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Drivers are encouraged to

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ing talk-to-text, Bluetooth or

speaker functions to talk, send

messages and use navigation,

but not while physically holding

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Citations for phone use while driving begin Jan. 1, 2025

By Kirksville Police Department

The Kirksville Police Department would like to remind residents and visitors that starting Jan. 1, 2025, drivers can be cited and fined for holding their cellphones while driving.

The Missouri law, also known as the Siddens Bening Hands Free Law, prohibits all drivers from manually typing, scrolling or holding a cellphone or another wireless device while oper-Some e

Some exceptions include reporting emergencies and exemptions for law enforcement in performing their official duties.

Drivers cannot be stopped solely for violating the handsfree law. However, if police see a driver speeding or swerving with a phone in their hand, they can cite the driver. The state law went into effect in August 2023 but included a 16-month grace period during which law enforcement could only issue warnings. Starting Jan. 1, 2025, drivers violating this law can be issued citations. A first-time violation can re-

A first-time violation can result in a fine of up to \$150, which can increase to \$500 for repeat convictions within a two-year period. Additional penalties can occur depending on the incident. The law also has associated misdemeanor and felony charges if a crash was determined to have been caused by a driver on their phone and caused significant damages, injuries, or death.

The Missouri law can be found in its entirety at https://revisor. mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=304.822.

MOSI Art Guild announces People's Choice Award for **'Best in Show'**

By MOSI Art Guild

The MOSI Art Guild announced this year's People's Choice Award for "Best in Show" in the 10th annual 2024 MOSI Art Exhibition at the Truman State University Pickler Memorial Library – Café. The award was voted on by the university students, faculty and visitors throughout the 2024 fall semester.

The 2024 People's Choice Award winning artwork is "End of the Day Sunset" acrylic painting by Natasha Altizer. Altizer received a monetary prize, certificate and "Best of Show" ribbon. See more of Altizer's artwork at facebook.com/ natashaaltizerart. Prints of the painting are available.

MOSI (Northeast Missouri and Southern Iowa) Art Guild encourages any artist, or supporter of the arts to join us 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@mosi-



Missouri State Highway Patrol reports three traffic fatalities over Christmas

By Missouri State Highway Patrol

Col. Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, provides the following preliminary statistics related to the



Christmas holiday counting period: Three people died in traffic crashes during the 30-hour counting period, which began at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2024, and ended at 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2024.

2024 Christmas Holiday Traffic Statistics Troopers investigated the following: Traffic Crashes — 65 Traffic Crash Injuries — 38 Traffic Crash Fatalities — 3 DWI — 17

"End of Day Sunset" painting by Natasha Altizer PHOTO BY JOHNNY CARTER

Missouri State Highway Patrol: Bring in the new year safely

By Missouri State Highway Patrol

Col. Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, encourages everyone to make good decisions regarding their New Year's celebration. No one wants to start 2025 with a traffic crash or DWI arrest. During the 2023-2024 New Year's period, nine people were killed and 293 injured in 821 traffic crashes in Missouri.

The 2024-2025 New Year's holiday counting period begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31,

2024, and ends at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025.

If your plans to welcome the new year include alcohol, please designate a sober driver or utilize a ride share service or taxi to ensure you arrive home safely. The roadway is no place for a driver under the influence of drugs or alcohol. If you kill or injure someone, you'll pay the price for the rest of your life.

If you plan to travel this New Year's, remember to buckle up and make sure all your passengers do the same. Remember:

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Missouri is now a hands-free state. Pay attention, obey all traffic laws, and when in doubt, yield the right-of-way. Be sure to use your turn signal to communicate your intentions. The posted speed limit reflects the roadway's classification and is not a suggestion!

Download the MoDOT Traveler Information app to your smart phone, and check road conditions before you travel. Missouri law states if you're using your windshield wipers, your headlights must be turned on.



The public is encouraged to call the Patrol's Emergency Assistance Number (800) 525-5555 or *55 on a cellular phone if they witness criminal activity or experience an emergency. These emergency numbers are operational for both highway and water emergencies.

Annual Alliant Bank Holiday Business After Hours party draws overflow crowd

By Kirksville Daily Express

The Annual Alliant Bank Holiday Business After Hours party catered to an overflow crowd that attended the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce event held on Thursday, Dec. 12, at the bank.

The food theme was "The 12 Days of Christmas', with each day having a food to correlate to the day (See the sign photo). A 70-pound steamship and a pair of ostrich legs were the main entree in an extravagant buffet provided by the Wooden Nickel. Music was provided by Randy Smith.



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[Note: Last year during the 78hour Christmas counting period, there were 1,034 traffic crashes statewide. In those crashes, three people were killed and another 346 were injured. During the 2023 Christmas holiday, troopers investigated 124 traffic crashes which included 2 fatalities and 71 injuries. Troopers arrested 81 people for driving while impaired during the 2023 counting period.]

There were no boating crashes or drownings over the 2024 Christmas holiday counting period.

The three fatalities occurred on Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2024. A 28-yearold female of Valley Mines, died when the vehicle she driving traveled off the left side of the road and struck a tree. She was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. Two male occupants, age 4 and 6, also died in the crash. Both were restrained by a safety device. The crash occurred on Route OO, south of Route F, in St. Francois County. The driver was pronounced at the scene by the St. Francois County Coroner. The 6-year-old male was pronounced at Parkland Health Center in Farmington. The 4-yearold male was pronounced at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

There were no traffic fatalities on Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2024.

NOTE: The fatality statistics in this news release could change if late deaths occur, if other departments report fatalities after this news release was sent out, or if a fatality is determined to be caused by a medical condition rather than a traffic/boating/ drowning incident.

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Community

LETTER

Reflections on a year of progress at Northeast Regional Medical Center

s we approach the end of 2024, Northeast Regional Medical Center (NRMC) is proud to reflect on a year filled with accomplishments, community partnerships, and unwavering dedication to the health and well-being of our region. We've grown, adapted, and expanded to meet the evolving needs of our patients and community.

One of the most notable highlights is our continued investment in surgical technology. We celebrated our 250th robotic-assisted surgery, providing patients with minimally invasive surgical care using advanced techniques to enhance precision and recovery times.

This year has also seen us successfully manage the increased volume of patients seeking emergency care. Our ER continues to be a critical lifeline and serves as the area's Level III Trauma Center, and we are working tirelessly to meet the growing demand while maintaining the standard of care our community expects.

We have made capital investments improving patient experience and care, including new hospital beds and a new fleet of bassinets to enhance comfort and safety for all who stay with us. The introduction of the Therapy Dog Program supports the psychological and physical well-being of patients. Our updated front entrance landscaping provides a welcoming and peaceful environ-



PATRICK AVILA, CEO NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Throughout the year, NRMC has remained deeply engaged with the community. Initiatives like the Jars of Love Peanut Butter Drive, which collected over 400 jars of peanut butter for the local food bank. We also provide ongoing support for the United Way and our community through free clinics and educational opportunities that empower individuals to take control of their health.

Our growth and success this year would not be possible without the dedicated healthcare professionals who make NRMC a leader in regional care. We are thrilled to welcome back Dr. Jessica Caine, intensivist, and Dr. Melissa Mann, geriatrician, to our medical team. We continue to invest in the future of medical education with the reinstatement of our Internal Medicine Residency Program which is directed by Dr. John DeLeeuw. Their return strengthens our ability to offer services to our patients and further enhances our physician recruitment efforts to meet the diverse needs of

our community. As we close out 2024, we remain grateful for

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kirksville Area Calendar of Events

City of Kirksville offices closed New Year's Day

Kirksville city offices will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025, for New Year's Day. The Aquatic Center will be closed that day and will close at 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

Driver examination stations to close statewide New Year's Day

The Missouri State Highway Patrol would like to remind the public that driver examination stations throughout the state will be closed on the following dates: Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025, in observance of New Year's Day. Normal operations will resume on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025.

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 Kirksville. 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.usedirec't.com/MSPWeb/ and search for activities.

Kids Cardboard Boat Race

The Kids Cardboard Boat Race will be held at the Kirksville Aquatic Center on Sunday, Jan. 12, from 2-4 p.m., brought to you by Kirksville 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. kirksvillecity.com. For more information, contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and **Recreation Department at** 660-627-1485.

Comedy Night Fundraiser for B4 Outdoors

Comedy Night Fundraiser for B4 Outdoors on Jan. 25. A night of food, fun, and fellowship as comedian Jody Fuller comes to Kirksville for the inaugural Comedy Night at the Kirksville Moose Lodge, 2405 E. Illinois Street. Tickets include dinner. Sponsor tables are also available and include six tickets, a sponsor only raffle, and free raffle tickets. Contact B4 President Kevin Rhodes at 864-710-9853 for more information.

City commissions seek members

The Kirksville City Council is currently accepting citizen applications for the following positions:

• One opening on the Affordable Housing Board.

• One opening on the Lakes, Parks and Recreation Commission.

• One opening on the Board of Adjustment.

Visit kirksville.gov/p/ boards-commissions and submit your application before Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, at 5 p.m., to be considered for the opportunity to serve on these commissions. For more information, contact City Clerk Diane Albrecht at 660-627-1225.

Kirksville Arts Association seeks local artists

Kirksville Arts Association invites area artists to participate in the upcoming "Regional Artists Exhibit" at the Sue Ross Arts Center; a group show of area artists that is held annually at the arts center and is judged with cash awards for first, second and third place. The exhibition opens Jan. 13, and will close Feb. 21. An opening reception will be held on Jan. 16. The Sue Ross Arts Center is located at 215 South Franklin Street in Kirksville. The exhibit is open to two-dimensional and three-dimensional artists including painters, sculptors, photographers, fiber artists, wood workers, ceramic artists, weavers, metal artists, printmakers,

carvers, glass and paper artists etc. For more information on how to enter work in the upcoming exhibit, contact Ashton Clema at (660) 665-0500 or email kirksvilleart@ gmail.com.

2025 Kirksville Parks/ YMCA Indoor Triathlon

Join Kirksville Parks and Recreation and the Adair County Family YMCA for the 2025 Indoor Triathlon Challenge! The challenge will be held Jan. 2 through March 3, 2025. During this 9-week challenge, participants will complete either a full triathlon, half triathlon, or ULTRA triathlon. Participants will have full access to the YMCA and the Aquatic Center as well as all classes offered at those facilities. Those who complete their goal will receive the 2025 Indoor Triathlon sweatshirt. Biking mileage can be earned through the use of a rowing machine, recumbent or spin bike, outdoor cycling, or participation in group aerobic classes. Swim distance can be accumulated by lap swimming, water walking, or water aerobics classes. Running mileage can be tallied while on the treadmill, elliptical machine, running outside, or participating in group aerobic classes. If you have an active membership at the YMCA or the Aquatic Center, please register at that facility. Non-members may register at either facility or online at parks.kirksvillecity.com. For more information about this program, contact the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

BEGGING

Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon cutting for doggy daycare

By Marty Bachman Daily Express

The Kirksville Area Chamber of

ment for patients and visitors, while our upgraded CT imaging technology and a new MRI system will allow us to offer even more comprehensive diagnostic services. We are also excited to announce the expansion of our oncology services with the addition of radiation oncology capabilities in 2025, broadening our ability to serve patients with cancer treatment options closer to home.

the trust the community places in us and look forward to another year of growth, care, and collaboration. At NRMC, we are more committed than ever to enhancing the health and lives of those we serve.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely, Patrick Avila, CEO Northeast Regional Medical Center Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for "Begging to Stay", a dog care service that offers boarding, grooming and daycare for dogs. The business at 2314 E. Illinois Street in Kirksville, is owned by Austin Sykes, his mother Pam Sykes and wife Martha Sykes. They started the business to meet a local need and leverage their lifelong love for dogs. Their services include private suite boarding, open play boarding, daycare, and full grooming. The business is unique in its location within city limits, which requires specific industrial zoning. The business boasts stateof-the-art facilities with turf areas and heated floors. They are the only service in the area offering daycare, making their location a significant draw for customers.









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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

Ronald 'Ron' Lee Funk

Jan 4, 1939 - Oct 9, 2024

Ronald Funk, 85, passed away Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at Taylor House Hospice in Des Moines, surrounded by family.

Ronald "Ron" Lee Funk was born January 4, 1939, in Grundy County, Missouri to Richard and Eunice (Mantlo) Funk. He grew up in Laredo, Missouri where he graduated from high school in 1957. He worked a few various jobs before he started a career with "NCR", National Cash Register as a Field Engineer until his retirement. On August 12, 1961, Ron was united in mar-

riage to the love of his life, Martha Jane Jaques



and were blessed with three children, Larry, Brenda and Craig. The couple made their home outside of Kirksville, Missouri until they moved to Ankeny Iowa in 2021 to be closer to the kids. Ron was a devoted husband and father; often sacrificing many things for himself to provide for his family.

Ron was a self-taught handyman; he could fix or build anything and loved helping others. In his early years he enjoyed hunting, but as he grew older, he enjoyed caring for animals more. He faithfully fed wildlife in the back yard, including the squirrels he named Bonnie and Clyde. Ron enjoyed many hobbies over the years including photography and medal detecting, watching westerns and any movie with horses. Known as "Gunrunner," Ron was also a passionate gunsmith who loved working on firearms and never turned down a good deal. He was an avid Kansas City Chiefs, and Caitlyn Clark fan, and didn't miss an opportunity to watch them play. Above all, Ron was a family man that treasured time spent and memories made with Martha, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren that meant the world to him. They recall him giving the best hugs and telling them he loved them at every opportunity.

Ron will be deeply missed by his wife of 63 years, Martha; children, Larry Funk, Brenda (Jeffrey) Riese, and Craig (Jane) Funk; grandchildren, Amanda Meyer, Christopher Riese, Abby (Josh) McCoy, Ryan Funk, and Daniel Funk; great-grandchildren, Mia Meyer, Cora Meyer, Emma Meyer, Charolette McCoy, and Maverick McCoy; aunt, Lena Cooksey; niece, Denise Wayman; nephew, Rob Bowman; many cousins; and his companion dog, Molly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Eunice Funk; sister and brother-in-law, Carren and Dean Bowman; and his dear friend he loved as a brother, James (Doc) Gardner who passed away in December 2023.

A few years ago, Ron authored the following poem that he kept in his wallet every day to be shared upon his passing.

Judgment Day by Ronald Funk

"Oh Lord, can you help me I have a heavy burden on my heart. Old age is about to take me. And from my family I want not to part. Can you make me a place in Heaven. A place where I'll be. A place so warm and beautiful. A place saved for me. A place where my family can come too. From Earth must they part. A place where I'll be waiting with open arms and a loved filled heart. O Lord if you can do this for me. I am sure this burden would go away. And I will be waiting for your Call when there Comes that Judgment Day. Amen"

A Celebration of Life will be held in his honor on Saturday, Jan. 4 from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. at Travis-Noe Funeral Home, 1008 W. Potter Ave, Kirksville, MO 63501.

We invite you all to share pictures or memories. It was his wish to not have a traditional "funeral", so instead, we will celebrate his life.

Condolences and memories of Ronald may be shared with his family as a tribute to Taylor House Hospice and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

Mary Margaret Goodwin Aug 3, 1932 – Dec 21, 2024

Mary Margaret Goodwin, age 92, formerly of rural Edina, Missouri, and most recently, Kirks-

ville, Missouri, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024, surrounded by loved ones at Northeast Regional Medical Center.

Mary Margaret was born Aug. 3, 1932, in Novelty, Missouri, the daughter of Talmage and Virginia E. Rimer. On Feb. 8, 1954, she was united in marriage to the

love of her life, Richard A. Goodwin, in Edina, Missouri. They celebrated and enjoyed 62 years of marriage living on their farm northeast of Edina until his death April 10, 2016.

Surviving are their six children including Diana (Michael) Beets of Kirksville, MO, Kevin (Sherry) Goodwin of Edina, MO, Pam Richmond of Kirksville, MO, Theresa (Paul) Mihalevich of Columbia, MO, Virginia (Ken) Halterman of Kirksville, MO, and Stacy (Cary) Barrows of Smithville, MO; fourteen grandchildren, including Nicole Limbert Oberkirsch (Tim), Dr. Richard (Rick) Limbert (Jenna), Brandon Goodwin (Krishawn), Nathan Goodwin (Hannah), Brandi Richmond Schulte, Ashlie Richmond Vincent (Grant), Heather Mihalevich McCormack (Nate), Zachary Mihalevich (Kelly), Taylor Halterman McDowell (Nick), Travis Halterman (Samantha), Trent Halterman, Megan Barrows Gunn (Andy), Madison Barrows, and Brett Barrows; twenty-seven great grandchildren and two step grandchildren; sisters-in-law BeBe Ann Rimer, Norma Jean Rimer Monroe, and Marilyn Goodwin and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers A.G. Rimer and James "Jim" Rimer, nephews Kent Rimer and Mark Rimer, great-grandsons Damian Michael, Deklyn Ryeder, and Roaryn Michael Schulte, and Gritton "Grit" Michael Vincent.

Mary Margaret grew up and completed her education in Novelty, Missouri. She moved to Edina and was employed at Gibson Hospital where she worked as a nurse's aide alongside her best friend and honorary sister, Helen Karhoff. Helen and her husband, Jake, introduced Mary Margaret and Richard, later serving as maid of honor and best man at their wedding, The couples and their families remained lifelong friends, enjoying summer vacations with their families at the Lake of the Ozarks, activities and dances at the Knights of Columbus Hall, cookouts at Baring Lake, and countless other celebrations and activities.

Mary Margaret and Richard built a life together by purchasing and operating a farm northeast of Edina where they worked hand in hand throughout their 62 years of marriage. It was there that they raised their six children, teaching them, and later their grandchildren, to embrace a strong work ethic, the value of one's character, the importance of family and quality time together, and an appreciation for and a profound respect for nature and life in the country.

Mary Margaret's greatest joy came from caring for and spending quality time with her family. She enjoyed gardening and baking, known for her famous, chocolate chip cookies that no one can quite replicate. She was a talented seamstress, and her children and grandchildren fondly remember and treasure each of their handmade blankets, every stitch made with love. She also enjoyed playing cards, including pitch and canasta, word search, and jigsaw puzzles. She enjoyed memberships at Baring Country Club and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Edina. Her volunteer service included early years as an active school room parent, work with the women's auxiliary member of the Knights of Columbus, and as an election worker for Knox County.

Upcoming Northern Missouri road work

By MoDOT

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

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Adair County

Missouri Route 149 – Jan. 6-9, Closed for brush cutting operations from Connelsville Road to Route D between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

Putnam County

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

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

Anthony Austin Sanders sentenced to 10 years for statutory rape

Staff Reports

Anthony Austin Sanders of Novinger, after a sentencing hearing was conducted, was sentenced to 10 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections, with probation being denied.

On Wednesday, September 11, 2024, the Defendant entered an Alford plea to the unclassified felony of statutory rape in the first degree on Wednesday, Dec. 18, before Judge Corey R. Moon in the Circuit Court of Adair County.

The authorized term of imprisonment for this offense is a term of imprisonment of not less than five (5) years and not to exceed life imprisonment in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

This offense was investigated by the Kirksville Police Department.



Kiwanis Club delivers over 600

Eva Sue Jones Mar 20, 1936 – Dec 18, 2024

Eva Sue Jones, 88, of Springfield, Missouri, passed away December 18, 2024, at the Magnolia Nursing Home where she had been a resident for several years.

Sue was born March 20, 1936, in Moberly, Missouri, to John and Helen (Holman) Hogan. The best season of her life was spent living on a horse farm near Salisbury with her grandparents, Payton and Julia Holman. She attended high school and graduated from Salisbury School District before studying at the teachers college now known as Truman State University in Kirksville.



Sue married John Paul Jones and together they raised six children: Terri (Paul) Ruschmeier, John Paul (Donna) Jones Jr., Karen (Brent) Sackett, Lisa Jones, Brent (Annette) Jones, and Bruce (Jana) Jones. She had thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Sue was a talented artist. She found joy in the quiet moments devoted to painting, drawing, and baking bread. Baking was a large part of her adult life; her skill earned her several years of grand prize winnings at the Greene County and Missouri State fairs, and she later published a cookbook that was sold in many popular Ozarks gift shops.

She always had a great love for small children, spending many years caring for her own and later for several grandchildren who called her Nanny.

She is survived by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, one brother, John Hogan, and a half sister, LeaAnn Rhea, as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Brandon Jones, her parents, and grandparents.

A funeral service is scheduled for 11:30 AM, Saturday, January 4, 2025, at Ruschmeier-Smith Funeral Home in Green City, Missouri. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Milan. A visitation is scheduled for one hour prior to the service, starting at 10:30 AM.

In 2016, after Richard's death, she moved to Kirksville, Missouri, to be close to family, and at the time of her death, she was a resident of The Pines.

Visitation and a mass of Christian burial will take place on Friday, Dec. 27, 2024, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Edina, Missouri, followed by burial in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Under the direction of Hudson Rimer Funeral Home, family will receive friends at 11:00 a.m., with services beginning at 1:00 p.m. Father Boniface K. Nzabonimpa will officiate services, with music provided by Brent Karhoff, soloist and family friend, and Nancy Reardon, organist.

Casket bearers will be her grandsons, Rick Limbert, Brandon Goodwin, Nathan Goodwin, Zachary Mihalevich, Travis Halterman, Trent Halterman, and Brett Barrows.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery and may be left at or mailed to Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1, Edina, MO, 63537.

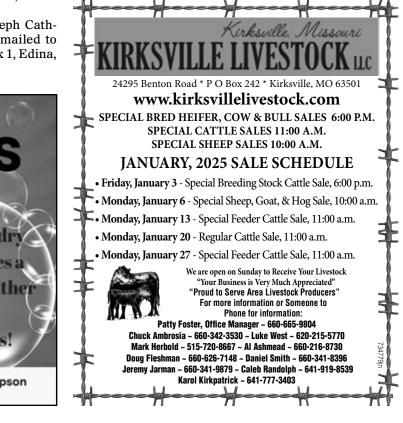
pieces of warm clothing to Kirksville R-III School District

By Kiwanis Club of Kirksville

The Kiwanis Club of Kirksville delivered over 600 pieces of warm clothing to the Kirksville R-III School District to be distributed to local children in need this winter. This record-setting amount of warm children's clothing was donated through the generosity of participants in the club's annual Kirksville Kiwanis Christmas Parade, held on Saturday, Nov. 30, in downtown Kirksville.

Specifically, the Kirksville Kiwanis Christmas Parade collected 68 coats; 16 hoodies and jackets; two snowsuits; nine leggings; 156 hats; 63 mittens; 264 gloves; 14 scarves and neck warmers; 15 headbands; and six shirts, for a total of 613 items.

Pictured, from left, are Kirksville R-III School District Assistant Superintendent Tricia Reger; Kirksville Kiwanis Club Director of the Board David Goring; Kirksville Kiwanis Club Past President, Past Lieutenant Governor, and Parade Chairman Ashley Young; Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Ted Frushour; Kirksville Kiwanis Club Past President Elizabeth Clark; Kirksville Kiwanis Club Director of the Board Von Abbott; and Kirksville Kiwanis Club Secretary, Past President, Past Lieutenant Governor, and Past Regional Trustee, John Buckwalter.



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Columns

ROBIN WRITES

Long story short

pposites attract. The differences in your personalities add spice to your marriage. Unfortunately, that spice can be as irritating as salt on an open wound.

I am a fast talker. I come from a long line of fast talkers. My life is only so long, and some conversations are just not 'time worthy.' If it were up to me, sentences would be pared down to the briefest possible phrases:

"I'm home." "Supper's ready." "Remote, please."

Yes, there are times when more words are necessary. And I enjoy talking about things that matter in life. But I'm going to discuss these topics as fast as my mouth can enunciate them. I'm not wasting a second to pause for effect or search for 'just the right word.' Here are the words you get. Figure it out. And hurry up.

Here's the problem. God, in His infinite wisdom and unfathomable good humor, gave me a SLOW TALKER for a husband.

Oh, I knew when I met him that he was a slow talker, but I was convinced that once we were married, he'd speed up. I listened raptly as he courted me with his

lazy, impeccably chosen words of love. I fell for him like a ton of dictionaries

John's 'I Do' was perfect. And that was the last short, quick, sentence to ever roll from his lips.

For over thirty years, I've suffered through more long, detailed stories than a priest in a confessional. My ears have been stuffed like sausage casings with useless facts, minute details, and leisurely, life-wasting words.

It's not that his conversations aren't important to me. I love him more every year. But sometimes I want to smack the back of his head to pop the story out of himquick and easy.

EXAMPLE: "The boss came out to the job this morning. I guess it was about 10 or so, because we just finished our break. My coffee was gone; I drank the last of it talking with Joe-you Joe, don't you?

He paused for an eternity to chew his dinner.

By this time, I'd already made next week's grocery list in my head and practiced my times tables up to x12. He didn't notice my inattention: three decades of practice has taught me to nod at the appropriate times and smile knowingly at proper intervals,



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH ROBIN WRITES

I longed to offer my speedy interpretation: "SO-O-O. 'Normal day. Talked to boss.' That about cover it??

But I didn't. I always condense his stories in my head, letting him empty his brain while I watch his face make words that, while not especially necessary, are still mine to hear. His eyes move from one long moment to the other, reliving the story he's boring me with.

And even if the words aren't important to me, the man who drawls them is. So, I listen. And I listen.

My mom, the slow-talker in our family, used to tell me: "Oh, you're SO lucky to have a man to share stories with! Just wait. You'll be glad to have him when you're old, and in your rockers, and need something to pass the time. Just rockin' and talkin'. Be patient."

Trying, Mom. Trying hard.

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HOME COUNTRY

The winter of '47

oys, I gotta tell you," said our old pal Windy Wilson, "This cold transmits me reversely to the winter of '47. Cold? It thicklicated your blood so much you could hardly walk. You remember it. Doc? Ol' Miller at the dairy had to ignitiolize a fire under the milk separator to liquinate it. Why, even the dickie birds got refrigelated up and crashed!

"You boys know about them engine heatilations, right? Well, it was so cold we were obligatored to pre-heat the blamed firewood before we could burn it. Diesel trucks were immobilating up at sixty miles an hour and it still took them a mile and a half to stop.

"Some of the women were knitling up sweaters that would fit two people, just to take advantage of the body heat. Dang near caused epilemic divorce, 'cause the husband wanted to go one way and the wife another. I tell you, it



SLIM RANDLES HOME COUNTRY

was parsimonium! It was blame near four days and nights erstwhile an ol' he-coon down 'long Lewis Creek recomnized he'd been treed by the hounds, 'cuz the dogs' bawling frosticated up concretely afore he could hear it."

Windy paused for a sip or two. No one wanted to interrupt.

"Some winters," Windy said, "just take the former limitarions to obliqueness!"

Yeah. We'd always figured it that way, too.

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PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

Make This New Year the Year You Quit Smoking

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

Welcome to the Public Health Corner: Make This New Year the Year You Quit Smoking

your heart rate and blood pressure begin to drop. Over time, your lung function improves, and your risk for heart disease, stroke, and lung cancer decreases significantly. For those around you, quitting also eliminates exposure to harmful secondhand smoke, offering protection to your loved ones.



Seek Support

Quitting smoking is challenging, but you don't have to do it alone. Resources such as counseling, quitlines, and support groups can provide guidance and encouragement. Medications and nicotine replacement therapies, such as patches, gum, or lozenges, are also effective tools that can ease withdrawal symptoms and increase your chances of success.

to a friend-can make a big difference.

Resources to Help You Quit

If you're ready to quit smoking, the following resources can help:

THE ROCKWOOD FILES

Twas the Day After Christmas

New twist on an old story

was the day after Christmas and all through the house Not a creature was resting, not

even a mouse. Crumpled paper and boxes were heaped by the door

in hopes that the trash men might take a little more.

The children were run-



GWEN ROCKWOOD THE ROCKWOOD FILES

down the driveway the plumber came with a bound.

As the New Year approaches, many people look for ways to improve their health and well-being. For those who smoke, making a resolution to quit can be a life-changing decision. Smoking cessation is one of the best steps you can take for your overall health, and the New Year offers a fresh opportunity to commit to this positive change.

The Benefits of **Quitting Smoking**

Quitting smoking provides immediate and long-term health benefits. Within 20 minutes of your last cigarette,

POETRY CORNER

Retirement

One thing... that never crossed my mind... is

Weekdays or weekends... are all the same ... you

No need to get up... at the crack of dawn... no

No need ... to have to do something today...

But there is a drawback... not everything is

There are people you'll miss... those you

retirement and its impact on time,

wonder what's the next day in line?

need to head to work,

you'd be amazed at all you can shirk.

swell... one thing you need to know,

worked with... friends you now let go.

Set Realistic Goals

When setting your resolution, outline achievable and specific goals. For instance, instead of simply saying, "I'll quit smoking," set a date to stop and identify milestones along the way, like reducing cigarette use in the weeks leading up to your quit date. Writing your plan and sharing it with supportive friends or family can help hold you accountable.

Plan for Triggers

Identify situations or emotions that make you want to smoke and create strategies to cope with these triggers. Stress, boredom, or social settings can often prompt cravings, so having a plan-like deep breathing exercises, physical activity, or reaching out

• 1-800-OUIT-NOW: A free quitline offering personalized support.

• Smokefree.gov: Provides tools, tips, and resources to help you quit.

• Local Healthcare Providers: Many offer smoking cessation programs and support tailored to your needs.

Make this New Year's resolution count. Quitting smoking is a challenging journey, but it's one of the most impactful choices you can make for your health and future. Embrace the opportunity to start the year smoke-free and take the first step toward a healthier, longer life.

ning and jumping with glee.

It was the day after Christmas. They had new toys, you see.

And Mom in her sweatshirt she bought at the Gap knew it was highly unlike-

ly the children would nap.

When in the guest bathroom there arose such a clatter,

we sprang from our sofa to see what was the matter. Away to the noise we flew like a flash.

Had someone fallen? Did a finger get smashed?

When what to our sleep-deprived eyes should appear

but a wide-eyed toddler shedding such big tears.

He had stood by the toilet and then in a rush,

he pitched in small toys and gave a quick flush.

He panicked and hollered, so quickly we came,

and he stood there and cried while he called them by name:

"Oh Hot Wheels! Oh Sponge Bob! Oh Care Bear! Oh Doggie!"

His toys couldn't swim and were all getting soggy.

From the tiny red race car to the square yellow doll, they swirled away, swirled

away, swirled away all! Though it might cost more

than a brand new Hummer, we had no choice but to call in a plumber.

As we consoled our boy and were turning around,

He was dressed all in denim from his head to his feet. It was beginning to snow

and he was covered in sleet. A bundle of tools he had flung on his back.

and he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes how they twinkled! His smile how merry!

From the patch on his shirt, I knew his name must be Larry.

He said not a word but went straight to his work.

He extracted the toys and then turned with a jerk.

We apologized for the call but he said it was fine.

After all, it was Sunday he'd be paid overtime!

He said he loved kids and bent over Baby Jack

and despite what you've heard, there was no plumber's crack.

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,

he gave us the invoice and there was nothing to dread. He climbed in his pickup and started it up.

He backed down the driveway with his red coffee cup.

But I heard him exclaim as he drove through the mush:

"Happy New Year to all, and don't let that kid flush!"

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Local History

TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in **Local History**

By Larry Evans

100 Years Ago, December 29, 1924

The temperature plummeted to 23 degrees below zero. According to J. S. Stokes, the official weather recorder, the new low broke the previous low temperature record since weather statistics were first recorded in Adair County.

90 Years Ago, January 1, 1935

A fire at Brashear destroyed the residential property of Foster Easley, the State Bank of Brashear building, the old bank building adjacent on the north, and a building occupied by the Brashear News, all located on the west side of the public square. The estimated loss was between \$20,000 and \$35,000. In addition to these building being a total loss, a portion of the household goods and clothing of the Easlev family, the entire equipment, stock and books of the Brashear News, and the bank fixtures and restaurant fixtures in the old bank building, were also burned. Considerable smoke and chemical damage were done to the undertaking stock of the Easley Furniture and Undertaking establishment, just north of the printing shop. Additionally, the general merchandise stock of Jim Ludden was damaged considerably in being removed and returned to the building. The progress of the fire was stopped at the Easley store where there was a heavy fire wall. Brashear people believed that the splendid work of the members of the Kirksville fire department aided by Brashear residents who joined the firefighters, were primarily instrumental in preventing all the business houses on the entire west block of the square from being destroyed.

75 Years Ago, January 4, 1950

An airplane, en route from Des Moines, Iowa to Little Rock, Arkansas crashed and burned in a field about three-quarters of a mile east of Novinger on the west side of the Chariton River and about 100 yards south of Highway 6. Dr. Don W. Dykstra, 42, of Little Rock, the pilot and only passenger, was killed instantly on the impact of the plane. Dykstra's body was burned and mutilated beyond recognition. Adair County Coroner, Robert B. Davis, said it ing rain brought iced tree limbs and appeared Dykstra was dead before the fire broke out. It was learned that Dr. Dykstra had taken his parents to their home in Knoxville, Iowa and was returning to his home in Little Rock. John Orek of Novinger, formerly an Air Force B-29 crewman, was among several others at the scene who heard the plane circling before the crash. Orek said that the last sound made by the aircraft was like a power dive. He said when that sound cut off suddenly, he knew the pilot was in trouble and had possibly crashed. Harvey Neff, also of Novinger, was hunting only 200 yards away when he heard the crash but could not see it. It was foggy and there was low cloud cover. Louis Polovich, Jr. and his son, 12-yearold Edward, saw the plane in the air and a little later saw it burning from their home on the hill east of the river. They rushed to the scene and attempted to put out the fire on Dykstra's body with mud from the farm field. The two Polovichs and Neff were the first ones to arrive on the scene. The plane was estimated to be carrying 30 to 35 gallons of high-octane fuel at the time of the crash.



The fire destroyed the back portion of the store that contained much of the stock while the front portion was destroyed by smoke and water damage. Markham said the stock was insured for less than half its value. The fire was contained to the Markham building; however, Belcher's Drug Store and the upstairs of the Citizens National Bank building sustain heavy smoke damage. As soon as the fire was discovered, the Citizens Bank employees, one door east, rushed to secure all the money in its vault. Harrington's Jewelry Store, two doors west of Markhams took the same steps to secure its valuables. The cause of the fire and a dollar estimate of the damage to the building was undetermined, but the back end of the store's roof was caved in and many of the rafters destroyed. Kirksville's fire chief. John Snider's fire fighters arrived on the scene quickly, but when they arrived flames were shooting out of the back of the structure. At the request of Kirksville's mayor, A. L. Bartlett, the Moberly fire department was called as it was feared for a time that the fire might spread to the other businesses on the south side of the square. The Moberly fire department had a special nozzle that sprayed water in a fine mist to reduce the risk of the fire's spreading.

30 Years Ago, January 1, 1995

The front page of the Kirksville Daily Express listed the top news stories of 1994. Topping the list was the arrest of four Kirksville juvenile runaways in the murder and robbery of a Union, Iowa, mother of four children. The case had not gone to court, but the story brought close to home the issue of juvenile crime and raised the question as to whether juveniles should be tried as adults or whether they should be rehabilitated in the juvenile system if found guilty. Second on the list of top stories was Kirksville's December 6 ice storm that was described as the worst in Missouri history by the statewide chairman of the Red Cross Disaster Committee. The 1.67 inches of freezpower poles crashing onto electric lines and roofs, knocking out power and crippling Kirksville and Northeast Missouri. The governor declared a state of emergency and sent the National Guard and heavy equipment to help in the cleanup. Union Electric reported that it had restored power to 27,000 customers in northern Missouri. The third-place story was the attack and brutal beating by a patient of two Laughlin Pavilion nurses in a locked up psychiatric ward. Prosecuting Attorney Tom Hensley said he was considering filing murder charges again the patient following the death of one of the nurses.

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Theaters of Kirksville – Chapter 8 – What happened to the Kennedy Family?

By Blytha Ellis, President Adair County Historical Society and Museum

It has often been said that all good things must come to an end, and the great Kennedy Theatre did come to an end, as well as the Kennedy family. The theater's owner and creator, Carrie (Miller) Kennedy, could probably never have imagined her theater's end when it was built with such grandeur and fanfare in 1925-26. Fortunately, Carrie was not alive to see its sad conclusion.

Carrie was 52 when her husband, John M. Kennedy, died in 1914, leaving her a sizable fortune which she used to enrich her hometown. She was 54 when she opened the Princess Opera House and 64 when the Kennedy became a reality.

Carrie and her husband had one child, a son, Sam. The family had built a large and impressive home at 501 N. Elson in Kirksville only one block from the imposing home of Carrie's parents, the Millers. The Miller home is now gone, but the Kennedy home is still standing today, although it is minus the long wraparound porch which was once its distinguishing feature.

Carrie and her extended family were very active in the social fabric of Kirksville, and newspapers of the day are filled with reports of parties and club meetings which Carrie attended or were held in her home. Eventually, Carrie turned her north Elson Street home over to her son, Sam, and his second wife, Lola, and Carrie moved into one of the Kennedy Apartments above the theater. She died there on November 19, 1942, of a heart attack at the age of 80. She is buried beside her husband, John Mason Kennedy (1854 1914), at Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery in Kirksville. Their son, Sam Kennedy, was born in 1889 and grew up an only child and a privileged child, but his story is a tragic one. At the age of 3, he was a featured singer at a concert of the Normal band at Kirksville Normal School. At age 13, he was a member of the 26-piece Kirksville Boys' Band. At 15, he was sent to the Missouri Military Academy in Mexico, Mo., and before he was 21, he had worked for the Bell Telephone company in Kansas City, Independence, and Hannibal, following in the footsteps of his father who was a District Manager for Bell. Sam was made a Wire Chief in 1910, "in charge of the entire mechanical department" of the telephone company in Kirksville. In 1911, Sam married June Myers from Illinois. In 1912, he was commended for helping to develop Kirksville by building three new houses in the 500 block of north Main St. In 1914, Sam's father died. In the spring of 1915, Sam launched the first gasoline motor boat ever put in the waters of the Chariton River and gave scores of boat rides to friends. In October 1915, Sam spent considerable time in Kansas City learning how to operate an opera house business, its machines and other



Home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. (Carrie) Kennedy and their son, Sam, at 501 N. Elson St. In Kirksville



equipment, in preparation for managing the Princess Theatre which his mother was building. He took over its management at the opening in 1916. By 1917, Sam was divorced from his first wife, June, and was married to second wife, Lola Straw.

One interesting thing which happened while Sam was manager of the Princess Theatre was when Rev. F. W. Condit of the Kirksville Christian Church paid him a visit. The reverend was accompanied by Prosecuting Attorney Paul Higbee and two other officers of the Christian Church. They expressed their concerns to Sam that "the Sunday motion picture shows were having a very detrimental effect on the church." Instead of being defiant and defending his right to be in business on Sundays, Sam told the committee that he certainly did not want to be held responsible for any injury to the church and that he would close his theater on

ing Day, Sam walked away from the hospital and was missing.

An intensive search was conducted for Sam by the Military Police, state and county authorities in S. C., the Elk and Mason Lodges of which he was a member,

his uncle, C. J. Baxter, and family friend, B. L. Bonfoey, from Kirksville. His wife and mother were frantic for his safety but returned to Kirksville thinking Sam would try to make his way back home. But, he did not.

At Christmas 1918, Sam was finally located in a barn by a farmer in S. C. and returned to the Camp Jackson hospital. Sam was again able to escape from his barred hospital room and went missing for another 10 days. When he was again found, his family sought his release from military service or at least a transfer closer to home.

In the latter part of January 1919, Sam was transferred to Camp Dodge at Des Moines, Iowa, for "expert treatment." His wife moved to Iowa to be near him. After Sam's dismissal from the Army, he and his wife spent time in California and Texas for his health, finally returning to Kirksville where Sam worked as a real estate agent. Sam and Lola had one child, Caroline, born May 14, 1923. Sadly, Sam's health deteriorated over the next several vears, and he became a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Danville, Illinois, prior to 1940. There, he was diagnosed with schizophrenia and remained hospitalized until his death. His wife, Lola, became his guardian. Nineteen years later, Sam died in that hospital on October 12, 1959, and was buried in the plot with his parents at Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery (Plot LF-35). Lola Kennedy died in a tragic car accident in 1969. At that time, she was a business education teacher at Moberly High School, driving there each day from Kirksville. She crashed into the back of a Macon school bus when it was stopped for students on Highway 63 north of Jacksonville. Sam and Lola's daughter, Caroline, grew up in Kirksville and was very involved in Girl Scouts, later becoming a leader. As a child, she entertained friends at picture show parties at the Kennedy Theatre. She graduated from Washington University in St. Louis in 1944. She went on to attend the University of Missouri. She taught in Centerville, Iowa, and later moved to Salt Lake City, Utah. She reportedly never married.

70 Years Ago, December 28, 1954

The Markham store on the south side of Kirksville square was gutted by fire. I. E. Markham, the owner, estimated the loss at from \$15,000 to \$20,000 worth of stock, which included children's clothing, school supplies, greeting cards, stationery, typewriters, and toys. Markham had recently remodeled the interior of the store, and all the new fixtures were destroyed by fire and smoke.

20 Years Ago, January 2, 2005

A New Year's Day fired caused an estimated \$60,000 damage to the Too Tall's Two restaurant and bar at 220 North Elson Street in Kirksville. The business was owned by Kirksville's Mayor Debbie Masten. Three separate calls came in from Kirksville citizens to report the fire at 2:23 a.m. The Kirksville fire department arrived four minutes later. According to Adair County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Williams, the state fire marshal was working with the Kirksville police and fire departments to determine the cause of the fire. The fire destroyed neon signs and Christmas decorations in the front of the bar and the walls and door were burned. No one was

reported to be in the building at the

time of the fire and there were no

injuries. The state fire marshal was

urging anyone with information on

the fire to contact his office.

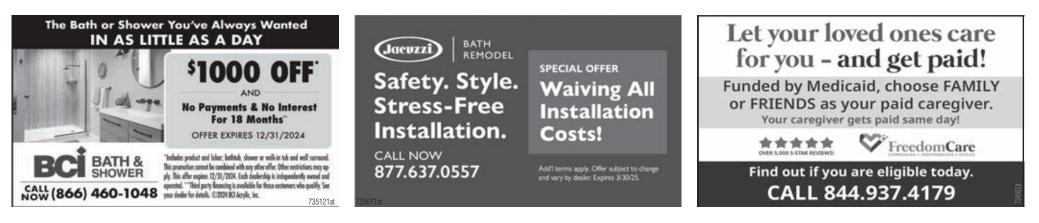
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Sundays, and he did.

Sam served three years in the Missouri National Guard before registering for the World War I draft in 1918. In August 1918, Sam was one of 31 men from Kirksville who was sent to the Rahe Army Motor School in Kansas City. While there, he suffered a case of the devastating influenza which was sweeping the world at that time (often called the Spanish Flu). It was believed that Sam never fully recovered from this tragic illness.

After his training in Kansas City, the Army transferred Sam and several others to a motor unit at Camp Jackson, S. C., where they took wartime training. Sadly, this was the beginning of Sam's downfall. He wrote home that he, being of short stature and extremely tired all the time, could not keep up with his fellow soldiers on long hikes, etc., and that it was "nearly killing" him. A short time later, he wrote to his mother, "If I do not come back, don't feel that I did not try to do my best. I am so tired, I don't think I can hold out much longer." By November 1918, he had suffered a serious nervous breakdown and was placed in the base hospital. His mother and his wife immediately started for Camp Jackson, S. C., but when they arrived, they learned that on Thanksgiv-

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Rotary Club of Kirksville check will add trees to local park

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the Dec. 4 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, Club President Ruth Bowers presented a \$2,500 District 6040 matching grant check to Rotarian Danny Pagliai to purchase 20 trees for Rotary Park.





Nesbitt speaks to Kirksville Kiwanis Club

By Kirksville Kiwanis Club

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Gregg Nesbitt to speak at their Dec. 5 meeting. Nesbitt is the head football coach at Kirksville High School. He presented on the Kirksville R-III School District's football program. Pictured are Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Ted Frushour (left) and Nesbitt.

MFA Oil upgrades Green City Petro-Card 24 station

By MFA Oil

COLUMBIA — MFA Oil Company, a farmer-owned energy cooperative, announced the completion of significant upgrades at its Petro-Card 24 station, located at 101 S. Lincoln Street in Green City. This location is open to the public 24 hours a day and offers 87-octane gasoline and clear and red-dyed diesel fuel.

The newly installed fuel pumps now feature 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 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.



Additionally, MFA Oil members using Petro-Card 24 credit cards can earn patronage dividends on their purchases. Membership is open to agricultural producers and landowners who meet the \$1,000 product purchase threshold during the company's fiscal year (Sept. 1 – Aug. 31).



Missouri Corn Scholarship applications available online

By Missouri Corn Growers Association

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Corn Growers Association and Missouri Corn Merchandising Council are continuing the longstanding tradition of awarding seven deserving students \$1,000 scholarships in 2025. Applications for the Missouri Corn Scholarship Program are now available online for high school seniors and college juniors pursuing a degree in agriculture.

"Missouri Corn is proud to invest in our outstanding young leaders and the future of our industry," said Missouri Corn Scholarship Chair Greg Bertz of Mayview. "We are in a dynamic, ever-evolving industry and need bright minds to continue advancing in both corn production and the larger agriculture community."

Applications for the 2025 Missouri Corn Scholarships are available at www.mocorn.org under the "Resources" tab. New this year, all applications must be submitted online. To be eligible, students must submit an application, official high school or college transcript, and at least one letter of recommendation by Feb. 14, 2025.

High school senior applicants must be Missouri residents from a Missouri farm or rural area. They must plan to attend a two- or fouryear college or university and major in an agriculture-related field. The scholarship funds will apply toward the freshman year of college expenses for high school winners.

College applicants must also be Missouri residents from a Missouri farm or rural area and currently a junior enrolled in a four-year college or university majoring in an agriculture-related field. The scholarship funds will apply toward the senior year of expenses for college winners.

The Missouri Corn Scholarship Committee will review the applications, and recipients will be notified by mail on or before April 15, 2025. To learn more about Missouri Corn programs, visit www.mocorn.org.

Crash responders urge motorists to MOVE OVER!

'Slow Down, Move Over: Its the Law'

National Crash Responder Safety Week is Nov. 18-22. ^{By MoDOT}

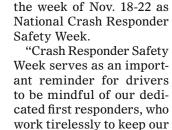
JEFFERSON CITY— The Missouri Department of Transportation's highway workers are part of a larger group of emergency responders who put their lives on the line on Missouri's highways responding to crash scenes. Alongside police officers, fire fighters, EMS, and tow truck operators, they respond to traffic incidents, assist drivers, and help keep traffic flowing.

According to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), traffic incidents are the leading cause of death for EMS respond-

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torists what's on the line,

the FHWA has declared

said Chris Engelbrecht, MoDOT's Director of Safety and Emergency Management. "These individuals put their lives on the line to protect us, so it's crucial to show respect by following the state's move over law, staying focused, and reducing speed when approaching emergency vehicles."

Missouri's Move Over law requires drivers to either change lanes or slow down when approaching stationary MoDOT, law enforcement or other emergency vehicles with flashing lights on. To help protect those who protect us, all 50 states enforce some form of the Move Over law.



In 2023, more than 136,000 traffic crashes were reported on Missouri roadways that required emergency response. Mo-DOT emergency response personnel respond to more than 6,000 traffic incidents each month on average.

Crash Responder Safety Week provides a valuable chance to remind drivers about Missouri's Move Over law, educate them on crash prevention, and promote critical training for all traffic incident responders. "It's important to give our responders the space they need to work safely, ensuring everyone can make it home to their families at the end of the day," said Engelbrecht.

Melissa Stuart receives Rotary honor

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the Dec. 11 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, Melissa Stuart (left) received a Paul Harris Fellowship pin from Foundation Chair Marie Murphree (center) for her significant financial contributions to the Rotary International Foundation. Stuart is a five-time recipient. Rotary uses the money to improve living conditions and health around the world and for various grants, exchanges and scholarships designed to promote peace and better world understanding between cultures. Also pictured is Club President Ruth Bowers (right).



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Sports

Truman men enter 2025 off of hard-fought three straight wins

By Henry Janssen Daily Express

The Bulldogs come into the new calendar year with a 7-4 record. Although only 1-2 within the conference (defeated Drury, lost to Southwest Baptist and Rockhurst), the Bulldogs come into the New Year portion of the slate – GLVC games only – with a 7-4 record.

The men play the exact same schedule as the women in the coming weeks.

The Bulldogs resume play on Jan. 3 when they host Missouri S&T, and every remaining game is a Great Lakes Valley Conference matchup.

two days later. They then go on the road to Illinois Springfield and McKendree before a two-game home stand versus Upper Iowa and Lewis the following week.

Xavier Hall, the junior guard out of Shawnee Mission, has been exactly the spark that coach Jeff Horner had hoped that he'd turn into. He's averaged 12.4 points, 6.2 assists, and 1.4 steals in the front end of the season.

Hall has put himself firmly into media conversations as one of the finest pure point guards in the conference. The Bulldogs were selected preseason as the GLVC favorite and

They will host Lincoln he's been, as anticipated, a huge reason why.

> Sophomore Kobi Williams is the 'Dogs leading scorer with 12.6 points per game, and has just one fewer rebound than junior Landon Eiland to average 4.5 apiece.

Matt Haefner barely averages more than they do per game played, but he missed a game.

Trey Shearer and Casen Lawrence are on historic rates from three-point range. Shearer is shooting .439 on 66 attemps, and Lawrence is .424 on 59 attempts. If those rates should continue with that volume, they would both finish within the top 100 three-point shooting seasons of all-time in NCAA Division II according to Daily Express research.

The three-point line was introduced in 1986 and was moved back in 2008.

Haefner is shooting .444 but has taken fewer than 20 attempts, and will likely continue to take fewer than two per game.

Shearer is already responsible for one of the most clutch early-season shots he could hit. If the Bulldogs continue to effectively distribute the ball (1.3 assist-to-turnover ratio) and knock down the shots they draw up, they could be the most entertaining group Horner has assembled.



Grad senior Trey Shearer knocks down a three from the corner in a game against Emporia State at Pershing Arena in a victory on Nov. 13. Shearer, should he continue his shooting efficiency, would finish within the top five in the nation in NCAA Division II. DAILY EXPRESS FILE PHOTO



Tigers come into heart of season hot

By Henry Janssen Daily Express

This time of year last year, Kirksville was coming into the NCMC-heavy portion of the season coming off of losses versus Mexico and Fulton, then defeated a struggling Marshall. This season, they defeated both the Bulldogs and Hornets in the first go-around and enter the post-holiday portion of the season with a 4-2 record. The Tigers have won four straight.

The Tigers posted 19 points

against Mexico last year in their first matchup. They scored 52 this time.

Nick Totta said that while his team's press-heavy defense is a work in progress, his young team has improved each passing game.

He said that the Fulton game, a 48-47 thriller, was the most complete effort in that regard. His team includes just two seniors.

"We've had a lot of moving pieces and a lot of feeling it out with lineups," Totta said. "We have girls who've stepped

up into roles we didn't expect. Our effort has been where it needs to be, and that's obviously something you love as a coach."

Kirksville travels to the 12 Courts of Christmas holiday showcase at Hy-Vee Arena in Kansas City, Mo., on Dec. 30 to face Plattsburg (3-5) and then the Tigers see Smithville (6-3) the next day.

When regular play resumes, Kirksville hosts Marshall on Jan. 3, and then the Tigers are off for 11 days before traveling to Palmyra.



Tiger senior Jace Kent attacks the rim in his team's Dec. 20 victory versus Fulton, 61-48. The Tigers improved to 1-1 in the NCMC and 5-1 overall with that victory. DAILY EXPRESS FILE PHOTO

Kirksville boys roll into midseason in good position

By Henry Janssen Daily Express

Although the Tigers sit at 1-1 in the conference (lost to Mexico 55-38 on Dec. 17), they are an overall 5-1 and, for the most part, head coach Tyler Martin likes what he has seen out of his group.

"We've played with more energy than we had in maybe some of our preseason practices," Martin said. "You can start to see this group really start to click

and play for one another. "We're taking the shots I want us to be taking, and

that's the start. It's encouraging for a coach for sure."

The Tigers travel to the 12 Courts of Christmas holiday shootout in Kansas City, Mo., on Dec. 30 to face St. Joseph Central. The following day, Kirksville matches up against Platte County.

When standard regular-season play resumes, the Tigers host Marshall on Jan. 3 then sit for 11 days before traveling to Palmyra.

Kirksville's Alia Puckett pushes the ball upcourt in the Tigers' Dec. 20 victory against Fulton. DAILY **EXPRESS FILE PHOTO**

Truman State women look to snap three-game losing streak out of break

By Henry Janssen Daily Express

After their destination showcase in the Big Island Classic in Hawaii, the Bulldogs enter the 2025 portion of their schedule with a 5-8 record losing three straight. However, with wins over Rockhurst and Southwest Baptist, Truman is 2-1 in conference play, losing only to Drury. The Bulldogs resume play on Jan. 3 when they host Missouri in the three major categories, S&T, and every remaining game is a Great Lakes Valley Conference matchup.

They will host Lincoln two days later. They then go on the road to Illinois Springfield and McKendree before a two-game home stand versus Upper Iowa and Lewis the following week.

Coming into the 2025 portion of the season, Missouri Western grad transfer leads the Bulldogs

scoring at 16.8 points per game and responsible for 3.2 assists on average. Molly Joyce isn't far behind in her sophomore campaign, scoring 15.8 per appearance.

Cunningham also leads the 'Dogs with 4.6 rebounds per game, and Lexi White has grabbed 4.3 per.

Maddie Niemeier and Bryar Duwe both average two assists a game.





Sports



Xavier Hall picks up his man at halfcourt in Truman's win versus Grand View (la.) earlier in the week. The Bulldogs defeated Missouri Western, 53-43, on Saturday. DAILY EXPRESS FILE PHOTO

Bulldogs top Mo. West in low-scoring affair

By Henry Janssen Daily Express

Truman traveled to St. Joseph and defeated Missouri Western on Saturday in an uncharacteristically low-scoring game, 53-43. The Griffons took a 25-22 lead into the second half. The 'Dogs improved to 7-4 against the now 9-3 Griffons.

The Bulldogs held Missouri Western to 1-of-15 from three-point range, including the former

MIAA opponent missing who posted 16. No other its final 11 attempts from long range. The 'Dogs themselves were just 36 percent from the field overall.

The Bulldogs went on an 11-0 run midway through the second half to take a 10-point lead at 41-31 before the game grinded to a halt offensively.

Xavier Hall led the 'Dogs with 13 points. He was the game's second-leading scorer behind Western's Zion Swander,

Griffon had more than seven

For Truman, Brennan Lovette finished with nine points and Kobi Williams and Landon Eiland posted eight apiece. Eiland also finished with eight rebounds, and Matt Haefner had seven.

Hall's six assists was a game-high.

The Bulldogs aren't scheduled to play again until they host Missouri S&T on Jan. 3.

NHL HOCKEY

Rough first-half drought curses Bulldog women against Hawaii host

By Henry Janssen Daily Express

Hawaii-Hilo topped Truman, 68-61, in the Bulldogs' second game in Hawaii. The 'Dogs never led after taking a 7-4 advantage before falling behind early. The 'Dogs then allowed a 21-2 scoring run and fell behind 33-13 and could never recover in the Big Island Classic.

Outscoring the host school 20-11 in the fourth quarter wasn't enough to pull Truman out of the mud, as Molly Joyce finished with 18 points, Katelyn Odem had 13, and Jordan Cunningham finished with 12.

Joyce posted nine rebounds, and Cunningham led the Bulldogs with four assists.

Truman shot just 37 percent from the field as the fell to 0-2 during the holiday shootout.

The Bulldogs are now 5-8 overall. They play again Jan. 3 when they host Missouri S&T.



Gracie Neff gets around her defender in a Nov. 30 victory over Rockhurst. The Bulldogs lost both games in Hawaii in their holiday destination showcase. DAILY EXPRESS FILE PHOTO

	EA	STERM		FEREN	CE				V	/ESTEI	RN COI	IFERE	NCE		
Atlantic	GP	W	L	ОТ	Pts	GF	GA	Central	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	37	22	13	2	46	115	105	Winnipeg	37	26	10	1	53	137	91
Florida	37	22	13	2	46	126	116	Minnesota	37	22	11	4	48	108	101
Boston	38	20	14	4	44	101	115	Colorado	37	22	15	0	44	125	121
Tampa Bay	34	20	12	2	42	134	97	Dallas	35	21	13	1	43	112	89
Ottawa	36	19	15	2	40	110	103	Utah	35	16	13	6	38	103	103
Montreal	36	16	17	3	35	110	125	St. Louis	38	17	17	4	38	100	115
Detroit	36	14	18	4	32	94	118	Nashville	36	11	18	7	29	88	114
Buffalo	37	14	19	4	32	114	124	Chicago	37	12	23	2	26	94	123
Metropolitan	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Pacific	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	39	24	12	3	51	130	98	Vegas	36	25	8	3	53	129	99
Washington	36	24	10	2	50	132	95	Los Angeles	36	21	10	5	47	113	95
Carolina	36	22	13	1	45	125	102	Edmonton	36	21	12	3	45	117	104
Pittsburgh	38	17	16	5	39	118	141	Vancouver	35	17	10	8	42	111	112
Columbus	37	15	16	6	36	123	133	Calgary	36	17	12	7	41	98	110
Philadelphia	37	16	17	4	36	115	136	Seattle	37	16	19	2	34	106	117
N.Y. Islanders	37	14	16	7	35	101	119	Anaheim	35	14	17	4	32	88	109
N.Y. Rangers	35	16	18	1	33	98	108	San Jose	39	11	22	6	28	105	142

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NFL FOOTBALL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Buffalo	13	3	0	.813	509	345	8-0-0	5-3-0	9-2-0	4-1-0	5-0-0
Miami	8	8	0	.500	325	332	5-3-0	3-5-0	6-5-0	2-3-0	3-2-0
e-N.Y. Jets	4	12	0	.250	306	384	2-5-0	2-7-0	4-7-0	0-5-0	1-4-0
e-New England	3	13	0	.188	266	401	1-6-0	2-7-0	2-9-0	1-4-0	1-4-0
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Houston	9	7	0	.563	349	358	5-3-0	4-4-0	7-4-0	2-3-0	4-1-0
e-Indianapolis	7	9	0	.438	351	404	4-3-0	3-6-0	6-5-0	1-4-0	2-3-0
e-Jacksonville	4	12	0	.250	297	409	3-5-0	1-7-0	4-7-0	0-5-0	3-2-0
e-Tennessee	3	13	0	.188	297	437	1-6-0	2-7-0	3-8-0	0-5-0	1-4-0
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
x-Baltimore	11	5	0	.688	483	351	5-2-0	6-3-0	7-4-0	4-1-0	3-2-0
x-Pittsburgh	10	6	0	.625	363	328	5-2-0	5-4-0	7-4-0	3-2-0	3-2-0
Cincinnati	8	8	0	.500	453	417	3-5-0	5-3-0	5-6-0	3-2-0	2-3-0
e-Cleveland	3	13	0	.188	248	400	2-6-0	1-7-0	3-8-0	0-5-0	2-3-0

			NA	TIO	NAL	CO	NFERE	NCE			
East	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Philadelphia	13	3	0	.813	443	290	7-1-0	6-2-0	5-0-0	8-3-0	4-1-0
x-Washington	11	5	0	.688	462	372	7-2-0	4-3-0	3-2-0	8-3-0	3-2-0
e-Dallas	7	9	0	.438	331	445	2-6-0	5-3-0	2-3-0	5-6-0	3-2-0
e-N.Y. Giants	3	13	0	.188	260	395	1-8-0	2-5-0	2-3-0	1-10-0	0-5-0
South	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Tampa Bay	9	7	0	.563	475	366	4-4-0	5-3-0	2-3-0	7-4-0	3-2-0
Atlanta	8	8	0	.500	351	379	4-4-0	4-4-0	1-4-0	7-4-0	4-1-0
e-New Orleans	5	11	0	.313	319	371	3-6-0	2-5-0	1-4-0	4-7-0	2-3-0
e-Carolina	4	12	0	.250	297	496	3-6-0	1-6-0	1-4-0	3-8-0	1-4-0
North	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
x-Minnesota	14	2	0	.875	423	301	8-1-0	6-1-0	5-0-0	9-2-0	4-1-0
x-Detroit	13	2	0	.867	493	299	6-2-0	7-0-0	4-1-0	9-1-0	5-0-0
x-Green Bay	11	5	0	.688	438	314	6-2-0	5-3-0	5-0-0	6-5-0	1-4-0
e-Chicago	4	12	0	.250	286	348	4-5-0	0-7-0	2-3-0	2-9-0	0-5-0
West	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-L.A. Rams	10	6	0	.625	342	356	5-3-0	5-3-0	4-1-0	6-5-0	4-1-0
e-Seattle	9	7	0	.563	345	343	3-6-0	6-1-0	4-1-0	5-6-0	3-2-0
e-Arizona	7	9	0	.438	353	355	5-3-0	2-6-0	4-1-0	3-8-0	2-3-0
e-San Francisco	6	9	0	.400	331	349	4-4-0	2-5-0	2-3-0	4-6-0	1-4-0

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in payment of the debt secured by a Deed of Trust executed by Kara Jo Levery, a single and unmarried person dated May 20, 2022, and recorded on May 31, 2022, in the office of the recorder of deeds for Adair County, Missouri, Instrument No. 202200001446, Book 1136, Page 498, the undersigned trustee will, at the request of the holder of said indebtedness, sell the property below described at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at the Adair County Courthouse, located at 106 W Washington St. # 2, Kirksville, Missouri, on Thursday, January 23, 2025, between the hours of 9 o'clock A.M. and 5 o'clock P.M. and more particularly at 11:30 AM, for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust:

All of Lot 9, Block 2, Kirks Village Addition to Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri. 10 Kirkwood Lane Kirksville

The Sayer Law Group, P.C., Trustee 925 East 4th Street Waterloo, IA 50703 (319) 234-2530 M0240038

Adair County R-I School District For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Summary Statement of Scope

Adair County R-I School District obtained an audit of the modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Adair County R-I School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Adair County R-I School District's basic financial statements.

Auditor's Opinion

The auditor's opinion, dated December 19, 2024, on the modified cash basis financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:

"In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Adair County R-I School District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1."

Summary	Statement of Fund	Balances and Re	ceipts & Disbursen	nents By Fund	
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<u>RECEIPTS</u>					
Property taxes	\$ 790,198	\$ -	\$ 130,670	\$ -	\$920,868
Other local receipts	357,105	184,002	4,210	187	545,504
County receipts	977	144,054	11,735	-	156,766
State receipts	631,086	882,434	-	-	1,513,520
Federal receipts	510,627	-	-	-	510,627
Total receipts	2,289,993	1,210,490	146,615	187	3,647,285
DISBURSEMENTS					
Instructional services	158,225	1,417,217	-	42,022	1,617,464
Support services	627,297	314,747	-	55,000	997,044
Food services	163,310	-	-	-	163,310
Building maintenance	342,609	-	-	55,673	398,282
Debt service principal & interest	-	-	176,295	8,625	184,920
Other	19,135	46,920	2,991	-	69,046
Total disbursements	1,310,576	1,778,884	179,286	161,320	3,430,066
Excess (deficiency) of receipts					
over (under) disbursements	979,417	(568,394)	(32,671)	(161,133)	217,219
Other financing sources (uses)		• • •	• • •		
Operating transfers (out)	(66,555)	-	-	-	(66,555)
in					
Total Other Financing	-	-	-	66,555	-
Sources (Uses)	(66,555)	-	-	66,555	-
Change in Fund Balance	912,862	(568,394)	(32,671)	(94,578)	217,219
Fund Balance—Beginning	1,516,399	1,154,411	148,843	94,578	2,914,231
Fund Balance—Ending	\$ 2,429,261	\$586,017	\$116,172	\$ -	\$ 3,131,450

All of Lot 4, Block 1, Kilmer's Addition to Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri, commonly known as 802 Greenway Dr, Kirksville, MO, 63501

subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

Kyle Wilkens. Acting State Director for USDA Rural Development for the State of Missouri, Trustee, through his or her delegate.

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NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (Casefile No. 247343-1038420).

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by JEWEL IVANA MCAFEE and, DAKOTA JAMES MCAFEE dated 04/11/2022, recorded on 04/11/2022, in Book 1133, Page 835 as Instrument No. 202200000942, Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Adair County, Missouri. The undersigned Successor Trustee, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, will on 01/16/2025, at 11:00 AM at 106 West Washington Street, Kirksville MO 63501, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash (certified funds only) the following real estate:

A PART OF LOT 1 OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWN-SHIP 62. RANGE 15, IN THE CITY OF KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT 744.1 FEET NORTH AND 177.65 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE NORTH 123 FEET, THENCE WEST 71.5 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 123 FEET, THENCE EAST 71.5 FEET TO THE BEGINNING, SAID DESCRIPTION INCLUD-ING 20 FEET IN MARY STREET ON THE NORTH END THEREOF.

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A complete financial report is available in the office of the superintendent for public inspection during regular business hours.

Adair County R-II School District For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Summary Statement of Scope

Adair County R-II School District obtained an audit of the cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Adair County R-II School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Adair County R-II School District's basic financial statements.

Auditor's Opinion

The auditor's opinion, dated December 18, 2024, on the cash basis financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:

"In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Adair County R-II School District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1."

Summary Statement of Fund Balances and Receipts & Disbursements By Fund

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital	Total Governmental
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Projects Fund	Funds
RECEIPTS	Fullu	Fulla	Fullu	Fullu	Fullus
Property tax receipts	\$ 1,100,869	\$ -	\$ 262,192	\$ 231,246	\$ 1,594,307
Other local receipts	265,779	101,753	φ 202,192 11,431	9.638	388,601
County receipts	83,764	4,209	23,121	36,896	147,990
State receipts	98,956	1,099,961	20,121	97,893	1,296,810
Federal receipts	121,277	309,534	-	97,095	430.811
Non-revenue receipts	121,277	309,334	-	1,200	1,200
Total receipts	1,670,645	1,515,457	296,744	376,873	3,859,719
DISBURSEMENTS	1,070,040	1,010,407	290,744	310,013	3,009,719
Instructional services	328,455	1,723,841		98,438	2,150,734
Support services	433,111	408,845	-	55.695	2,130,734 897,651
Food services		400,040	-		
	186,439	-	-	7,787	194,226
Building maintenance	293,982	-	-	1,530,194	1,824,176
Debt service principal & interest	-	-	261,500	-	261,500
Other	1,560	62,666	618		64,844
Total disbursements	1,243,547	2,195,352	262,118	1,692,114	5,393,131
Excess (deficiency) of receipts	407.000	(070.005)		(1 0 1 5 0 1 1)	(1 500 (10)
over (under) disbursements	427,098	(679,895)	34,626	(1,315,241)	(1,533,412)
Other financing sources (uses)	()				
Operating transfers (out)	(705,452)		-		(705,452)
in	-	679,895		25,557	705,452
Total Other Financing					
Sources (uses)	(705,452)	679,895	<u> </u>	25,557	-
Change in fund balance	(278,354)	-	34,626	(1,289,684)	(1,533,412)
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Sealed proposals for the construction of **Subdivision Development for Dogwood Subdivision** for the City of Kirksville will be received by the OWNER until 3:00 pm on January 30, 2025, at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street, Kirksville, MO 63501 where at that place and time said proposals shall be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after such date and time shall be returned unopened.

There will not be a pre-bid meeting.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be viewed at the offices of the City of Kirksville, MECO Engineering Company, Inc., CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be purchased with a non-refundable deposit by contacting MECO Engineering Company. Purchase price is \$250.00 a set. Electronic .pdf formats can be available at no charge. Checks are to be made payable to "MECO Engineering Company, INC", and mailing costs are the responsibility of the purchaser.

City of Kirksville, City Hall, 201 S. Franklin St, Kirksville, MO 63501, (660) 627-1251 MECO Engineering Company, Inc., 3120 Palmyra Road, Hannibal, MO 63401 (573) 221-4048

The PROJECT has been financed with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Bidders on this Work will be required to comply with the Copeland (Anti-Kickback) Act, and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as indicated in the Contract Documents. Bidders must be an Equal Opportunity Employer. All Minority Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises and Small Business Enterprises are encouraged to bid.

Bidders for this work will be required to comply with State Prevailing Wage Rates and the President's Executive Order Number 11246. Requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

Bidders are informed that pursuant to Section 285.530, RSMo, as a condition of the award, the successful Bidder shall, by affidavit and provision of documentation, affirm its enrollment and participation in a federal work authorization program with respect to the employees working in connection to the contracted services. Successful Bidder shall sign an affidavit affirming that it does not knowingly employ any person who is an unauthorized alien in connection to the contracted services. All rejected bidders will receive notifications of rejected bid.

Bidders are informed that pursuant to Section 285.530, RSMo, as a condition of the award, the successful Bidder shall, by affidavit and provision of documentation, affirm its enrollment and participation in a federal work authorization program with respect to the employees working in connection to the contracted services. Successful Bidder shall sign an affidavit affirming that it does not knowingly employ any person who is an unauthorized alien in connection to the contracted services.

All contractors or subcontractors doing work on the Project must require its on-site employees to complete the ten-hour construction safety training program required under Section 292.675, RSMo, unless they have previously completed the program and have documentation of having done so.

The award of Contracts on this project shall be predicated upon competitive bidding, and satisfactory performance of past work with the Missouri area. Said Bidder shall be determined for the Contract by summarizing the applicable low base bids and selection by the City based on past performance of work.

The City of Kirksville reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all informalities in the bids. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to the specified time for receipt of bids.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Eugene D. Austin Sr. and Sarah L. Austin, husband and wife Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Eugene D. Austin Sr. and Sarah L. Austin, husband and wife dated May 5, 2021 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Adair County, Missouri in Book 1115, Page 353 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 3:30 PM), at the South Front Door of the Court House, City of Kirksville, County of Adair, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Adair County, State of Missouri, to wit: ALL OF LOT 11, TOWN AND COUNTRY MEADOWS SUBDIVISION TO KIRKSVILLE, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI.

to satisfy said debt and cost.

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NOTICE OF THIRD FIVE-YEAR REVIEW Former Kirksville Air Force Station Kirksville, Missouri

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), as the lead agency, has completed the Third Five-Year Review at the former Kirksville Air Force Station (KAFS). The Five-Year Review Team includes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and other local agencies. Components of the selected remedy include enhanced biodegradation with monitoring and alternative water supply. The selected remedy addresses groundwater plumes contaminated with trichloroethene (TCE), cis-1-2-dichloroethene (cDCE) and vinyl chloride (VC) as identified in the September 2009 Decision Document. A vapor intrusion monitoring program was added to the remedy via an Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) amended to the Decision Document in 2022. A review of the selected remedy, with regard to protection of human health and the environment, is included in the Five-Year Review Report. This Five-Year Review has been conducted as a matter of policy. The selected remedy will take more than five years to achieve the remedial action objective, but will, upon completion, result in unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. The report for this Five-Year Review will be made available to the public in December 2024. Questions or requests for information can be submitted to:

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Circuit Court of the County of Adair, Case No. 24AR-CV00836 made entered on the record on December. 12, 2024, the name of Tatiana Motta Dixon was changed to Tatiana Motta Maldonado.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the sourcing of overhead and underground, high-voltage, distribution electric construction materials for North Central Missouri Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NCMECI) or hereinafter, Cooperative. NCMECI is in Milan, Missouri.

The project consists of sourcing the necessary construction materials for the construction of approximately twenty-one miles of new single and three phase overhead distribution powerline construction. The project also includes the construction of approximately 3 miles of new three-phase primary underground powerline construction. The project will consist of a sum of twenty-one sub-projects with an average length of 1.17 miles. This project includes the necessary work to accommodate the future and on-going construction of the Roy Blunt Reservoir, located Northeast of Milan, Missouri.

Bids will be received by Toth & Associates, Consulting Engineers and authorized representative of North Central Missouri Electric Cooperative, Inc. of Milan, Missouri at the office of Toth & Associates until 2:00 p.m. CST on Thursday, January 16, 2025, and then publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the time and date specified above will be returned unopened. Instructions for bid delivery and bid opening location are set forth in the bid documents.

NCMECI reserves the right to award the contract to the "lowest and best responsible bidder." The Cooperative further reserves the right to waive any irregularities in any or all bids, reserves the right to determine which is the most responsive, responsible bidder, and to reject or approve the bids. Work under this contract is to be fully complete within 365 calendar days upon Notice to Proceed, however, extensions may be necessary and or required due to causes beyond the control of the Cooperative or Bidder.

The project is being funded as part of the electrical relocations and utility relocation funds and reimbursements programmed by the NCMRWC (North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission). The Contractor shall comply with all requirements regarding OSHA safety training. Bonding, insurance, and other requirements and certifications that are set forth in the bid documents.

Electronic copies of the plans, specifications, proposal forms and other contract documents are available at no charge, to Bidders and may be obtained by email or phone from Toth & Associates, Attn: Kathy Bates, 1550 East Republic Road, Springfield, MO. 65804. Phone: (417) 888-0645, email: kbates@tothassociates.com. Paper copies are available upon request and will be subject to a \$200.00 processing and handling fee payable to Toth & Associates.

IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL Case Number: 24AR-PR00135

CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI (Date File Stamp) Judge or Division:

PROBATE

In the Estate of THRESA L. BURRUS, Deceased.

Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of THRESA L BURRUS, Decedent: On December 19, 2024, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of THRESA L BURRUS, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of ADAIR COUNTY, Missouri. The name, business address of the personal representative is:

Shannon J. Bowen, 24969 Walking Trail Drive, Queen City, Missouri 63561

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

Andrew R. Farwell, 715 N. Baltimore, Kirksville, Missouri, 63501, 660-665-2115

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the perso

representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

/s/Martha Cole

Adair County Circuit Clerk

Date of the decedent's death: September 24, 2024

Date of first publication: December 25, 2024

PUBLICATION DATES: 12-25-2024, 1-1-2025, 1-8-2025, 1-15-2025

(636) 537-0110 File No: 224969.012825.451942 FC

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

PUBLISH ON: January 1, 2025 01/08/2025, 01/15/2025, 01/22/2025

Allan Ddamulira **Project Manager** Allan.Ddamulira@usace.army.mil (816) 389-2285 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District (KCD) 601 E 12th St. Kansas City, MO 64106 January 1, 2025

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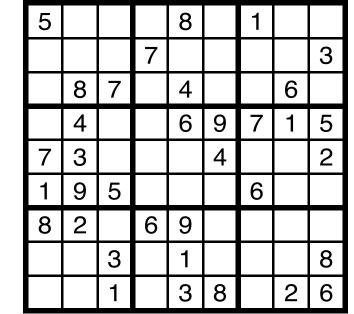
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News



Kirksville Public Works Director Adam Dorrell, Russell Pruett and Mayor Zac Burden.

Kirksville city officials recognize retirement of Russell Pruett

Staff Reports

Kirksville city officials recognized Russell Pruett for his upcoming retirement after 40 years and eight months of service with the city.

Pruett started his career as a meter reader with the finance department on April 16, 1984. He transitioned to a utility operator at the water treatment plant in October 2003. He became a Utility Operator II in 2015 before becoming the water treatment plant superintendent in 2020.

Pruett is currently the longest-tenured member of the city.

The city's water treatment plant produces approximately 2.4 million gallons of drinkable water every day. The plant operates 365 days a

year, 24 hours a day to serve all of Adair County's 25,000 residents, plus area schools, businesses, and factories. In his time as an operator and superintendent, the water treatment plant has produced more than 18.5 billion gallons of water.

"We rely on our water treatment operators to produce safe, drinkable water," city officials said in a press release. "We rely on the superintendent to ensure that these operators are well-trained, responsible, and have the necessary tools, knowledge, and equipment. The superintendent serves the crucial role of managing the staff, operations, maintenance, and equipment replacement in a facility with minimal downtime and many moving parts." Pruett's last day will be on Dec. 31.

Kirksville city officials recognize retirement of Stan East

Staff Reports

Kirksville city officials recognized Stan East for his upcoming retirement after 28 years and 10 months of service. East started as an inspector with the codes and planning department on Feb. 12, 1996. He was promoted to Inspector II on Dec. 24, 2000, and senior inspector on April 22, 2007.

"Inspectors play a crucial

role in ensuring the safety and integrity of buildings and structures," city officials said in a press release. "Inspectors provide communities with intrinsic and tangible benefits that can profoundly impact and enhance residents' quality of life, health and safety."

In his position, East performed routine, technical inspections for building construction, electrical, plumbing, health, condemnation and demolition, and fire investigations.

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"East became a valuable resource for both the city and contractors working in our community during his 28-plus years of public service," city officials said. "The City of Kirksville congratulates East on his retirement, thanks him for his service, and wishes him the best in his future endeavors."

His last day will be on Dec. 31.



Stan East receives a Resolution from Kirksville Mayor Zac Burden at the Dec. 16 city council meeting.

Mike Renshaw is the Adair County SB40 December 2024 Spotlight Award recipient

By Adair County SB40

Mike Renshaw of Kirksville has been selected as the December Outstanding **Employee Spotlight Award** recipient by Adair County SB40 following his nomination by Executive Director Sean Jacob.

Jacob stated, "Mike has worked at Home Depot for 10 years now and has won have the best-looking plants in town or the cleanest parking lot. The attribute of Mike that outshines them all though is his commitment to our customers and our store. Mike is always to work on time, even if that means walking though the rain or snow, he will be here. He is always willing to complete his job no matter the weather or difficulty. He

and works towards getting things done right."

Outgoing executive director of Adair County SB40, Crystal Aminirad, commented, "I am so excited that Adair SB40 plans to continue Spotlight Awards even after I retire. These awards are a wonderful way to recognize people with developmental disabilities in our community who have risen above many challenges to make our community a better place for everyone who calls this home. Mike is a perfect example of all that can be achieved in a community that supports authentic inclusion. He has become fully independent in his community — a producer, a taxpayer, a consumer - everything that any good citizen of a community should be. Mike is an example to employers that when you hire a person with developmental disabilities you will get a hard-working, reliable and dedicated employee. Congratulations to Mike! We are so very proud of him."

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



multiple corporate "Homer" awards from his employer. He's very proud of his work at Home Depot and always proud of the recognition that he receives for his hard work. His work ethic shows that employers can be confident in hiring more people with developmental disabilities."

Kirksville Home Depot ASDS, Nathan Bennett, said, "Mike has been a great employee for us the entire time he has worked here. He is either making sure we

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knows that those jobs have an impact on the customers' experience and the store operations as a whole. So, he gets them done every time. All I have to say is Thank vou Mike!"

Mike's immediate supervisor, Cindy McNay, also added, "Mike makes every attempt to be as friendly and helpful to every customer who enters in the store. He finds what they need or goes to someone who can help. He knows the store and our products

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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 winMike Renshaw, Home Depot, and Sean Jacob, Adair County SB40 executive cirector.

ners. Nominations can be 665-9400. You can also find made throughout the year by visiting the Adair County SB40 website or by contacting a SB40 staff member to assist you at (660)

more information about the four nomination categories by visiting Adair County SB40's website, https:// www.sb40life.org.



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News



Pictured with the winners were Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Ted Frushour, left, and Kirksville Kiwanis Club Past President, Past Lieutenant Governor, and Parade Chairman, Ashley Young, right.

Kirksville Kiwanis Club presents float contest trophies

By Kirksville Kiwanis Club

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club presented trophies to the following float contest winners from the Thirteenth Annual Kirksville Kiwanis Christmas Parade during the club's Dec. 5 meeting

Third Place: Learning Opportunities/Quality Works, Inc. Pictured, second from right: Raquel Palazzolo.

Second Place: Titan Machinery! Pictured, second from left: Scott Swanstrom.

First Place: Kirksville Motor Company.

Ribbon-cutting rebranding ceremony held for Elara Caring

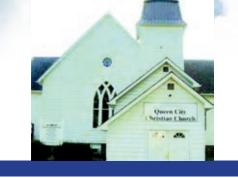
By Marty Bachman Daily Express

Bonnie Schoonover, a registered nurse and branch director of home care service provider Elara Caring, 403 E. Northtown Road, in Kirksville, cut the ribbon at a Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce event signifying the rebranding of the company, which had been known as Pvramid Homemaker Services. Schoonover

said that the mission of Elara Caring is to support the elderly and disabled in their homes across multiple counties, ranging from the Mississippi River to Nebraska and down to areas in and around Interstate 70. They offer a variety of services, including personal care, shopping assistance, and nurse services such as medication management and diabetic care, all aimed at enabling clients to remain at home rather than enter a nursing home.



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

Hamilton Street Baptist Church 802 W. Hamilton

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

Rehoboth Baptist Church

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

First Presbyterian Church (USA)

201 S. High at McPherson Communion 1st Sunday 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. **10:30 a.m.** Fellowship Time. **11:00 a.m**. Church School/all ages 5:30 p.m. College Fellowship **Kirksville Church of Christ** 110 Pfeiffer Ave.

Elders/Pastors: Dan Green. Dean Hansen 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11 a.m. Worship Weds 6:30p.m. Bible Study

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Every Sunday Evening 5-5:30 p.m. Bible Study 5:30-6:30 p.m. Church Service Sugar Creek Baptist Church 5 mi South on Hwy 3 Pastor, Virgil K. Jones 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Hazel Creek Primitive Baptist Church 2 mi. W. Greentop on Rt. K then 1/2 mi. S. Elder Dillion Thurman, minister Services on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 10:30 a.m. Song Service 11:00 a.m. Preaching **Meadow Brook Christian Church** 602 F Washington 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Morning Worship

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

Catholic Newman Center

7:00 a.m. Monday

9:00 p.m. Wednesday

Southwest of Kirksville

Alan Coonfield, Pastor

Union Temple Church

11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday

112 W. Potter Jeremy Pingle, Pastor

10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Service **Community Presbyterian Church** 210 N. Owensby, LaPlata, Mo Pastor Rev Jeff Carter 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

Seventh Day

Adventist Church 1301 N. Elson Kent Dunwoody, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School (Saturday) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Saturday) Fellowship Dinner on 4th Saturday. 712-541-4675

United Methodist Church

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

Willow Bend Association East **Center Community Church**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Illinois Bend Community Church

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

Baring Community Church 11:00 a.m. Worship

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

LaPlata Christian Church Scott McNay, Pastor

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

Queen City, Mo Justin Briney, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Bible School

10:30 a.m. Communion/worship Hour **United Pentecostal Church** 1502 E. Northtown Road David E. Brown, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship **Brashear Community Bible Church** Donny Powell, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 660-323-5305

First Baptist Church of LaPlata

B. J. McAlpin, Pastor 9:00 am "Donut Hole" Fello 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Worship 6:00 pm Monday – AWANA http://laplatafbc.org/ Email: laplatafbc@gmail.com Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church 8 mi. N.W. of Kirksville on Rt. B. Tim Hodges, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship Worthington Baptist Church Worthington, Mo. Roger Busnell, Pastor

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

firstbaptistkirksville.com **Faith United Methodist Church** 1602 E. Illinois Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer

9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship

Southside Baptist Church

1010 W. Burton Pastor: Aaron Rodgerson 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Preaching 6.30 p.m. Evening Service First Church of God

2900 S. Halliburton

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

Central Church of Christ 2010 S. Halliburton

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 am. Worship Service Faith Baptist Church

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

810 E. Shepherd Ave.

9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service www.thecrossing.net **Grace Community Bible Church** 1501 E. Northtown Rd. Benjamin Jorden, Pastor Affiliated with the Evangelical Free

Church of America 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 12 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Small groups KirksvilleGCBC@gmail.com

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300 E. Washington

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

Pure Air Baptist Church 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship TBA Bible Study

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

10:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Service

1701 S. Jamison St., Kirksville Larry Gibson, Pastor

Yarrow Methodist Church Highway N., Yarrow Pastor David Stuckey

10:00 a.m. Sunday Services Mary Immaculate Catholic Church Weekday Masses: Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.

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

10:40 a.m. Worship Service **Cornerstone Church**

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

try Night www.cornerstonechurch.faith

Countryside Christian Church S. Boundary St. Rt. H, Troy Mills Preacher, Harold R. Engel

9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Bible Study www.countrysideky.com

Gifford Christian Church Minister: Darren Potter 9:30 a.m. Sundav School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

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

Service www.lakeroadchapel.org

Church of God (Holiness)

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

New Hope **Evangelical Church**

620 Steer Creek Way 9:30 - 10:20 a.m. Bible Class 10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship Sean Killin, Pastor 816-351-0623 Jim Maxey, Calling Pastor 660-665-6949 or 660-216-4183

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

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

First Liberty Full Gospel 1302 E. Filmore Rev. Fred Baker, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

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

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

2000 E. Normal Kirksville First Ward Bishop John Grider

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

Willow Bend Church Find Us on Facebook for Event

Schedule **New Hope Methodist**

Reformed **Church - Millard** 9:15 a.m. Bible Stud

10:00 a.m. Worship **Greentop Community Church** Highway K, Greentop, Mo. Pastor: Lynae McFarland 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Trinity United Fellowship Church

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

Lancaster United Methodist Church

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

Shekinah Mennonite Church

15981 Blueberry Way, Kirksville John Mark Miller, Pastor Roger Berry 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday - hymn sing 6:00 p.m. 4th Sunday of month Topic

Bethel Community Church 12 miles NE of Kirksville on Rt. T Marvin Cross, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Kid's Klub/Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship.

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

Grace Bible

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

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

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

Fairview Baptist Church 53610 Knob Hill Road, Pollock

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

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

9.30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

The Salvation Army 1004 W. Gardner Brian and Michelle Bump, Pastors

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship **Queen City First Baptist Church**

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

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

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

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

Cornerstone

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

Locust Hill

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

New Harmony **Free Will Baptist**

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

Word Alive!

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

Schuyler County Church of Faith

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

Gospel Outreach Church

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

Victory Baptist Church Of Greentop

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

Union Temple

Pastor Alan Coonfield Sunday evening worship 5:00 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Worship

Fellowship Baptist Church

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study fbck@sbcglobal.net www.fellowshipbc.org • 660-665-0633