reasonable amount of time, because Christmas shopping is happening here, too.

In order to get to the dairy aisle, you must first face the Mile-High Christmas Cookie Display, the Wall of Holiday Baking Needs, the Poinsettia Jungle, and the Pushy Sample Lady with the Santa hat atop her head.

If you can make it past these obstacles, you will see the dairy doors straight ahead. Try not to look left or right; there are specials all around you. Their giant signs scream out messages like a park-bench soothsayer:

'NEED EXTRA SUGAR FOR THE HOLIDAYS?' 'DON'T FORGET THE EGGNOG!' 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY—WITH JACK DANIELS, YOU CAN.'

Pay no attention to the sounds coming from the speakers overhead. The seasonal melodies assaulting your ears contain subliminal messages of produce propaganda. Haven't you noticed?

'Salad Tonight. Salad Tonight. All on Sale...Priced Just Right.' 'We Wish You Would Buy Our Apples. We WISH You Would Buy Our Apples. We WISH You Would Buy Our Apples...Before They All Rot.'

After you grab your milk, you must again brave the aisles of the tired, hungry masses whose ultimate goal is to keep you from making a speedy exit.

The checkout lane is almost empty as you look toward it from aisle five. By the time you get there, seven bulging grocery carts are lined up at each register. Forget about self-checkout. They're the slowest of all, because there is inevitably a shopper who forgets how to scan, bag or pay.

Christmas cheer is not allowed in the checkout line. It's every shopper for himself. If you forgot something, you'll have to do without, because your spot is being watched and coveted by scores of shoppers throwing daggers of impatience at your back.

They're just waiting for you to cross that three-foot wide margin of qualification that shows you're truly in line. If you stumble too far to the left or right, thinking you can grab that last-minute item just out of reach, your spot is fair game for the person behind you. The one with the cart rammed firmly against your backside.



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH
ROBIN WRITES

This is the final test of your Yuletide stamina.

You're trapped in a line of weary, Christmas-bludgeoned people who hold debit cards clutched tightly to their growling stomachs. They're all working toward the same common goal...to get out of the store.

Don't smile, make small talk, or—God forbid—hum anything jolly. Onions and potatoes aren't as soft as snowballs when they are lobbed your way. Just wait quietly and stiffly, pay the red and green-smocked checker whatever he/she asks for and get that milk home.

I'm trying very hard to stay in a Holly Jolly frame of mind, but I'm afraid the only way I may be able to do that is to hole up in my house, order carryout, and give cash gifts. It's just too scary out there right now.

Maybe I should've bought that Jack Daniels.

Contact Robin at robinwrites@yahoo.com

HOME COUNTRY

December dreams

There is a nighttime sweetness and hope that hovers over us this time of year here at home. This is a time for summing up and looking ahead ... and a time for dreams.

And at night... ah, that's the time, isn't it? Outside it's dark, December dark, and we're inside and warm and cocooned up. The cold makes our world shrink, especially at night.

But we have our dreams.

For Janice Thomas, our art teacher at the high school, it's that painting she's planning. She makes starts at it, from time to time, but she's wise enough to know she isn't good enough to paint it yet. She paints other things well, but that one ... it has to be perfect. It will be the painting of a lifetime, she knows.

Doc will drift off to sleep tonight thinking about that new fly rod. He has half a dozen, of course, that will take about any weight line, and let him catch anything from mouse to moose. But even the most expensive rod isn't what he dreams of. This year, for Christmas, he's giving himself a rod-builder's jig, and he



SLIM RANDES
HOME COUNTRY

will make his own rod from a Sage blank. That will be the one. It will have his own wrappings and he'll put the ferrules on it himself. He'll be able to feel the fish breathe with this one. It will be true and wonderful and last forever.

For cowboy Steve, the December dream is always the same: staying in that little cabin. The one with a turret and a corral. And hearing ol' Snort happily eating out there in the corral. And exploring. Time enough to explore those mountains with Snort.

There is a nighttime sweetness and hope that hovers over us this time of year. Here's to dreams.

Brought to you by that marvelous stocking stuffer, Home Country (the book) on Amazon.com.

THE ROCKWOOD FILES

One line to remember

When life is far from fa-la-la-la-la



GWEN ROCKWOOD
THE ROCKWOOD FILES

If you're not feeling delightful this December — often called "the most wonderful time of the year" — you're not alone.

It's been a hard year for millions of people in many ways. You're not required to fall in line with the holly jolly hustle of the season.

But maybe these four simple words I read recently in a Katherine Center novel will give you the same surprising lift they gave me: "Sometimes things get better."

Simple, right? But if your brain, like mine, is hardwired to assume a worst-case scenario, that single sentence can feel like a revelation. Doom and gloom don't have to be the default position. When you allow for the possibility that things can get better, you realize that sometimes they really do.

To offer proof, here are three brief examples of things that got better.

It sucks in a good way: A scientist at King's College London bit into a peach, and the furry skin of the peach stuck to the roof of his mouth. He thought about the dental patients he'd seen over the years who struggled to wear dentures because they so often slipped out of place. (My dad hated his dentures so much that he "accidentally" left them in easy reach of his dog, who was all too eager to turn them into a thousand-dollar chew toy.)

Once the scientist got the peach skin unstuck from his mouth, he began studying the tiny suction cups found on octopus' tentacles — so strong they can anchor the creature to slippery rocks. Eventually, he and his team used a 3D printer to incorporate tiny suction cups into dentures, covering the plastic in a thin lining of keratin to create a stronger bond with the soft tissue of the human mouth. After testing, they found that the new design doubled the ability to keep dentures in place. That's a big win for literal stick-to-itiveness that could save the smiles of more than 300 million people around the world.

Low-flying ferry: If you visit Lake Tahoe at the end of 2025, you may see a strange boat hovering above the water. Soon, the United States will have its first "flying ferry" designed to take people and equipment across the 21-mile-long lake in half the time it would take to drive there. Produced in Sweden, the boat is called a Candela P-12, the first "hydrofiling electric ferry."

It looks like it's levitating above water because it has underwater wings that lift the boat's hull into the air. It can travel at up to 30 miles per hour, and its computer-controlled steering readjusts itself 100 times per second, creating a smoother ride and less seasickness for up to 300 passengers. Because the ferry runs on renewable energy, it doesn't need oil changes, has zero emissions, and is quiet enough to avoid stressing out the wildlife in and around the lake. Sounds better, right? (If you'd like a sneak peek at the country's first flying ferry, you can see a video on the FlyTahoe website. It's cool to see it in action.)

On a personal note: Late last year, my mother was diagnosed with cancer. By March of this year, she had two cancers — a colon tumor and bone marrow cancer (called Multiple Myeloma). Doctors found the second cancer while doing scans on the first. We had to make hard decisions about when and how much to treat each cancer. As you can imagine, my mind went to dark, scary places for much of this year.

But we did the homework to learn about what was happening. We had the tests. We talked to doctors and got second opinions. We did as much treatment as her body would accept, keeping in mind that her quality of life would always be more important than test results.

And then, two months ago, things got better. My 80-year-old force-of-nature mother is cancer-free again. No one is more surprised and thankful than we are. Like any family who has faced cancer, we know those unwelcome cancer cells could come back unannounced. We can't control that part.

But what we can do is enjoy this gift of remission, time, and good health. We can thank God for the incredible doctors, nurses, friends and family who have walked this path with us and help keep my mom in remission.

Plenty of terrible things happen to people, including us. But kindness, persistence, and innovation are ever present, too. They're the best reasons to remember that, even when circumstances feel devastating, sometimes things get better.

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PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

Impaired Driving Prevention Awareness

By Kirstyn Dietle,
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Welcome to the Public Health Corner: Impaired Driving Prevention Awareness

December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other impairing substances. As the holiday season brings celebrations and increased travel, this observance emphasizes the importance of making safe choices to prevent tragic and preventable accidents on the road.

The Impact of Impaired Driving

Impaired driving remains a significant public safety issue. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly 30 people in the United States die daily in crashes involving alcohol-impaired drivers, averaging one death every 50 minutes. Drug impairment, including prescription medications and illegal substances, also poses a growing threat, affecting reaction time, judgment, and coordination.

Holiday Celebrations and Increased Risks

The holiday season often sees an uptick in impaired driving incidents. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's,



parties and gatherings can lead to increased consumption of alcohol and other substances. However, it's essential to plan ahead to ensure a safe ride home for yourself and others.

Steps to Prevent Impaired Driving

Designate a Sober Driver: Always plan for a sober driver if you expect to consume alcohol or impairing substances. Check if your destination participates in programs like CHEERS, which provides free non-alcoholic beverages to designated drivers at participating establishments. Ensuring your outing includes this program can add an extra layer of safety and support for responsible choices.

Use Rideshare or Public Transit: Services like Uber, Lyft, or local transportation options can provide safe alternatives.

Host Responsibly: If hosting a gathering, offer non-alcoholic beverages and ensure guests have safe transportation.

Speak Up: Don't let friends or family members drive while impaired. Offer them a ride or help arrange alternative transportation.

Be Vigilant: If you suspect someone on the road is driving impaired, keep your distance and contact local law enforcement.

Youth and Prevention Efforts

National Impaired Driving Prevention Month also highlights the importance of educating young people about the risks of impaired driving. Parents, schools, and community organizations play a vital role in teaching teens about safe driving habits and the consequences of impaired driving.

Be Part of the Solution

Every person has a role to play in reducing impaired driving. By making responsible choices and encouraging others to do the same, we can save lives and prevent heartbreak in our communities.

This December, let's honor National Impaired Driving Prevention Month by committing to safe driving practices. Together, we can make the roads safer for everyone during the holiday season and beyond.

POETRY CORNER

Helping Others

How many times... do you find yourself dreaming... of your wants and your needs and your desires?

Places to travel... a brand new car... more money than you can hope to acquire?

But at the end of the day... you'll never be happy... if all you do is think only of you,

Happiness is found... by helping others... helping others will make your spirit feel new.

— Daniel D. Donovan



TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

115 Years Ago, December 8, 1909

As the harsh winter weather set in, Adair County rural mail carriers were forced to endure all kinds of weather and road conditions. One day the country roads would be so muddy that a vehicle could not get through them, and the next day they might be so frozen and rough that not even a horse could walk over them. The recent sudden freeze earlier in the week made the roads impassable as the mud had a frozen crust on top of it so that neither vehicle nor horse could get over them. E. A. Rice, who carried the mail out of Kirksville on Route 6 west of town, was determined to make his mail route. He shouldered his mail pouch and set out on foot. His route was about twenty-seven miles long and he carried the mail for about one hundred families. He reported that he had some trouble in crossing Big Creek. He was forced to walk several miles out of his way to avoid the treacherous fords. In doing so he missed several of his patrons. Adair County farmers realized the hazards that the rural carriers encountered, and they did everything they could to help them accomplish their duties in delivering the mail.

115 Years Ago, December 9, 1909

The Friedman-Shelby shoe factory in Kirksville was over 200,000 pairs of shoes behind with their orders according to company executives who had been inspecting the factory for a few days. The executives stated they were well pleased with the way the factory was working, but they were greatly handicapped for lack of girls and women in the fitting departments. The vice-president of the company stated: "We could easily work six hundred people here now if we could only get them. Our factory is greatly behind with its orders. We can make this a great factory if we can get the people to work for us." At the time there were 275 men and women working in the factory. The shoe factory paid out about \$2,000 in weekly salaries to its employees.

115 Years Ago, December 14, 1909

James D. Smith, who was arrested a few weeks previously for the illegal sale of liquor and who escaped from the courtroom while the constable was hunting for the Justice of the Peace Lindsay, was fined \$1,200 after his plea of guilty. In default of payment of the fine, Smith was confined to jail. Smith was recaptured near his former home in Novinger after he had dropped out of sight of authorities for two or three months. Smith's escape was an amusing one. He was taken to Justice Lindsay's courtroom by Constable Frank Parrish. Justice Lindsay was briefly out of the room and the constable went to find him. In the meantime, the justice returned to the courtroom before Constable Parrish found him. The justice thought Smith was a casual visitor in the courtroom and thought nothing of it when Smith stood up and walked out of the courtroom. Constable Parrish walked back in the courtroom just seconds after Smith disappeared. He and Justice Lindsay looked out the courtroom window just in time to see Smith vanish around the corner of the courthouse.

105 Years Ago, December 10, 1919

Thermometers in Kirksville capped the coldest temperatures of the year as readings read from minus 12 to minus 15 degrees. The year 1919 seemed to be out to make a new record for cold. The extremely cold weather came during a national coal strike that added to the extreme hardship that residents were forced to endure. Weather records had been



kept in Kirksville for the past 31 years, and they revealed that in the year 1919 temperatures averages neared the coldest on record. The record low for a single day in December 1919 did not nearly equal the record lows set in December 1909 and 1916 when the temperature dropped to minus 29.

105 Years Ago, December 15, 1919

December 15, 1919, marked the end of Connelssville, Missouri as a post office. It was only a few years earlier that Connelssville, located near the site of the old Nineveh communal colony, was a hustling and thriving mining town of more than 1,000 population. Connelssville was organized in 1904 and grew rapidly, attaining its greatest growth prior to the 1910 U.S. Census. With its post office gone the town and area served by the Connelssville postal service would become part of Rural Route One out of Novinger. As the coal mines ceased production in the Connelssville area, businesses closed and the miners' houses were moved to the coal boom area at Tipperary (Midland), south of Novinger.

95 Years Ago, December 8, 1929

Three Kirksville boys were arrested by Chief of Police Darrow for hopping a train on the O.K. Railroad. Each of the boys were found guilty in police court and fined \$3 each. The practice of train hopping was not only dangerous, but a violation of a Kirksville City ordinance. Police Chief Darrow said that although there are very few people in the city who jump trains, his department would take steps to break the practice.

95 Years Ago, December 15, 1929

Bloodhounds which were brought to Adair County failed to locate the man who stole fresh meat from the home of George Vice, who lives west of Kirksville. The dogs were brought here by a Mr. Rodebaugh of Agency, Iowa, at the request of Sheriff Winslow, who decided to give the dogs a trial in locating the thief who stole the meat. The dogs were released at the Vice residence where the meat had been placed in a shed. Entrance was gained by prying off the lock of the shed. The three bloodhounds took up several trails, one of which led to the city of Kirksville, but not enough clues were given for the officers to make an arrest. The owner of the dogs said that conditions were not the best for the dogs to trail the thief.

80 Years Ago, December 17, 1944

Within the short span of one week, word was received in Kirksville that three Adair County servicemen had been killed while serving in World War II. Private James P. Capps, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Capps of Stahl, was killed in action November 19 while serving with the Ninth Army Division in Germany. Capps was sent overseas in September 1943. Sergeant Leonard O. Jamison, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jamison of Kirksville was killed in Germany November 30. Sergeant Jamison was born in Kirksville and graduated from Kirksville High School in 1943. He arrived overseas in August 1944. Like James Capps, Jamison was killed while serving with the Ninth U.S. Army. Staff Sergeant Paul A. Golden, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Golden of Kirksville, was killed while serving in the Philippines. Sergeant Golden entered the service in February 1942 and served as a Navy photographer. He had been serving in New Guinea but had recently followed the invasion forces to the Philippines.

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EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Part 132

Theaters of Kirksville - Chapter 5 - The Kennedy in its Heyday

By Blytha Ellis, President
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Last week, we began discussing opening night for the Kennedy Opera House/Theatre on March 26, 1926, and reviewed a description of the building outside and inside. The opening night audience members were, to say the least, undoubtedly mesmerized by their exquisite surroundings. Most of them had never experienced being in a structure even closely matching the sophistication of this new "Pride of Kirksville" as only larger cities boasted construction of this opulence. With the exceptional vision and talent of Carrie (Miller) Kennedy, her son, Sam Kennedy, her nephew-in-law, architect Irwin Dunbar, and the contractor, Stanley V. Rollins, Carrie had witnessed her ambitious aspirations become reality in providing area residents with a magnificent venue for entertainment.

As stage hands pulled the curtains that night, the audience was no doubt dazzled by what the newspaper described as "... a stage equipped with the latest stage equipment, lights, draperies, and props suitable to accommodate the best road attractions."

The light board, which controlled not only the stage lights but also the house lights, must have been a major financial investment. It was brought to the Kennedy from Kansas City and installed by its inventor.

Many necks were probably craned to take in the sheer size of such a theater. The ornate domed ceiling was nearly 50 feet tall and 60 feet wide. There were ornate cherubs in the plaster-molded bas relief panels on the sides of the theater, and there was highly decorative lighting everywhere.

Kirksville Mayor, Az Stookey (1880-1944), opened the event before the first curtain rose by saying what he believed was "the sentiment of Kirksville" in his noteworthy remarks: "It is with a great deal of pleasure that I come before you this evening, and in the name of the City of Kirksville, publicly extend sincere thanks and express appreciation to our esteemed and popular citizens, Mrs. Carrie Kennedy and her son, Sam Kennedy, for this beautiful theater building, which stands as a mark of their loyalty to Kirksville, and as another expression of their confidence in the progressiveness of Kirksville."

Mayor Stookey also read telegrams from several special people congratulating the

opening of the Kennedy. One of these telegrams was from actor Richard Dix who starred in the silent film comedy featured on this opening night called "Lets Get Married."

Prior to the silent film being shown, the entertainment on opening night consisted of three vaudeville acts from the Orpheum Circuit with which Carrie and Sam Kennedy were connected. Two skaters, Keebler and Edith, were well received by demonstrating "their marvelous skill and stunts they could do on roller skates." Then, "The Novelty Five, consisting of four girls and one man delighted the audience with excellent dancing, handsome costumes, and a whirl of girls which made one think there must be a dozen in the act instead of five."

A third act called "Myers and Nolan" reportedly "brought the house down with humor included in their burlesque act of singing and broad jokes." The Bruce Jones Orchestra played for this opening occasion and was reviewed as "not intrusive, but in harmony with all the acts."

Over the years, many attractions similar to these played on the Kennedy stage and were interspersed with silent films and then with talkies. During these early days, traveling shows and vaudeville acts were crowd pleasers. British-born Siamese twins, Daisy and Violet Hilton, drew large crowds, as well as hypnotists such as the famed Zell Hunt, magicians like Melroy the Magician, and various stand-up comics.

Another performer at the Kennedy was Harry Snodgrass, "King of the Ivories," an inmate at Missouri State Penitentiary. He was applauded for his piano playing and well known for his wide radio broadcast. In that era, prisoners were allowed, under certain conditions, to work outside prison walls. Mr. Snodgrass was given a contract with the Chicago Orpheum Co. and allowed to perform on the vaudeville circuit earning about \$600 per week. Before his prison term due to "liquor problems," he had been a St. Louis dance hall musician earning much less.

In addition to movies and traveling acts, the Kennedy also served the community by offering their stage for gradu-

tions and other public events for the State Normal School and the Osteopathic College. Some remember live country music shows in later years.

In July 1930, NMSTC (now Truman State) held a "Midnight Frolic." Newspapers reported that when the doors opened on that Friday night, "a veritable mob, standing in a stream from the corner nearly half a block and the width of the sidewalk was waiting to enter."

The evening's entertainment began with music from the Kennedy's "Brunswick Panatrophe" which was the finest phonograph-type, sound producing theater instrument of its day. Helen Kane was the star in the featured film, "School Days." Kane had gained national popularity when she had improvised the phrase, "Boop-Boop-a-Doop," when she was singing "That's My Weakness Now" at the Times Square Paramount Theater in 1928. This, of course, led to her inspiring the popular Betty Boop cartoon character, which was, in fact, modeled after Helen Kane.

The midnight Frolic was topped off with Eskimo Pie treats being served to all the attendees. The students were so thrilled with this night that they begged for more such events. Midnight movies and other midnight events did, indeed, continue to be held at the Kennedy throughout the ensuing 60-some years.

Some special memories that many baby boomer kids remember with fondness were the free Saturday morning shows at the Kennedy. These were jointly sponsored by Riley's Master Market in downtown Kirksville and Riley's 7 to 9 Grocery on east Illinois St. This was a great incentive for parents to shop at these stores because a sales receipt of at least \$1.00 from either store would serve as a theater ticket. This gave parents a free babysitter for a while starting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays. The show was usually a western such as "The Lone Ranger" and at least 2 cartoons. Of course, one couldn't just go for the shows; one must have at least 25 cents to spend on theater popcorn, soda and candy, so the Kennedy profited. Oh, those were the days!

(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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Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomes Kirksville fire chief

By Kirksville Kiwanis Club

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Jon Cook to speak at their Oct. 24 meeting. Cook is the fire chief of the Kirksville Fire Department. He presented on the April 2025 Municipal Election and the needs of the fire department. Pictured are Cook (left) and Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Ted Frushour.



Diabetes self-management program offered at Scotland County Hospital

By Scotland County Hospital

Are you overwhelmed with managing your Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes? At Scotland County Hospital in Memphis, the new Diabetes Self-Management Education & Support (DSMES) Program offers the diabetic patient a safe, judgment free environment to learn the American Diabetes Association (ADA) guidelines for proper diabetes care. The program is ADA accredited and led by the DSMES healthcare team at Scotland County Hospital in Memphis. The goal is to help you understand diabetes, provide you with the tools needed to manage your health, and to answer your questions about diabetes.

The healthcare professionals managing the DSMES program offer diabetes education and support classes to our community and one-on-one diabetic management counseling. The services and education through the DSMES is covered by most insurances (Medicare for sure). The classes include diabetes pathophysiology, medications, diet, exer-

cise, diabetes technology, and much more.

The purpose of DSMES is to give people with diabetes the knowledge, skills and confidence to accept responsibility for their self-management. This includes collaborating with their healthcare team, making informed decisions, solving problems, developing personal goals and action plans, and coping with emotions and life stresses.

DSMES is a dynamic program in which people with diabetes gain knowledge, self-management skills, and support needed to make changes to better manage their diabetes through ever-changing life situations. It is an interactive, ongoing process engaging the person with diabetes, the caregiver or family, and the DSMES team, all while achieving health targets but also improving quality of life.

The program requires a referral from your primary care provider (PCP). If you are interested in the DSMES program at Scotland County Hospital, talk to your primary care provider for a referral.

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Northeast Regional Medical Center warns: Holidays come with health risks

Know the difference between heartburn and a heart attack

By Northeast Regional Medical Center

As Thanksgiving and other holidays approach, many Americans look forward to all of the festivities, spending time with family and friends, and indulging in traditional holiday dishes. But, what many people don't know is that during the holiday season there may also be a higher risk of two health conditions — heartburn and heart attack.

"These conditions are not the same and not related, but sometimes they can be hard to tell apart," said Dr. Larry Handlin, Interventional Cardiologist and member of the medical staff at NRMC. "Heart attacks are more likely to feel like pain, pressure or a tight squeezing feeling in your chest. Heartburn feels more like a burning sensation and can cause a bitter or sour taste to travel to your mouth."

Heartburn is very common, and can be avoided. In fact, the American Gastroenterological Association estimates that more than 60 million Americans experience it at least once a month.

Rich holiday meals, overeating, and drinking alcohol can trigger heartburn, making it even more common during holiday periods. Dr. Handlin shares tips to help prevent the discomfort of holiday (or anytime) heartburn.

• Eat smaller, balanced meals to avoid overloading your digestive system.



Dr. Larry Handlin, Interventional Cardiologist

- Avoid spicy foods and choose low-fat, low-acid ingredients to reduce heartburn triggers.
- Stay hydrated with water and avoid alcohol consumption.
- Don't lie down after a big meal. Instead, take a walk to stimulate digestion and reduce blood pressure.
- Manage symptoms with over-the-counter medications that usually bring fast relief.

"We want people to enjoy the holidays and not to feel sick," said Dr. Handlin. "It's all about knowing how to stay well in the first place and finding that sweet spot between over-indulgence and moderation."

If heartburn does not subside, or becomes more frequent, it's import-

ant to talk to a gastroenterologist. Ongoing heartburn is one of the most common symptoms of GERD (Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease), which can result in more serious complications if left untreated.

Heart attacks also occur more frequently during the winter holidays, especially on Christmas Day and during the last week of the year. The holidays can be a stressful time. Normal routines are often disrupted. People get busy and tend to sleep less. They are likely to eat and drink more. Winter weather can also lead to constricted vessels caused by cold temperatures, resulting in restricted blood flow in the body.

Heart attack symptoms can include tightness, discomfort or pain in the chest. Pain may also be felt in the jaw, neck, arm or back. Other signs include shortness of breath, lightheadedness, dizziness, nausea and vomiting.

"Don't ignore the warning signs of a heart attack because you are afraid of spoiling the holidays," said Dr. Handlin. "Fast care is critical. During a heart attack, the heart's tissue is damaged and that can happen very quickly. Fast medical treatment can be the difference between life and death."

Northeast Regional Medical Center is an accredited Chest Pain Center by the American College of Cardiology. Northeast Regional Medical Center provides cardiac catheterizations, diagnostic services, interventional cardiology services, and cardiac rehabilitation therapy. To learn more about heart health or to find a doctor to help monitor your overall health, visit NERMC.com/cardiac-care.

Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon-cutting for MA Bank

By Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for MA Bank, 2022 N. Baltimore Street, on Monday, Oct. 28. MA Bank, a community bank based in Macon, opened a new branch location in Kirksville, Monday. The new branch is a temporary facility until a new location is built.



Truman State University students donate to local food pantry during Homecoming

By Truman State University

As part of Truman State University Homecoming activities, students raised more than \$23,000 in support of the Pantry for Adair County.

The PAC assists in providing supplemental food for food insecure residents of Adair County. PAC distributes fresh produce as available, meats and other grocery products, using the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri as a primary resource, along with local donations from groceries and individuals.

At halftime of the Bulldog football game, Oct. 26, representatives from the Home-



Students from the Homecoming Committee present a check to representatives from the Pantry for Adair County. All totaled, more than \$23,000 was raised for the organization during Homecoming festivities this year.

coming Committee awarded a check for \$23,067.32.

For years, students and organizations have used Homecoming as an opportunity to support philanthropic causes. Previous local organizations supported during Homecoming include the Special Olympics of Northeast Missouri, the Kirksville FLATS project,

the Adair County Humane Society, the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri, the Kirksville Child Development Center and the I Think I Can Foundation.

Truman will celebrate Homecoming next year the weekend of Oct. 18.

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Green City senior Preston Balfany rises to interrupt North Mo. senior Levi Remole at the rim. The Gophers won the Novinger Tournament in its 81st iteration, 88-55. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

Green City boys and girls both roll through Novinger Tournament

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

Since the beginning of the 2020 season when the Novinger Tournament was called off due to the pandemic, the Green City boys and girls have combined to win seven of eight titles. Both Gophers teams totally sailed throughout the tournament in its 81st edition. Championships were played on Saturday night.

The Novinger girls winning the title in 2022 is the only exception to Green City's recent dominance in the tournament.

The Lady Gophers defeated La Plata, 76-37, and the boys topped the North Mo. Knights 88-55.

Neither Gopher team won any of their three games by less than 21 points, and the boys posted 85 points in all three games.

Grundy (with Newtown-Harris) defeated Novinger in the girls' third-place game, 34-31, and Atlanta's boys defeated GNH 70-34 in the other third-place game.

The North Mo. Knights girls won their consolation bracket, and the Novinger boys won on the men's side. Those two teams defeated Atlanta and La Plata respectively.



Freshman Kirksville guard Eva Danielson scraps for the ball in the Tigers' win on Thursday night. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

Kirksville girls trounce Macon on the road, 62-37

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

Kirksville controlled Macon on Thursday evening to bounce back from its loss to South Shelby to begin the season. The Tigers improved to 1-1 with the victory.

Tigers cruise to 3-0 with win over South Shelby

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

Kirksville won at home Saturday night, 76-45, versus the South Shelby Cardinals. The two teams were originally scheduled to play earlier in the week, but the game was moved as South Shelby's football team was still alive in postseason play until last weekend.

The Tigers and Cardinals match up very well physically and athletically, but it was quickly evident that one hadn't had a chance to practice together.

After a quick 4-2 start to the game, the Tigers held a 22-3 lead at the end of the first quarter and took a 21-point lead into the half.

Senior big Cole Kelly posted 36 points after scoring his 1000th earlier in the week. Junior guard Logan Martin had nine for second-highest.

Kirksville coach Tyler Martin said that this is a South Shelby team that will be dangerous once it has some practices and is fully in basketball mode.

"They have players and

they're going to give some people a lot of trouble," Martin said. "Our main concern is tempo and rhythm. We're still working on getting the shots we want but we've come a long way on that front."

"We were disruptive early on, and no lead is comfortable that early in a game, but it let us settle in."

By the time of this publication, Kirksville will have played Clark County on Tuesday before the conference season begins at Mexico one week later.



Kirksville senior Carter Pinkerton runs in transition in his team's dominant win over South Shelby. Pinkerton finished with six points. "He's one of the kids who'll get us rolling all season," Tiger coach Tyler Martin said. "We know this is a group that can get into a flow with plays where we're turning defense into offense." HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

Joyce signs to play softball with MACC

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

Izzy Joyce, the left-handed batting, slap-hitting outfielder, signed on with the Greyhounds last week.

She said that the opportunity to play collegiate softball at a two-year school was what she was looking for.

"When I got to the campus in Moberly, I just knew it's where I wanted to start out," Joyce said. "I want to get

my Associates' and figure out what happens from there."

"If there are softball opportunities after that, that'd be great. But this is a really good start to my college career and it was an easy decision."

Joyce said that the coaching staff has been realistic along the way, letting her know that a spot is hers to earn.

She thinks that the years she's spent as an all-around utility player – be it high

school or travel softball – will help her greatly.

"The coaches (at MACC) make it obvious that they want every girl on the team to have success, on and off the field," Joyce said. "I just loved that. And Moberly is the perfect distance away for a junior college. I don't think there's any expectation for me for my first year. I mean, the coaching staff and I just clicked and we both think I can help the team win games."



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOYCE FAMILY

Williams officially signs with Brigham Young

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

After making his verbal commitment in June, offensive tackle Andrew Williams put pen to paper to play football for Brigham Young University on Wednesday morning.

The outside lineman is listed on programs as 6-foot-9, 290 pounds, but he said that his walking weight is just above 280 pounds currently. The BYU coaching staff would like to see him at 320, and he said he thinks that will be no problem.

He graduates early and takes off for Provo, Utah, after the holiday season.

“Oh my goodness, the biggest thing is knowing it’s finally in the bag,” Williams said. “There’s not too much time to celebrate, so it’s a lot of raw emotion.”

When asked about the day and age of Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL deals) and the ever-open transfer portal making it a viable option for highly-touted athletes to leapfrog from school to school, Williams said he just wanted to play four seasons of football and get a degree. He said that the degree is the best back-up plan a student could have.



Surrounded by teammates, Williams signs with BYU. PHOTOS BY HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

He’ll see where it takes him from there.

Williams, a member of the Church of Latter-Day Saints, turned down offers from numerous high-profile schools within the region.

He just loved Provo and the program.

“We sat in a room for nine hours talking to coaches,” Williams’ father Paul said. “He woke me up one Wednesday and told me he was making his decision today.”

“I just thought he already knew what that decision was,” Paul joked.

“Something you dream about doing as a kid – that doesn’t come true very often,” Andrew said. “I couldn’t be more blessed to be in this situation.”

BYU is coming off of a 10-2 season before its bowl game, and both left tackles on the depth chart are graduate seniors. Both left guard, right guard, and center are currently occupied by sophomores.



La Plata loses lead late in Fields’ coaching debut

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

After holding the lead for the entire game, the La Plata boys’ basketball team dropped its opening game in the 81st Novinger Tournament on Tuesday night, 47-45, to Grundy County (co-oping with Newtown-Harris).

“We’re learning, and I’m learning, and that’s what these early season tournaments are about,” La Plata first-year coach Devin Fields said. “We went away from what was working and it’s the first time we’ve seen a team who has maybe a different pace and tempo from what we’ve practiced against.”

Grundy County’s first lead of the second half came with less than five seconds remaining. The Bulldogs couldn’t stop Grundy senior guard Hunter Miller as he went downhill toward the rim as he did the entire fourth quarter – he finished with 13 points in the quarter.

La Plata came into the fourth with a 40-30 lead. Miller had 31 of his team’s points in total, including the crushing layup from which the Bulldogs couldn’t recover.

Junior guard Kendrick Hulett led La Plata with 25 of his team’s points. He was contained and did not score in a fourth quarter in which the Bulldogs only posted five points.

“I would think (La Plata) will be dangerous,” Grundy coach Ty Stillwell said. “Already, what (Fields) is doing is a lot of fun to watch. We just had the hot hand in the second half, that’s it.”

With the loss, La Plata plays Thursday night at 5:50 p.m. versus Madison.



La Plata junior Tate Lock absorbs contact on his way to the basket in Tuesday’s loss to Grundy County/Newtown-Harris. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS



Junior guard Logan Martin takes a corner three in Thursday’s commanding win in Macon. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

Kirksville advances to 2-0 with rout at Macon

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

After picking up a commanding win versus Highland to start the sea-

son, the Tigers did the same thing in Macon on Thursday night.

Kirksville forced a running clock at the end of the game, winning 72-42.

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KIRKSVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING

The Housing Authority of the City of Kirksville will hold a **Public Hearing** on January 17, 2025 at 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm in the Village '76 Community Building located at 100 Valley Forge Drive, Kirksville, MO 63501.

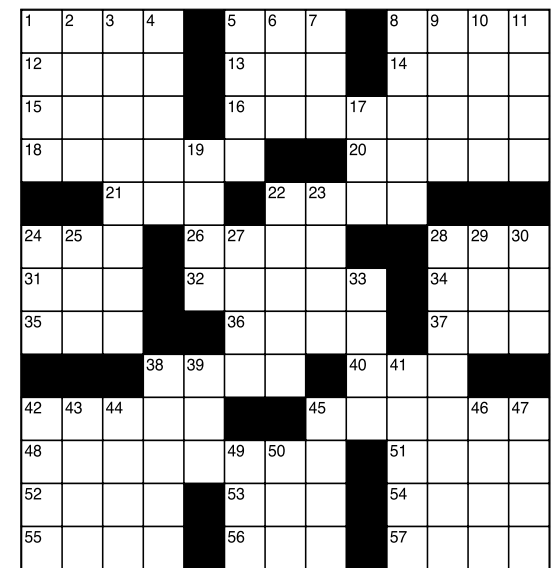
The purpose of the hearing is to obtain input from residents of the City of Kirksville in reference to the Housing Authority's 2023 and 2024 Capital Funds Plans and a review of the Agency 2025 Annual Plan/Five Year Plan. These plans are available for public review at the Housing Authority's main office located at 100 Valley Forge Drive, Kirksville, MO 63501 or on the agencies website at www.kirksvillehousingauthority.org. Persons may also submit written comments

For further information please call Patti Preston, Executive Director at 660-665-8539.



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- 39. Have creditors
- 41. Pass laws
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- 45. Fabric pigments
- 46. Unkind
- 47. Track numbers
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- 5. Custom
- 8. Desk light
- 12. Type of surgeon
- 13. Lamb's mom
- 14. A woodwind
- 15. Adhere
- 16. Height
- 18. Make beloved
- 20. More adorable
- 21. Annoy
- 22. " ____ Gotta Have It"
- 24. Young chap
- 26. " ____ the Night"
- 28. Not on
- 31. Pipe joint
- 32. Loop of rope
- 34. Busy as a ____
- 35. Catch sight of
- 36. Parallel
- 37. Darn
- 38. Player's part
- 40. Former GI
- 42. Threaded nail
- 45. Energetic person
- 48. Buzzing pest
- 51. Passed with flying colors
- 52. Fix up copy
- 53. Deli bread
- 54. Covered
- 55. Bear caves
- 56. Word of approval
- 57. Wallet items
- 4. Older person
- 5. Corrode
- 6. Cobbler's tool
- 7. Until now
- 8. Yoga position
- 9. Border on
- 10. Method
- 11. Gaze
- 17. Skater's surface
- 19. Related
- 22. Heat source
- 23. Fireman's need
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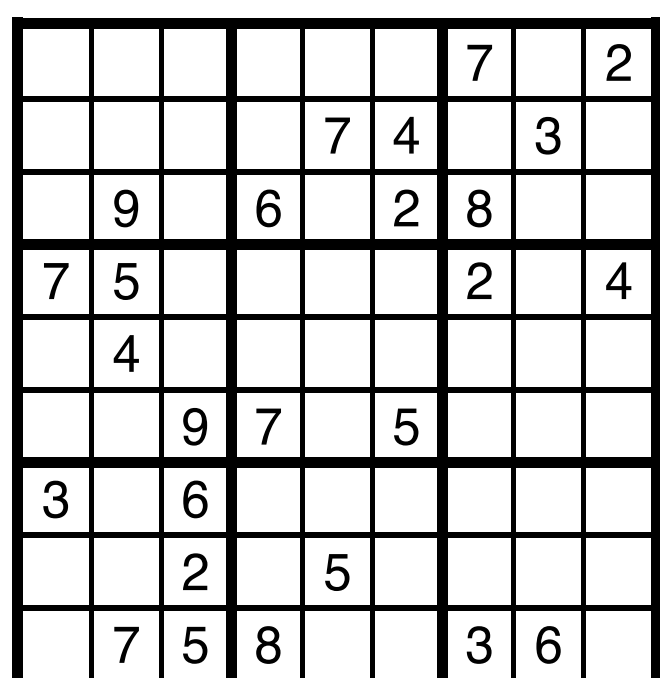
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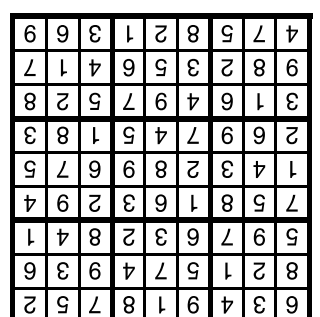
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Hospice of Northeast Missouri honors veterans

Staff Reports

As the nation recently celebrated Veterans Day, Hospice of Northeast Missouri officials stop to salute and say thank you to all the men and women who have bravely served the country in the military.

"Hospice of Northeast Missouri is honored and humbled to participate in an innovative program of the National Hospice and

Palliative Care Organization, created in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, titled "We Honor Veterans," hospice officials said in a press release.

According to hospice officials, the goal of this pioneering program is simple — to care for and honor those who have served when they reach the end of life. The program focuses on respectful inquiry, com-



passionate listening and grateful acknowledgment of their service.

"These fellow Americans have made profound sacrifices in defense of freedom and they deserve our heartfelt thanks and appre-

ciation," hospice officials said.

Honoring the nation's veterans includes supporting them throughout their entire lives, especially at the end. More information on the national We Honor

Veterans program can be found at www.wehonorveterans.org or for local program information, reach out to volunteer coordinator, Lisa Bunch, at Hospice of Northeast Missouri by calling 660-627-9711.

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life-limiting illness. Care is provided by a team of professionals specially trained to address the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the individual and their caregivers and families. Hospice of Northeast Missouri, a partner agency of the United Way of Northeast Missouri, serves Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Sullivan, and Shelby counties.

Western Smokehouse Partners appoints new senior director

By Western Smokehouse Partners

Western Smokehouse Partners promoted Curtiss Kellison to the newly created position of Senior Director, Multi-Site Plant Manager. This promotion comes on the heels of the announcement of a new plant in Mexico, Mo. opening in August of 2025.

Kellison has worked in the meat industry for nearly 20 years. He started his journey with Western Smokehouse Partners in 2009 with prior experience gained at Kraft. He has held numerous positions during his tenure at Western Smokehouse Partners including production, maintenance, leading the Ready-to-Eat division, and eventually becoming plant manager. Most recently, Kellison held the role of senior plant manager since the beginning of 2024. He has been instrumental in the development and expansion of the Greentop plant.

"It has truly been an honor to work with Curtiss Kellison since my first



Kellison

days with Western Smokehouse Partners nearly six years ago," said Matt Bormann, CEO of Western Smokehouse Partners. "This promotion is not given, it is incredibly well-earned. Curtiss has done a masterful job of leading the high performing Greentop plant, achieving heights and delivering re-

sults that we did not believe were even possible when the journey began. As the long-term leader of our flagship plant, Curtiss laid the groundwork for all that Western Smokehouse Partners has achieved, and I look forward to him taking on the leadership of our newest and soon to be largest plant."

In this role, Kellison will play an integral part in starting the Mexico plant while maintaining the success of the plant in Greentop. He will oversee the plant managers for both locations focusing on production goals while maintaining the safety and quality of the products.

"I am excited to step into this new role and chapter of our growth," Kellison said. "I look forward to continuing the long-standing legacy and traditions of Western Smokehouse Partners with a strong commitment to my team, customers and community."

Western Smokehouse Partners is a leading manufacturer of premium, better-for-you meat snacks with seven facilities across the United States. The company is the preferred commercialization and development solution for emerging and established brands as well as large retailers, offering a wide array of co-manufactured, private label, and branded products. For more information, visit www.wspartners.com.



Rotary Club of Kirksville welcomes hospice coordinator Templeton

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the Oct. 30 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, Hospice of Northeast Missouri Development Coordinator Heidi Templeton (center) spoke about the services available in 10 counties. Volunteer and Development Coordinator Lisa Bunch (left) spoke about the need for volunteers to serve directly with patients or indirectly by helping in the office. Club President Ruth Bowers is also pictured.

Rotary Club of Kirksville welcomes visitors

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

The Rotary Club of Kirksville was happy to have two visitors at its Nov. 6 meeting. They were "Qbic" (Punnatud Sawadisarn-RYE), exchange student from Thailand (center) and speaker District Governor Erik McGuire (left) from St. Joseph. Also pictured is Club President Ruth Bowers.



Vanderhoof speaks to the Kirksville Kiwanis Club

By Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Winston Vanderhoof to speak at their Nov. 14 meeting. Vanderhoof is the executive director of Main Street Kirksville. He presented on Main Street's participation in the upcoming Hometown Holiday Festival in downtown Kirksville on Saturday, Nov. 30, which will also include the Kirksville Kiwanis #Christmas Parade! Pictured are Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Ted Frushour (left) and Vanderhoof.



Kirksville High School Choir members qualify for All-State Choir

By Kirksville High School

Eight Kirksville High School students have qualified for All-State Choir. Minu Alberts (tenor), Jason Gran (bass), and Aedan Wallace (bass) are participating members of the Missouri Choral Directors Association (MCDA) All-State Choir. Reese Williams (soprano) is serving as an alternate member. Margaret Benevento (alto), Xander Brown (tenor), and Jesse Russell (bass) have earned the distinction of honorable mention. Ben Platte will be participating in the Sight-Singing Bee.

Auditions for the Missouri Choral Directors Association All-State Choir were held on Saturday, Nov. 2, in Moberly. Junior and senior All-District Choir members are eligible to audition for the All-State Choir. All-District auditions involve singing five-measure exercises, identifying two key signatures, and performing a prepared solo. All-State auditions consist of singing Exultate Justi. Qualifying for the All-State Sight-Singing Bee is based on sight-reading scores at district choir auditions.



Technical Center Building Trades instructor speaks to Kirksville Kiwanis Club

By Kirksville Kiwanis Club

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Vince McQueen to speak at their Nov. 7 meeting. McQueen is the instructor for the Building Trades class at the Kirksville Area Technical Center. He presented on the Building Trades class and the ongoing construction at Dogwood subdivision. Pictured are Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Ted Frushour (left) and McQueen.

Complete Family Medicine welcomes Julie Ladd, FNP-C to the general surgery team

By Complete Family Medicine

Complete Family Medicine welcomed Julie Ladd, FNP-C, a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner, to their team. Ladd will be working alongside Dr. Philip McIntire in the General Surgery Clinic located at 800 W. Jefferson Street in Kirksville.

Ladd earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing with honors in 2015 from Graceland University, where she also completed her Master of Science in Nursing with honors in 2019. Her diverse expertise spans across gastroenterology/hepatology, geriatric long-term care, and acute rehabilitation. As a general surgery nurse practitioner, Ladd will assist the general surgeon in caring for patients before, during and after procedures.

"Complete Family Medicine is thrilled to have Julie join the team, knowing that her skills, compassion, and dedication will be a great asset to the community," said Dr. Justin Puckett, medical director of Complete Family Medicine. "We are delighted to welcome Julie to the Complete Family Medicine team.



Julie Ladd, FNP-C.

Her passion for patient care and dedication to promoting wellness aligns with our mission. We are confident that Julie will make a positive impact on our patients' lives, and we couldn't be happier to have her join us."

Ladd's passion for healthcare began early at 7 years old, when she helped care for her mother during her battle with acute myeloid leukemia. This personal experience shaped her lifelong calling to serve others. During her senior year of high school, Ladd officially began her healthcare journey by earning her Nursing Assistant Certifica-

tion while simultaneously completing college coursework for nursing prerequisites. Her first professional role in an Alzheimer's and dementia nursing home laid the foundation for a devoted career built on compassion, care, and a understanding of patients' needs.

"I have seen the need for quality care and deeply believe in caring for the patient as a whole," Ladd said. "It is always my passion to see the patient for who they are as a person and treat them with compassion."

Raised in rural central Missouri, Ladd has strong ties to the community, having spent time on her family's farm in New Boston, Mo. In her free time, she enjoys outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, horseback riding, and spending time with her family. Ladd is excited to return to the area permanently and bring her wealth of experience back home.

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ATSU named Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award recipient

By A.T. Still University

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences (ATSU) has been named a recipient of the 2024 Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award by INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education.

ATSU was the first comprehensive health professions university to be named a HEED Award recipient in consecutive years (2017-18) and has now extended its achievement to an eighth consecutive year.

"We thank INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine for highlighting and recognizing important work being done at ATSU," said Chancellor Craig M. Phelps, DO, '84. "Congratulations to Clinton Normore, MBA, chief diversity officer, and his team on yet another honor celebrating their dedication and achievements."

"Zig Ziglar famously said, 'Success occurs when opportunity meets preparation.' For over 130 years, ATSU has been paving the way for exactly this kind of success," Normore said. "Thanks to the unwavering dedication of our Board of Trustees and the efforts of Stephanie McGrew, MHA, our program manager, opportunities like this are possible. ATSU is thrilled to be recognized among those making a difference, standing proud on the right side of history as we continue to lead with purpose and passion."

ATSU supports students who learn and serve in diverse, underserved, urban, and rural communities across the world. INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine selected ATSU for its commitment to an educational and collaborative

environment embracing inclusivity and cultural proficiency, highlighted by the University's innovative Dreamline Pathways program, which received the 2024 Inspiring Programs in STEM Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine earlier this year.

Through Dreamline Pathways, ATSU partners with school districts and community-based organizations, offering experiential learning opportunities to students. These collaborations introduce young minds to healthcare careers and nurture students through campus and graduate student engagement opportunities.

"The Health Professions HEED Award process consists of a comprehensive and rigorous application that includes questions relating to the recruitment and retention of students and employees — and best practices for both — continued leadership support for diversity, and other aspects of campus diversity and inclusion," said Lenore Pearlstein, publisher of INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. "We take a detailed approach to reviewing each application in deciding who will be named a Health Professions HEED Award recipient. Our standards are high, and we look for schools where diversity and inclusion are woven into the work being done every day across their campus."

As a recipient of the Health Professions HEED Award — a national honor recognizing U.S. health college and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion — ATSU will be featured in the November/December 2024 issue of INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine.

For more information about the 2024 HEED Award, visit insightintodiversity.com.

Five charter members of Rotary District 6040 Polio Plus Society recognized

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the Oct. 16 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, Past District Governor Kent Shelman from Lee's Summit recognized five charter members of the District 6040 Polio Plus Society. These club members have pledged to donate a minimum of \$100 each year until polio is eradicated. In 2020 there were 84 wild polio cases in Pakistan and 56 cases in Afghanistan. In 2024 the numbers dropped to 28 and 22, respectively. Pictured from left are Jeff Romine, Melissa Stuart, (Shelman), Ruth Bowers and John Dungan. The fifth member not present was Marty Jayne.



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Left to right: Public Works Director Adam Dorrell, Steve Peterson, Mayor Zac Burden, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Bill Henke.

City of Kirkville recognizes retirement of Peterson

By City of Kirkville

Kirkville city officials recognized Steve Peterson following his retirement on Dec. 2, after 15 years and four months of service with the city.

Peterson began his career with the city on July 13, 2009. He has served continuously as a mechanic in the public works

department.

The city relies on mechanics to keep vehicles safe and operable, and equipment in top form and ready for use. From snowplows, police cruisers, firetrucks, backhoes, emergency generators, and everything in between, Peterson likely worked on all equipment at some point.

“Mechanics usually operate in the background, but their work is crucial to the operation of nearly all city departments,” city officials said in a press release.

City officials congratulated Peterson on his retirement and thanked him for his service, wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

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.

Adair County

U.S. Route 63 (Northbound and Southbound) Dec. 9, Lane restriction for transmission line installation approximately 1.6 miles south of U.S. Route 63 and Missouri Route 11 intersection between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

U.S. Business Route 63 (Southbound) — Dec. 9, Lane restriction for transmission line installation approximately 1.6 miles south of U.S.

Route 63 and Missouri Route 11 intersection between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Knox County

Missouri Route 156 – Dec. 10 — 13, Lane restriction for bridge maintenance from 0.50 mile before and after the North River Bridge between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily. An 11-foot width restriction will be in place where crews are actively working daily.

Macon County

Missouri Route 149 – Dec. 9, Closed for bridge maintenance from Concord Street to Danube Street between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Putnam County

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

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

KIRKSVILLE AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

Faith Lutheran Church

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

Rehoboth Baptist Church

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

First Presbyterian Church (USA)

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

Kirkville Church of Christ

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

First Baptist Church

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

Faith United Methodist Church

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

Southside Baptist Church

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

First Church of God

2900 S. Halliburton
Tiffany and Michael Vincent
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
www.firstchurchoflove.com

Central Church of Christ

2010 S. Halliburton
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Faith Baptist Church

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

The Crossing Church

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

Grace Community Bible Church

1501 E. Northtown Rd.
Benjamin Jordan, Pastor
Affiliated with the Evangelical Free

Church of America

9:30 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
12 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Small groups
KirkvilleGCBC@gmail.com
www.KirkvilleGCBC.com • 660.665.1615

First United Methodist Church

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

Pure Air Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
TBA Bible Study

Church of God of Prophecy

807 Benton Way
Pastor: Rob Linhart
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

Fellowship Baptist Church

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

Yarrow Methodist Church

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

Mary Immaculate Catholic Church

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

Catholic Newman Center

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

Union Temple Church

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

Sugar Creek Baptist Church

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

Hazel Creek Primitive Baptist Church

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

Meadow Brook Christian Church

602 E. Washington
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 Morning Worship

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

Novinger, Mo.
7:30 a.m. Sunday

Life Church of 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
Jeremy Broach, Senior Pastor
Chad Stearman, Associate Pastor
Sunday 10 am - Morning Worship
Wednesday 6:30 pm-8 pm Family Ministry Night
www.cornerstonechurch.faith

Countryside Christian Church

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

Gifford Christian Church

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

Lake Road Chapel

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

Church of God (Holiness)

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

New Hope

Evangelical Church
620 Steer Creek Way
9:30 - 10:20 a.m. Bible Class
10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Sean Killin, Pastor
816-351-0623

First Assembly of God

2401 S. High St., Kirkville
Shawn Meintz, Pastor
Sundays:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship Wednesdays:
6:30 p.m. Family Night
www.kirkvillefirst.org
info@kirkvillefirst.org

First Liberty Full Gospel

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

Novinger Baptist Church

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

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
High & Harrison
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 John 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 Durwoody, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sabbath School (Saturday)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Saturday)
Fellowship Dinner on 4th Saturday.
712-541-4675

United Methodist Church

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

Willow Bend Association East Center Community Church

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
Illinois Bend Community Church
Highway 3
Pastor Terry Hunsaker
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
660-349-0052

Baring Community Church

11:00 a.m. Worship.

Downing Christian Church

430 E. Prime Street
Minister Walker Franke
Associate Minister Larry Smith
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Evening Worship
660-379-2329

Willow Bend Church

Find Us on Facebook for Event Schedule

New Hope Methodist Reformed Church - Millard

9:15 a.m. Bible Stud
10:00 a.m. Worship

Greentop Community Church

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

Trinity United Fellowship Church

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

Lancaster United Methodist Church

Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Shekinah Mennonite Church

15981 Blueberry Way, 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
Sam Burkholder, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening

Bible Missionary Church

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

LaPlata Christian Church

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

Queen City Christian Church

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

United Pentecostal Church

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

Brashear Community Bible Church

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

First Baptist Church of LaPlata

B. J. McAlpin, Pastor
9:00 am "Donut Hole" Fellowship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Evening Worship
http://laplatafbc.org/
Email: laplatafbc@gmail.com

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

The Salvation Army

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

Queen City First Baptist Church

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

St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA

North of Queen City go East on Rt. O
Pastor, Bill Iammatteo-Code
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Hurdland First Baptist Church

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

Colony Baptist Church

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday worship
Cornerstone Community Church
Meeting at the Fohn Family Center
404N. Elson
9:30 a.m. Sunday Small Group Bible Study designed for adults

Locust Hill Community Church

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

New Harmony Free Will Baptist

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

Word Alive! Family Church

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

Schuyler County Church of Faith

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

Gospel Outreach Church

209 W. Washington
Norman Keller, Pastor
Gonda Manning, Co pastor
7:00 p.m. 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

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