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Kirksville R-III School Board names Tricia Reger as next superintendent

By Kirksville R-III School Board

The Kirksville R-III School Board announced the appointment of Tricia Reger as the next superintendent of the Kirksville R-III School

District.

“After thoughtful deliberation, we are confident Mrs. Reger’s strong character, professional excellence, and extensive experience will guide our district forward,”

said Board President Jeremy Houser in a press release. “In the coming days, we will implement our comprehensive process to select Mrs. Reger’s replacement as assistant superintendent. We

are proud of our dedicated staff and look forward to advancing our strategic priorities under Mrs. Reger’s leadership.”

Reger will take over her new role effective July 1, 2025.



Tricia Reger

United Way of Northeast Missouri reaches 85 percent of current campaign target

By United Way of Northeast Missouri

The United Way of Northeast Missouri announced that it had reached 85 percent of its current campaign target. This year’s \$190,000 goal is an ambitious \$10,000 above last year, but United Way Board President Keaton Wagner is confident the community is up to the challenge.

“We’re incredibly happy with how so many have responded to our fundraising efforts thus far,” said Wagner. “Reaching our goal by the end of December will take a community effort, but we have a great community to lean on.”

The United Way of Northeast Missouri supports 10 not-for-profit agencies that provide a range of critical services, including meal services, transportation, and other senior services: diverse programs and activities for all ages; food, shelter, and other assistance to those in need; early childhood education and care; employment opportunities for peo-

ple with disabilities; end-of-life care and support; opportunities for youth development and leadership skills; and engaging volunteer opportunities for senior citizens.

“These agencies are a tremendous force for good, with each playing a critical role in the fabric of our Northeast Missouri community,” said Wagner. “They also operate on very lean budgets. The funds raised through the United Way help them focus a little more on their work and a little less on how to keep the lights on.”

Community members can donate online at liveunitednemo.org or by mailing a check to The United Way of Northeast Missouri, P.O. Box 112, 201 N Elson St, Kirksville, MO 63501.

About United Way of Northeast Missouri

For nearly 70 years, the United Way of Northeast Missouri has been a key partner to local not-for-profit organizations that provide critical community



services. The United Way of Northeast Missouri currently funds 10 partner agencies, an Oasis reading program in area schools and oversees grants for additional not-for-profit organizations. Current partner agencies include NEMO Senior Citizens Services, the Adair County Family YMCA, The Salvation Army, Macon Community Child Development Center, Macon Diversified Industries, Hospice of Northeast Missouri, Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri, Adair County 4 H Council, Heartland RSVP, and Great Rivers Council, Scouting America.

For more information or to donate, visit liveunitednemo.org.

Kirksville Police Dept. offers tips to help prevent package theft

By Kirksville Police Department

With plenty of online shopping happening this holiday season, the Kirksville Police Department is sharing a few tips to help reduce package theft and make sure you receive the items you order.

- Have your package shipped to work or another location with 24/7 monitoring. You may also consider a PO Box.
- Request the delivery company to require a signature at delivery time.
- If you are expecting a package, keep up to date on when it will be delivered and do not allow it to sit outside your residence for any length of time. Some carriers may allow you to schedule a delivery time.
- Ask a neighbor to help out by gathering any delivered packages.
- Keep your porch clear and visible.
- Put up security cameras and use mobile alerts for any movement to keep track of what occurs around your home when you’re away.
- In-store delivery and pickup are also an option at many retailers.

VanWye is MOSI Celebrated Artist for the month of November

By Missouri-Southern Iowa (MOSI) Art Guild

The Missouri-Southern Iowa (MOSI) Art Guild named Curtis VanWye the MOSI Celebrated Artists for the month of November. Curtis’ photography pigment print is titled “A Spot of Color”. He was inspired by a spot of changing full color from a deciduous tree amongst an evergreen pine forest near Marble, Colo. in 1992. See more of Curtis’ photography at photographsbyvanwye.pixels.com.



Curtis VanWye

MOSI (Northeast Missouri and Southern Iowa) Art Guild encourages any artist or supporter of the arts, to join them on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Adair County Annex Building, 300 N. Franklin Street, Kirksville. For more information about MOSI and exhibit dates, visit www.mosiartguild.org and www.facebook.com/MOSIartguild. Email MOSI at info@mosiartguild.org.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Kirkville Area Calendar of Events

Last chance to see Santa at the Adair County Courthouse

Santa will be at the Adair County Courthouse from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 21.

5th Annual Holiday Marketplace

The 5th Annual Holiday Marketplace will be held at the Sue Ross Arts Center at 215 S. Franklin Street in Kirkville 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 Kirkville Arts Association.

Christmas Eve candle light service

Christmas Eve candle light service will be held on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m., at the Greentop Community Church. Everyone is welcome and plan to stay for the fellowship after the service.

First Day Hike at a Missouri state park or historic site

Ring in the new year with fun, fresh air and scenic views, or start a new

tradition with your friends and family by participating in a First Day Hike at Thousand Hills State Park, 20431 State Highway 157 in Kirkville. Meet at 10 a.m. on Jan. 1 at the trailhead by the lake to hike the two-mile Red Bud Trail. The First Day Hikes program is promoted by America's State Parks and are organized annually from Hawaii to Maine to encourage individuals and families to start the year on the right foot – by getting outside and connecting with nature. Preregistration is required. To register, visit icampmo1.usdirec't.com/MSPWeb/ and search for activities.

Registration open for Kids Cardboard Boat Race

By Kirkville Parks and Recreation Department

Put those leftover Christmas gift boxes to good use. Join the Kirkville Parks and Recreation Department at the Kirkville Aquatic Center on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025, from 2-4 p.m., and compete in the Kids Cardboard Boat Race, brought to you by Kirkville Parks and Recreation and Sparklight.

Children ages 5 to 16 can sign up as an individual or as a team of up to four people and put their building skills to the test. Participants must construct a boat structure using cardboard, duct tape and water-based paint and attempt to make it across the pool in the fastest time. Teams will compete in age divisions based on the mean age of the team and can win in multiple categories including Fastest Time, and Best Design.



This event is completely free for all participants and spectators. Register today at parks.kirkvillecity.com.

For more information, contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.



Northeast Regional Medical Center holds 'Cookies with Santa' event

By Northeast Regional Medical Center

Northeast Regional Medical Center held a "Cookies with Santa" event on Sunday, Dec. 8, in the hospital's main lobby. An estimated 50 guests enjoyed cookies, hot chocolate, and did crafts with Santa Claus. Also in attendance were Santa's therapy dog, Luna, and Mrs. Santa Claus.



First United Methodist Church Bell Choir performs at Sojourners Club

By Special to the Daily Express

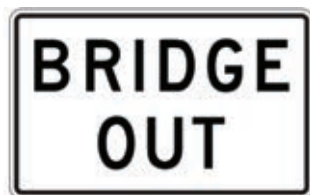
First United Methodist Church Bell Choir performed at the December meeting of Sojourners Club. Left to right: Sarah Stock — Director, Marcy Graham, Karen Mayhew, Jenny Bellington, Janie Fortney and Joyce Lundstrom.

Closure of Route V Bridge over North Timber Creek in Adair County

By MoDOT

HANNIBAL — The Missouri Department of Transportation closed the bridge on Route V in Adair County, over North Timber Creek, located approximately 0.9 mile south of Missouri Route 6 near Brashear. During a routine bridge inspection, increased deterioration and deficiencies were found contributing to the decision to close the bridge.

The timber pile bridge, built in 1932, carries an average of 265 vehicles daily. It is currently included in the 2025-2029 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)



and scheduled to be under contract by February 2025, pending action by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. It will remain closed until it is replaced. Signs will be in place notifying motorists of the closure. Please use alternate routes.

For more information on this and other projects in your area, contact MoDOT's Customer Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK MODOT (275-6636).

2025 Season Rock of Ages
June 18–July 13
Nonsense
June 27–August 2
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OBITUARIES

Dora Belle Clark

May 5, 1930 – Dec 14, 2024

On December 14th, 2024, Dora Belle Clark, 94, of Kirksville, Missouri passed away peacefully at her home with her three children by her side as she entered into Heaven.



She was born on May 5, 1930 near Milan Missouri, the daughter of William Glen Steele and Zulah June (Davis) Steele. On August 20, 1950 she was united in marriage to James Paul Clark, who preceded her in death in 1996. Also preceding her in death were her parents, two brothers, Glen Junior Steele and wife Lottie Steele, Warner Steele and wife Shirely Steele and one infant sister, Ella Mae Steele, one niece Cheri Steele and one nephew Terry Steele.

She is survived by her two daughters, Paula June Kutmas of Joplin, Missouri; Tami Lynn Ruebel and husband Derek Ruebel of Kirksville; and one son Steven E. Clark of Kirksville; grandchildren Chad Justin Kutmas and wife Tracie of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Megan June (Kutmas) Bokina of Fayetteville, Arkansas; Janelle Leigh (Clark) Williams and husband Scott of Berthound, Colorado; Jordan Paul Clark and wife Hannah of Windsor, Colorado; Shelby Lynn (Barber) Gieselmann and husband Dustin of Lee's Summit, Missouri and Blake James Barber of Longmont Colorado. Ten great grandchildren, Christopher, Nicholas, and Benjamin Kutmas; BreighAnna, Jayden and Paige Bokina; Ruby Belle and Finn Clark; Davie Belle Gieselmann and Graham Williams. She is also survived by 17 of her 19 nieces and nephews, six of which she was a second mother to, Billy, Pam, Greg, Ronnie, Janet, and Kevin Steele.

Dora Belle received her elementary education in rural schools of Sullivan County. She graduated in 1947 from Milan High School and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education and Master of Arts Degree from Northeast Missouri State University (Truman State University), Kirksville, Missouri.

Prior to college graduation, she began her teaching career in a one room rural schoolhouse at the age of 18 for one year, then two years in the fifth grade in the Milan Public schools. She then joined her husband who was in the Army at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia in 1952. She worked as a secretary in the Secret Service for two years at the Engineer Research & Development Laboratory while residing there. She began teaching Business Education at Novinger High School in 1957 and taught there for six years. In 1962 she received the Northeast District Outstanding Business Teacher Award.

In 1964 she became a member of the Business Education faculty at Northeast Missouri State University (Truman State University) where she taught for twenty-three years. During her tenure at Northeast, she taught a number of different subjects and helped implement many new programs. She was instrumental in paving the way for pregnant faculty women to be able to teach in the 1960's. Her being the first woman to continue teaching while pregnant without having to reapply for her position. She believed passionately in women's rights and advocated for them. Additionally, she assisted in facilitating access for disabled students through ramps and elevators for access to attend school long before the Disability Act. The last ten years of her tenure, she chaired the Medical Assisting program teaching primarily medical assisting administrative courses paving the way for medical assistance internships.

In May of 1987, she retired from teaching to relocate with her husband in Hannibal, Missouri. She was recognized at the 1987 May Commencement exercises for her Outstanding Contributions to Business and Office Education, Vocational Education and Medical Assisting during her tenure at the University. She was also granted Instructor Emeritus of Business & Office Education by the Board of Governors. During her educational career, she held membership in local, state and national professional organizations. She was also a member of Delta Zeta Sorority, Pi Omega Pi (national honor society of business education) Delta Kappa Gamma (honorary association for women educators), and American Association for University Women.

After the death of her husband in 1996, she moved back to Kirksville in 2001 to be close to her family. Dora Belle was an active member of organizations both in Hannibal and Kirksville. She was a member of Kirksville First United Methodist Church since 1957, Kirksville Garden Club, P.E.O. Chapter CZ, Third Contemporary Club and Sojourners Club. She was very dedicated to the mission of United Methodist Women and served a total of 17 years as President in Hannibal and Kirksville.

She took great pride in tending to her yard, meticulously caring for every detail, and finding joy in the beauty of her many flowers. Her dedication did not go unnoticed, earning her the prestigious "Yard of the Month" awards both in Kirksville and Hannibal, as well as numerous Horticulture Awards at flower shows. Beyond her gardening, she had a special fondness for decorating at Christmas, transforming her home into a festive haven filled with warmth and cheer. A gifted seamstress, she also poured her heart into creating quilts, each one a labor of love, designed to be cherished by her family for years to come. Her hands touched everything she made with care, and the legacy of her craftsmanship and attention to detail will live on in the beauty she left behind.

She dedicated herself fully to her chosen career of teaching, finding purpose in guiding young minds, but above all, her heart belonged to her family. Preparing food and homemade candy for the holiday gatherings at her home was her way of nurturing those she loved, creating a sanctuary of warmth and connection. Whether it was making memories with her children and grandchildren or offering her boundless affection to her nieces and nephews, she radiated love in all directions. A devoted mother, grandmother, aunt, and loyal friend, she touched each life with kindness and grace. She instilled faith and values in her family and led by example. She will be deeply missed, never replaced, and always in our hearts. She was our Angel on Earth and now she is our Angel in Heaven.

Funeral Services will be on December 21, 2024 at the First United Methodist Church in Kirksville with Rev. Jennifer Finley and Rev. Jim Robinson officiating. Visitation will be from 12:00-1:00 with service to follow at 1:00p.m. Graveside immediately following at Playle-Rimer-Millard Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks, if you wish, you may make a donation to P.E.O. Chapter CZ for continuing education to be left at the church.

Pallbearers: Chad Kutmas, Jordan Clark, Blake Barber, Scott Williams, Dustin Gieselmann, Derek Ruebel.

Honorary Pallbearers: Billy Steele, Gregory Steele, Ronnie Steele, Kevin Steele, Jimmy Pundmann, Tim Clark, Wilford Slaughter, Dr. Robert Dage, P.E.O. Chapter CZ.

Edward 'Tony' Everett Swain III

Feb 6, 1934 – Nov 27, 2024

Edward Everett Swain, 90, of Kirksville, MO, passed away Wednesday, November 27th, 2024 at Samaritan Memorial Hospital in Macon, MO.



On February 6, 1934, Tony was born to Edward Everett Swain Jr. and Donna (Brittain) Swain in Kirksville, Mo.

Tony was raised in Kirksville, MO. He attended North East Missouri Teacher's College, now Truman State University, and Missouri University with a master's degree in Journalism. He was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity. After college, Tony returned to work at the family newspaper "The Daily Express" in Kirksville, MO. Until he entered into the U.S. Army Hq. 2nd Bat. GP., 28th Infantry from June of 1960 to 1963.

After the military, Tony returned to Kirksville, MO. to work for the family company, the "Daily Express" newspaper. Tony ran the press for many years, sold advertising, and also did photography until the paper was sold in 1990, Tony was part owner and manager of Express Publishing Rentals in Kirksville, MO, until his passing.

Tony was a member of the First Baptist Church in Kirksville, MO. As a church member, Tony was a deacon and Sunday school teacher. Tony and his longtime friend Vivian also ran the Youth Group and worked with the college kids. The two also loved taking the college students on missionary trips. While going to church one of Tony's greatest love was the music from the hymnals.

Tony loved music, photography, motorcycles, and driving his RV to Oshkosh. Tony was also proud to be a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association out of Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Tony will be missed by all.

Tony is preceded in death by his Parents, Grandparents, Sister Mary Greer, Nephew Jed Greer, and life Friend Vivian Coleman.

Tony is survived by his niece Anette Greer, her friend Chuck Watson, and many cousins.

Dr. Janice Grow

Dr. Janice Grow, a dedicated professor of education, devoted her life to the study and advancement of elementary school curriculum. She was a staunch believer in the transformative power of education to better one's life and worked tirelessly to instill this belief in others.



Born in Wichita, Kansas, Janice married Antonio Maienza, and together they raised three sons in the Chicago area. Committed to providing her children with an exceptional education, she and Antonio chose to settle in River Forest, Illinois, where they benefited from one of the finest public school systems. Confident in her sons' opportunities within the Oak Park and River Forest school district, Janice embarked on her own academic journey, earning her master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Chicago in the 1970s.

Dr. Grow's distinguished academic career took her to diverse and impactful places. She taught and conducted research on the Rosebud Reservation, Mission, South Dakota, in Jakarta, Indonesia, and in Pusan, South Korea. Eventually, she joined Truman State University as a Professor of Education, where she found both her professional home and her life partner, Charles Chamberlain Frost.

Dr. Grow's research and publications were groundbreaking, focusing on adapting the Korean mathematics teaching model for elementary school students in a Western curriculum. Her work bridged cultural and educational practices, making significant contributions to the field of education.

Beyond her academic achievements, Janice was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She leaves behind her husband, Charles; her three sons, Michael (Susan), John (Gregg Wilson), and Charles "Chuck" (Jenni). She was the proud grandmother of Meredith (mother of Emma), Michael, Cathryn, and Paul. Her great-granddaughter, Emma, was a special joy in her later years.

Janice will be laid to rest, where her parents, Cecil and Ruby, along with many other members of the Grow family, are buried near Hogansburg, close to Messina, New York. A celebration of her life will take place during the Grow Family Reunion on July 4th in Saratoga, New York at 1 PM. Internment at St. Patrick Cemetery, Hogansburg, New York on July 3rd at 10:30 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Maienza Family Scholarship Fund at Oak Park and River Forest High School. Go to: [DonorBox.org/legacy-of-learning-the-maienza-scholarship-fund](https://donorbox.org/legacy-of-learning-the-maienza-scholarship-fund)

Her legacy lives on not only through the countless lives she touched as a teacher, mentor, and advocate for education but also through the Maienza Family Scholarship Fund. Established by her three sons with an endowment left in her honor, and guided by her grandchildren, this fund ensures Dr. Grow's passion for learning continues to inspire future generations and create a lasting "Legacy of Learning."

Pastor Clinton Frie Wofford

May 15, 1933 – Nov 1, 2024

Pastor Clinton Frie Wofford, 91, of Edina, Missouri, passed away Friday, November 1, 2024, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

Clint was born May 15, 1933, near Senath, Missouri, the son of Charles Clinton and Ella Eulalie Frie Wofford.



He attended Bucoda Elementary School, Senath Jr. High, and Senath High School, in Senath, Missouri, graduating in the Class of 1951. He continued his education at the University of Missouri-Columbia and graduated with a Bachelor of Science and Chemistry in 1955 and received his PHD in Synthetic Organic Chemistry in 1962 at the University of Missouri.

Clint heard his calling and attended the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, in 1969, and St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, graduating in 1972. He received his appointment to the South Prospect Methodist Church of Kansas City in 1970, then New Arlington United Methodist Church in Kansas City, Trinity Methodist Church in Kansas City, and College Heights United Methodist Church in Kansas City.

He was appointed Central Methodist College as the Director of Church Relations, served over the Wayland Circuit which included Methodist Churches in Wayland, St. Francesville, Bluff Springs, Athens, and Centralia. Clint served as Pastor of the East Prairie United Methodist Church eight years, and Eldon, Missouri United Methodist Church for six years before retiring.

He moved to Knox County, Missouri and served as Pastor to the Stephenville United Methodist Church, Bethel United Methodist Church and the Baring Community Church. He made his home in Edina, Missouri and was a member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Kirksville, Missouri.

Clint met his future wife while attending the University of Missouri and he married Carolyn Lowell Christian on July 11, 1955 in Amsterdam, New York, and to this union three children were born.

He honorably served his country in the United States Navy as a Lieutenant, in the Pacific Amphibious Unit while stationed in Japan.

Clint is survived by a son, David Clinton Wofford and his wife Myra of Meriam, Kansas; two daughters, Cheryl Lynn Wofford Hill and her husband Christopher Leigh Hill of Alexander, Virginia and Susan Carol Wofford Shoults and her husband Samuel John Frederick of Knox City, Missouri; two sisters, Marian Francis Vance of Hardy, Arkansas, and Cinnie Ann Cannon of Seattle, Washington; two grandchildren, Jesse Todd Shoults and John Eric Shoults; great grandchildren, along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Carolyn Wofford; a brother, Charles Clinton Wofford Jr. in infancy; two sisters, Ruth Agnes Wofford and her husband Exel E. Dishion, and Ella Jane Petty; and two brothers-in-law James Cannon and Robert Walker Vance.

A Celebration of Life will be at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, December 26, 2024, at the Doss Funeral Home in Edina, Missouri. The family will receive friends from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home in Edina, Missouri.

A Celebration of Life will also be at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 27, 2024, at the Faith United Methodist Church in Kirksville, Missouri. The family will receive friends from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Friday, at the church in Kirksville, Missouri.

An expression of sympathy in memory of Clinton Wofford may be left to the Knox County Nutrition Site or the Faith United Methodist Church. A memorial may be left at or mailed to the Doss Funeral Home 208 N. 4th Street, Edina, Missouri 63537.

Michael Allen McManis

Apr 24, 1948 – Dec 12, 2024

Michael Allen McManis, 76, of Springfield, MO, passed away surrounded by loved ones on December 12, 2024.

Michael was born on April 24, 1948, to Allen and Lavinia (Dolby) McManis in Newport News, Virginia. He spent his childhood in Carrollton, Kentucky, and Jeffersonville, Indiana. After graduating from Jeffersonville High School in 1966, Michael attended Case-Western Reserve University to earn his Bachelor's degree in American Studies and a Master's degree in American History from Indiana University. He then returned to Case-Western Reserve University to complete his PhD in American Studies.



After graduation, Michael accepted a faculty position at Brown University in Providence, RI. This began his career in education, which spanned more than forty years. Michael was a tireless education advocate, serving in various capacities, including Assistant to the President at Bryant College, Associate Commissioner of the Coordinating Board of Higher Education in Missouri, Dean of the University of Institutional Development and Academic Planning at Truman State University, and Vice President of Academic Affairs at A.T. Still University. Michael's work was often focused on equitable access and serving underserved populations and communities. He was instrumental in launching the Kirksville Area Community Health Initiative, which sought to improve health care for Kirksville residents and students. Michael also played a critical role in the opening of The Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health, focusing on whole-person health and preparing its graduates to practice in underserved communities.

While in Providence, Michael met and fell in love with his future wife, Marcia Smith. They were married on July 22, 1978. The couple went on to have two daughters, Erin Elizabeth and Kristen Virginia.

Michael's life was one of service to others. He was the former president of the Kirksville R-III School Board and was an active member of Rotary International, the United Methodist Church, and multiple other service organizations.

In his free time, Michael enjoyed the company of his beloved basset hounds, hitting the occasional deer on the golf course and rewatching his favorite movies. Christmas was Michael's favorite holiday. Michael, his daughters, and his basset hound would spend hours in the freezing cold looking for the perfect Christmas tree, only to exasperate his wife when it was too big to fit into the living room.

Above all, Michael loved his family. He was devoted to his wife and daughters and was thrilled to be promoted to grandpa. Michael is survived by his wife, Marcia; daughters, Erin McManis and Kristen Ricker (Timothy); grandsons, Lucas and Elliott Ricker; sister, Patricia Robertson (Ronald); and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Allen and Lavinia McManis.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 on Thursday, December 19, at Walnut Lawn Funeral Home in Springfield, MO. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the McManis Family Scholarship at Truman State University Foundation. Donations can be made online at giveonline.truman.edu or mailed to:

Truman State University
Office of Advancement
McClain Hall 205
100 E. Normal Ave.
Kirksville, MO 63501

ROBIN WRITES

Wrapping it up

John and I argue every Christmas about gift wrapping. The fighting is a tradition we've grown comfortable with. We get out the wrapping paper, tape, and scissors. Then the fun begins.

"Okay," he says. "Give me the biggest present first."

"Good. Good. Set it down right here." He eyes the box from every angle; skooches it this way and that with little taps from the scissors.

I stifle a yawn as he selects the paper. For some reason, he doesn't think much about this part of the process. The BEAUTY of the gift doesn't matter to him. The STRUCTURE of the gift is his only concern.

He reaches past the new, shiny rolls of paper I've bought and rescues the faded, leftover stuff from last year. It is wrinkled and ugly—the once-cheery poinsettia print is now a mass of pinkish weeds.

"No use to waste this," he says. He gives me a noble look, as if I should be proud of his thrift. Then his cheap hands iron across the paper and the box is set on top.

"You wrap a much neater present if you take the time to match paper size to gift size." The tape measure screeches out, metal tab measuring each side of the gift. Then he measures the paper and cuts it to perfect proportions.

With maddening precision, he folds a line across on edge of the

paper and pulls it up across the top of the box. One tiny tab of tape holds it onto the box. A few more minutes, lots of folding and smoothing, and a tiny bit more tape. He's done.

He steps back like a calf roper, his arms raised in triumph. I think I should throw roses.

Now it's my turn. I close my eyes and reach into a bag. Oh, boy! My gift is shaped like a stop sign. It is bulgy in the middle and has a plastic ridge around the edges. What a challenge!

I feel John's shudder traveling down to his feet, across the floor, and up my spine.

"You aren't gonna do THAT one—are you??" I've already chosen my paper; a brand-new roll with a pattern. John would just LOVE to match the edges of this pattern. Too bad.

I try to cut the paper straight, but the scissors make a curvy line, and the blades rip an alligator-toothed edge along the end of the paper. He is groaning. I slap the wrap over the top of the gift. Looks like the middle. We'll see.

Gathering the edges up and crimping them along the corners like a pie crust, I reach for the tape.

By now, John's face is as red as Rudolph's nose. His voice takes on the gruffness of 10 Grinches. Plus 2.

"YOU'RE WASTING PAPER! THAT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING FROM THE DUMPSTER!"



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH
ROBIN WRITES

His outburst doesn't surprise me. Remember the tradition thing?

"Who cares what it looks like?" I say. "It's what's inside that matters. I think I'll do the football next." John's roar makes the tinsel on the tree sway.

It is that portion of the evening I always look forward to. My husband decides I shouldn't wrap another gift. He MUST to take over the job.

And here come the words I wait for each Christmas. They warm my heart more than a cup of hot chocolate on a snowy winter's day:

"WRAPPING GIFTS IS AN ART." He emits a sign of pity for his talentless wife and whines out the traditional last stanza of our annual Christmas medley:

"I don't think you'll EVER get the hang of it..." he mutters.

I nod meekly, sit back quietly, and chomp on freshly-baked Christmas cookies while I watch the Wrap-Master at work.

Traditions. They're what make holidays special.

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HOME COUNTRY

A fireplace is spiritual center of a home

It's natural to mumble nasty things about the cold weather. We all do it from time to time. But even the cold has its merits.

One big plus is that it makes fireplaces a reasonable addition to our lives. In cold weather, we can build a fire in our home with a clear conscience. This is something that doesn't translate well to summer heat, but when it's cold, here comes the fire.

Strange, isn't it, our love affair with a fireplace? Makes absolutely no sense. Today, we can make houses so impervious to cold that every time we light a candle, the temperature goes up ten degrees. So what do we do? We cut a hole in this sealed anti-cold unit so we can sit and look at the flames, the way our ancestors have done since they learned to walk upright and invented kindling.

But we don't care. We'll spend a lot of extra money to buy a house with a fireplace, and not think a thing about it. Because this fireplace is the spiritual center of a home, as it's always been. It's the gathering place. It's the place to read, to learn, to meet and



SLIM RANGLES
HOME COUNTRY

tell stories. It's the core of our universe. The fireplace — and those waiting for us there — is what we dream about when we're miles from home in the woods or desert. It warms us, inside and out, cooks our food, and answers our questions.

Questions? Sure. When the fire's burning low, and you can just see the little blue lickem flames curling around the glowing embers late at night, and when we've about talked out the day's adventures, we can look at those embers and find answers to questions we didn't even know we had. And we feel sorry for people who don't have these advantages.

Please consider buying "A Cowboy's Guide to Growing Up Right." Good advice from an aging cowboy ... me. Available on Amazon.com, among others..

THE ROCKWOOD FILES

Flaming angels and ailing wise men

The play that went sideways



GWEN ROCKWOOD
THE ROCKWOOD FILES

It was the day before Christmas when I got a splinter in my eye that nearly ruined everything. I was 7 years old and all set to be Wise Man No. 1 in the annual church Christmas play the next day.

What first felt like a pesky eyelash soon began to feel like a fence post jabbing at my eye. I rubbed, blinked, and cried. Nothing worked. That night, it woke me from a deep sleep.

The morning before the show, my mother took me to the doctor who ordered me to lie down on a table. Then he turned my eyelid inside out for a better look. His eyes widened and he quickly said, "My God! Nurse, come look at this." I panicked. I felt like a science experiment gone wrong. My mother was sure I was either going blind or dying or both.

The "foreign object" (a fancy doctor-term for splinter), had left an impressive number of eye scratches, so the doctor covered half my face with a huge patch. I thought the patch was cool until I remembered my approaching stage debut. How could I go on as Wise Man No. 1 looking like I'd just survived a bad camel crash? The doctor said it was fine to go on with the show, telling my mother I might be a little clumsy while adjusting to the patch.

There weren't enough kids to find a replacement, so my mother said we'd tell people a desert storm blew sand in my eye on the way to see Baby Jesus. That evening, I put on my robes and headed for church. With the candlelight service set to begin, I lined up right behind the Angels on High and prepared for the procession down the church aisle toward our cardboard stable. Some of the older kids playing Mary and Joseph had already taken their places by the manger in front of the pulpit.

The pianist started playing "Silent Night" which was our cue to start down the aisle carrying lit candles. It was all going well until I smelled smoke. In my haste to get down the aisle, I got my candle too close to the lacy wings of Angel No. 3 in front of me. My depth perception was off because of the patch.

A church deacon spotted the trouble as we passed his pew, and he quickly grabbed the angel and started beating her smoldering wings. Angel No. 3 didn't realize her wings had been ignited, so the beating felt more like an assault. The procession of angels and wise men came to a thudding halt.

After Angel No. 3 was thoroughly checked out by her mother, our Sunday school teacher decided we should begin the procession again in a desperate attempt to save the remainder of the play.

Angel No. 3, with her charred wings, was promoted to the front of the line so she wouldn't have to stand near me, the half-blind Wise Man who nearly torched her the first time. And my mother blew out my candle before I started down the aisle again, just to be safe.

The second procession attempt went perfectly, and we made it to the manger just fine. The narrator was wrapping up when my friend, Wise Man No. 2, started to look pale and shaky. She'd always been the kind of kid who got sick when she was nervous, and I guess the flaming angel incident combined with stage fright took its toll on her stomach.

She dropped her myrrh, covered her mouth for a moment and then brushed me aside as she attempted to leave the stage. She made it as far as the manger and then threw up all over everything, including the Rub-A-Dub doll that was being used as Baby Jesus.

Mary and Joseph turned as white as the fake sheep, and the narrator quickly ended the show by saying, "We hope you've enjoyed our play." The audience didn't know whether to clap, laugh or call paramedics.

It's been more than 30 years since that Christmas catastrophe, and it's still one of the most memorable events in church history — the half-blind wise man, the flaming angel and the wise man who tossed her cookies in the manger.

There will never be another Christmas play quite like it.

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PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

National Safe Toys & Gifts Month

Welcome to the Public Health Corner: National Safe Toys & Gifts Month

December is National Safe Toys & Gifts Month, a time to raise awareness about choosing age-appropriate, safe, and well-constructed toys and gifts for children. As the holiday season approaches and gift-giving is at the forefront, this observance emphasizes the importance of thoughtful and informed decisions to prevent accidents and injuries.

Why Toy Safety Matters

Every year, thousands of children are treated in emergency rooms for toy-related injuries. These incidents can range from choking hazards and cuts to more severe injuries involving toxic materials or defective products. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) monitors toy safety standards, but parents and caregivers also play a crucial role in ensuring toys are safe for children.

Tips for Choosing Safe Toys & Gifts

Age-Appropriateness is Key: Always check the age recommendation on packaging. Toys designed for older children may contain small parts or sharp edges that can be dangerous for younger kids.

Avoid Choking Hazards: For children under three, avoid toys with small parts, marbles,



or balloons that can pose choking risks. Use the small parts tester or a toilet paper roll to ensure parts are too large to fit through.

Inspect for Quality: Look for well-made toys without sharp edges, loose parts, or weak seams. Avoid toys with cords or strings longer than 12 inches for toddlers to prevent strangulation.

Choose Non-Toxic Materials: Verify that paints and finishes on toys are non-toxic, especially for infants and toddlers who often put toys in their mouths.

Electronic Toys: Ensure electronic toys meet safety certifications and do not have easily accessible batteries. Button batteries and magnets can be extremely dangerous if swallowed.

Protective Gear for Active Toys: When gifting bikes, scooters, or skateboards, include helmets and protective gear to encourage safe play.

Safe Gift Ideas for All Ages

While selecting toys, consider gifts that promote creativity, learning, and physical activity. Books, puzzles, building

blocks, and art supplies are excellent alternatives that foster growth while being safe.

Teaching Children Safe Play Habits

Toy safety extends beyond selection to proper use. Teach children to:

Store toys properly to prevent trips and falls.

Wear appropriate safety gear for outdoor or active toys.

Clean toys regularly to maintain hygiene, especially for shared toys.

Reporting Unsafe Toys

If you come across a toy that seems unsafe or defective, report it to the CPSC Safer Products Hotline. This ensures potential hazards are addressed and prevents harm to other children.

Creating a Safe and Happy Holiday

National Safe Toys & Gifts Month reminds us that the true joy of the holiday season lies in creating memories filled with happiness and safety. By choosing thoughtful, age-appropriate gifts and supervising their use, we can protect children and ensure that their holiday celebrations are as safe as they are magical.

Let's prioritize safety this December, spreading not just joy but also peace of mind with every gift given.

Sincerely,
Kirstyn Dietle, MPH, CHES®
Health Educator
Adair County Health Dept.

POETRY CORNER

A Christmas Wish

The Christmas season... is now upon us... reflecting on Jesus' life so long ago, He healed the sick... He fed the hungry... teaching God's love for mankind to know. In this world... evil is present... we must always focus on keeping the Lord near, My Christmas wish... is that you open your heart... forever cherishing God's love so dear.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year

— Daniel D. Donovan



EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Part 133

Theaters of Kirksville - Chapter 6 - Unusual Kennedy Facts

By Blytha Ellis, President
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Throughout the years of the existence of the Kennedy Theatre, its stage provided a perfect venue for various college, high school and junior high plays and concerts, public dance recitals and other productions and performances by numerous area groups. For example, one very popular play performed by the Kirksville Senior High School was held on May 21, 1941, with both afternoon and evening productions. The play was "The Adair County Centennial." It celebrated the county's 1841-1941 existence and was written by the 1940 history class of Hazel Tutt Long. Some of the names of students, teachers and community members mentioned as participants were Maurine Balance, Jean Hanks, J. G. Van Sichel, Dr. Vernon Ewing and J. H. Neville. The music was directed by Homer Clough, and Woodrow Rider served as "Marshall of Scenes."

One major invention in the movie industry had a profound effect upon the Kennedy, and that was when "talkies" replaced silent films. This was a great improvement, but also presented difficulties for projectionists. The early sound films required synchronization of the film and a record. A huge failure of this setup was created if the record skipped or vibrated due to a large truck passing by the theater. This problem necessitated the projectionist getting the sound and visual re-synchronized. One report told how the audience would applaud loudly in appreciation of the operator being able to match the picture with the sound.

A headline in the "Kirksville Daily Express on January 18, 1929, announced, "Kennedy Booth Large Enough for Talkies." The theater manager at that time was J. P. Moore, and he explained that

specifications for the installation of sound production had been received, and the Kennedy projection booth was large enough to accommodate the new equipment without alterations needed as it was in so many other theaters.

The manager at that time was looking forward to getting some of the top talkies of the day such as "The Jazz Singer" and "The Singing Fool." The first talkie was shown at the Kennedy on March 4, 1929, with the matinee admission priced at 10 to 35 cents, and the evening showing at 25 to 50 cents. However, there is a contradiction as to the name of the first talkie shown at the Kennedy. Some of the popular early talkies were "Monte Carlo," "The Road to Glory" and "The Goose Woman."

Not long after the introduction of talkies, inventors were able to create films with built-in sound. This was a great relief to the projectionists. Air conditioning came to the Kennedy Theatre in the 1930s, and newspaper ads boasted of its "ice washed air and a temperature never exceeding 70 degrees." Patrons probably gladly came up with the admission price to the theater just to escape the hot summer days and allowed the establishment to advertise they were "Kirksville's cool spot."

Of course, winters at the theater posed a different kind of challenge for the proprietors. One manager, Eugene Kincaid, spoke about this later to the "Kirksville Daily Express." He said the coal-fired heating system which warmed both the Kennedy and the Princess, had steam pipes which ran under the alley between the two theaters. Mr. Kincaid stated he often had to stay up all night feeding the furnace to keep the apartments above the theaters warm. He also commented that the city of Kirksville used the cinders from the furnace on the streets when it snowed.

To increase patronage from time to time, the Kennedy was not above participating in gimmicks of var-



ious kinds. One highly unusual event in which the Kennedy played a part concerned the incredible live burial of a local man. A sideshow promoter, billed as "The Great Dr. Franklin, World's Youngest Hypnotist," came through Kirksville in June 1950. He arranged with a local cafe, "The White Cabin," which was one block south of the Kennedy, to use their parking lot for a stunt.

The hypnotist crew would dig a "grave" in the parking lot and find a willing local person to be "buried alive" in a hypnotic state. A stovepipe-sized tube would be placed to the grave so the public could be charged 10 cents each to view this phenomenon. Surprisingly, the White Cabin agreed to this, and the Kennedy Theatre would be involved in the person's "resurrection."

A Kirksville man in his twenties named Martin Glaspie became the subject of this exploit for which he was promised an enticing sum. At noon on Thursday, June 8, 1950, a crowd of an estimated 500 gathered in the White Cabin parking lot to watch as "The Great Dr. Franklin" placed Martin in a hypnotic sleep. A rigid Martin fell backward into the arms of some of his friends who were in attendance. They placed him in the prepared wooden box which was lowered five feet underground and covered with dirt.

A tent was placed over the "grave" to admit sightseers. As Dr. Franklin took the admission fee, the curious took turns looking



Kennedy Theatre with its triangular marquee

down the stovepipe to the face of Martin Glaspie who appeared to be either asleep or dead. Many of the lookers were school children who are older citizens today and well remember this stunt. One man remembers sneaking his friends in on a single dime so they could have a look.

For a dramatic finish to this stunt, on the third day, the "grave" at the White Cabin was "opened" and the box containing Martin Glaspie was exhumed. This was 59 hours after the "burial," and it was Saturday night, June 10, 1950. The box was taken to the Kennedy Theatre a block north where it was on display in the lobby before the midnight show.

A large Kennedy ad in the "Kirksville Daily Express" announced this "awakening of the man buried alive on the stage." The movie which preceded this "awakening" was Bela Lugosi in "The Corpse Vanishes," a 1942 mystery horror film. The price of admission that night was 75 cents for all seats.

One local citizen, now in his 80s, remembers that his mother took him to this midnight show. The big reveal occurred on stage after the midnight show. And, sure enough, Dr. Franklin brought Mar-

tin Glaspie out of his hypnotic state, and the "man buried alive" sat up and came out of his wooden box alive and well to thunderous applause of the audience. However, he was hungry and weak, and he asked for coffee.

But, the sad ending to this story was that poor Martin was duped! Friends reported that the sideshow shyster, Dr. Franklin, quickly slipped out of town, never to be heard of again, without paying Martin one cent!

However, despite this event, Martin went on to have a successful life. His real death and burial occurred in 2001.

The Kennedy Theatre would grace the landscape of Kirksville for nearly 40 more years after this hypnotic stunt and would be cherished by generations of moviegoers. Its demise was to come in 1989 amid many angry protests, as will be discussed later.

(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 the museum, 211 S. Elson St. in Kirksville.)

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TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

115 Years Ago, Dec. 18, 1909

The record high price ever paid for land in Adair County was recently transacted. The 41-acre Robert Propst farm was purchased by a man named Hardy of Knox County. He paid \$137 per acre, which according to records was considerably more than the price ever paid for farm land in the county.

115 Years Ago, Dec. 18, 1909

The following Want Ad appeared in the Kirksville Daily Express. "Personal—Widow, 40, pleasant, refined, unencumbered, wishes to meet a sober honest industrious man, one with some means preferred; object matrimony; no triflers. Mrs. Francis Neal, P.O. Box 548, St. Louis, Mo." The editor of the newspaper commented: "If any man in Kirksville or Adair County enters into this correspondence who wishes to remain single, he will have only himself to blame."

115 Years Ago, Dec. 21, 1909

Kirksville was having fine weather for the coal man and the ice man. During the cold days through which Kirksville had been shivering, the ice had been getting thicker and thicker on ponds and streams until it was measuring 10 inches thick and was ripe for harvesting. Burk Brothers stated that they had finished their ice-cutting, having stored away 300 tons of the winter product. John L. Porter is busily cutting ice for storage and C.E. Still will begin cutting ice soon. Cutting ice before Christmas was rare because the weather was typically not cold enough to freeze the ice thick enough to cut. But this year the ice men were thoroughly enjoying the cold

weather because now they could sit back and relax in their warm homes.

105 Years Ago, Dec. 20, 1919

An unusual service was being held at the First Baptist Church in Kirksville when Col. J. E. Rieger was presenting to the church a stained-glass window which was made from fragments of the stained-glass windows in the ancient Verdun, France Roman Catholic cathedral. While Col. Rieger was serving in France during World War I, he wrote home that he had obtained some of the pieces of glass from the historic structure and that he intended to bring some of it home for the church in Kirksville. Rieger also brought back a piece of board from a French trench at Verdun where the French beat back the German hordes and held them at bay for months. Both souvenirs were of great sentimental value and the two combined in the special window were expected to be objects of great interest to the church. The original Verdun Cathedral was built in the year 457 but underwent much destruction and many reconstructions and renovations. In 1916 it was largely destroyed when it was bombed at the beginning of the Battle of Verdun. The cathedral was rebuilt in the 1920s and 1930s and celebrated its millennium in 1990.

100 Years Ago, Dec. 15, 1924

Six men were arrested in Kirksville Saturday night and Sunday morning for being drunk in public. Their behavior was attributed to premature celebration of the Christmas holidays. At their court appearance all six entered guilty pleas, and two paid their fines. The other four were committed to jail to serve out their sentences. At the time Judge Wilhite

rendered his sentences on the six men, he also issued a work order that committed the men to either pay their fines or work them out. Wilhite said that city officials were getting tired of fining drunks, then let them pay part of their fine and be released on their promise to pay the remainder, which many never did. The judge said that it was "too soft a piece of justice" to fine a man for being drunk and then provide him a good warm place to stay with plenty to eat until he lay out his fine in jail.

80 Years Ago, Dec. 22, 1944

Christmas of 1944 during the dark days of World War II was a particularly sad time for Kirksville and the surrounding area as tragic news came in from the war front both in Europe and the South Pacific. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Golden of Kirksville learned that their son Staff Sergeant Paul A. Golden was killed in the Philippines. Three days later on Christmas Eve, the Golden family received a dozen American Beauty roses from their deceased son. He had ordered them for their Christmas present before he was killed on November 8. At the same time came the news from the European war front that four area soldiers had been wounded in action. They were Private Boyd Christy, Private First-Class Thomas L. Crnic, Staff Sergeant Gor-

don E. Hennen, and Staff Sergeant Leland A. White.

70 Years Ago, Dec. 19, 1954

Six polio patients at Laughlin Hospital in Kirksville got a big surprise when Santa Claus dropped in for a visit. He brought gifts and candy for all. The patients all from the northeast Missouri area were Tommy Constable, Patty Sue Leach, Molly Long, Margaret Cowgill, Billy Ferrell, and Randall Wood. All the patients would be spending Christmas in the hospital.

70 Years Ago, Dec. 19, 1954

Four Kirksville college students were killed and the fifth was severely injured when their car rammed into the rear of a semi-stock truck on Highway 36 near the Illinois-Indiana border. Three of the students who were killed were enrolled at Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery (KCOS, now A. T. Still University) while the fourth was a student at the teachers college (now Truman State University). The accident occurred when the driver of the car, Herbert A. Haffner, a KCOS junior student from Pennsylvania, rear-ended a tractor trailer. The five students were en route to their homes in Pennsylvania and New York to spend the holidays. The fifth student, a teachers college attendee, survived the accident but sustained extensive inju-



ries. According to accident investigators, the tractor trailer was stopped due to a minor accident ahead of it. The driver of the car who was traveling at a high rate of speed did not realize the truck was stopped and rear-ended it. It had been raining and snowing before the accident, but the roads were not reported to be hazardous.

25 Years Ago, Dec. 21, 1999

About 40 people braved 10-degree temperatures to attend a ground-breaking ceremony for the Bruce Normile Juvenile Justice Center on South Boundary Street in Kirksville. Those participating in the ceremony were state representative, Don Summers; juvenile officer, Mike Waddle; Adair County Presiding Commissioner, Gary Jones; retired judge, Bruce Normile; Judge Russell Steele; and architect George Esser. In speaking to

the audience, Judge Russell Steele said that in planning the juvenile center, there was no contest for choosing a name for the center. Normile's name was given to the facility because of his more than 30 years of service as judge of the Adair County Circuit Court and because of his dedication to justice for the youth of the community. The new juvenile center was to serve 38 counties in Northeast Missouri that were not served by a juvenile detention facility. Previously, the sheriffs in those counties had to transport juveniles to St. Charles, Kansas City, or Boone or Cole Counties, a distance that resulted in isolation of the juveniles because it discouraged families from visiting. The new center would also reduce juvenile transportation costs for the counties and swifter outcomes could be rendered.

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Kirksville native performs with U.S. Navy Band Country Current

By U.S. Navy Photo by Musician 1st Class Daniel Mentzer

Musician First Class Caleb Cox from Amherst Country, Va. and Musician First Class Sally Ziesing from Kirksville, performing with the United States

Navy Band Country Current at the American Legion Post 217 in College Park, Md. The Country Current is the United States Navy's premier blue grass ensemble that performs in the greater Washington D.C. and nationally on tours across the country.

Rotary Club of Kirksville welcomes Adair County SB40 executive directors

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

The speakers at the Nov. 13 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting were SB40 Developmental Disability Board Executive Director Crystal Aminirad and Sean Jacob, her successor when she retires at year end. SB40 provides a bridge between individuals and the services they need to improve their quality of life. Their professional service coordinators provide case management to help eligible individuals access comprehensive medical, social, educational and other specialized services. Pictured from left are Jacob, Aminirad, and Club President Ruth Bowers.



ATSU Rotaract sponsors Polio Plus fundraiser

By ATSU Rotaract

ATSU Rotaract recently sponsored a Polio Plus fundraiser at the Dukum Inn, which yielded \$400. Pictured from left

are Rotary Club of Kirksville member Chade Shorten of Dukum Inn, ATSU Rotaract Officers Jennifer Pham and Justine Farrell with Rotary Club President Ruth Bowers.



Rotary Club of Kirksville gets update on Hurricane Helene and Milton recovery

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the Nov. 20 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, Red Cross Community Disaster Program Specialist John Dungan provided an update on Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Helene, a Category 4 hurricane, resulted in over 200 deaths, making it the third most deadly hurricane. It is anticipated that the costs will be over \$50 billion. Hurricane Milton, initially a Category 5 downgraded to Cat 3, followed shortly thereafter. It was the second most intense hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico and damaged over three million homes and businesses. The costs will be in the \$85 billion range. Dungan, pictured with Club President Ruth Bowers, spoke about the services the Red Cross provides to individuals in need.



Boland is the Adair County SB40 Nov. 2024 Spotlight Award recipient

By Adair County SB40

Adair County SB40 announced Shelly Boland is the November Outstanding Employee Spotlight award recipient. Boland was nominated by Katy Korte, director of Kirksville Child Development Center.

"Shelly Boland has worked at the Kirksville Child Development Center since 2007," Korte said, noting that KCDC is a parent cooperative play-based preschool in Kirksville, serving families with children ages 2-5. "Shelly has always been a very dedicated employee. She is passionate about working with young children and greatly enjoys her time in the classroom."

Korte said that Boland has served as both cook and classroom assistant in her time with KCDC and that she has a wonderful sense of humor and likes to joke with the kids.

"She can often be found either reading books to a couch-full of kids or leading them in a baking project as a learning activity," Korte said. "Many kids over the years have enjoyed making bread, doing science experiments and

singing songs with Miss Shelly. We greatly appreciate her enthusiasm within the classroom."

Tricia Fehr, Adair County SB40 service coordinator, has worked with Boland for a number of years.

"I am so proud of all that Shelly is accomplishing," Fehr said. "She has worked for over 17 years in her current position and was recently promoted. Shelly has been really challenging herself and working hard to achieve her personal goals. I couldn't be happier for her that her supervisor wanted to nominate her for this important recognition."

Adair SB40 Executive Director Crystal Aminirad said that people with developmental disabilities in the local community have demonstrated over and over what an amazing asset they are for their employers.

"Like all good employees, they have great work ethic, they show up, they work hard and they can be depended upon to produce great outcomes," Aminirad said. "At Adair SB40 we are encouraged by the number of local employers who offer meaningful jobs



Shelly Boland, KCDC Teacher

to individuals with developmental disabilities, which allows them to contribute to the benefit of our local economy. We hope that all employers will recognize the value that people with disabilities bring to our local workforce."

If you would like to nominate a great candidate for a monthly Spotlight Award, Adair County SB40 is accepting nominations. Anyone can make a nomination. Nominations can be made in any of the four following categories:

- Kids Inclusion Spotlight Award for children in kindergarten — 8th grade
- Youth Leadership Spotlight Award for youth in grades 9-12
- Community Volunteer Spotlight Award (any age)
- Entrepreneur or Employee Spotlight Award (any age)

In March 2025, a Spotlight Award of the Year winners will be selected from all of the monthly winners. Nominations can be made throughout the year by visiting the Adair County SB40 website or by contacting a SB40 staff member to assist you at (660) 665 — 9400. You can also find more information about the four nomination categories by visiting Adair County SB40's website, <https://www.sb40life.org>.

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Bulldogs roll Tiffin behind Cook's 152 yards to claim America's Crossroads Bowl

By Truman Bulldogs Athletics

HOBART, Ind. – Stiff winds and cold temps could not contain the Truman State running game in a 29-10 season-ending victory over Tiffin (Ohio) University at the America's Crossroads Bowl Saturday.

Junior running back Denim Cook gained 152 yards on the ground and rushed for two scores while being named the Offensive Player of the Game. Defensive Player of the Game honors were won by senior defensive back Shane Johnson whose Pick 6 with six minutes left in the fourth all but put the game away for the 'Dogs.

The Truman State defense forced a three-and-out by Tiffin on the game's first drive. Cook and the Bulldog offense went right to work with an 11-yard gain on the first play from scrimmage. Sophomore

quarterback Dylan Hair found senior tight end Christopher Kerr for a 29-yard reception on a 1st and 15, but the drive stalled on a nine-yard sack of Hair. Sophomore place kicker Vinnie Calvaruso, with a steady wind of 16 MPH at his back, put Truman State on the board with a 38-yard field goal at 10:24 left in the first quarter.

The Dragons started their next drive at their own 25 and got to the Bulldog 34 over eight plays before senior defensive back Brock Jones and junior defensive end Thomas Spaulding collaborated on a stop at 4th and 1. From their own 35, Truman State drove down to the Tiffin 1 on rushes of 34 by Cook and 29 by Hair before Cook crossed the goal line on a 2nd and 1 to give the Purple and White a 10-0 lead with five minutes remaining in the period.

Truman State squandered good field position at the Tiffin 26 after a Dragon punt of seven yards, but a Hair fumble two plays later gave back the ball with three minutes left in the frame. The Dragons finished their possession off the turnover with a 23-yard field goal after an eight-play, 67-yard drive took 3:24 off the clock. The two traded possessions before Cook finished first half scoring on a nine-yard rushing score just before the two-minute time out to take a 16-3 lead into the half.

Tiffin notched its lone touchdown of the game, a 7-yard scamper by junior back Ronald Blackman, to open play in the fourth quarter after a scoreless third. The 'Dogs rattled off a 10-play, 50-yard drive in response to take seven minutes off the clock and extend the lead



Denim Cook rumbles for yardage in a loss against Findlay (Ohio) in the Bulldogs' opening game of the season. Truman won their fourth Crossroads Bowl on Saturday. DAILY EXPRESS FILE PHOTO

to 19-10 with 7:48 remaining after a Calvaruso 31-yard field goal. Johnson returned a Tiffin pass 58 yards for the final Truman State touchdown of the day while Calvaruso sealed the deal with a 23-yard field goal under sixty seconds to play.

Truman State gained 316 yards total offense while the Bulldog defense held the Dragons to 182 yards total offense including just 18 on the ground.

The victory gives Truman State its fourth America's Crossroads Bowl crown and second over Tiffin

including a 28-27 win in 2022. The Bulldogs finish head coach Kellen Nesbitt's first season at the helm 8-4 overall and 6-2 in Great Lakes Valley Conference play while Tiffin wraps the year 8-4 overall and 7-2 in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference.



Kirksville's Paishynce Fouts pushes the ball up the court in Tuesday's dominant win against Clark County. PHOTOS BY HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

Kirksville girls force running clock against Clark County

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

The Tigers moved to 2-2 on Tuesday night with a trouncing of Clark County in their final non-conference game, 65-33. After taking a 37-19 lead into the half, the Tigers coasted to a running clock in the fourth quarter.

Clark County falls to 2-4. "We're trying to get better every day as we're working more girls into the rotation," Kirksville coach Nick Totta said.

The Tigers had four players in double figures. Junior Chloe Carter led the team with 17 points, senior Paishynce Fouts had 14, and Eva Danielson and Faith Vice posted 10 apiece. Madelyn Sampson had eight.

Kirksville's press was the key to getting out to a 30-plus point lead late in the game, and the Tigers' conditioning and depth has been a point of focus the past weeks since the season began.

"You know how us coaches are," Totta said. "We're working on stringing together days where we're progressing. Sometimes we're hoping to see progress quicker than we should expect it, but I definitely thought tonight was a step in the right direction with those things."

As it stands currently, Kirksville still officially has its win



Sophomore Megan Kinney pushes the ball in Tuesday's win.

versus Macon from last week, but could lose it do to forfeiture from accidentally playing two girls in seven total quarters across the junior varsity and varsity games.

The Tigers travel to Mexico to begin NCMC play on Dec. 17.

Tigers have no trouble at home with Clark County

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

The Kelly boys co-led their team with 16 points each on Tuesday night, as Kirksville advanced to 4-0 in its last non-conference game before traveling to Mexico on Dec. 17. The Tigers won, 68-47, and never led by less than 10 points in the second half after taking a 38-23 lead into the halftime break.

Clark County falls to 4-2, with its only other loss being by nine points to an undefeated Schuyler County team in the Tri-Rivers Classic.

"They play hard and work hard, and it's a team we knew would punch back," Kirksville coach Tyler Martin said. "We got a little undisciplined on the defensive end and that's something we have to work on for sure before conference begins."

Behind Carson and Cole Kelly's game-high 16 points, senior Carter Pinkerton posted 12. Jace Kent scored seven.

Senior guard Carson Kelly finishes at the rim on Tuesday night. He posted 16 points in the Tigers' 68-47 victory. Nine of his points were in the third quarter. PHOTOS BY HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS



Cole Kelly drains a corner three-pointer in the first half of Tuesday's victory against Clark County.



Class 4 All-State teams were unveiled this weekend. Bennett Fraser was named first-team while Jace Kent was named second-team. DAILY EXPRESS FILE PHOTO

Truman's Mathis breaks record at home in indoor mile

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. — A new school record was set this weekend for Truman State Track & Field. Addie Mathis broke a 24-year old Truman State indoor record when she ran 4:57.84 in the Mile run.

Mathis was part of a group that competed at the Jimmy Grant Alumni Meet at the University of Iowa on Saturday. Mathis and fellow teammate Lexy Henrikson went 1-2 in the event with Mathis' time eclipsing the record held by Kerry Knepper of 4:58.07 set in February of 1990.

Henrikson also set a new personal best in the race at 5:00.11.

Justin Moeller brought home two first place finishes and Tyler Davis added another at the Central College Dutch Holiday meet on Friday. Moeller won the Long Jump (7.17m) and the Pole Vault (4.15m) while Davis bested the field, including seven other Truman State throwers in the Shot Put with a winning mark of 15.35 meters. Alex Long was second with a PR mark of 15.21 meters.

Cooper Doolin qualified for the finals in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.09 and then ran 7.07 for a third place finish.

Esme Aubuchon was third in the women's High Jump at Central, clearing 1.51 meters and Destiny Zimdars was fourth in the women's Weight Throw (14.70m).

The Bulldogs will be off for the holidays and pick up again on January 18th.

Fraser, Kent highlight Kirksville's postseason football accolades

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

The Tigers had four players named to the Missouri Football Coaches Association all-district teams in District 5, and

two named all-state within all of Class 4. Junior offensive lineman Bennett Fraser was named first-team all-state, and senior running back Jace Kent was honored as a second-team all-state member.

Senior lineman Andrew Williams and

freshman linebacker Blake Nesbitt were named to the all-district teams. All-district doesn't have first-team and second-team designations. Nesbitt has the distinction of being the only 9th grader on the all-district list.

Tigers enter Saturday's Liberty tournament off split in home tri

By Henry Janssen
Daily Express

Kirksville hosted Centerville and Palmyra on Tuesday. The Tigers dominated against their Iowa peers, 63-18, before losing narrowly to Palmyra, 43-36. The Tigers take to the Liberty tournament on Saturday morning in their next to last matches before the holiday break.

Against Centerville, Kirksville's victors were Jaden Crisp, Ethan Hale, Aidan Dunn, Jacob Lunsford, Aidan Bergman, Luke Cahalan, Cristian Bergman, and Aidan Dimmitt.

The Tigers' winners versus Palmyra were Jason Schutter, Crisp, both Bergmans, Hunter, and Liam Self.



Kirksville wrestling defeated Centerville before falling to Palmyra on Tuesday.

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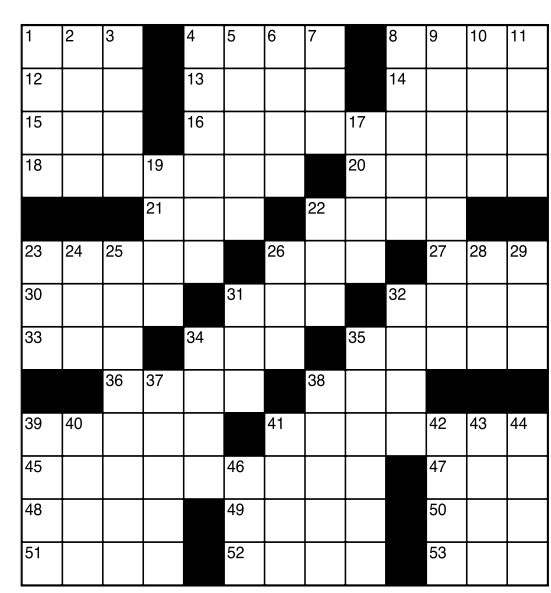
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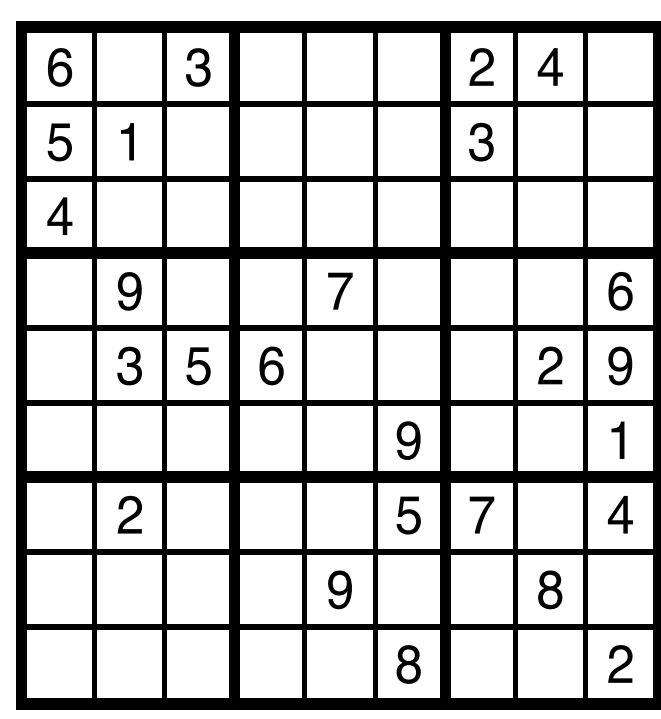
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Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomes cast of 'A Christmas Carol'

By Kirksville Kiwanis Club

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed cast members of Curtain Call Theatre Company's upcoming production of "A Christmas Carol" to present at their Nov. 21 meeting. The

cast members performed an excerpt from their upcoming production. For show dates and times, visit curtaincalltheatre.org. Pictured, from left, are Zaedyn Allemang; Kristin Bost; Jesse Schier; Mark Willis; Kirksville Kiwan-

is Club Immediate Past President, and member of Curtain Call Theatre Company, Dan McGurk; Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Ted Frushour; Hezekiah Jordan; Josie McLaughlin; and Bella McLaughlin.



Meia Shahan (left) and Ella Seedorf present their idea during the Bulldog Pitch Day at Truman State University, Nov. 14. The pair took first place and earned \$500 for their Hot-2-Go Cup concept.

Kirksville students take first place in Truman State University pitch contest

By Truman State University

Ella Seedorf and Meia Shahan won first place and received a \$500 award for participating in Truman State University's Bulldog Pitch Day, Nov. 14.

Every year, Truman hosts the annual Bulldog B.I.T.E. business pitch competition, short for Bulldog Business Innovation by Truman Entrepreneurs. Students are invited to give an "elevator pitch" that outlines the concept or idea for a product, service or project in a short period of time, typically from 30 seconds to three minutes. A panel of judges determines the winners, with the top three spots earning cash prizes.

Beginning in 2023, Truman established a similar competition, Bulldog Pitch Day, specifically for area high school students. This year more than 40 students from six local high schools submitted ideas. Area schools represented include Kirksville, Brunswick, Knox County, North Callaway, Paris and Schuyler County.

Seedorf and Shahan took the top prize in the Bulldog Pitch Day competition for their product Hot-2-Go Cup, a container

with a portable heating pad designed to keep meals warm for people on the go.

Additional Kirksville students participating in the Bulldog Pitch Day competition include: Jesse Bishoff; Hunter Combs; Austin Martin and Denver Cunningham; Addy Davis; Lake Downing and Brantley Kottwitz; Baylee Gashwiler; Meradith Helmer and Kierra Manyx; Sean James; Jace Kent, Hayden Davis and Connor Hall; Cloud Lomongo and Cad Roxas; Levi Martin; Alia Puckett and Victoria Henke; Kellen Simmons, Grayson Houser and Zach Treasure; Austin Springer, Logan Martin and Diamond Kangiela; Drussile Mpunga Tshienda; Zoe Wright, Lindsey Smith and Chloe Ratliff.

These competitions were made possible through the generosity of Truman alumni Doug ('94) and Diane ('95) Villhard and Stella Chakiris ('73), as well as donors to the Villhard Innovation Fund and the Lt. Gen. Shien Min Ku and Shih Chin Ku Entrepreneurship Fund at Truman.

For more information about this year's competition visit bulldogbite.truman.edu/winners.

Claire Lloyd given Rotary Club of Kirksville's 'Service Above Self Achievement Award'

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the Nov. 20 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, Club President Ruth Bowers presented a Service Above Self Achievement Award to Claire Lloyd for producing the club's newsletter "The Serving Tray" for nearly 20 years. Thanks to the efforts of Rotarian Ron Gaber, four bound volumes of newsletters will be archived at Truman's Special Collections. Pictured from left are Bowers, Lloyd and Gaber.



New York publisher announces latest book in mystery series by Knox County native

By Nicholas K. Burns Publishing

Nicholas K. Burns Publishing of Utica, New York, has announced the second title by Knox County native and Truman University alum John L. Swann. The Tangled String: A Charlie Chan Mystery will be published Nov. 25.

Swann has worked in public relations, marketing, radio and television journalism in Upstate New York. He started his broadcasting career at KIRX radio in Kirksville. While serving as chief of staff to the president of the State University of New York Institute of Technology, he authored "From the Mills to Marcy", a history of the college. The Tangled String continues the new Charlie Chan series of mystery novels that began with publication of 2023's "Death, I Said".

"Fans of the Charlie Chan books and films and mystery lovers in general were very enthusiastic about the first book in the series," Swann says. "I appreciate their support as well as the positive reviews the first book received."

Lou Armagno, editor of The Wisdom Within Earl Derr Biggers' Charlie Chan:

The Original Aphorisms Inside the Charlie Chan Canon, called Death, I Said "Exciting news for mystery buffs . . . a true Charlie Chan novel," and Worlds-Best-Detective-Crime-and-Murder-Mystery-Books.com reviewer

Drew R. Thomas gave Swann's first novel "two thumbs up":

"A thoroughly entertaining story that has the flavor of the original novels, tinged with the spirit of the Warner Oland and Sydney Toler movies," Thomas wrote. "As I read this I personally felt like I was revisiting old friends and happy memories."

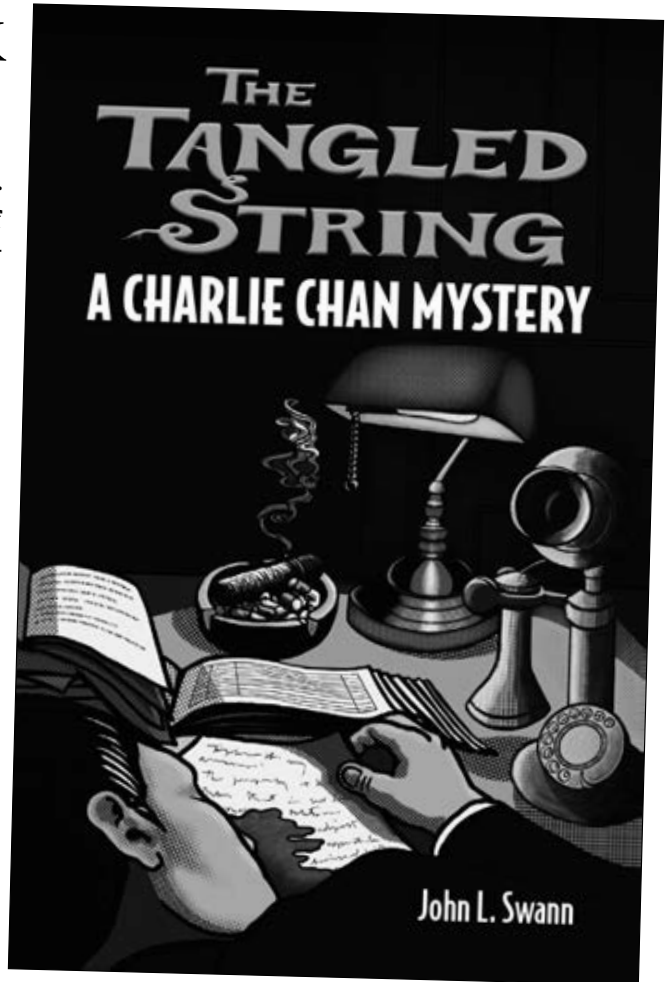
The new series of Charlie Chan books coincides with the approaching centennial of the character's 1925 serialized debut in the pages of the Saturday Evening Post and the publication later that year of the first Charlie Chan novel, The House Without a Key, by Earl Derr Biggers.

Inspired by a real-life Chinese detective who served on the Honolulu police force, Biggers wrote six Chan novels unique at the time for their creation of a heroic Asian detective. The author later said he wanted to counter the prevailing depiction of Asians as sinister villains at the time,

and his Charlie Chan character became popular in dozens of movies, television and radio adaptations and other media for decades. Biggers was planning a seventh Chan novel when he died at age 48, in 1933, and Swann's new series takes up Chan's adventures where the original author left off.

Both The Tangled String and Death, I Said draw on the Biggers novels and characters, and the new series, according to publisher Nicholas Burns, is finding favor with both readers of golden age mystery writers, such as Agatha Christie and Dorothy Sayers, as well as fans of Charlie Chan movies and books.

The Tangled String: A Charlie Chan Mystery can be pre-ordered online from Amazon and Barnes & Noble and will be available from booksellers everywhere on Nov. 25.



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By MFA Oil

COLUMBIA — MFA Oil Company, a farmer-owned energy cooperative, recently completed significant upgrades at its Petro-Card 24 stations at 3715 N. Baltimore Street in Kirksville, and 712 E. Clark Street in La Plata. These locations are open to the public 24 hours a day.

The Kirksville location offers regular 87-octane gasoline, 91-octane gas without ethanol, E15, E85, clear highway diesel, red offroad diesel and diesel exhaust fluid. The La Plata location offers regular 87-octane gasoline, 91-octane gas without ethanol, clear highway diesel, red offroad diesel and diesel exhaust fluid.

MFA Oil installed new fuel pumps featuring state-of-the-art payment technology, allowing customers to enjoy seamless transactions directly at the pump. Payment options include MFA Oil's Petro-Card 24 and Preferred Customer credit cards, alongside all major credit and fleet cards.

"This technology upgrade is a testament to our commitment to reliability and convenience for our Petro-Card 24



Kirksville's MFA Oil station.

customers," said Kenny Steeves, senior vice president of MFA Oil operations. "It ensures that our members and customers have access to dependable fuel around the clock."

Looking ahead, MFA Oil plans to roll out similar upgrades across all Petro-Card 24 locations by the end of 2026, underscoring its dedication to enhancing customer experience across its network of over 180 stations in Missouri, Arkansas, Iowa, and Kansas. Each station offers high-quality fuels such as BOSS® Performance Diesel and REVital Detergent Gasoline, catering to both public and commercial fueling needs.

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To learn more about Petro-Card 24 fueling stations or to order a Petro-Card 24 Credit Card, visit PetroCard24.com.

Holidays are a time of increased risk for stroke

Brush up on stroke risk factors and symptoms to protect your health

By Northeast Regional Medical Center

In the midst of all the gifts and good times, the holidays also come with a higher risk for medical emergencies, including stroke.

Celebrations often include rich foods and alcohol, and busier social calendars can leave less time for exercise and sleep. Added stress from holiday preparations, shopping for gifts, increased expenses or traveling, along with millions of other holiday activities can affect the body. Cold weather can, too. Taken together, these elements can increase blood pressure or development of heart arrhythmias and blood clotting disorders — all of which could trigger a stroke.

"During this busy time of year, it's important to give yourself time to sleep and relax and to be mindful when eating and drinking to reduce your risk of an unexpected visit to the ER," said Chief Nursing Officer Elizabeth Guffey, MBA, RN. "Balance the indulgent treats with healthy choices, make time for physical activity, connect with friends and family, and make sure you know the signs and symptoms of stroke."

Stroke risk increases with age, but strokes can happen at any age. The most important thing to do is recognize the symptoms and get help without delay. Stroke symptoms can be remembered with F-A-S-T:

- Face drooping
- Arm weakness on one side
- Speech difficulty/slurring
- Time to call 9-1-1

Guffey added, "If you or someone you love experiences these symptoms — take action to get help quickly. Even if you're not



Northeast Regional Medical Center Chief Nursing Officer Elizabeth Guffey, MBA, RN.

medics and emergency medicine technicians of EMS can begin assessment and treatment and communicate with the ER staff while on their way.

Stroke remains the fifth leading cause of death and the leading cause of long-term disability in the U.S. Early detection and treatment are key to improving survival, minimizing disability and accelerating recovery.

Northeast Regional Medical Center has received the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines® — Stroke Rural Recognition Silver award as well as the Stroke Silver Plus with Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll.

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Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club hears from Kirksville R-III transportation manager

By Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club

Jenny Billington, manager of transportation systems for the Kirksville R-III School District, spoke recently to members of the Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club. Billington talked about the transition from Weber Bus, which had provided bus service to the local school system for decades, to Ecco Ride, the current provider. She began as a volunteer, trying to help smooth some of the transition issues, and eventually left her management position with McDonalds to work full time for Ecco Ride. Billington described the addition of technology to help plan and schedule bus routes, the larger number of employees, and the in-house training provided by Ecco Ride. The company is also available for charters for other schools and organizations.

Pictured are Jenny Billington and Courtney Bonnell, Kirksville-Thou-

sand Hills Rotary Club president. The Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club meets on Thursday mornings at 7 a.m. at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill Street.

Anyone who would like to learn more about the club or Rotary International is welcome to attend. Club information is also available at thousandhillsrotary.com.

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Celebrating Christmas Thru Music event held in Novinger

By Novinger Renewal

Celebrating Christmas Thru Music was held on Sunday, Dec. 8, at the former Novinger

Methodist Church on Davis Street. Visitors were entertained with vocals, instrumentals, community singing and tours of the historic building, coordinated by Novinger Renewal.



Kirkville First United Methodist Church Handbell Choir under the direction of Sarah Stock.



Raymond Magruder doing a reading.



Glenna Daniels shares info on the church with attendees.



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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</p> <p>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.kvcc.org</p> <p>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</p> <p>Faith United Methodist Church 1602 E. Illinois Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship</p> <p>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</p> <p>First Church of God 2900 S. Halliburton Tiffany and Michael Vincent 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship www.firstchurchofgod.com</p> <p>Central Church of Christ 2010 S. Halliburton 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>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</p> <p>The Crossing Church 810 E. Shepherd Ave. 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service www.thecrossing.net</p> <p>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</p> <p>First United Methodist Church 300 E. Washington Pastor: Choongho Kwon 9:30 a.m. Worship In Person & Online kvumc.org</p> <p>Pure Air Baptist Church 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship TBA Bible Study</p> <p>Church of God of Prophecy 807 Benton Way Pastor: Rob Linhart 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Service</p> <p>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.fellowshipcbc.org • 660-665-0633</p> <p>Yarrow Methodist Church Highway N., Yarrow Pastor David Stuckey 10:00 a.m. Sunday Services</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Catholic Newman Center 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday 7:00 a.m. Monday 9:00 p.m. Wednesday</p> <p>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</p> <p>Sugar Creek Baptist Church 5 mi South on Hwy 3 Pastor, Virgil K. Jones 10:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>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</p> <p>Meadow Brook Christian Church 602 E. Washington 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Morning Worship</p> <p>St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Novinger, Mo. 7:30 a.m. Sunday</p> <p>Life Church of Kirkville 112 W. Potter Jeremy Pingle, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Service</p> <p>Community Presbyterian Church 210 N. Owensby, LaPlata, Mo Pastor Rev Jeff Carter 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Gifford Christian Church Minister: Darren Potter 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p>Lake Road Chapel 22963 Potter Trail Pastors: Andrew Turner, Andy Thompson 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service www.lakeroadchapel.org</p> <p>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</p> <p>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 Jim Maxey, Calling Pastor 660-665-6949 or 660-216-4183</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) High & Harrison Timothy Polley, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 2000 E. Normal</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 124 N. Mulanix Rev. Amy L. Fallon, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</p> <p>Seventh Day Adventist Church 1301 N. Elson Kent Dunwoody, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School (Saturday) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Saturday) Fellowship Dinner on 4th Saturday. 712-541-4675</p> <p>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</p> <p>Illinois Bend Community Church Highway 3 Pastor Terry Hunsaker 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 660-349-0052</p> <p>Baring Community Church 11:00 a.m. Worship.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Willow Bend Church Find us on Facebook for Event Schedule</p> <p>New Hope Methodist Reformed Church - Millard 9:15 a.m. Bible Stud 10:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Greentop Community Church Highway K, Greentop, Mo. Pastor: Lynae McFarland 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>Trinity United Fellowship Church Pastor: Josh Botello 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 660-626-4446</p> <p>Lancaster United Methodist Church Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Grace Bible Baptist Church Greencastle, Mo. Rev. Earl Baker, Pastor 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 5:00 p.m. Evening Service</p> <p>Winigan Christian Church Ryan Crist, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>	<p>LaPlata Christian Church Scott McNay, Pastor 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>Queen City Christian Church Queen City, Mo. Justin Briney, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Bible School 10:30 a.m. Communion/worship Hour</p> <p>United Pentecostal Church 1502 E. Northtown Road David E. 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Gardner Brian and Michelle Bump, Pastors 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Colony Baptist Church 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday worship</p> <p>Cornerstone Community Church Meeting at the Fohn Family Center 404N. Elson 9:30 a.m. Sunday Small Group Bible Study designed for adults</p> <p>Locust Hill Community Church Rt. I, Novelty, Mo William Gaines, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p>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</p> <p>Word Alive! Family Church Hwy 63, Greentop Pastors: Robert Gange 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Adult service, Childrens Church</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Victory Baptist Church of Greentop -Meets at the Willmathsville Community Church on Hwy A. Pastor Joshua Wesley 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Union Temple Pastor Alan Coonfield Sunday evening worship 5:00 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Worship</p>
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