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## Danyelle Chinn: Telling 'the rest' of the agricultural story

By Missouri Farmers Care

"I wanted to do something different instead of returning home to the farm. I wanted to become a voice that speaks up on behalf of producers," said Danyelle Chinn, a young cattlegirl and livestock economist from Anabel in #Agri-Ready Designated Macon County. Danyelle enjoys farm life with her husband, Conner, as she begins and ends each day with livestock chores. Between eight and five, she trades her boots for heels befitting an Agricultural & Livestock Economist at the Rural and Farm Finance Policy Analysis Center (RaFF). Danyelle interprets agriculture statistics into a narrative that tells 'the rest of the story' about agriculture.



Danyelle Chinn

### Identifying Her Passion

Danyelle has always been involved in agriculture, growing up on her family's cow-calf farm near Green City in #Agri-Ready Designated Sullivan County. Through middle and high school, she was convinced that she was going to earn a degree in agricultural law. While Danyelle earned her agribusiness management degree with an emphasis in public

policy at the University of Missouri-Columbia, she discovered that she was more passionate about changing and influencing laws rather than practicing them. "During a college internship I became vividly aware that livestock was my passion. I fell in love with the idea of contributing to change. I wanted to become a voice for producers," Danyelle remembers. "The people of agriculture take great economic risks each day on the uncertainties of agriculture. They need a voice. Someone has to stand up for families like mine that are back at home, working and living on farms and in rural communities."



### Developing Her Voice

Danyelle gained experience as a legislative director at the Missouri Department of Agriculture, then accepted the professional challenge of becoming an Agricultural & Livestock Economist at RaFF, housed at the University of Missouri-Columbia. "The work of RaFF is a cross section where research meets public policy," Danyelle described. "We focus on the finances of agriculture.

The reports we publish provide facts and information that stakeholders and producers can use to analyze agricultural issues and implement informed policy changes. We present data as a relatable story that can be used by agricultural decision makers as they design strategies and plans that will support agriculture on the farm, in the capitol, or through organizations."

The Rural and Farm Finance Policy Analysis Center was

launched in 2022. Funded by Congress, the Center provides unbiased policy analysis to inform decision-makers on issues affecting farm and rural finances. The structural economic models developed by the center can estimate the financial implications of weather events, proposed legislation, technological change and other shocks that make a difference in regional financial outcomes. Decision-makers then use the analysis as they form policies meant to support farm and rural economies throughout the U.S.

### A Day as an Economist

A typical day for Danyelle includes drafting a publication or evaluating a data set from the agriculture industry. "My goal each day is to think of things that can be shared that can be beneficial for agriculture," Danyelle said. Danyelle is earning her master's degree in agriculture and applied economics, crafting a thesis about feeder steer pricing and conducting research on how producers can creatively ride the turbulent waves of the cattle markets.

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Snow blanketed the ground in Kirksville and the surrounding area. NEMO PHOTOGRAPHY

## Powerful winter storm slams into local area

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

A powerful storm buried the local region under several inches of snow on Sunday, Jan. 5. The snow fell most of the afternoon on Sunday, creating havoc on the roads and forcing the closure of businesses on Monday, extending the holidays for some.

Kirksville schools were already closed for the day as it was a professional development day for teachers. Trash service for Kirksville was cancelled on Monday and the offices of The Daily Express were closed as was Truman State University, Kirksville City Hall and the Adair County Courthouse were open on Monday.

Kirksville police said that the storm outcome was similar to other snow emergencies and that no major problems occurred.

Warnings of the forthcoming inclement weather began to be issued on Thursday, Jan. 2, when The National Weather

Service issued a winter storm watch with heavy snow possible in northeast, northwest, and west central Missouri, from Saturday evening through late Sunday night.

Total snow accumulations were expected to be between four and 13 inches, with the highest amounts north of Interstate 70. Ice accumulations up to one third of an inch were also expected, primarily south of Interstate 70.

"Travel could become extremely difficult, the alert for Adair, Putnam, Schuyler, Sullivan and Macon counties stated. "Windy conditions could also create blowing snow and very poor visibility."

On the same day, Kirksville city officials warned of a snow emergency and cited a city ordinance that requires either the tenant or owner of a property to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of a snow event.

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## Kirksville city officials offer tips on snow removal and how to prevent pipes from freezing

Kirksville city officials offered the following tips on snow removal and how to prevent pipes from freezing.

- Tips for snow removal offers by the city included.
  - Don't delay. Fresh snow is lighter and fluffier, making it easier to clear. The longer you wait, the more it can compact, harden and become heavy. Be careful waiting for some of it to melt because water-logged snow or slush will be heavier than fresh snow.
  - Clear a space about 10 feet long to the right of your driveway (when facing your home from the street). That way when a snowplow comes down your street, it will push snow into that space instead of back into your driveway.
  - If using a snowblower or snowthrower, pay attention to objects like rocks, sticks, pieces of ice, etc., so you won't send them flying into your home or a neighbor's.
  - Check on any neighbors who may need help.
- To help prevent your pipes from freezing:
  - Insulate your pipes.
  - Seal any air leaks.
  - Let water drip from faucets on exterior walls.
  - Keep your thermostat to at least 55 degrees.
  - Open cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate under sinks or other covered spaces.
  - Disconnect all outside hoses and cover spigots.
- If you aren't signed up to receive alerts from the city of Kirksville or following their official social media channels, now is a great chance to do so. Any Snow Emergency notice will be delivered through those platforms. Head to [Kirksville.gov/p/alerts](http://Kirksville.gov/p/alerts) to sign up for those alerts or see a list of official social media accounts.
- If you're curious about what streets are Emergency Snow Routes or what the snowplow routes are, those and other maps are available at [Kirksville.gov/p/city-maps](http://Kirksville.gov/p/city-maps).

## Kirksville student's art work is getting noticed

Special to The Express

Sarah Barton, like many children, loved to draw. But when she was 12, she started taking her artwork more seriously, drawing every day and learning techniques.

Now the 16-year-old high school junior from Kirksville is creating oil paintings in the classical style, characterized by realistic portrayals of people. Her work has been shown in an Independence gallery, and she has been speaking and visiting with representatives from a number of art colleges as she plans her future.

Barton spends much of her time painting, which is possible because of the flexibility of her school environment. Barton is a student at Missouri Connections Academy (MOCA), a tuition-free online public school offering students in grades K-12 a flexible, engaging environment where they can learn in the way that works best for them.

"When I went to the in-person school, I had no time to paint at all," said Barton. "With online school, I do, and I can take the classes I want and actually learn."



Sarah Barton

That flexibility also allows Barton time to engage with other artists. "In Kansas City there is a huge art community so because school is flexible, I can take part in things like the Kansas City Artists Coalition," she said.

Barton is a self-taught artist, noting that "I watched a lot of videos online."

She is partial to painting women and children, and with five little sisters, there is never a shortage of subjects. "They look very peaceful in paintings, but they aren't in real life," she said.

She also paints religious art. "We're Catholic and our house is filled with religious art," she said. "It's so beautiful."

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A Sarah Barton painting.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Kirkville Area Calendar of Events

#### Kirkville Historic Preservation Commission meeting

The Kirkville Historic Preservation Commission will hold a meeting at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street.

#### Kirkville Planning & Zoning Commission meeting

The city of Kirkville's Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street.

#### Kirkville E-911 Joint Services Board meeting

The city of Kirkville's E-911 Joint Services Board will hold a meeting at 1:30 p.m.

on Wednesday, Jan. 8, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street.

#### Join Curtain Call Theatre for their first classic film night of 2025

Curtain Call Theatre will be showing the classic 1954 Alfred Hitchcock film Rear Window on Friday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. James Stewart stars as a photographer with too much time on his hands as he recovers from a broken leg. When he begins observing the neighbors in his apartment building, he soon finds himself with more excitement on his hands than he can ever imagine. Free admission, donations appreciated. Refreshments available. The theater is located at 512 W. Elizabeth Street, Kirkville.

#### Kids Cardboard Boat Race

The Kids Cardboard Boat Race will be held at the Kirks-

ville Aquatic Center on Sunday, Jan. 12, from 2-4 p.m., brought to you by Kirkville Parks and Recreation and Sparklight. Children ages 5 to 16 can sign up as an individual or as a team of up to four people and put their building skills to the test. Participants must construct a boat structure using cardboard, duct tape and water-based paint and attempt to make it across the pool in the fastest time. Teams will compete in age divisions based on the mean age of the team and can win in multiple categories including Fastest Time, and Best Design. This event is completely free for all participants and spectators. Register today at parks.kirkvillecity.com. For more information, contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

#### 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 Kirkville for the inaugural Comedy Night at the Kirkville 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.

#### 31st Annual NEMO Ag Show

The 31st Annual NEMO Ag Show will be held on Feb. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the NEMO Fairgrounds. Free admission. Food concessions by Brashear Booster Club, vendor show and more.

## NRMC welcomes first baby of 2025

By Northeast Regional Medical Center

Northeast Regional Medical Center welcomed the birth of the first baby of 2025. Grace Denice made her entrance into the world on Wednesday, Jan. 1 at 5 p.m., weighing in at 8

pounds, 6 ounces and is 20 inches long. Grace Denice is the daughter of Kylee and Keaton from Martinstown. She has four older siblings to help welcome her to the family. "Congratulations to baby Grace and her family!" said Northeast Regional Medical Center officials.

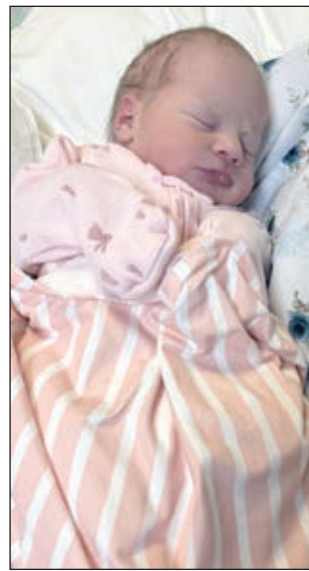


PHOTOS BY SELBY, AMANDA

## First baby of the new year born at Scotland County Hospital

By Scotland County Hospital

Scotland County Hospital in Memphis announced the first baby born in 2025 at the Women's Center. Macie Autumn, the daughter of Russell and Amy Weiler of Rutledge, was born on Jan. 1, 2025, at 10:54 a.m. She weighs 7 pounds and 1 ounce, and is 20.5 inches long. Dr. Jeff Davis delivered little Miss Macie, who will be welcomed home by two big sisters, Hailey age 3 and Trishia age 1. Little Miss Macie Autumn and her parents will take home a supply of diapers in sizes 0-6 that will last nearly a year and a case



Macie Autumn

of wipes, compliments of Scotland County Hospital. The family will be



The first baby of the new year at Scotland County Hospital in Memphis is with the Women's Center staff that delivered her on Jan. 1, 2025. Left to right: Nurse Bambi Brown, Dr. Jeff Davis and Nurse Lindsie Kelley.

showered with gifts to take home from many area businesses. A list

of those gifts and businesses will be listed at a later time.



## Kirkville girl is first baby of 2025 at Blessing Hospital

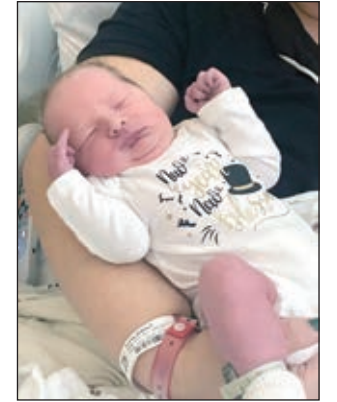
By Blessing Hospital

Josie Layne Snelling was the first baby born in 2025 at Blessing Hospital's Blessed Beginnings maternity center in Quincy, Ill. She is the fourth daughter of Brittney and Tyler Snelling of Kirkville.

Josie was born at 6:48 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2025. She weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces and was 20 inches long.

"We've been trying to get her to come for the past week," said Brittney. "She decided to be extra special and come on New Year's Day."

Josie's sisters are Brytston, Paisleigh and Hadley. Her grandparents are Clint and Angie Miller of Edina, and Jack and Laura Snelling of Kirkville.



The Snelling family received gifts from Sturhahn Jewelers, Niemanns floral department and Wellman Florists, Sterling Awards and Engraving, Blessing Volunteers in Partnership and the Blessing Hospital Tea Room, and the Blessed Beginnings staff.



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## OBITUARIES

### Carole Roxanne Castles

Dec 21, 1951 – Dec 30, 2024

On December 30, 2024, Carole Roxanne Castles (73) passed away unexpectedly at Northeast Regional Medical Center in Kirksville, Missouri.



Carole Roxanne (Roxy) Castles was born on December 21, 1951, in Grinnell, Iowa, to Paul and Louise Bruns. She was the youngest of four children, with three older brothers: Stanley, Gary, and Dennis who she loved dearly.

Roxy grew up with a deep love for music and spent her life sharing her talent with those fortunate enough to know her—both adults and students. She was a lifelong learner, always eager to expand her knowledge. She earned her bachelor's degree in education from Buena Vista University and applied her passion for learning to her teaching, inspiring countless students throughout her career.

For 50 years, she shared her life with her soulmate, William (Bill) Castles. Their love brought two children, Cara Anne Buckley and Johnathan Paul Castles, into the world, along with two cherished grandchildren, Madison Anne and Elijah Paul. Roxy adored her golden retrievers, Gracie and Willow, who were her constant companions, as well as her beloved grandpups.

Her life touched countless people, whether through her work in the classroom, leading a church choir, teaching piano lessons across multiple states, or sharing her love of travel and gardening. She valued friendship deeply, always making time to listen and connect—except when the Iowa Hawkeyes were playing!

Roxy was a devoted member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a 50-year member of the Eastern Star, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Ann Hayes Chapter, the Daughters of the American Colonies, and the Christian Women Connection.

A Celebration of Life for Roxy will happen on Friday, January 3, 2025 at 2 pm at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) located at 100 N High Street, Kirksville, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to honor her legacy. Contributions may be sent to the United Way of Northeast Missouri, P.O. Box 112, Kirksville, Missouri 63501 Attention: In honor of Roxy Castles.

Funeral arrangements in the care of Playle-Rimer-Millard Family Funeral Chapel.

### Stephen William Archibald

Feb 28, 1956 – Jan 1, 2025

Stephen William Archibald was born on February 28, 1956 in San Francisco, California to Donald Arthur Archibald and Carol Jean Major. He passed away at his home in Kirksville, Missouri on January 1, 2025.

On November 28, 1980, he married Brenda Jean Schmitter. The couple had three children during their 44 years together, Cody Stephen Archibald, Travis William (Amanda) Archibald and Sarah Whitney (Wilson) Archibald.

Steve is survived by his wife, Brenda and children, Travis and Sarah. He is also survived by his mother Carol (Ken) Gabriel of Petaluma, California, stepmother, Irene Archibald of Sparks, Nevada, sister, Lori (Dennis) Trumble of Petaluma, California, brother Jeffrey (Kathy) Archibald of Santa Rosa, California, brother, John (Pam) Laidley of Novato, California, in-laws, Curtis and Carolyn Schmitter of Downing, Missouri, brother-in-law, Bruce (Chris) Schmitter of St. Joseph, Missouri, as well as nieces, nephews and many friends.

Steve was preceded in death by his son, Cody on May 3, 2013, his father, Don on March 24, 2024 and his sister-in-law, Lori Schmitter on November 20, 2003.

Steve's childhood was spent in Northern Nevada and Northern California. He moved to Missouri in the 70's, which is where he met his wife, Brenda. They resided in Lancaster, Missouri, until 1984. During that period, Steve made his living installing commercial kitchens and hauling fertilizer. Steve and Brenda moved to Southern California following her college graduation. Steve continued to install commercial kitchens and Brenda started her first accounting job. Their sons, Cody and Travis were born in Riverside, California. In 1987, they relocated to Nevada, where Steve continued to install commercial kitchens and Brenda continued working in accounting. In 1991, Steve decided to open his own shop, Fabtech, LLC, in Reno, Nevada, which fabricated and installed custom commercial kitchens. He was uniquely talented in this area, making his work highly acclaimed and sought after. After the birth of their daughter, Sarah, Brenda joined him full time in the business until their retirement in 2022.

Steve was a gifted Benchrest shooter, setting a world record in 2007. It was a hobby he was passionate about and shared with his children and father. He also enjoyed fishing, boating and jet skiing. Over the years, he and Brenda enjoyed many classic rock concerts and vacation getaways. Steve was a loving husband and father. Happy family memories will sustain them through the next chapter of life without him.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at the Downing Christian Church in Downing, Missouri at 11:00 a.m. with Larry Smith, Pastor of the Downing Christian Church in Downing, Missouri officiating. Music will be special selections of "Simple Man" and "Amazing Grace." Pallbearers will be Wilson Dericco, Spencer Schmitter, Nick Braun, Bobby Garrett, Alan Garrett and Kevin Judd. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at the Downing Christian Church in Downing, Missouri. Memorials have been established for the Downing Depot in Downing, Missouri. Online condolences may be expressed to the family by logging on to normanf.com. Burial will be in the Downing City Cemetery in Downing, Missouri. Arrangements are under the direction of the Norman Funeral Home of Lancaster, Missouri.



### Marcena (Small) Kite

Oct 22, 1943 – Jan 3, 2025

Marcena (Small) Kite, 81, of Kirksville passed away Friday, (January 3, 2025) at Northeast Regional Medical Center in Kirksville, Missouri.

Marcena was born October 22, 1943 in Edina, Missouri, the daughter of Doris (Parrish) Small and Tommy Kurl Small. She was united in marriage to Jacky Kite on June 16, 1961. To this union three children were born.



Surviving, daughter Kathi Lyons and John Sikorski of New Port Richey Florida, two sons, Kendall Kite and wife Terri of St. Charles, Missouri and Kody Kite and wife Cora of Columbia, Missouri. Five grandchildren, Cory Montgomery, Tierney President, Kelsey Kite, Jessica Kite and Jackson Kite. Four great grandchildren Jackson Montgomery, Jersey Sullivan, Kendrick President and Shylah President. Three sister-in-laws, Carol Small of Quincy, Illinois, Debra Schempp of Kirksville, Missouri and Dianna Spencer and husband Norman of Poolsville, Maryland. Goddaughter Allison Thompson, The Pines "family". Several nieces and nephews.

Marcena was preceded in death by her husband Jack (May 2012), brother Garry Small (April 2013), best friends since high school Karen Thompson (February 2013) and Donald Thompson (February 2014), parents Doris and Tommy Small, brother Bobby Gene and sister Carol Ann along with other family and friends.

Marcena was raised in Edina Missouri and graduated from Edina High School in 1961. She worked at McGraw Edison, Brashear Cafe, Osborn Meat Processing Plant, Shobe Meat Processing Plant, Kirksville Manor Care Center and Paradise Donuts until retiring in 2008.

Marcena was a member of the Faith United Methodist Church. She had a love for playing cards and played bridge with her "bridge girls" for over 40 years. She enjoyed going to a casino on occasion and cooking for EVERYONE ALL THE TIME along with spending time with family and friends. She truly did not know a stranger. She would walk up to a complete stranger in the store and strike up a conversation, it didn't matter that she had never met them or knew their name. She was a very caring and very generous lady.

A funeral service will be held on January 10, 2025, at 3:00 pm at the Playle-Rimer-Millard Funeral Chapel with Pastor Joshua Ritzheimer officiating. Musical selections will be "Amazing Grace", "Go Rest High" and "How Great Thou Art". Interment will be in the Park View Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Dustin Schempp, Jason Schempp, Roger Thompson, Greg Barnes, John Hanley and Kirk Houston. Visitation will be at 1:00 pm prior to the 3:00 pm service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers since according to mom, "Flowers are for the living", donations are requested to be made to the Faith United Methodist Church 1602 E. Illinois Kirksville, MO 63501.

Funeral arrangements in the care Playle-Rimer-Millard Family Funeral Chapel.

## MSHP reports no fatalities

Missouri State Highway Patrol reports zero traffic fatalities, zero drownings, and zero boating fatalities over New Year's holiday

By Missouri State Highway Patrol

Col. Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, provides the following preliminary statistics related to the New Year's holiday:

Zero people died and 21 were injured in 44 traffic crashes during the 2025 New Year's holiday counting period, which began at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024, and ended

at 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025. There were zero boating crashes and zero drownings over the 2025 New Year's holiday counting period.

### 2025 New Year's Holiday Traffic Statistics

Troopers investigated the following:

- Traffic Crashes — 44
- Traffic Crash Injuries — 21
- Traffic Crash Fatalities — 0
- DWI — 50



The fatality statistics in this news release could change if late deaths occur, or if other departments report fatal traffic crashes after this news release is sent to the media.

## KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

### 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.

## Adair County Family YMCA announces new CEO

By Adair County Family YMCA

The Adair County Family YMCA Board of Directors announced that Kristin Rouser, CEO of the organization, will be stepping down to prioritize family after successfully leading the Y for more than eight years. Rouser joined the Adair County Family YMCA in April 2016 as the Membership and Wellness director. In March 2017, she was named the chief executive officer. She leaves behind a Y that is stronger in every way than when she came onboard.

"Together, we worked to strengthen the foundations of our community and surrounding communities," Rouser said. "We've built connections, collaborations,



lasting relationships and ultimately a strong, more united, YMCA."

Rouser's last day will be Feb. 5. The board has appointed Misti Hollenbeck Harris, current director of Membership and Wellness, as the new CEO effective

Jan. 1. Harris joined the YMCA in 2015 and has held multiple titles since that time.

"I am excited for the future of our YMCA and what we can do, together with our community for the people we serve," she said.

## MACON COUNTY AND SHELBY COUNTY LAND AUCTION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025 • 10 AM

SALE LOCATION: VFW BUILDING  
91 N. SHELBY ST., CLARENCE, MO

Farm Locations: Tract 1 - is 3 miles east of Macon, MO on HWY 36 to HWY K, then go North 2.5 miles on K, turn East on Nova St ¼ of a mile to the property Tract 2 and 3 - are 3 miles south of Clarence, MO on HWY 151 (East and West side of HWY 151)  
Tract 4 - is 3 ¾ mile south of Clarence, MO on HWY 151

### 4 TRACTS OF 276.19 TAXABLE ACRES

Tract 1 @ 77.69 Acres M/L  
Macon County T57N - R13W - Section 33  
Tract 2 @ 60 Acres M/L • Tract 3 @ 59 Acres M/L  
Tract 4 @ 79.5 Acres M/L  
Shelby County T56N - R12W - Sections 4, 5, and 9

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## Kirksville R-III School District Superintendent's Report

From time to time I come across an article in one of my professional magazines that sound as if the writer was inside my own head. The following is one of those articles. While I did not write it, I wish I had because I believe it needs to be said. "When Did We Say It Was Ok?" was written by a superintendent colleague, Jane Stavem, from Sioux Falls, South Dakota and appeared in the November 2024 School Administrator.

"In education, we find ourselves at a crossroads, asking ourselves: When did we say it was OK? "It" refers to the normalization of extreme student behaviors in our schools, threatening our profession's foundation.

Superintendents, administrators and teachers are witnessing escalating violence and destruction in classrooms. Physical assaults on staff—being kicked, punched, sworn at, or threatened—have be-



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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

come disturbingly common.

Schools have become the default placement for kids with complex needs, not because they are equipped but because they are public institutions designed to welcome all.

### Beyond Reason

The question isn't about blame but reflection. When did we decide we were qualified to address severe student needs in a school

setting? Schools exist to impart knowledge and foster learning, but educators are forced into roles akin to security personnel.

Our primary goal—educating the next generation—is being overshadowed by unreasonable demands. When did it become acceptable for schools to bear the blunt force of societal challenges without adequate support? When did navigating extreme behaviors become normalized? The encroachment of severe mental health issues into classrooms has left us scrambling to address problems beyond our capacity, leading to an unsustainable situation.

This is not to dismiss the importance of mental health support, but public schools are not the right setting for handling severe cases. Protecting all students is vital, and we must recalibrate the balance between the needs of individuals and the safety and well-being of the entire school community.

When did we agree to add more meetings, make ill-equipped accommodations for modified instructional spaces? Increasingly, the fear of lawsuits has pushed us to stretch beyond reasonable boundaries, diverting us from our core mission of teaching and learning. Schools are not psychiatric units, hospitals or prisons.

We need to work with communities and lawmakers to shift the focus and direct resources to organizations and specialists that can better address these complex needs.

### Alternative Support

Consider other professions: Would a surgeon tolerate a patient disrupting surgery or throwing surgical tools on the floor? Would a pastor allow a screaming parishioner to stay for the whole sermon? Would a retail store allow a customer to return after repeatedly destroy-

ing displays? No, they wouldn't. Yet these kinds of behaviors persist in our [public] schools, undermining the very purpose of education.

When I began teaching, I learned a fundamental question that was designed to determine whether it was appropriate for a student to stay in the classroom: Can teachers keep teaching and students keep learning? Under circumstances of extreme behavior, the answer is increasingly no. Our responsibility is to teach so students can learn. We cannot allow anything to erode that core purpose to the point where public education ceases to exist.

Are schools the only places left to help children?

It's time to reassess our role and advocate for systems and services that provide support where it is genuinely needed, ensuring public education remains focused on its core mission."

## THE ROCKWOOD FILES

### The Joy of January

I like January. I think most mothers do. Sure, it's the dead of winter and it gets dark ridiculously early, but January has one big thing going for it. It's the "cool down" period following the high-intensity workout of Christmas.

Don't get me wrong. I love Christmas and everything it symbolizes. I love the twinkling lights, the shiny ribbons, the family hugs, and the food. But holidays require work. So much work. Christmas requires several months of mental and physical energy for an event that's over in just a few days.

But January is different. It's the post-Christmas coasting period. And it feels so good to coast right now. No more decking the halls or jingling around the clock. Just a much-needed rest.

You want to know how many holidays during the month of January require advance preparation? Zero. January is as low maintenance as it comes.

Even though I love the look of Christmas, I must admit I felt relieved to pack away the holiday decorations. It feels like the house has finally calmed down after three straight months of grinning ghosts in October, then pumpkins in November, then an explosion of red and green in December. Visually speaking, it's a lot.

I'll be happy to welcome back the witches, turkeys, and tinsel in 10 months' time. But for now, these tired eyes need rest. Bring on January's clean slate.

Speaking of a clean slate, I should mention the goal-setting elephant sitting smack dab in the middle of the month. Too many of us let New Year's resolutions rob



**GWEN ROCKWOOD**  
THE ROCKWOOD FILES

us of the joy of January. Instead of enjoying a slower pace, we ramp things up even more. We discipline ourselves into oblivion which often leads to burnout and failure by February.

But January doesn't have to be a downer or a boot camp. Set goals if you find it inspiring, but it shouldn't feel like a soul-sucking slog. Let the first month of the year be a kinder, gentler time of restoration — not just resolution.

I spent the first day of this year doing a few of my favorite things. I read. I slept. And I shopped for new pens. (Nerds love any excuse to get fresh office supplies.) Was it exciting? Not really. But I don't need excitement because I've already had plenty. What my overstimulated brain needs now is the return of a regular routine.

Even when Christmas is incredible, it still involves stress. When the brain feels anticipation and excitement, it's called "eustress" which is a positive form of stress. One way to calm down the brain and body is to breathe deeply, letting your exhale be longer than the inhale. It activates the parasympathetic nervous system, which relaxes the body after periods of stress (even the festive kind).

This month is the long exhale we all need. Savor the simple and relish the routine. Not every month needs a pressure-filled project.

Here's hoping your January is just right.

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## POETRY CORNER

### You'll Miss What Others Can See

At times I'm alone... and I look for a friend... the last person I would look for is me,  
When you only look out... and not within... you'll miss what others can see.

— Daniel D. Donovan



## ROBIN WRITES

### Sundays will never be the same

In today's world of unending distraction, it may be time to give ourselves a day off. How about we shut things down again on Sundays?

The simplicity of Sundays was a Godsend to our hearts. We used to do it without starving or dying from boredom. We looked forward to it.

Every day but Sunday was a flurry of work and routine. We made a living, went to school, shopped, and conducted the business of life in all its chaos.

Employers slapped paychecks in our hands each Friday, and we took our wages to the grocery store on Saturday to stock up on food for the next week.

We planned dates and parties, all to be held any day but Sunday. We had six other days and nights to accomplish it all.

Then Sunday came. And we rested.

There would be no shopping. No working. No unnecessary activity. We welcomed this special 24 hours with little to think about beyond church and the day stretching ahead.

Breakfast was lavish or sparse. Mom had usually planned the noon meal and set the oven temperature to assure the roast or chicken would be ready by the time we returned from services.

We lolled to the car in agreeable, almost lackadaisical steps. Our hands cradled our Bibles in one hand and clenched our offering in the other. Off we chugged to church.



**ROBIN GARRISON LEACH**  
ROBIN WRITES

By noon, the sermon was certainly over. No pastor dared interfere with the timing of Sunday dinner. Our stomachs rumbled in harmony with the car's motor on our way home.

We climbed from the car, opened our unlocked front door, and smiled as the smell of food caressed our noses like a hug.

Mom bustled about the kitchen. Her voice sailed through the house, reminding us whose turn it was to set the table. The rest of us sprawled atop the couch, waiting for her signal to gather around for lunch.

We carried our morning worship to that kitchen table. Prayer before eating. Eyes closed. Then, the sounds of chatting. Chewing. Catching up on what had happened in the other six days before this day of rest.

Even siblings who battled throughout the week about petty differences found Sunday dinner a time for truce. Those moments together fed our souls and gave us time to see our family in a way we grew to love.

After dinner, clearing the ta-

ble. Washing dishes in patterned turns. Then.

Nothing.

The rest of Sunday was ours to enjoy.

Except for the occasional Sunday afternoon drive or visit to relatives' homes, there would be no going anywhere. No stores were open. The shop owners were home with their families, too.

We finished any homework for school the next day. Stretching out on our beds for reading. A nap was always encouraged. Mom often listened to the radio as she sat at the table and flipped through the latest 'McCall's' magazine.

We'd go outside on nice Sundays and sit on the porch or in the yard, swatting at mosquitos and drinking Kool-Aid. Sometimes we played Wiffleball or Mother May I? in the sunbaked grass along the side of the house.

The day dragged deliciously into evening. Before long, it was time for a light evening meal, baths, and talk of plans for the week ahead.

Decades ago, we decided we didn't need this day of rest. We needed to shop and work and travel and fill every second with the stressful business of activity.

And in doing so, we gave up our chance to enjoy just one day of calm.

How did we let this happen? Those times will never come again, and we are poorer for it.

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## HOME COUNTRY

### The effects of winter doldrums

It might have been the winter doldrums that did it. You can never be sure of these things. It's just that ... well, Doc is one of those guys who can't stand to see anyone bored. He claims it's bad for their inner chemistry, and since he has more initials after his name than anyone else in town, we tend to listen to him.

When it happened, we in the inner circle of the World Dilemma Think Tank down at the Mule Barn truck stop thought back on what Doc had said a year ago when the temperature dropped, along with everyone's spirits.

"In weather like this," Doc pronounced, stirring sugar into his cup, "a real American would come up with a great hoax."

Those of us sitting at the philosophy counter that morning just nodded, even though we didn't have a clue. No one wanted to admit it, you see.

When the Valley Weekly Miracle hit the street yesterday, we bought one to see how much the editor dared to print, as always, but there in the classifieds was this:

"LOST - One gray squirrel, fluffy tail, two years old. Answers to "Chipper." \$5.25 reward. Call Doc."

The paper was passed down the counter and we all looked at Doc after we read it. He was smirking as only Doc can smirk.

"Doc," Steve said, tentatively, "would this be the same imaginary squirrel that was kidnapped and held for ransom last year?"

"The very same," Doc said. "I named him Chipper."

"But he's imaginary, right?"

"The very best kind."

"Why?"

"Imaginary squirrels don't bite, don't have to be fed, and you never have to clean up after them," he said. "And a real squirrel will eat the leg off a coffee table."



**SLIM RANGLES**  
HOME COUNTRY

He grinned. "Besides, I've always wanted an imaginary squirrel."

After we laughed, Dud said, "And what if someone finds a squirrel and brings him to you?"

"Dudley," he said, "I figure it's worth \$5.25 to get a squirrel, which would be hibernating this time of year, of course, and then to turn it loose. Besides, I'll make more money than that just stitching up the squirrel catcher's hand."

Brought to you by "Raven's Prey" by Slim Randles. Find it at McRoy and Blackburn, publishers, Ester, Alaska.

## TURNING THE PAGE

### This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

#### 115 Years Ago, January 7, 1910

Forty percent of the pupils in the primary grades in Kirksville schools were out of school with whooping cough according to Superintendent of Schools E. O. Jones. Jones said that there was an epidemic of whooping cough in Kirksville among the smaller children in the public schools and he feared that the numbers would continue to increase during the expected coming months of cold weather.

#### 115 Years Ago, January 10, 1910

A fire that started in the furnace room of the First Baptist Church in Kirksville destroyed the structure. The fire started just as the pastor, Rev. W. H. Stone, opened the evening service. A panic among attendees was averted by the coolness of Rev. Stone, who stood over the spot from which the smoke was coming and calmly asked that all leave quietly and avoid crowding. Upon realizing that a panic might occur, Rev. Stone stepped down from the rostrum to the floor and asked all to be quiet. He said: "I am standing right here where the fire is, and if anybody is burned it will be me. I will stay here until all of you are out. Take your time in leaving, please, and we will soon fix this." Those present put on their winter attire and went out of the building in an orderly manner, avoiding the danger of a panic in the burning building. J. H. Moore, the aged janitor and organ pumper, was overlooked until all had left the church. He was rescued by an unknown man who went into the burning building and carried Moore out. Moore was found unconscious suffering from smoke inhalation. Because of extremely cold weather, church members had asked that the janitor start the fire earlier than usual on the day of the evening service. The heat pipes overheated and caused the nearby wood structure to begin burning. The church was constructed in 1896 at a cost of between \$10,000 and \$12,000. The pump organ was added about three years prior to the fire. The building and organ were insured for only \$6,000. On the day after the fire, it was announced that the Presbyterian congregation offered the use of their facility for use by the Baptist Church. At that time the Presbyterian Church was located on South Franklin Street, across from the Kirksville Post Office (now Kirksville City Hall).

#### 105 Years Ago, January 5, 1920

Scarlet fever claimed the lives of three members of one family within just a few days during the Christmas and New Years holidays. Mrs. Art Christman died at her home southwest of Brashear of scarlet fever, and her sister, Mrs. William Downing, died just a few days before Christmas. Mrs. Christman contracted the disease from her sister while she was caring for her. A few days later, the grandmother of the deceased sisters, Mrs. Dan Conkle, also of Brashear, died of the disease. Mrs. Christman left her husband and two young children. Mrs. Downing left her husband and three small children, including an infant who was only eight days old. Scarlet fever or scarlatina is a highly contagious bacterial infection that most commonly affects children between the ages of five and fifteen. The symptoms include sore throat, fever, headache, swollen lymph nodes, and a red rash that feels like sandpaper. The disease spreads rapidly and passes from one person to another by way of respiratory droplets such as saliva or nasal discharge. In the early twentieth century the disease was the leading cause of death in children. With the use of antibiotics, scarlet fever has practically been eradicated.

#### 100 Years Ago, January 5, 1925

The Kirksville City Council met for the first time in three weeks and a large amount of bills had accumulated that needed to be paid. Among the bills that needed payment was a bill for \$1.50 for "coffee for firemen." The firemen had ordered coffee while



fighting a fire in cold weather. The three-member council unanimously voted to refuse payment of the bill. However, rather than let the bill be paid out of the city revenue fund, the generous councilmen each chipped in fifty cents out of their own pockets to pay the bill.

#### 90 Years Ago, January 9, 1935

The city of Novinger became the first place in Adair County to buy whiskey and other hard liquor by the drink in nearly 25 years. This action was the result of a city-wide election in Novinger that resulted in lifting of the town's dry status. The vote was 232 to 47 in favor of allowing the sale of liquor by the drink. Prohibition went into effect nationwide in 1920 when the Eighteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution outlawed the production, importation, transportation, and sale of alcohol. Prohibition remained in effect in the United States until the Twenty-first Amendment repealed prohibition effective in 1933. Prior and following the period of Prohibition (1920-1933), Adair County was a "dry" county. Many Novinger residents expressed a large amount of interest in the election as the voter turnout was nearly as large as in the earlier general election. Many expressed surprise at the large margin by which the proposal passed. Arthur Nardini, who was associated with his father in business in Novinger, announced that he intended to make application for a license to run a tavern in the Ross building, which at one time was a saloon. Nardini was redecorating the building's interior and expected to open the tavern within a week. The licensing of saloons in Novinger was expected to increase the city's revenue so it would have money to hire a marshal and aid in street lighting and other improvements.

#### 90 Years Ago, January 9, 1935

The Adair County Court judges passed a resolution setting apart a plot of ground on the southeast corner of the public square for the erection of a statue of Dr. Andrew Taylor Still where it was "to remain forever." The resolution pointed out that the citizens of the county desired to have a statue placed where all could see an image of Dr. Still, "he who has honored Adair County more than anyone who has ever lived." A movement had been started sometime earlier to have the statue of Dr. Still, which stood near the A.S.O. (American School of Osteopathy) Hospital on West Jefferson Street, moved to the public square.

#### 80 Years Ago, January 10, 1945

Two Adair County soldiers serving in Europe during World War II were reported as casualties of the war. Mr. and Mrs. Denton Pearce, of Novinger, were notified by the International Red Cross that their son, Pvt. Charles "Billy" Pearce, a paratrooper, was a prisoner of the German government. Pvt. Pearce had been reported missing in Holland since September 27, 1945. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Carter of Kirksville received word from the War Department saying that their son Pfc. Lyle E. Carter, was wounded in action on December 17. He was serving in Europe in the Seventh Army.

#### 70 Years Ago, January 10, 1955

The Old Trading Post Inn, Kirksville's newest eatery, at the corner of Baltimore and Jefferson Streets, was filled to capacity on opening night. It was operated by B. W. Bonfoey. The large dining room was authentically decorated in the early American motif with antiques from Mrs. Cynthia Lanza's collection providing the furnishings. A fireplace in the center of one wall, shuttered windows, oil lamps overhead, knotty pine walls and ceilings, and a large copper kettle by the fireplace all contributed to the atmosphere. Next door, connected by a modern kitchen, was the Victorian House, containing three rooms for private parties.

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## EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Part 136

### Theaters of Kirksville - Chapter 9 - Demise of the Kennedy Theatre

By Blytha Ellis, President  
Adair County Historical Society and Museum

The demise of the Kennedy Theatre was brought about slowly by many societal and financial factors. Times began to change, particularly after World War I. The popularity of talkie films brought an end to live vaudeville shows in the 1930s. The Great Depression for a time limited the amount of entertainment that people sought outside the home.

Then, radio became common in homes and families reveled in this form of free entertainment. The 1930s were called "The Golden Age of Radio." It was said that radio was so popular that theaters dared not open in the evenings until the well-liked "Amos and Andy" radio show was over. However, people still had to use their imagination when listening to radio shows. It was the advent of television that solved that problem.

In 1942 when the Kennedy's owner, Carrie (Miller) Kennedy, died, her theater was still holding its own. She probably had no doubt about its continued success.

When television came to nearly every home in the 1950s, it became harder to attract patrons to the theater. Television significantly influenced American culture and media consumption. Some said that television unified the family as they came together around one set to be informed and entertained. They hadn't yet imagined a set in every room with family members watching different shows.

The costs to maintain a large theater was ever increasing, and cheaper facilities were being constructed. When OSHA was created in 1971, government inspections of theaters became increasingly stringent.

As best we can determine, Carrie Kennedy maintained ownership of the Kennedy building until her death in 1942, but she had leased out the theater's management. It seems the plan had been for Mrs. Kennedy's son, Sam, to manage both the Princess and the Kennedy. However, Sam had experienced health problems while serving in WW I, and this necessitated his mother hiring J. P. Moore to manage both theaters beginning when the Kennedy opened in 1926. In 1929, management of the theaters was sold to the Fox Corporation.

After Carrie's death in 1942, her son, Sam, was incapacitated and could not assume ownership. The theater reportedly passed to Carrie's nephew, Karl Miller, and to her niece, Margaret (Baxter) Dunbar. They sold it in 1949 to FoxMo Realty Co. In 1973, Mann Theaters Corp. acquired the Kennedy from National General Theaters. In 1981, Mann sold it to MDH Theaters, Inc.

Dickenson, Inc. of Kansas City owned the Kennedy in 1985 when it was sold to Collier Enterprises, Inc. of Kirksville. Collier also owned the new, simply constructed Petite Three Cinema in Kirksville which had none of the lavishness of the Kennedy. The latter was now just a remnant of the golden age of cinema.

For a time, Collier Enterprises continued to operate the Kennedy as a theater and used the stage for country music shows and concerts. But, the massive size of the building, its need for modernization and asbestos removal, and the expense of heating and cooling such a large building made it no longer profitable for the owners. Also, it was not a wise



Destruction of the Kennedy Theatre in 1989



business decision to own two theaters in the same town who were competing for the same audience. The Kennedy was finally closed for good.

The Bank of Kirksville (now Equity Bank) which was diagonally southeast from the Kennedy within the same block became interested in buying the Kennedy for what they called "expansion." What they really meant was a parking lot. The news of the sale of the Kennedy to the Bank of Kirksville in January 1989 and its possible demolition brought about a clamorous display of public disapproval.

Harvey B. Young, Jr. (1919-2022), president of the bank, once told the Historical Society, "When we bought the Kennedy and the public learned of our plans to tear it down, people lost their minds!" It's true, they did, and justifiably so. People who had known the Kennedy as part of their childhood could not imagine Kirksville without it. Many suggestions were offered for re-purposing it, and for a time, it seemed like the bank was considering other options besides its destruction. The community would soon find out that the bank was proceeding with the demolition plans, and the public's concern turned to anger.

Objections were brought to the community in various forms, including many newspaper accounts. One "Letter to the People" in the "Kirksville Daily Express" voiced an outcry that "the building is not just any ordinary dress shop or restaurant; it is a beautiful landmark that has been here for many years!"

One newspaper article expressed that the bank should "tear itself down and keep the theater!" One of the main advocates for the Kennedy was Dr. James Harmon, professor of Art History at Truman State University and one time president of the Adair County Historical Society. Although a committee was formed, alternative plans were proposed and money raised, it was all to no avail.

It was noted that options for the Kennedy were severely limited due to the fact that Collier Enterprises, in protecting its other interests, entered a provision in their contract for the sale

of the Kennedy that it could not be used to show films for 25 years. Written into the corporation warranty deed was the provision that "this property shall not be used for the purpose of maintaining, either for

profit or not for profit any motion picture theater ... until the first day of January 2014." Writer Jason Clampet wrote the above statement in an essay on file at the Adair County Historical Society. He also stated that although the Bank of Kirksville "re-affirmed its commitment to the development of the downtown area and to the growth of Kirksville in general, it demolished the most architecturally significant structure in the town and built a parking lot."

This fact brought to mind for many people the lines in a song by Joni Mitchell, "Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you got 'til it's gone? They paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

The wrecking ball for the Kennedy began its assault the last of April 1989 and brought it all down by the middle of July. Many of the architectural features of the theater were sold to interested parties far and wide. The Bank of Kirksville provided funds to the Adair County Historical Society Museum for purchase of some of these artifacts including some of the marble and one side of the marquee which spelled KENNEDY in neon lights. These can be seen at the museum, 211 S. Elson, next door to where the grand old Kennedy once stood.

Perhaps some satisfaction was obtained by those who loved the Kennedy when the following was written by Dr. Harmon: "The noble old Kennedy structure offered physical resistance to its own demise through the strength and quality of its materials. Workmen talked of it having the finest, knotless fir wood which supported the balcony that spanned the auditorium without internal supports. They also spoke of mortar so strong that bricks from the Kennedy's facades could hardly be freed from it undamaged." He went on to say that the staircase leading to the balcony supported a caterpillar tractor driving up it to work on the upper floor. The crew tearing down the Kennedy referred to it as a "fortress."

(Credit for part of this history goes to Pam Sylvara in her Jan. 2019 article about the Kennedy in "The Adair Historian.")

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**Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted**  
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**To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MARIETTA JONAS JAYNE, Decedent:**

On January 2, 2025, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of MARIETTA JONAS JAYNE, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of ADAIR COUNTY Missouri. The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The name, business address of the personal representative is:

H. Martin Jayne, 22190 Little Trail, Kirksville, Missouri, 63501

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

Wallace W. Trosen, #1 Crown Drive, Suite 102, P.O. Box 267, Kirksville, Missouri, 63501, 660-665-4070

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo. Date of the decedent's death: August 18, 2024  
Date of first publication: January 8, 2025

Martha Cole  
Adair County Circuit Clerk

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

PUBLICATION DATES: 1-8-2025, 1-15-2025, 1-22-2025, 1-29-2025

**IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI** **Case Number: 24AR-PR00135** (Date File Stamp)  
Judge or Division:  
PROBATE

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

/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

**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.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C.,  
Successor Trustee  
612 Spirit Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63005  
(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

**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](mailto: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.

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

For default under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by JEWEL IVANA MCAFFEE and, DAKOTA JAMES MCAFFEE dated 04/11/2022, recorded on 04/11/2022, in Book 1133, Page 835 as Instrument No. 20220000942, 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, TOWNSHIP 62, RANGE 15, IN THE CITY OF KIRKVILLE, 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 INCLUDING 20 FEET IN MARY STREET ON THE NORTH END THEREOF.**

**MORE CORRECTLY DESCRIBED AS: PART OF LOT I OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 62, RANGE 15, IN THE CITY OF KIRKVILLE, ADAIR COUNTY, 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 INCLUDING 20 FEET IN MARY STREET ON THE NORTH END THEREOF.**

to satisfy said debt and costs.

Western Progressive - Missouri, Inc., Successor Trustee, (866)-960-8299, may be deemed to be a debt collector and, if so, is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 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 prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Western Progressive - Missouri, Inc.,  
Successor Trustee  
(866)-960-8299

**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  
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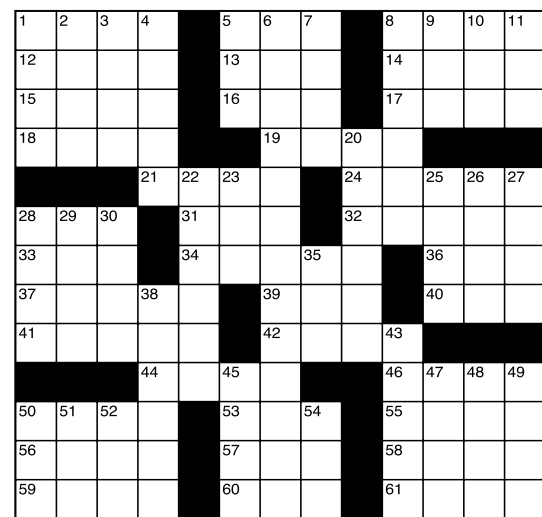
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**CROSSWORD**

PUZZLE NO. 274



- 49. House surroundings
- 50. Which person?
- 51. Pig
- 52. "\_\_\_ Town"
- 54. Fate

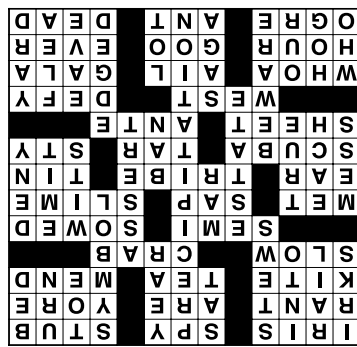
**ACROSS**

- 1. Pupil site
- 5. Catch a glimpse of
- 8. Cigar end
- 12. \_\_\_ and rave
- 13. Have being
- 14. Days of \_\_\_
- 15. High flier
- 16. London brew
- 17. Fix
- 18. Not busy
- 19. Complainer
- 21. 18-wheeler
- 24. Scattered
- 28. New York player
- 31. Sucker
- 32. Pond scum
- 33. Jug handle
- 34. Navajo or Sioux
- 36. Can material
- 37. \_\_\_ diver
- 39. Pave
- 40. Farm pen

**DOWN**

- 1. Bothers
- 2. Train track
- 3. \_\_\_ thin air
- 4. Simmers
- 5. Took a load off
- 6. Rain, e.g.
- 7. Time measure
- 8. Sign
- 9. Part of a foot
- 10. Large vase
- 11. Fourposter
- 20. Affirm
- 22. Landed property
- 23. Damage
- 25. Comics
- 26. Give forth
- 27. Disclaim
- 28. Untidiness
- 29. To \_\_\_ his own
- 30. Actual
- 35. Outlaw
- 38. Word of warning
- 43. Approached
- 45. Epic
- 47. Roof projection
- 48. Dog's hounder

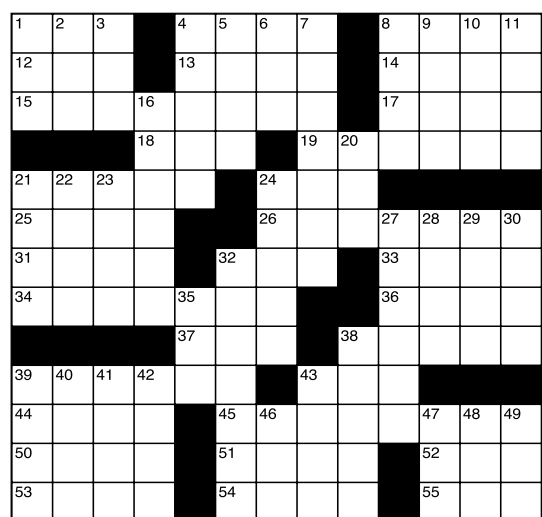
**ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 274**



CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS USE AMERICAN SPELLING

**CROSSWORD**

PUZZLE NO. 275



- 30. Look suggestively
- 32. Barn area
- 35. Major-leaguer
- 38. Egyptian capital
- 39. Phase
- 40. Blacken
- 41. "Spenser: For \_\_\_"
- 42. Lone
- 43. Somersault
- 46. Small gulf
- 47. Abbott \_\_\_ Costello
- 48. Moreover
- 49. Easter edible

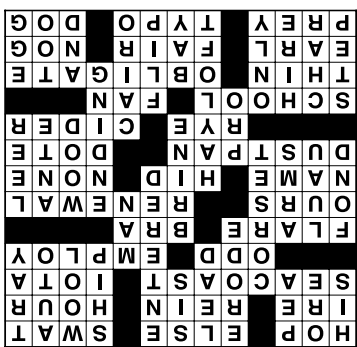
**ACROSS**

- 1. Jump
- 4. Choice word
- 8. Hit sharply
- 12. Hot temper
- 13. Harness strap
- 14. Clock cycle
- 15. Ocean's shoreline
- 17. Small bit
- 18. Kooky
- 19. Give a job to
- 21. Signal
- 24. Half of a bikini
- 25. Not theirs
- 26. Restoration
- 31. Appointment
- 32. Covered up
- 33. No part
- 34. Cleaning utensil
- 36. Be stuck (on)
- 37. Seeded loaf

**DOWN**

- 1. Towel monogram
- 2. Valuable dirt
- 3. \_\_\_ soup (dense fog)
- 4. Wear down
- 5. Clue
- 6. Family member, for short
- 7. Enrolled
- 8. Transport
- 9. Fleece
- 10. Car
- 11. Cafeteria
- 51. Weather word item
- 16. Old-time girdle
- 20. Game piece
- 21. Affectionate
- 22. Hawaiian gala
- 23. "A Farewell to \_\_\_"
- 24. Pickling solution
- 27. Finale
- 28. Knock on
- 29. Contribute a share

**ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 275**

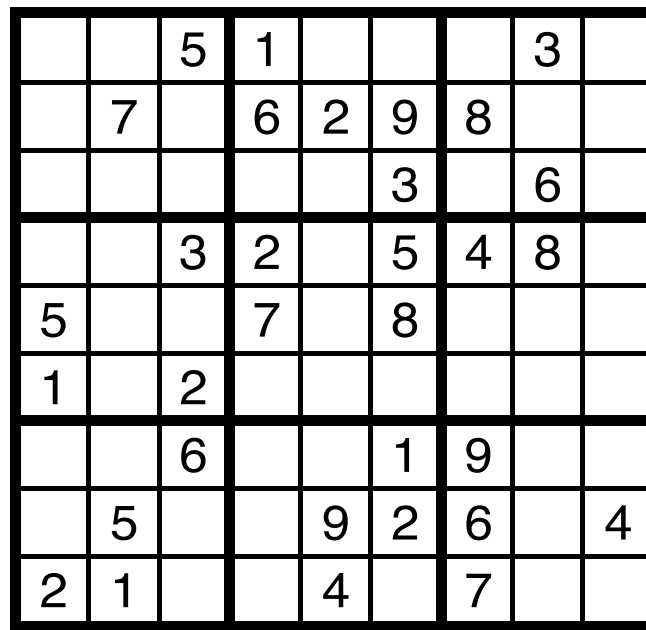


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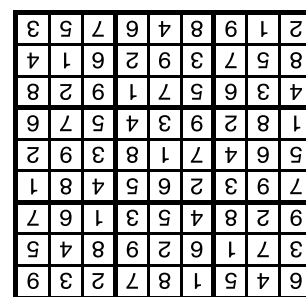
**Sudoku**

PUZZLE NO. 1013

LEVEL: BEGINNER



**ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 1013**



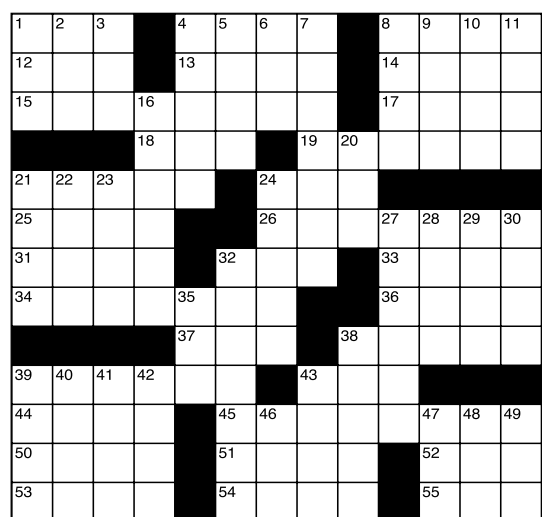
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**CROSSWORD**

PUZZLE NO. 275



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- 40. Blacken
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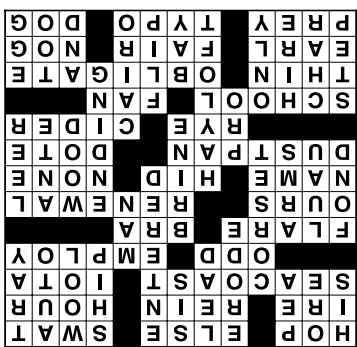
**ACROSS**

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- 14. Clock cycle
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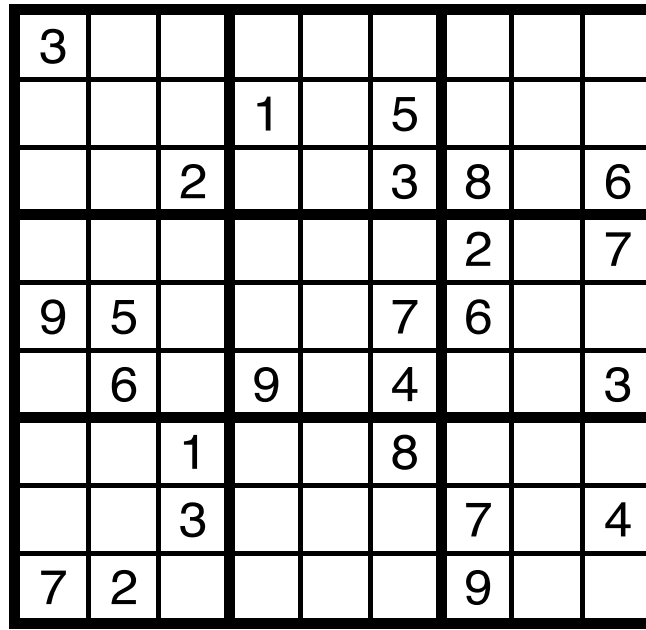


CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS USE AMERICAN SPELLING

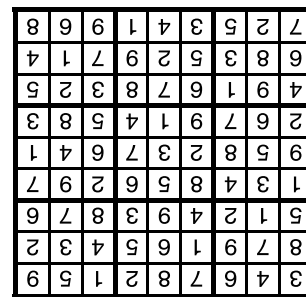
**Sudoku**

PUZZLE NO. 1014

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE



**ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 1014**



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## La Plata police chaplain issues year end report

By Timothy M. Polley  
La Plata Police Chaplain

As the chaplain for the city of La Plata Police Department, here is the end of the year report as your chaplain.

1. Our Stuff the Cruiser was a success with a full police car full of food donated to the La Plata Food Pantry.

2. Our Pink Patch Project raised and donated \$805 to the Inspire Hope Campaign through the Hannibal Regional Medical Center. Inspire Hope helps people in our area get to their out-of-town radiation appointments.

3. Condolence cards on behalf of the La Plata Police Department were sent to Missouri police agencies that had line of duty deaths occur in their department.

4. I arranged a wreath laying ceremony on the grave of a fallen Kirksville



police officer during Police Memorial Week 2024.

5. I have done a few patrols: All have been with Mark Henderson.

Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve the La Plata Police Department and Community.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Rev. Timothy M. Polley BA,  
MDIV, Certified Police Chaplain  
(International Conference of Police Chaplains).

Pastor, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Kirksville.



## Kirksville Police looking for missing person

By Kirksville Police Department

Kirksville police are attempting to locate a missing person, Luciano Trujillo, 55. On Monday, Dec. 30, Kirksville police were contacted by Trujillo's family after he had not arrived at work in the 1700 block of North Baltimore Street. Trujillo was last seen around 7 a.m. on Dec. 30 when he left a residence on foot on Meadowcrest Drive in Kirksville.

Trujillo is a Hispanic male, approximately 5-foot-4, 170 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. Trujillo was last seen wearing a light grey shirt and jeans. Trujillo is depicted in the attached photo.

Anyone with information about Luciano Trujillo's location is encouraged to contact the Kirksville Police Department at 660-



Luciano Trujillo

785-6945, anonymously at 660-627-BUST (2878), or email police@kirksvilleccity.com.

Police on Monday said they don't believe Trujillo is in any danger, but they do need to find him.

## CHINN

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### The Next-Gen Perspective

"As an economist, one of the most challenging parts of my job is to find 'good news' to share with the truth. It is a service to be truthful, but not fun to report that net farm income was down last year, it is down this year, and it is projected to be down again next year," Danyelle shared. "I am fulfilled knowing that when I analyze the bigger picture of agriculture and translate it into a shareable story, that information can help initiate the changes that move the industry forward. I am

helping to create the bridge that connects producers, industry, and consumers."

Danyelle believes that agricultural education opportunities are the best way to encourage the next generation to join the agricultural workforce. "It is harder and harder for young people to want to join agriculture's big battles. Agriculture education through FFA, internships, and higher education are great programs that will give young people the time and opportunities to further develop their passion for the industry," Danyelle said. "If they have the chance to develop a passion, they will be ready to join the battle."

Danyelle's husband, Conner, works full-time on his family's livestock and row crop farm. The couple is growing in agriculture together as they build their own farm business backgrounding feeder cattle, raising replacement heifers, producing hay, and growing row crops. The couple are members of Missouri Farm Bureau, a partner of Missouri Farmers Care.

### Agri-Ready Designated Macon County

According to the 2021 Missouri Economic Contribution of Agriculture and the Forestry Study, agriculture creates \$225.5 million in value-added products, supports nearly 3,500 jobs, and

generates \$248.5 million in household income to the economy of #Agri-Ready Designated Macon County. According to the 2022 Census of Agriculture conducted by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), crops, such as the grains grown and sold by the Chinn family, account for 70 percent of the county's agricultural sales.

Macon County is one of more than 70 Agri-Ready Designated Counties in Missouri, all of which embrace agricultural opportunity, literacy, and economic development. The Agri-Ready County Designation program connects counties with Missouri Farmers Care to promote



and protect agriculture and secure it as a thriving component in our state's economic future. Missouri Farmers Care is a joint effort by Missouri's farming

and agriculture community to stand together for the men and women who provide the food and jobs on which our communities depend.

## STORM

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On Friday, Jan. 3, The National Weather Service warned of Missouri's first major snow event across the state, a warning that included impossible travel conditions and the potential for tree damage and power outages due to ice.

"The Missouri Department of Transportation is advising travelers to avoid traveling during the winter storm," stated a statement from MoDOT.

MoDOT also warned of expected bitterly cold temperatures on Monday,

which limit the effectiveness of chemical treatments on the roads, and urged travelers to use extra caution during and after the precipitation: "Slow down for the conditions, buckle up, and avoid distractions such as using a handheld device while driving — it's the law," officials stated in a press release.

On Friday, Kirksville city officials declared a Snow Emergency to begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4.

"All vehicles parked on designated Snow Emergency Routes, including streets in the downtown,

must be moved by then," city officials stated in a press release. "Vehicles not moved by then are subject to being ticketed and/or towed."

On Saturday, Jan. 4, MoDOT issued an alert that driving conditions had deteriorated in western Missouri Saturday as winter precipitation pushed east, and urged drivers to avoid travel throughout the duration of the winter storm.

The National Weather Service upgraded the storm warning to a blizzard warning for the northwestern and west central areas of the state, effective 3 a.m. Sunday morning, a

warning that was in addition to the ongoing winter storm warning across the state, which was bringing a full mix of winter weather, including heavy snow, sleet, freezing rain and ice across most of Missouri.

"The Missouri State Highway Patrol is actively responding to numerous crashes and slide-offs in impacted areas," MoDOT officials wrote.

According to MoDOT officials, the precipitation started as freezing rain as it entered the state Saturday afternoon in the Kansas City area. Forecasts were calling for snowfall totals potentially reaching more than a foot in northern areas, and ice accumulation causing tree damage and power outages in other parts of the state.

"Travel will be 'impossible,'" MoDOT officials wrote, quoting The National Weather Service.

Across the state, MoDOT had approximately 1,500 snow trucks operating with crews working

12-hour shifts until roads were mostly clear. MoDOT worked with the State Emergency Management Agency, which was actively coordinating response from the State Emergency Operations Center. Gov. Mike Parson's executive order activated the Missouri National Guard to assist with response efforts.

On Sunday, Jan. 5, MoDOT continued to urge drivers to continue to avoid traveling on the weather-impacted roads through Monday.

"As the snowfall exits Missouri on Monday, crews will continue to battle the winter weather and its impacts," MoDOT officials wrote in a press release. "Wind gusts and blowing snow will continue to limit visibility and drift powdery snow back onto roadways. With the bitterly cold temperatures and cloud cover Monday, heavy snowfall amounts and frozen precipitation on the roads will take longer to clear."

Kirksville city officials reminded residents to protect their private water service lines, water meters and pipes in their homes from freezing.

"City crews will only respond to breaks in water mains," city officials wrote in a press release. "City crews will not respond to or work on any private water service lines beyond the curb stop box that are frozen."

City officials suggested that residents winterize their water meter to prevent freezing and breaking and to make sure they had a tight-fitting lid on their water meter pit.

"You may also fill the meter pit with fiberglass insulation, especially if the meter pit lid doesn't fit well," city officials wrote. "As a reminder, if your water meter freezes, the property owner or tenant is responsible for replacing and/or repairing it."

The Snow Emergency was rescinded at 11:07 a.m. on Monday.

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## ART

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She recently spent several days in St. Louis studying with Gwyneth Thompson-Briggs, a contemporary sacred artist whose work can be found in churches, schools and private homes throughout the Americas and Europe.

"I learned a lot about the sharpness in painting and when to make lines crisp and blurry," said Barton. "The human eye can't process a lot of sharp lines at once."

Barton's parents like the flexibility of online learning — two of her sisters are also Missouri Connections Academy students.

"Rachel, Sarah's younger sister, is starting calculus after Christmas (and she's 14!)," the parents said. "This would not be possible — the freedom to advance at one's own pace — in a traditional learning space."

Her father added, "Of course it's the job of any father to talk-up the talents of his children but, in this case, the crafts-



A Sarah Barton painting.

manship of her work speaks entirely for itself. It is truly astonishing, especially considering that her mother and I lack the slightest measure of artistic talent!"





Kellen Nesbitt was officially named head coach of the Truman State University football team. He coached his first season as an interim. In this photo from his debut as interim head coach, he looks on as freshman receiver Kel Battle reels in a pass versus Findlay (Ohio). DAILY EXPRESS FILE PHOTO

## Kellen Nesbitt, Bulldogs officially put pen to paper

Courtesy of Truman Athletics

Truman State University named Kellen Nesbitt as the next head football coach of the Bulldogs, removing the interim tag following an 8-4 season.

The 2024 Bulldogs won eight of their last nine games, including a 29-10 win in the America's Crossroads Bowl in December. It's the fifth-straight season with eight or more wins by a Bulldog program, which is the longest streak of football at the university.

The Bulldogs ranked first or second in the GLVC in 18 different statistical metrics. They led all of Division II in the fewest penalties per game, second in punt returns, and fourth down conversion percentage.

Thirteen players were selected to the all-Great Lakes Valley Conference team with receiver Jackson Overton named the league's Freshman of the Year. Four Bulldogs were selected to the first-team all-GLVC while two players, Jake Closser and Dylan Hair, earned GLVC Player of the Week awards during the season.

Closser set a school record in single-season punt return average with 22.1 on 16 returns and two touchdowns, including a single-game record 86-yard scoring return in the regular season finale.

Hair tied for second in single-season touchdown passes with 25 and threw for the most yards by a Bulldog quar-

terback in 17 seasons with 2,360 yards as a sophomore. Overton nabbed 10 touchdown receptions, falling one off the school record for a season.

On the ground, Denim Cook eclipsed 1,000 rushing yards on the year with 1,122 yards and 12 touchdowns while Hair added over 500 yards rushing and four scores.

On the defensive side, the Bulldogs found their swagger as the season progressed. After the first three games, the unit had allowed 424 yards per game but by the end of the season, opposing offenses managed just over 300 yards per outing while scoring only two touchdowns in the final four games of the season.

Nesbitt was promoted to interim head coach in February following the retirement of his father, Gregg, after spending the previous 14 seasons as the Bulldogs defensive coordinator. Nesbitt is the 23rd head coach in the program's history spanning 118 seasons.

He coached from 2007-2009 at his alma mater, the University of Central Missouri as defensive backs coach. Nesbitt was a four-year letterwinner for the Mules with over 120 career tackles. He was the Special Teams Player of the Year in 2004 and earned the school's Markey Football Scholarship in 2006.

Kellen and his wife Audrey reside in Kirksville with their two boys, Blake and Bryce.

## Lady Tigers rout Marshall to improve to 3-0 in conference

By Henry Janssen  
Daily Express

Kirksville had no trouble with the Owls at home on Friday afternoon, winning 56-24. The Tigers led 52-16 entering the fourth quarter, and the entire final period was played with a running-clock. The Tigers led 30-12 at the half.

"We're still stacking days one at a time (of improvement)," Kirksville coach Nick Totta said. "It was good for us to get a lot of players involved."

Senior Paishynce Fouts finished with a game-high 19 points. Freshman Eva Danielson scored 12 and fellow freshman Macey Lehmann posted 10.

Marshall was just coming off of a victory versus Fulton two games ago, who the Tigers defeated by one point in dramatic fashion in their final game before Christmas.

The Tigers improve to 6-3 and the loss pushes Marshall to 3-7.

Kirksville won't play again until the Highland tournament, weather pending. They travel to face Palmyra on Jan. 14.

"We still need to work on scoring in transition and our half-court defense," Totta said. "Even just based on today's game we saw those things, but we're getting better at communicating."



Kirksville freshman Josiane Diandunda converts at the rim in Friday's victory versus Marshall. The Tigers led by a significant amount throughout the second half for Kirksville coach Nick Totta to get all of his reserves in the game. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

## Kirksville cruises past Marshall in return to Tiger Gym

By Henry Janssen  
Daily Express

After a trip to play a pair of neutral site games in Kansas City (Mo.), the Tigers won handily in their return to their home court on Friday. They defeated Marshall, 70-42, to improve to 7-2 overall and 2-1 in NCMC play.

The Owls fall to 4-5 overall and 1-3 within the conference.

Kirksville jumped out to a 19-14 lead after one quarter of play and took a 35-23 lead into the halftime break. The Tigers honed in defensively in the second half to extend their lead.

Marshall's guard play allowed them to get clean looks, but the Owls failed to convert those opportunities far too often to remain in the game.

"They did a good job against our press early," Kirksville coach Tyler Martin said about Marshall. "We maybe had a little bit of a Kansas City hangover, but we made some good adjustments to keep the ball out of their best players' hands as much as we could."

In terms of Kirksville's scoring, senior Cole Kelly led all with 24 points. Fellow se-



Senior Kirksville guard Carson Kelly attacks the rim in Friday's blowout win versus Marshall. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

niors Carter Pinkerton and Jace Kent had 12 points apiece. Juniors Kyle White and Logan Martin both scored seven.

The Tigers held Marshall's likely all-conference player Brody Kueker to just 10. He was scoreless in the second half.

"We've got a lot of guys doing a lot of different good things right now," Martin said. "As coaches we have some tough decisions moving forward. It's a good dilemma to have."

Kirksville plays again in the Highland tournament with dates and times yet to be assigned. The Tigers' next non-tournament game scheduled is at Palmyra on Jan. 14.

## Coombs to be Truman's next Athletic Director

Courtesy of Truman Athletics

Truman State University has selected Signe Coombs as the school's next director of athletics.

Coombs was selected following a nationwide search. A former Division I student-athlete, she also brings experience as a collegiate coach and athletic administrator. She currently serves as the senior associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator at Georgia Southwestern State University.

"Not only does Signe have a wealth of experience in athletics, she has the integrity, energy and focus that aligns perfectly with our program," said University President Susan L. Thomas. "Truman Athletics has much of which to be proud, and with Signe, we will become an even greater force in Division II athletics."

In her most recent role at GSW, Coombs was tasked with directing and coordinating internal and external operations that included compliance, student-athlete academic services, sport and personnel oversight, fundraising, and campus and community partnerships. During Coombs's leadership, the GSW HERricane women's sports initiative launched to empower female student-athletes through personal and professional development opportunities. The programming has since grown to serve all GSW student-athletes, local youth and Sumter County organizations to provide comprehensive education focused on overall well-be-

ing. Under her guidance, student-athletes also have record-setting academic performance streaks, and several athletic programs have experienced unprecedented competition success. With more than 4,000 community service hours logged per year through the NCAA TeamWorks competition implemented by HelperHelper, the department has ranked No. 1 in the country twice in the last four years and ranked in the top five since 2019.

During Coombs's tenure, GSW's athletics has also seen corporate partnerships increase more than 100 percent, revitalization of the booster club, implementation of premier courtside seating, growth in signature fundraising events, and secured funding for significant capital improvements.

"My family and I are thrilled to be joining the Truman family and back

in the remarkable GLVC. I am extremely grateful to President Thomas and the search committee for affording me the opportunity to serve as the next director of athletics," Coombs said. "Truman's reputation as a premier public institution devoted to student opportunities, experiences and achievements is not only reinforced through the Department of Athletics, but also aligned with my values. I am eager to engage with our student-athletes, coaches, staff, faculty, campus and community partners, alumni, and fans to build upon the tradition of excellence and prioritize providing a transformational student-athlete experience."

Coombs involvement with college athletics started at the University of Iowa where she earned a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree in communication studies

and was a Big Ten All-Academic selection while competing for the Hawkeyes volleyball team. She also has a Master of Applied Science in sports and fitness management from Missouri Western State University.

On the coaching side, Coombs led the Iowa Rockets volleyball club for four seasons, guiding the 16-and-under team to the Amateur Athletics Union (AAU) national championship in 2011. She began her collegiate career as an assistant at Missouri S&T in 2012 where the Miners won the Great Lakes Valley Conference West Division title, five players were named all-conference and had the GLVC Freshman of the Year selection. While earning her master's degree, Coombs served as an assistant coach for the Griffons, helping the team reach back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time in nearly two decades,

and producing 16 All-MIAA selections, an AVCA First Team All-American, and two Academic All-American selections.

Missouri Western is where Coombs also began her administrative career, as the assistant athletic director for academic services and senior woman administrator, and later as the interim athletic compliance director. Coombs also served as a sport administrator, led the department to the highest cumulative GPA on record, and collaborated with and advised the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) to secure their highest annual fundraising to grant a wish through the Make-a-Wish Foundation. During her time at Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Coombs was an academic resource coordinator before serving as the head volleyball coach and ath-



Truman State University has hired Signe Coombs as its Director of Athletics. Jerry Wollmering stepped down earlier in the year, and his official tenure ended mid-November. COURTESY OF TRUMAN ATHLETICS

letics compliance coordinator. Coombs culminated the season accruing the highest number of wins and reaching the postseason for the first time in OPSU recorded history, while leading the team to the community engagement award.

Coombs will begin her duties at Truman Feb. 1.

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## Americans are projected to spend over \$12 billion less on gasoline in 2025 compared to 2024

By GasBuddy

DALLAS — GasBuddy, a PDI company, released its 2025 Fuel Price Outlook, forecasting a third consecutive year of lower gas and diesel prices. The outlook highlights key trends in gasoline and diesel prices utilizing specific inputs, potential impacts on production, supply and demand changes and a change in leadership in Washington.

GasBuddy projects that the yearly national average for gasoline in 2025 will decline to \$3.22 per gallon, down from \$3.33 in 2024 and significantly below the record highs of 2022. This decline represents continued relief

for American drivers, but comes amid emerging uncertainties surrounding geopolitical tensions, potential tariffs and a change in energy policies that add risk to this year's forecast.

Highlights from GasBuddy's 2025 Fuel Outlook:

- **Lowest Monthly Average in December:** The national average price of gasoline is expected to hit its lowest point in December, averaging \$2.89 per gallon for the month.

- **Springtime Spike:** Gas prices could peak in April at a monthly average of \$3.53 per gallon, while the daily average could top out as high as \$3.67 per gallon, driven by seasonal increases in demand

and the change to summer gasoline that occurs coast to coast at a varied pace.

- **Regional Variations:** While most major U.S. cities will see peak gas prices around \$4 per gallon, West Coast cities such as Los Angeles and San Francisco could return to the mid-\$5 per gallon range due to high fuel taxes, unique fuel requirements and other state mandates.

- **Lower Consumer Spending:** Americans are expected to spend a combined \$410.8 billion on gasoline in 2025, an 8 percent decrease from 2024's estimated \$423.1 billion.

"While declining fuel prices in 2025 will provide welcome relief



to American drivers and businesses, emerging risks could lead to increased volatility," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "Geopolitical uncertainties, potential disruptions from extreme weather, and policy shifts under the new administration could create challenges for fuel markets. Despite this, expanding global refining

capacity and moderating demand are expected to support lower prices for most of the year."

Diesel prices are also forecast to decline in 2025, with a projected yearly national average of \$3.48 per gallon. This reduction will benefit industries dependent on diesel, such as freight and agriculture, offering some respite from recent cost pressures.

# THIS WEEK'S FEATURED CHURCH

## Queen City Christian Church

# KIRKSVILLE AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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

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

**First Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
201 S. High at McPherson  
Communion 1st Sunday  
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
11:00 a.m. Church School/all ages  
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  
www.kvcc.org

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

**Faith United Methodist Church**  
1602 E. Illinois  
Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship

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

**First Church of God**  
2900 S. Halliburton  
Tiffany and Michael Vincent  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
www.firstchurchofgofive.com

**Central Church of Christ**  
2010 S. Halliburton  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

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

**Grace Community Bible Church**  
1501 E. Northtown Rd.  
Benjamin Jordan, Pastor  
Affiliated with the Evangelical Free

**Church of America**  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
12 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Small groups  
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**First United Methodist Church**  
300 E. Washington  
Pastor: Choongho Kwon  
9:30 a.m. Worship In Person & Online  
kvumc.org

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

**Church of God of Prophecy**  
807 Benton Way  
Pastor: Rob Linhart  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

**Fellowship Baptist Church**  
1701 S. Jamison St., Kirksville  
Larry Gibson, Pastor  
9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study  
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**Yarrow Methodist Church**  
Highway N., Yarrow  
Pastor David Stuckey  
10:00 a.m. Sunday Services

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

**Catholic Newman Center**  
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday  
7:00 a.m. Monday  
9:00 p.m. Wednesday

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

**Sugar Creek Baptist Church**  
5 mi South on Hwy 3  
Pastor, Virgil K. Jones  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

**Meadow Brook Christian Church**  
602 E. Washington  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 Morning Worship

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

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

**Community Presbyterian Church**  
210 N. Owensby, LaPlata, Mo  
Pastor Rev Jeff Carter  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Worship Service

**Cornerstone Church**  
1702 N Elson St Kirksville, MO  
Jeremy Broach, Senior Pastor  
Chad Stearman, Associate Pastor  
Sunday 10 am - Morning Worship  
Wednesday 6:30 pm-8 pm Family Ministry Night  
www.cornerstonechurch.faith

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

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

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

**Church of God (Holiness)**  
1601 N. Elson  
Pastor Ralph E. Wheeler, Jr.  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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

**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

**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 Worship.

**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**  
2000 S. Main St.  
Bro. Glenn Kiger, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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

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

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

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

**First Baptist Church of LaPlata**  
B. J. McAlpin, Pastor  
9:00 am "Donut Hole" Fellowship  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Evening Worship  
6:00 pm Monday - AWANA  
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**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  
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 Iammateo-Code  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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