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Kirksville City Council gets update on Contour Airlines' performance

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

The Kirksville City Council, at a study session held on Jan. 13, discussed the performance of Contour Airline flights between Kirksville and Chicago, which occurred in the fourth quarter of the past year. Kirksville Airport Manager Jeff LaFountain gave a report to the city council, detailing the airline's performance and noting it's one-year anniversary this past August, servicing the local area.

According to the LaFountain's staff report, in October, 106 flights were served 1,525 passengers with a 98 percent completion rate. November saw 1,038 passengers and 98 percent completion. December had 108 flights,

937 passengers, and an 89 percent completion rate due to winter weather and mechanical issues.

January-March had 49 cancellations, while April-September had 13. Total flights were 1,254, with 11,985 passengers and a 93 percent completion rate. Improvements in the quarter include better de-icing and communication. Challenges, according to the report, include staffing and equipment issues, with ongoing efforts to address them.

"We're after 10,000 enplanements from here to Chicago," LaFountain told the council. "That gets us that extra \$1,500,000 in funding."

He said that he believed current enplanements were in the high 5,000 — 6,000 mark, which is about 1,500 more than what the previous

airline, Cape Air, provided. "They were in the mid 4,000s so we've added more there," LaFountain said.

He gave a detailed explanation of each month's numbers, noting that canceled flights were due primarily to mechanical issues and, as in December when there was an uptick in canceled flights, weather and icing issues.

LaFountain said that Contour continues to improve on time despite the winter challenges. He said that with only four airport staff at the facility, they were able to stay on top of snow removal during the most recent storm, and were able to stay open all day despite Contour's cancellations due to being unable to de-ice their planes.

"Contour would have left on time that day with perfect roaming conditions,"

he said, noting that they needed to bring in mechanics from out of the area to get things fixed.

"They ended up making up all of those flights within that day — then the day after that — and also move some people around to get on their plane and get everybody kind of directly where they had to go."

He said that Contour's maintenance team has done an excellent job of quickly addressing those kind of issues, bringing in the right people to solve them, though it's a constant challenge finding the right trained personnel due to their finding employment with larger airlines once trained.

An area of concern was providing information to passengers that arrive in Chicago, which he said he and Contour officials were



Kirksville Airport Manager Jeff LaFountain. (SCREENSHOT)

working on. He again said that turnover in personnel was an issue as once employees are trained, they move on to the larger airlines because they have attained ground certification. LaFountain said that he continues to have weekly

meetings with the Contour station manager and then monthly phone calls with the regional station manager and company vice president. He also has quarterly phone conferences with Matt Chaifetz, Contour's president.

Kids Cardboard Boat Races held last Sunday

By City of Kirksville

The Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department held their annual Kids Cardboard Boat Races on Sunday, Jan. 12. Children ages 5 to 16 were signed up as an individual or as a team of up to four people and put their building skills to the test. Participants constructed a boat structure using cardboard, duct tape and water-based paint, and attempted to make it across the pool in the fastest time. Teams competed in age divisions based on the mean age of the team.



Thornhill places fifth at 4-H Nationals

Staff Reports

Alyssa Thornhill, representing Missouri 4-H, placed fifth at the 4H Impromptu Public Speaking Contest at the 2025 Western National Roundup in Denver, Colo. last week, Jan. 9. Thornhill, the daughter of

Darren and Angie Thornhill of Kirksville, was the 1st place winner at the Missouri 4-H State Public Speaking Contest on Sept. 28, which sent her to the Nationals. In 2023, Thornhill took second place at the Missouri 4-H State Public Speaking Contest.

City recognizes Attebery for 40 years of service

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville recognized Teresa Attebery for 40 years of service with the city.

Attebery started full-time with the Kirksville Fire Department on Dec. 30, 1984, as the fire secretary. Now the administrative assistant of the Kirksville Fire Department, Attebery is the longest-tenured city employee.

Attebery assists the public and enters data to track department services. She serves on various committees and has been treasurer of the Local Emergency Management Committee since 2004. Attebery is a wealth of institutional knowledge and maintains an ongoing history book of the department. She also oversees the Adopt-A-Child program each year, which helps provide a gift for more than 400 children in Adair County.



Teresa Attebery

"Attebery is a tremendous asset to the department, being a friend and counselor to generations of firefighters," Kirksville city officials said. "Firefighters from years ago still come back to see her. Join the City of Kirksville in thanking Attebery for her service."

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Rotary Club of Kirksville presents check for NEMO Senior Citizen Services

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the Jan. 15 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, a check for \$2,000 was presented to NEMO Senior Citizen Services representative Teresa Ross (right), specifically to support food programs for seniors in the local area. Also pictured are Club Secretary Ramey Weichelt and Club President Ruth Bowers.



City seeking applicants for Airport and Transportation Commission

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville realizes that success emanates from citizen involvement. The city is eager to involve community-minded citizens in local government through one of their many citizen advisory commissions.

The city council is currently accepting citizen applications for: One opening on the Airport and Transportation Commission

This commission recommends policies, rules,

legislative initiatives and other actions to enhance the aviation, rail, highway, local street, public transportation, traffic control and other transportation resources, facilities, systems and networks that serve Kirksville.

Visit kirksville.gov/p/boards-commissions and submit your application before Monday, Jan. 27, at 5 p.m., to be considered for the opportunity to serve.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kirksville Area Calendar of Events

NEMO Cattlemen's Scholarship Banquet

NEMO Cattlemen's Scholarship Banquet will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25 at the NEMO Fairgrounds

multi-purpose building, 2700 E. Illinois Street in Kirksville. Enjoy great food, fun and fellowship while raising funds for local scholarships. Social hour/silent auction at 5 p.m., steak dinner at 6:30 p.m., live auction at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$15 per child (12 and under). Advanced tick-

ets can be purchased from NEMO Cattlemen's members and MFA Agri Service Kirksville. Tickets will only be sold in advance, tickets will not be sold at the door. Open to the public, families welcome. Hosted by the NEMO Cattlemen's Association. Questions or donations, call 660-730-6267.

Comedy Night Fundraiser for B4 Outdoors

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

Truman State University Percussion Ensemble I concert

Truman State University Percussion Ensemble I will be in concert in preparation for their selected performance at the Missouri Music Educators Association Conference, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m., at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. Dr. Michael Bump, Director. This concert is free and open to the public. Streaming live at <https://www.youtube.com/@trumanmusicconcerts/streams>

Reading with visiting Ofstad Scholar Keith Scales

A Reading with visiting Ofstad Scholar Keith Scales: Passages from Overlook City, will be held on Jan. 30 at 1 p.m. at the Baldwin 176 (Little Theater). Join Scales, a London-born, world-traveled, award-winning actor, director, playwright, novelist and adventurer, for a reading from his work. A light lunch will be served. This event is free and open to the public.

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.

Curtain Call Theatre Company presents 'In the Good Old Summertime'

Curtain Call Theatre Company invites you to view the 1949 romantic comedy musical film "In the Good Old Summertime" starring Judy Garland and Van Johnson on Friday, Feb. 7, at the Curtain Call Theater, 512 W. Elizabeth Street, Kirksville. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie at 7 p.m.. Admission is free but donations are always greatly appreciated. Concessions available.

Best named Kirksville's assistant superintendent

By Kirksville R-III School Board



Christopher Best

After a comprehensive selection process, the Kirksville R-III School Board announced that Christopher Best has been selected as the next assistant superintendent. Best currently serves as the principal of Kirksville High School. In the coming weeks, the district will begin the process of selecting a replacement

for Best at the high school. Best will officially assume his new role on July 1.

Nominate an educator for Missouri Teacher of the Year

By Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education



Nominations are now being accepted for Regional Teacher of the Year, the first step in the process to become next year's Missouri Teacher of the Year. Nominations are due by April 14, and are anonymous unless otherwise requested. Nominations can be made through the online Teacher of the Year nomination form.

"The act of telling people how much their work is noticed and appreciated can have a tremendous impact," said Commissioner of Education Karla Eslinger. "As we come together to address teacher recruitment and retention challenges across the state, we cannot forget about the importance of valuing and respecting the teaching profession."

More than 30 Regional Teachers of the Year are selected to represent each one of the nine Regional Professional Development Centers (RPDCs) throughout the state as well as the Southwest Center for Educational Excellence. Anyone can nominate an educator for the Teacher of the Year award, even if the educator is not a school district's teacher of the year program winner.

"People in public education rarely receive the

recognition, attention, or applause they deserve for the things they do, and being nominated means that someone noticed all of the things that teachers do that too often go unappreciated," said 2024 Missouri Teacher of the Year, Greg Kester. "Being nominated for Missouri Teacher of the Year reflects how people feel and think about a teacher and is truly an honor. I will always be thankful for those who nominated me, and I will never be able to express my gratitude adequately to them."

"Being nominated for Missouri Teacher of the Year gave me the opportunity to reflect upon why I teach, how I teach, and how I can continually strive to best serve my students and colleagues," said 2025 Missouri Teacher of the Year, Jennifer Jones. "I was and continue to be humbled to represent and work with thousands of caring, dedicated Missouri educators."

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will announce the Regional Teacher of the Year winners later this summer. The Missouri Teacher of the Year will be named in September.



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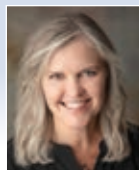
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OBITUARIES

Wayne E. Feldkamp

Wayne E. Feldkamp, age 85, of LaGrange, Missouri was called home on 12:13 a.m., Wednesday, January 15th 2025 at Hannibal Regional Hospital in Hannibal, MO.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in La Grange with Pastor Jacob Hercamp officiating. Visitation will be held Friday, January 24, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Davis Funeral Home in La Grange. Online condolences may be left at www.davis-fh.com



Lona Jeanette (Hopper) Matheney

Nov 3, 1946 – Jan 16, 2025

Lona Jeanette (Hopper) Matheney, 78, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away Thursday, January 16, 2025 at the University Missouri Hospital in Columbia, MO.

The daughter of the late Allen Lee and Margaret Lea (Crabtree) Hopper, Lona was born November 3, 1946 in Milan, MO. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Allen and David Hopper. On June 6, 1965 in Kirksville, Missouri, Lona was united in marriage to Bobby Matheney.

Lona is survived by her husband Bobby of sixty years; one son and daughter-in-law, Robert "Rob" and Lori Matheney of Columbia, MO; one daughter Angela Stoker of Columbia, MO; one sister, Evelyn Brewer of Kirksville, MO; six grandchildren, Secley Kennedy, Andrew Matheney, Madison Matheney, MacKenzi Matheney, Haylea Stoker, and Garrick Stoker; four great-grandchildren, Brayden Matheney, Bristol Kennedy, Brinley Matheney, and Adley Matheney; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Lona was a graduate from LaPlata High School with the Class of 1962. She

was employed a number of years in the billing department at KOH Hospital, later for Kirksville Rural Water, and last for Gleason Auto Parts.

Lona enjoyed vacations with Bobby and going to the casinos. She loved her family, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren with all her heart and soul.

Lona was a member of Hamilton Street Baptist Church of Kirksville.

Public visitation will be held from noon to 2:00 p.m. service time at Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville, with Pastor Virgil Jones officiating.

Private family Interment will be held on Monday, January, 27, 2025 at the Missouri State Veteran's Cemetery in Jackson, Missouri.

Pallbearers will be Andrew Matheney, Brayden Matheney, Rob Kennedy, Garrick Stoker, Brian Hopper, and Tom Martens. Honorary pallbearers will be Scott Meredith and Link Maggart.

Memorial donations in memory of Lona may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.



Virginia Louise (Daniels) Biggs

Jun 17, 1920 – Jan 16, 2025

Virginia Louise (Daniels) Biggs, age 104, left this earth and began her trip to Heaven on Thursday, January 16, 2025.

Born June 17, 1920, in Pure Air, Missouri, the daughter of Lon and Artie May (Bailey) Daniels. On June 23, 1937, she was united in marriage to Harold M. Biggs who preceded her in death on September 28, 2006.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; one daughter in infancy, Farol; three sons, Larry, in infancy, Gary and Bobby Lee Biggs; one sister, Fern Darr; one brother, Eugene Daniels; and three grandchildren.

Surviving is one daughter, Carol (Richard) Pemberton; two daughters-in-law, Margaret Biggs and Lodena Biggs; six grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, and four great great grandchildren.

Harold and Virginia moved to La Plata in January of 1941. They started their first business of the Biggs enterprises, Biggs Hatchery, on the north side of the square. Virginia kept the books and worked in all the business's she and Harold established.

As most women of her generation, she was active in all parts of her children's lives.

Virginia was also active in the La Plata Christian Church, a 50-year member of P.E.O., and the Eastern Star. She was the first president of the woman's auxiliary of the Missouri Poultry Improvement Association.

Virginia spent 49 winters in Arizona and remained in her home in La Plata until she was 100 years old.

The family greatly appreciates the loving care given to her by Big Bend Retreat in Slater, Missouri.

Funeral services will be 1:00 pm Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at Travis Funeral Chapel in La Plata, Missouri. Burial will be in La Plata Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

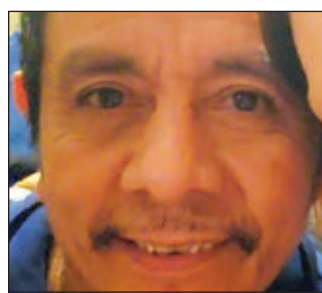
Memorials in memory of Virginia may be made to the La Plata Cemetery or to Big Bend Retreat. They may be sent to or left at Travis Funeral Chapel, 125 S. Church St., La Plata, MO 63549.



KPD update on missing person

By Kirksville Police Department

The Kirksville Police Department (KPD) would like to update residents after seeking their help to locate a missing person. On Dec. 30, 2024, KPD was advised of a missing person identified as Luciano Trujillo. During the subsequent investigation, police gathered information that Trujillo left the Kirksville area on his own accord and was in no physical danger. KPD is no longer considering Trujillo a missing person. The Kirksville Police Department thanks residents for their assistance during this investigation.



Luciano Trujillo

KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Build A Buddy is Back

Looking for the perfect Valentine's Day activity with your kids? The Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce its Build A Buddy program is back. Each kit contains everything you need to build your very own stuffed buddy: a 15-inch stuffable animal, stuffing, mini heart, birth certificate and step-by-step instructions. Each kit costs \$15 and can be purchased in person at the Kirksville Aquatic Center while supplies last. Pick them up now before they're all gone. For more information, contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

Kirksville Aquatic Center swim lessons

Another session of swim lessons is right around the corner at the Kirksville Aquatic Center. Spring swim classes begin later this month and will be held once a week over six weeks. Registration is \$36 for passholders and \$66 for non-passholders. Scholarships are available to provide financial assistance to qualifying participants and applications can be picked up at the Kirksville Aquatic Center. Register now at kirksville.gov/p/parks-recreation/

Spring lineup:
Water Exploration — Kids ages 6 months — 3 years
Dates: Jan. 28 to March 4
Day/Time: Tuesdays, 5:30-6 p.m.
Level 1-2 — Kids that can not swim unsupported
Dates: Jan. 27 to March 3
Day/Time: Mondays, 6-6:45 p.m.
Level 3-4 — kids that can swim unsupported
Dates: Jan. 29 to March 5
Day/Time: Wednesdays, 6-6:45 p.m.

OATS Transit is currently offering regular transportation services

OATS Transit is currently offering regular transportation services. To schedule a ride or to inquire about services available in your area, call the OATS Transit office at 660-415-0901 or 800-654-6287. You can also visit their website at www.oatstransit.org, where you can find your local schedule by clicking on your county under the "Bus Schedules" tab. OATS Transit is available to the rural general public of any age, including seniors and individuals with disabilities. Additionally, they contract with various agencies to serve their clients. They are also hiring drivers statewide, so share this opportunity with anyone you know who would make an excellent driver, allowing them to continue serving passengers. Please note that OATS Transit offices will be closed, and regular routes will not operate on Monday, Feb. 17th for Presidents Day.

Sue Ross Arts Center 2025 Regional Artist Exhibit

Sue Ross Arts Center 2025 Regional Artist Exhibit will run from Jan. 13 through Feb. 21, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A reception will be held on Jan. 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Sue Ross Arts Center is located at 215 S. Franklin Street in Kirksville.

Truman State University Art Gallery Exhibit

Still Life with Bowl of Universe — Ari Norris and Timothy Norris, Jan. 21 — Feb. 28; Terra Fracta — William McKinney — in the Charlyn Gallery. Tuesday, Jan. 21. Artist talks 4-5 p.m., Opening Reception 5-6:30 p.m.

The University Art Gallery resides in the renovated gymnasium in Ophelia Parish Fine Arts Center located on Truman State University's campus near the intersection of East Normal Street and South Mulanix Street. Exhibitions are free and open to the public.

Gallery Hours are Monday — Thursday 8:30 a.m. — 7 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m. — 5 p.m. and Saturday noon — 4:30 p.m. Please note, the University Art Gallery is closed between exhibitions and during all Truman State University breaks. During regular business hours, free on-street parking is available on South Florence Street and South Mulanix Street. After hours and on Saturdays, you may park in the university parking lots off East Normal Street for free.

Scholarships available for city recreational programs and lessons

The Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department Scholarship Program is an initiative to reduce financial barriers for participation in the department's wide array of activities and programs. To be eligible for a scholarship, you must reside within the city limits of Kirksville and meet the household size/yearly income requirements, which can be found on the application. Applicants meeting the eligibility guidelines are awarded a 50 percent scholarship on programs and events, including the Kirksville Baseball and Softball Leagues, Little Sluggers Tee Ball, Kids Mini Mud Mile, Group Swim Lessons and more. Guidelines and the scholarship application can be found online at kirksvillecity.com/p/parks-recreation/ or picked up in person at the Kirksville Aquatic Center. For more information, contact the Kirksville Parks

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

The Food Bank Children's Programs

You can help ensure all local children get the food they need to thrive by supporting The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri's Children's Programs. Right now, 1 in 5 children in the state of Missouri faces food insecurity. While many qualify for free or reduced-price meals at school, some families do not have access to nutritious meals during the weekend. The Food Bank's Children's Programs help fill that gap. Children's Programs include School Markets, which are small school pantries that allow students to choose ingredients to take home for family-style meals, and Buddy Packs, which are bags of entrees and snacks that can feed a single child through the weekend. Help a child focus on the business of playing, learning and growing by making your gift today. Donate at sharefoodbringhope.org or send a check made payable to "The Food Bank" to: The Food Bank, 2101 Vandiver Drive, Columbia, MO 65202. You can choose to designate that funds stay in the county right on your check, if you choose. Participating schools include Brashear Elementary, Kirksville Area Technical Center, Kirksville Primary, Novinger Elementary and Ray Miller Elementary. Sponsored by Alliant Bank and Kirksville Daily Express.

Join the Kirksville Young Professionals Committee

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce encourages businesses and their employees (ages 21-40) to become involved in the Kirksville Young Professionals Committee, which focuses on retaining and engaging young professionals in the area through lunch & learn opportunities, professional development, and other various events. KVYP is here to help them connect with the community. They meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m., in the Hampton Inn Truman Room or via zoom. Feel free to reach out to KirksvilleYP@gmail.com for more information about KVYP or to get the Zoom Link for meetings. You are also more than welcome to join them at future events.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025 AT 10:00 AM^{CT}

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The Steele farms are located east of South Gorin, MO just south of Route U. The west tract is located on Route RA and the east tracts are located on County Road 103. The farm is further described as being located in Sections 13 & 16, T64N-R10W, Harrison Township, Scotland County, Missouri. Physical Address of the home is 26713 County Road 103, Gorin, Missouri.

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HOME COUNTRY

Sometimes education can be ugly

I can't stand winter," said Herb Collins, who had dropped in at the Mule Barn's philosophy counter for a quick cup. "There's nothing to do."

"Get out and enjoy it," suggested Doc. "Go skiing. Go ice fishing. Build a snowman. Do something. Then you'll feel better."

"I don't think your advice will take," said Dud. "Herb seems to be intransigent on this one."

We all looked at Dud. "You see, he said he couldn't stand winter," Dud continued, "which shows he has a proclivity for intransigence on that particular subject."

We looked at him some more. "If he were to take up a winter hobby," he continued, "he could stop being intransigent and enjoy things more."

Even Herb was staring at him now.

"I usually," said Herb, "enjoy a proclivity in that direction, but winter is pretty boring, so maybe I really should be intransigent on this point."

"Well Herb," said Dud, "even though you might have a proclivity this season for being intransigent on your attitude about winter, you could kinda ease up



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and consider a hobby. That way you'd be showing a proclivity for transigence."

"Transigence?" said Doc. "I thought those were people who lived under bridges. You might want to look that one up, Dud."

Dud blushed as we laughed. "Say Dud?" said Steve, the cowboy. "Wasn't proclivity last month's word?"

"Yes," said Dud, "and I believe I've used it a couple of dozen times already."

"And now this month's word is intransigence, right?"

Dud nodded.

"Well then," said Doc, "it looks like you are going to have a proclivity for saying intransigence this month. That's a veritable plethora of proclivity my friend."

Dud pulled out a pencil and grabbed a napkin.

"How do you spell it, Doc?"

"Spell what?"

"Plethora."

We just groaned. Sometimes education can be ugly.

Brought to you by "Strange Tales of Alaska" by Slim Randles. Available from www.amazon.com.

ROBIN WRITES

Games for winter fun

The winter months are a great time to share "intimate moments" with your significant other. Being stuck inside, day after day, can force even porcupines to interact.

When marriage is new and "love" is the four-letter word most often heard at your house, it's easy to find ways to while away the hours of weather-induced incarceration. You had no kids. No TV in the bedroom. Energy to spring from the couch and actually touch each other.

After a decade or two of shared winters? The TV is blaring, the house is full of offspring, and the only sparks of electricity you feel are those produced by shuffling across the carpet and accidentally brushing fingertips with your mate when you both reach for the remote at the same time.

The definition of "intimacy" changes once you've seen and heard and smelled the sum total of your partner's contribution to the union you share. What was endearing and cute becomes annoying.

Idiosyncrasies that made you giggle with goopy-eyed indulgence in the early days of marriage lose their charm and are endured only because they are not grounds for justifiable homicide.



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH
ROBIN WRITES

The time you share with your roommate in these dull winter days can still be harmonious, though. You just need to find activities that are mutually satisfying and entertaining without being strenuous or mushy.

John and I have, over the long years, developed several winter games to keep our blood pumping and our hands away from sharp, violent objects. They help us talking without yelling. Breathing without sighing or huffing. Interacting without police intervention.

The game of "THERMOMETER" is a favorite at our house. It is mounted outside the kitchen window, screwed into the wood of the deck railing at a distance that makes clear reading impossible. But that just adds to the fun.

Hourly, one of us will amble to the sink, brace our hands against the frigid windowpane and squint outside.

"It's 15 degrees out there." The reader makes his announcement, and his hot air fogs the glass. Now comes the challenge from the opponent. She takes her place next to him, careful not to touch any part of him and risk static shock, and adds her two-eyes-worth (plus bifocals) to the mix.

"Looks more like 19. Count the red lines." I glance at him—because I must—and see his problem. "You don't have your glasses on."

I win. We leave the window, plopp back into our corners, and rest up for the next hour.

On-going challenges fill our boring, cabin-fevered lives, keeping us engaged.

1. "The TV—it's too loud!" (You must be going deaf.)

2. "I'm freezing; we need to turn up the heat!" (It's plenty warm in here—have you seen the bill from last year at this time?)

3. "Think the mail's here yet?" (It's too early—yesterday it was exactly 12:35 when it got here.)

We sit in opposing corners of the Wedding Ring with our gloves on, flinging verbal jabs with lackluster resolve and half-hearted interest. As always, spring will be here soon, and we'll both scramble to climb through the ropes and forfeit the fight.

Until then? It's game on.

Contact Robin at robinwrites@yahoo.com

THE ROCKWOOD FILES

Sunday Funnies

I met him in the newspaper

My favorite character of all time isn't in a literary novel, a blockbuster movie or a TV show. He is, in fact, a cartoon beagle named Snoopy. I assume you know him, too, right? I met him before I could read. When my brother and I were little, our friend John would often come over on Sunday afternoons. His parents and our parents were friends, and we all went to the same church. We are what I call "heart family." John was 5 years older than my brother and 12 years older than me, and we adored him partly because he entertained us while our parents were doing boring, grown-up things like mopping and taxes.

The first thing John did when he got to our house was pick through the sections of the Sunday newspaper until he found the comics. He read them aloud to us, always starting with Peanuts, so his favorite became ours, too. And it was easy to fall in love with Snoopy because, somehow, even though he didn't talk, he was the floppy-eared heart and soul of that iconic comic strip that ran for 50 years.

I'm allegedly a grown-up now, but I still think of Snoopy as a model for how to be a human. He was loyal and supportive to Charlie Brown and the rest of the Peanuts kids, especially when they were discouraged. He became best friends with a little yellow bird named Woodstock, even though they were from different parts of the animal kingdom (and probably didn't vote the same).

And Snoopy instinctively knew the importance of fun. Sometimes he'd run off on adventures — as almost all beagles do — but he also found fun at home on top of his doghouse, pretending to be a World War I Flying Ace fight-



GWEN ROCKWOOD
THE ROCKWOOD FILES

ing off the Red Baron. And when he was hard at work at his typewriter, wrestling with words on a "dark and stormy night," I felt a writerly kinship with a dog who doesn't speak words yet says so much.

When I see images of Snoopy wearing sunglasses and his red "Joe Cool" sweater, I always think of my brother Greg, who died when I was 27 and he was 34. Like most little sisters, I grew up knowing that my brother was the coolest human on Earth. I still think of him that way because he had a subtle swagger and a gift for making people laugh when they needed it most. Sometimes, when I'm effort-ing all over the place yet still feel like a middle-aged dork, I think of my brother and Joe Cool and remind myself to stop trying too hard. To just "be."

When you grow up loving books, many of the characters in them become a permanent presence in the nooks and crannies of your mind — names like Hester Prynne, Harry Potter, Hamlet, and newer ones like Elizabeth Zott and Marcellus. I still think about them as if they're real people I spent time with.

But of all the fictional characters I've met so far, Snoopy has given me one of the most enduring examples of how to live. I'll distill it down to 10 one-word commands learned from the life of a beagle born in the funny pages: Play. Laugh. Imagine. Create. Eat. Dance. Nap. Protect. Help. Love.

These are the lessons I'll spend my life practicing, hoping to become as honest, silly, imaginative, and kind as a dog named Snoopy.

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PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

Maternal Health Awareness Day

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

Welcome to the Public Health Corner: Maternal Health Awareness Day

Maternal Health Awareness Day, observed annually on Jan. 23, emphasizes the importance of ensuring every pregnancy and delivery is safe. Established in New Jersey in 2017 through efforts led by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and partnering organizations, this day sheds light on critical maternal health issues and encourages education, systemic improvement, and equity in care.

The Importance of Maternal Health

The health and well-being of mothers profoundly influence families and communities. Despite medical advancements, the United States continues to face alarming rates of maternal mortality and morbidity. From 2017 to 2021 in Missouri alone, the Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services found there were 349 pregnancy-related deaths, with a pregnancy-related mortality ratio (PRMR) of 32.2 deaths per 100,000 live births. The data is even more concerning for Black women, whose PRMR was 2.5 times higher than that of white women during this period. Such disparities underscore the urgent need for improved awareness, access to care, and equitable treatment.



Prioritizing Maternal Care

Maternal Health Awareness Day aims to foster conversations around key aspects of maternal health, including:

Prenatal Health: Early and consistent care helps identify and manage risks during pregnancy.

Postpartum Support: Adequate resources for physical recovery and mental health are crucial for long-term well-being.

Community Resources: Accessible and affordable healthcare services can make a significant difference in outcomes.

Addressing Health Equity

Racial and geographic disparities in maternal health outcomes disproportionately affect women of color and those in rural areas. The stark differences in maternal mortality rates, as seen in Missouri's statistics, illustrate the critical need to focus on health

equity, ensuring all mothers receive quality, compassionate, and timely care.

How You Can Get Involved

On Maternal Health Awareness Day, take a moment to learn more about maternal health issues and the challenges mothers face. Educating yourself about prenatal care, postpartum health, and systemic disparities can make a meaningful impact in understanding these critical topics.

You can also explore ways to support maternal health by discussing the importance of regular checkups with loved ones, sharing educational resources, and raising awareness about the factors that affect maternal outcomes. By staying informed and fostering dialogue, we can all play a part in promoting healthier outcomes for mothers and their families.

POETRY CORNER

The Circle of Life

The cold, stiff wind... howls across the hills... the snow is covering the ground,

The days are shorter... the sun is gone... darkness is all around.

The circle of life... the circle of seasons... the circle that moves so fast,

Always with a beginning... and always with an ending... forever, nothing will last.

When life begins... the slate is

clean... ready for all you can do, As the years progress... your actions are registered... from every direction that you pursue.

As I pulled my coat... around my body... to protect me from the cold, night air, I thought of the circle... and the seasons long gone... and each moment that's no longer there.

— Daniel D. Donovan



EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Part 138

TURNING THE PAGE

Theaters of Kirksville – Chapter 11 – The Family Theatre

By Blytha Ellis, President
Adair County Historical Society
and Museum

In 1931, a new theater opened in Kirksville, despite the fact that the Princess Theatre and the Kennedy Theatre seemed to have the monopoly on theaters in this town. This new theater would pass through three different names before it would close in the early 1950s: Modern Theatre, Family Theatre, and Lyric Theatre.

In May 1931, it was announced in the "Kirksville Daily Express" that a theater would be opening in the Redmon Building on east Harrison Street "adjacent to the alley." It would be numbered at 111 E. Harrison and be named the Modern Theatre. W. D. Ralston was to be the manager. The opening movie would be "Ladies of Leisure," and the theater would have three showings per day, except on Saturday when there would also be a midnight show. The building was advertised as "strictly fireproof and modern in every respect with sound equipment and the latest machines." The pictures were to be first-run and "admission prices nominal."

This was a long, narrow building with a simple design, wooden flip-up theater seats, a concession stand and a small stage with screen. There was one aisle down the middle with rows of five seats on each side for about 30 rows, holding a total of about 300 patrons. It was difficult to see the stage and screen if one had to sit in the back rows, some 30 seats from the front.

A new entrance was placed on the building which included a square canopy and a ticket booth. There were no frills nor architectural designs to distinguish this theater.

The theater was opened without fanfare on May 16, 1931. Admission was 10 cents for children and 25 cents for adults in the evenings, and the matinee was lowered for adults to 20 cents. After less than a month of operation, the theater's ads began to read, the "Modern, Kirksville's Family Theatre with New Sound." By August 1931, the ads had dropped the word "Modern" and billed the venue as the "New Family Theatre."

One of the special featured movies during the summer of 1931 was Eddie Cantor in "Whoopee," described as "Ziegfeld's famous stage suc-

cess more dazzling, more startling than ever as an amazing talking picture entertainment." The ad pictured a chorus line of 10 Ziegfeld girls.

The Family Theatre also brought in vaudeville acts and other stage shows. In December 1931, the "Prince Omwah Company, an Oriental Revue" was advertised as having "Oriental Magic and a Mystery Show" on stage for one week.

In August 1932, "new plush upholstered seats" were installed in the Family Theatre by the new manager, Frank Anderson. This added much to the comfort of the patrons.

In the summer of 1937, the Family Theatre announced they had installed "a new washed air cooling system which promises greater comfort for its patrons during the hot weather." It was explained that this method used "fans blowing through a spray of water that forces cool, clean, washed air throughout the building."

In September 1939, the theater went through some upgrades, and they united with Warner Bros. for showing of their "big hit pictures." They opened the fall season with a full-page ad in the "Kirksville Daily Express" showing congratulations being offered by many local businesses to Manager Frank Anderson and his employees. This was billed as "The coming season of better pictures." Their opening movie was Bette Davis in "The Old Maid." A photo of Bette Davis was given with each bag of popcorn purchased at the concession stand.

In November 1939, the Family Theatre placed rigging on top of their building for a special show called "sky dancing." Tom and Betty Forrest brought their famous "death-defying sky dance act" to Kirksville for three performances. This was done on an 18-inch disc 117 feet above the street over the theater. Inside the theater, this couple gave "an exhibition of escapes, magic, a close-up of the sky dance, fire eating and antics with an Australian bullwhip."

On Sunday, May 10, 1942, the Family Theatre celebrated its 11th anniversary and Mother's Day with two matinees and three evening shows of the comedy "Hellzapoppin'" with Martha Raye, plus other shorts.

The theater continued to book interesting and unusual



Family Theatre at 111 E. Harrison in Kirksville which began as the Modern Theatre in 1931, then changed names to the Family Theatre, then to the Lyric Theatre

acts in addition to their movies. In July 1942, they entertained audiences with "Cowboy Ken Houchins, the Yodeling Drifter, along with the Bell Family and Shorty Hogan, well-known artists of radio station WHO in Des Moines." A radio comedian using the name "Cousin Herald Goodman and his Saddle Mt. Roundup Gang" appeared at the Family Theatre in September 1942. One of the popular movies in 1942 at the Family was "What's Cookin'" with the Andrews Sisters. Admission at this time was 15 cents.

In 1940, the Family Theatre projectionist was Fred Bertschman (1906-1974) of 610 W. Michigan St. in Kirksville. Sadly, Fred's 28-year-old wife, Mary Etta (Bishop) died of diphtheria that same year. The owners and managers of the theater at that time and since 1932 had been Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson. In 1944, they sold the theater to Everett Elsea (1905-1992).

In early 1946, the controversial film "Mom and Dad" came to the Family Theatre for two days of men and women segregated showings. According to the local newspaper, it was billed as a "hygiene show with scenes of live births." A radio hygiene commentator and nurses accompanied the show as it went on tour. The nurses were present "to aid any of the weak hearted who found the powerful medical sequences in the picture overwhelming." Some hailed this film as a "fine educational picture" while others condemned it.

In September 1947, the theater was remodeled under the owner, Wesley E. Korsmeyer (1897-1986). The interior was painted and a new roof put in place. Neon lights were added to the plain marquee, and an improved air conditioning system was installed.

A stage show was presented for three days in the spring of 1948 featuring "Bobby, Buddy and the Texas Saddle Pals with Harpo and Pete and songs of the west as heard on radio station KFEQ." On the screen to accompany this live show was an action western starring actor Lash Larue.

Wesley E. Korsmeyer sold the theater in November 1949 to E. B. Johnson of Kansas who sold it to James B. Spain of Texas. This didn't work out, and Mr. Spain returned to Texas after selling the theater back to Mr. Korsmeyer in January 1951. The theater name was then changed to the Lyric Theatre. However, the theater did not last long after this. It appears to have closed in the fall of 1951 as the last newspaper ad found was in October 1951.

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This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

110 Years Ago, January 23, 1915

The little village of Youngstown decided that its sister village, Yarrow, just down the Chariton River, had been in the limelight long enough. (Yarrow first had electricity in 1910 thanks to Michael Weber.) Youngstown blacksmith, Charles A. Truitt, was planning to buy a gasoline engine and dynamo with which to furnish electric current to all the citizens of Youngstown. Due to Truitt's efforts the village already had a moving picture show. The equipment Truitt planned to purchase cost about \$500, but despite the cost he was ready to move forward, hoping that Youngstown would have electricity in another month. Both Youngstown and Yarrow were villages of less than one-hundred population.

100 Years Ago, January 20, 1925

At the regular mid-monthly meeting of the Kirksville City Council, the topic of policing dancing establishments in the city was brought before the Council for discussion. Mayor Stookey stated that members of the recent Adair County grand jury had informed him that the grand jury discussed the dance proposition in Kirksville and thought the city should take some steps to see that dances were being properly conducted. The grand jury summoned several people before it and found out by the investigation that lax conditions existed at dances conducted not only in the public dance halls, but at some of the dances sponsored by local clubs and fraternities. The grand jury suggested that police protection be provided for the public dance halls. The council did not denounce dancing "if properly conducted," but the council members thought that the police protection provided for the dances should be paid for by the proprietor and the police officer should be on duty at all times to chaperone and "to stop any dances which are not deemed to be of the best kind."

100 Years Ago, January 21, 1925

Adair County Circuit Court Judge Cooley heard a different twist to the usual "run of the mill" divorce proceedings. Mrs. Ester Ryan filed a divorce suit against her husband, Sam Ryan, on the grounds of desertion. In her petition for divorce, Mrs. Ryan charged desertion after six months of married life. Judge Cooley asked her why her husband deserted her. She replied that he tried to give her a whipping one day and was not big enough to accomplish the task, so he left. The judge granted the divorce adding that this was a "new wrinkle in the divorce mill."

100 Years Ago, January 22, 1925

Daid Huffman, a veteran of the Civil War, father of 24 children, and a resident of the Greencastle neighborhood for many years, died at his home January 21 at the age of 84. Huffman was born May 21, 1840, in Fairfield, Ohio. At the age of six Huffman moved with his parents to Illinois, and in 1867 the family moved to Missouri. He enlisted in Company C of the 27th Illinois Infantry at the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861. He was taken prisoner and held in prison for eleven months. Huffman was survived by his wife, who was the mother of ten children of the younger set, all who were living at the time. He had been married twice previously.

95 Years Ago, January 23, 1930

The Adair County Collector, George Tuttle, released a list of the largest corporate and business tax payers in Adair County for the 1929 tax year. The Wabash Railroad Company paid the largest amount of tax, \$9,915.16, followed by the Santa Fe Railroad which paid \$8,145.57. Among the other high paying corporations were Missouri Power & Light Company, Q.O. & K.C. Railroad, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Sinclair Pipe Line Company, I & StL Railroad Company, and Prairie Pipe

Line Company.

85 Years Ago, January 21, 1940

The following true story appeared on the front page of the Kirksville Daily Express, January 21, 1940. Two students at the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery (KCOS, now A.T. Still University) risked their lives in a 20-hour medical mission to save the life of a nine-year old rural Kirksville girl. Marjorie Mabis, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mabis, who lived seven miles northwest of Kirksville, was in bed with a steadily mounting fever. She was developing pneumonia and without medical treatment, her life was in jeopardy. Although house calls were quite common, the roads were blocked with deep drifts of snow and the temperature was 15 below zero. Mr. and Mrs. Mabis had contacted doctors in Kirksville but one was "busy attending another patient," another "could not respond," and a third doctor, "regretted he could not do it." Out of desperation, Robert Mabis called the clinic at KCOS. Two young student doctors, Ray Mahoney and Leonard Becker, who were on duty that evening were assigned to the case. At about 8 p.m. they headed out in their vehicle to find the Mabis residence. The wind was howling, and snow was drifting, but the eager young men seized on the challenge as a "learning experience." Becker and Mahoney got to the vicinity of the Porter Schoolhouse about three miles from Kirksville and their car got stuck in a snowdrift. Mahoney was a sturdily built Irishman while Becker was a slightly built youth not as tall as some of the snowdrifts. Mahoney confidently told Becker they could do it and Becker wholeheartedly agreed! Now four miles from their destination and with deep drifts ahead, they set out on foot. The trek was grueling as they started walking—cutting across fields, plummeting into drifts waist deep, climbing fences, skirting ditches, seeking the path of least resistance. They stopped at farmhouses to warm up whenever the opportunity presented itself and then headed out into the blistering cold to reach the sick girl. Finally reaching the Mabis residence in the early morning hours the next day, the two young aspiring doctors went to work. Throughout the remainder of the night, they took turns giving the girl manipulative treatments at regular intervals. With unceasing vigil, they tracked her vital organs, constantly monitoring and treating. Finally, after five hours of treatment, the Mabis girl's temperature dropped, respiration and pulse rate stabilized accordingly. Later in the day the weather conditions improved and due to the efforts of Robert Mabis and his neighbors, the young student doctors returned to Kirksville. Mabis attempted to pay the two, but they replied, "You don't owe us a thing. Only give us a call if she doesn't keep getting better." Thus ended the 20-hour call!

70 Years Ago, January 23, 1955

The annual Kirksville High School Mardi Gras got underway on Friday with the actual Mardi Gras celebration to be held the following night at Greenwood gymnasium. Candidates from each class for king and queen to reign over the celebration included Edwin Hiatt and Carolyn Fortney, sophomore class; Ronald McClanahan and Sue Thomas, junior class; and David Turner and Jereilyn Hamilton, senior class. Each class would conduct a number of fund-raising activities during the allotted time, and the class turning in the most money would win the king and queen contest. All proceeds from the Mardi Gras were to be donated to the Student Council for use in various projects. Mardi Gras was sponsored by the Student Council. The money-making projects of each class were under the direction of a steering committee appointed by the respective class presidents.

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Interior of the Family Theatre during an agricultural meeting

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Yours in Christ,
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"I love my Catholic school because we are a family here."
-Ethan Murmylo, Kindergarten



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-Penny Wilson, 1st Grade

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-Abby Rudy, 7th Grade



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Certificates	\$228,186.41
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Total Cash	\$461,054.99
2024 Receipts	\$2,935,873.29
2024 Disbursements	\$2,061,572.32
31-Dec-24 Petty Cash	\$300.00
Bank Balance	835,080.96
Certificates	500,000.00
Coroner Training	(\$25.00)
Total Cash	\$1,335,355.96

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**IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL Case Number: 24AR-PR00137
CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI (Date File Stamp)**
Judge or Division:
PROBATE

In the Estate of MARIETTA JONAS JAYNE, Deceased.

Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted
(Independent Administration)

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, Kirkville, 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, Kirkville, 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

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

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CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI**
Judge or Division:
PROBATE

In the Estate of CHRISTIAN MESHACH AGAMEMNON STEINBECK HATALA, a Disabled Person.

Notice of Appointment of Conservator

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of CHRISTIAN MESHACH AGAMEMNON STEINBECK HATALA, a Disabled Person:
On January 14, 2025, RHONDA NOE, Adair County Public Administrator was appointed conservator of the estate of CHRISTIAN MESHACH AGAMEMNON STEINBECK HATALA, a person adjudicated disabled under the laws of Missouri by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.
The business address of the conservator is respectively:
300 North Franklin, Kirkville, Missouri, 63501
All creditors of said disabled person are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court.
PUBLICATION DATES: 1-22-2025, 1-29-2025, 2-5-2025, 2-12-2025

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**CITY OF KIRKVILLE
SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CASH BASIS UNAUDITED)
July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024**

GENERAL FUND		
Revenues		
Taxes and Franchise Fees	4,355,420	
Licenses and Permits	348,390	
Intergovernmental	587,889	
Charges for Services	220	
Fines and Costs	8,395	
Sales Income	99	
Management Fees	195,783	
Investment Earnings	81,054	
Transfers	-	
Other Revenue	173,045	
	<u>5,750,295</u>	
Expenses		
Council/Boards and Committees	773,315	
Administration	317,997	
Human Resources	91,697	
Community and Economic Development	183,139	
Finance	287,699	
Information Systems	106,405	
Public Building Maintenance	182,211	
Police	1,726,558	
Fire	1,139,847	
Public Works/Street Maintenance	978,299	
Codes and Planning	223,661	
Engineering	122,319	
	<u>6,115,082</u>	
OTHER FUNDS		
Community Development	21,505	Revenue
Walking and Cycling Trail Grant	10,475	76,512
Baltimore Commons CID	18,226	22,594
Downtown TIF District	38,533	180
South 63 Corridor TIF	21,957	11,699
South 63 Corridor CID	22,118	30,000
Franklin Street CID	16,257	40,180
Emergency Communication Center	678,750	180
North Baltimore Street CID	109,014	177,560
Community Partnership	5	-
Missouri Rural Enterprise & Innovation Center	177,699	158,117
Economic Development Sales Tax	1,045,004	-
Kirk Tran	46,718	51,079
Tourism	237,561	97,667
Airport	397,562	406,389
Parks and Recreation	1,386,930	1,323,093
Revolving Loan	8,217	-
Capital Improvement Sales Tax	596,160	62,201
Transportation Sales Tax	1,055,993	1,839,285
Central Garage	351,722	406,029
Insurance	1,586,214	1,402,645
Veterans Memorial	18	-
Tri-Centennial Trust	4	-
Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery Trust	2,034	-
Nancy Reed Fugate Trust	15	31
Utility	5,714,076	7,470,501
	<u>13,542,767</u>	<u>14,033,924</u>
	<u>19,293,062</u>	<u>20,149,006</u>
TOTAL		
2024 Property Tax Levy	0.6902/\$100 Assessed Valuation	
2024 Assessed Valuation	153,723,650	Real Estate
	51,852,548	Personal Property
	13,041,280	Railroad and Utilities
	419,756	Aircraft
TOTAL	<u>219,037,234</u>	
Cash & Cash Equivalent Assets	28,948,402	Pooled
	1,087,958	Insurance & Benefits
	676,640	Water Deposits-Restricted
	1,211,485	Other Restricted
TOTAL	<u>10,406,148</u>	Certificates of Deposit & Investments
	<u>42,330,633</u>	
Indebtedness		
Bonded	1,060,000	Waterworks
	14,331,001	Sewerage
	825,000	Stormwater
Certificates of Participation	5,375,000	Aquatic Center Project (9/2032)
Capital Leases	93,818	Fire Truck (1/2025)
TOTAL	<u>21,684,819</u>	

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The proposed agreement will be for work on an as needed basis over a five-year time period.

To be considered for this opportunity, qualified applicants must download the full Request for Qualifications (RFQ) instructions from the Commission's website <https://elcr.info/>. RFQ responses must be delivered by February 20, 2025, at 4:00 PM CST.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Monica R. Steele, dated February 10, 2011, and recorded on February 10, 2011, Document No. 201100000289 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Adair County, Missouri, the undersigned Trustee will on January 28, 2025, at 10:00 AM, at the South Front Door of the Adair County Courthouse, Kirksville, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

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

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

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

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

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Peacocks extend Bulldogs' losing skid to seven games

By Henry Janssen
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The Truman women fell to GLVC foe Upper Iowa on Thursday, 88-77, to strumble to 5-12 after having been .500 around the time the fall semester ended. The 'Dogs trailed by 10 at the half, and Upper Iowa extended its lead to as many as 17 in the second half.

The Bulldogs are now 2-5 in the conference, and the Peacocks are 7-7 overall and 4-4 in GLVC play.

A bright spot for the 'Dogs once again, grad transfer Jordan Cunningham led all scorers with 29 points on 22 field goal attempts. Last year's GLVC Freshman of the Year Molly Joyce was the only other Bulldog in double figures, scoring 14 points.

Those two and Emma Bulman all tied for the team lead with five rebounds. Truman shot 44 percent from the field to UIU's 55 percent.

The Peacocks' Mia Huberty and Kayla Bohr killed the 'Dogs with 28

and 21 points, respectively. Truman has a chance to get its affairs in order on Saturday when it hosts

Lewis at 1 p.m. The Flyers are a perfect 7-0 atop the conference standings and are 13-1 overall.

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Tigers outpace Hannibal to snap three-game rut

By Henry Janssen
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After Hannibal held Kirkville to a slow, stodgy first half, the Tigers broke free after the intermission to run away to a 60-43 victory at Tiger Gym on Friday night.

The two teams found themselves tied at 12-12 through one quarter of play. Kirkville tied the game at 17 apiece early in the second, and the score sat right there for several minutes of play. Hannibal took a 20-19 lead – the last time the Pirates would have the advantage – before the Tigers leapfrogged back to take a 21-20 lead into the break.

The Tigers went for 20 in the third quarter to take a 10-point lead entering the final period, and it ballooned from there.

“Any time you can relieve pressure knocking down the three and hitting free throws, it especially

takes the pressure off of us a little bit,” Kirkville coach Tyler Martin said. “We’ve been pressing a little too much at the rim, so that’s huge for us.”

Friday marked the second appearance of the season for junior big, and the Tigers’ only true post man, Bennett Fraser. Fraser banged up his foot in Kirkville’s final regular-season football game in Centralia.

He appeared in limited minutes ramping back up to full-speed, as he did earlier in the week at Palmyra.

Tiger junior Logan Martin said that having Fraser’s massive 6-foot-6 frame back on the court will be a huge boon.

“It’s nice having him back to take up some space down there,” Logan Martin said. “We’re one of the smaller teams in the conference, so having Bennett there is going to help us a lot on the boards.”



Tiger senior Carter Pinkerton converts at the rim in Kirkville's 60-43 victory on Friday night in Kirkville. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

Martin finished with 15 points. Seniors Cole Kelly and Jace Kent posted 18 and 16 points, respectively.

Kirkville is now 9-4 and 3-1 in conference play. Hannibal falls to 1-9 over-

all and winless in its four conference games.

The Tigers are back in action Tuesday when they travel to Huntsville for a non-conference date with Westran (12-3).

Fouts buzzer-beater attempt can't find net, Tigers fall to Hannibal

By Henry Janssen
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Tiger senior Paishynce Fouts got a decent look as the buzzer sounded, but couldn't get it to drop. The Tigers fell at home to Hannibal on Friday night, 60-57, in a game where Kirkville had trailed by as many as eight points in the fourth quarter.

Eight tied the Pirates' largest lead of the game – after taking a 13-11 lead into the second quarter, the visiting side opened up a 27-19 advantage before going into the half leading 31-25.

Down the stretch, each time the Tigers punched, Hannibal punched back. Fouts, for example, knocked down a three-pointer to get back within four at 55-51 with around four minutes remaining in the game. The Pirates immediately answered with a three of their own immediately after.

The Tigers got the ball with 20 seconds down three with what would prove to be the game's final score. Kirkville played for the last shot and inbounded again off of a loose ball with 11 seconds remaining. No open look was available for the Tigers, and as far as desperation heaves go, Fouts' contested shot was close but a little too strong off of the back iron.

Hannibal left Kirkville with a 7-4 record and a 3-1 record in the NCMC. The Pirates' only loss came at home versus Mexico, who the Tigers defeated on the road.

Kirkville falls to 7-6 and 3-1 in conference play. The Tigers travel to Huntsville for a date with Westran on Tuesday.



Kirkville's Paishynce Fouts finishes at the rim in Friday night's loss to Hannibal. She finished with 11 points. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

Junior Chloe Carter was instrumental in keeping her team in the game. She finished with 20 points and was involved on seemingly every loose ball and rebound. Freshman Eva Danielson continued her solid inaugural season of varsity play, finishing with 12 points to lead the Tigers. Fouts had 11.

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Bulldogs overturn 10 point halftime deficit to stun league-leader Lewis

By Henry Janssen
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Truman picked up its first win since Dec. 5 on Saturday afternoon, defeating the Lewis Flyers at Pershing Arena, 69-60, in a GLVC match-up. The Bulldogs played some of their season's best basketball in the fourth quarter, scoring 30 and holding the Flyers to 18 to secure the victory. Lewis entered the game undefeated in the conference at 7-0 and had just one loss in 14 games before the final buzzer sounded on Saturday.

After dropping seven straight games, the Bulldogs are now 6-12 overall and 3-5 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The Bulldogs led throughout the fourth quarter, coming into the period trailing by three. Senior guard Tori Standefer played a major role off the bench in her team's victory, hitting a three-pointer to tie the game at 42 early in the fourth and converting a transition layup on the following possession to give the Bulldogs their first lead of the second half. She hit another three later in the quarter to give the 'Dogs a 53-45 lead – their largest of the game at the time.

Her plus/minus of positive 18 was a team-high for Truman. Bulldog



Grad senior Jordan Cunningham seeks a scoring opportunity in Saturday's 69-60 victory. Cunningham led all scorers with 19 points. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

coach Theo Dean says that plus/minus is a statistic that he considers to be significant when making on-the-fly personnel decisions late in games.

“We just really have confidence in every single person, whether you're on the floor or not,” Standefer said. “This is going to turn the page for us. We're tired of losing, and we feel

like our record doesn't truly reflect who we are as a team.”

Standefer finished with 10 points on just three field goal attempts.

In her last year of eligibility and first year with the 'Dogs, graduate student Jordan Cunningham led all scorers with 19 points. Bryar Duwe had 11, and Emma Bulman joined Standefer with 10.

Cunningham, Bulman, and Lexie white had five rebounds apiece. Lewis out-rebounded the 'Dogs 40-24. Truman won the assist comparison with 11 to the Flyers' six.

Lewis had a pair of 18 point scorers in Taylor Gugliuzza and Jenna Badali.

“Once we've gone through and worked through what's usually about a seven minute cut of the film, Lewis is done,” Dean said. “We'll take what we can from this one and move on to Lincoln.”

“That's about as complete of a (fourth) quarter as we've played this season.”

After finishing up a three-game home stand with Lincoln on Monday, the Bulldogs begin a three-game road stint with Quincy on Saturday. Truman's other two trips are easy drives before returning back home, heading to Rockhurst on Jan. 30 and William Jewell two days later.

'Dogs scratch back but can't get over the hump versus Upper Iowa

By Henry Janssen
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Upper Iowa came to town on Thursday night, and despite scraping and grinding their way back into the game late, Truman fell, 73-70. After trailing by 11 at the under-eight media timeout, the 'Dogs put themselves in close enough position to get junior guard Isaiah Reams a contested, chuck-it-up look from 25 feet to tie the game as time expired. The shot clanked the side of the iron.

The 'Dogs came out hot, taking a 19-10 lead into the under-12 timeout in the first half. The Peacocks then went on a hot streak from three-point range to go on a 15-3 run and take a 25-22 lead, forcing Truman coach Jeff Horner to call a timeout. The Bulldogs never saw

the lead again.

Upper Iowa took a 35-32 lead into the halftime break, and the under-eight in the second half was its largest lead.

The three-point discrepancy was the most glaring difference in Thursday's game – the 'Dogs started 2-for-19 from long range before connecting on three of their final four attempts to finish 5-for-23. The Peacocks, meanwhile, hit six more threes on only eight more attempts. Rebounding wasn't kind to Truman either, as it allowed 43 boards and only grabbed 31, including several late game possessions in which the big-bodied Peacocks got crucial second-chance opportunities. Upper Iowa finished with 16 offensive rebounds in total to Truman's six.

Upper Iowa's final made basket of

the game came off of the inbound following the under-four media timeout on a three-pointer from Nick Reid. The 'Dogs had a tough time with Reid, as he way outpaced all scorers with 33 points and had 10 rebounds of his own.

For the 'Dogs, Xavier Hall continued to do his thing, leading Truman in every counting statistic aside from blocks. He finished with 19 points, six rebounds, five assists, and three steals. Brennan Lovette finished with 13 points on a perfect 6-of-6 shooting, Reams had 11, and Kobi Williams finished with 10.

Upper Iowa is now 5-3 in the conference and 11-5 overall.

Truman falls to 2-5 in the GLVC and 8-7 overall awaiting a date with Lewis on Saturday at 3 p.m. The Flyers are second in the conference with just a single loss.

Back-and-forth battle ends in Bulldogs' favor versus Lewis

By Henry Janssen
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In a game where the lead was exchanged six times in the final two minutes, Truman was able to hold off a big, physical Lewis Flyers team for a 74-72 home victory on Saturday afternoon. The Bulldogs were out-rebounded 46-25 and scored just three second-chance points to 25 for Lewis.

Xavier Hall hit a pair of free throws with around three seconds remaining after getting fouled off of the drive. Despite seemingly trying to miss the second one, it clanked around and accidentally found the bottom of the net.

Lewis' last gasp was a 35-foot heave that caught rim but was off-line the whole way.

Once the final lead change went in the Bulldogs' favor, there were 10 exchanges and seven ties in total. Shortly after the half, Truman jumped to a 52-42 lead before Lewis went on a 14-0 run.

Although the 'Dogs got destroyed on the glass, Truman tripled the Flyers finding the open man.



Isaiah Reams finds a seam through the lane in Saturday's 74-72 victory against the Lewis Flyers (Romeoville, Ill.). HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

The Bulldogs finished with 18 assists to just six for Lewis.

“We battled down low, and we just didn't get every rebound we wanted,” redshirt sophomore guard Casen Lawrence said. “We were able to answer and execute late. We made up for it by making plays.”

The Bulldogs improve to 3-5 in the GLVC and 9-7 overall. The Flyers maintain control of second place in the GLVC, sitting at 6-2.

Kobi Williams got back to form on Saturday afternoon, finishing with 20 points on 7-for-9 shooting, including two authoritative transition dunks to give Pershing some needed energy.

Lawrence and Matt Haefner had 12 points apiece coming off of the bench. Haefner and Hall both had five assists.

Lewis' Rob Stroud led all scorers with 23 points. Ryan Renfro had 14 rebounds, and 10 of them were on the offensive end.

“This is a good team win ... we think this is one that you for sure can use to start building off of and get back to where we want to be,” Lawrence said.

After hosting Lincoln on Monday, Truman begins a three-game series of road games, traveling to Quincy on Saturday.

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26th Annual National Project Linus 'Make A Blanket Day' Sew-In

By Project Linus

The 26th Annual National Project Linus "Make A Blanket Day" Sew-In event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Kirksville Moose Lodge, 2405 E. Illinois Street in Kirksville. The event is open to the public.

The mission of Project Linus is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "Blanketeers". Blankets for children in need will be assembled at the Moose Lodge. No sewing experience is needed to join the fun. Anyone who can learn to tie a knot is invited to participate in the event.

"Volunteers may bring a completed blanket or bring their own sewing machine and complete one of the precut kits available during the event," said Conni Douvier, North Central Missouri Chapter coordinator. "Community involvement is so vital to our success at this event."

Donations of new cotton fabric, acrylic yarn, fleece and other blanket-making supplies will be accepted during the event.

The North Central Missouri Chapter of Project Linus has delivered 20,000 blankets to area children in need. For more information on the Sew-In event, or to learn more about Project Linus, contact Conni Douvier at 660-947-4315, douvier@nemr.net, or visit their website at <http://www.projectlinus.org>



A Project Linus volunteer hard at work.

ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE HOSTS TECHNICAL CENTER DIRECTOR WOLF



The speaker at the Jan. 15 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting was Kirksville Area Technical Center Director Jesse Wolf. He spoke about the 13 educational programs taught by 15 teachers, eight of whom also own their own businesses. One of the programs is Construction Trades where students are building small houses. Pictured from left are Club President Ruth Bowers, Wolf, and former Kirksville School Principal Mike Mitchell, who introduced the speaker. ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE

THIS WEEK'S FEATURED CHURCH
La Plata First Baptist Church

KIRKSVILLE AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Catholic Newman Center
124 N. Mulanix
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

Hurdland First Baptist Church
Robert Shobe, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Lancaster United Methodist Church
Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

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

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

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

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

First Baptist Church
Winigan, Winigan, Mo.
Sam Burkholder, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Thursday Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship.

Fairview Baptist Church
53610 Knob Hill Road, Pollock
Sam Burkholder, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening

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

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

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

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

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

First Baptist Church of LaPlata
B. J. McAlpin, Pastor
9:00 am "Donut Hole" Fellowship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Evening Worship
6:00 pm Monday - AWANA
<http://laplatafbc.org/>
Email: laplatafbc@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

Hurdland First Baptist Church
Robert Shobe, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
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



Thompson is Adair County SB40 January 2025 Spotlight Award recipient

By Adair County SB40

Dominic Thompson of Kirksville has been selected as the January Outstanding Employee Spotlight Award recipient by Adair County SB40 following his nomination by Laura Morrow, service coordination team lead.

Thompson was enthusiastic in his appreciation for Colton's Steakhouse, where he is employed: "I love it here. It's like family. I get to see my old teachers and people I know all the time. I've been here since I was 16, now I'm 24, almost 25."

Colton's Manager Troy Pinkerton said, "Dominic had worked for us since he was 16. He started working through the school work program and continued after. He works five days a week and hardly ever misses. He has several guests who look for him when they dine with us. He never has a bad thing to say. Love having him work for us."

Morrow, who nominated him, said, "Dominic always has good things to say about work. He will take time to say hello to familiar people while he's at work and interact with them in a positive manner. He does his job well and stays focused with his job at hand."



Dominic Thompson and Colton's Manager Troy Pinkerton .

Jamie Janes, Thompson's previous school worker, said: "Dominic participated in the work experience program while in high school at KHS. His senior year, he started at Colton's Steakhouse. After a few months working there as a dishwasher, there was a job opening for someone to buss tables. His job coach and Troy Pinkerton talked about the possibility of hiring Dom for the job. While in high school, a job coach from KHS continued to support him until natural supports at Colton's were established."

Adair County SB40 Executive Director Sean Jacob stated, "I remember when Dominic first got his job there at Colton's. I am so proud of the great worker and man he has become. Our community is fortunate to have him."

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

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

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



Dominic Thompson

Scotland County Hospital earns grant to stockpile supplies

By Scotland County Hospital

Supply chain disruptions have a significant impact on patient care. That is why the Missouri Hospital Association has been working to address the critical issue of supply chain disruptions in healthcare by utilizing federal grants to support member hospitals in strengthening their supply chain resiliency with the Supply Chain Integration Program.

One such recipient of this grant money is Scotland County Hospital and Clinics in Memphis. Travis Onken, Materials and Supplies manager, at Scotland County Hospital said, "Through the Supply Chain Integration Program, the hospital received \$26,000 worth of supplies, which included four pallets of personal protective equipment, such as gloves, sterile gowns, surgical gloves, and respiratory apparatuses. The hospital now has approximately a year and a half worth of these supplies."

To qualify for the program, the hospital's Materials Management Department staff,



Left-Right: Emily Woods-Materials Management, Pattie Robinson-Materials Management, Robert Miller-Disaster Committee Chairman and Travis Onken, Materials & Supplies Manager.

along with Robert Miller, the hospital's Disaster Committee chairman, participated in a four-part, virtual educational series aimed at enhancing the skills and knowledge of purchasing, materials management, and emergency preparedness. The series covered the current state of healthcare supply chain management, offering case studies on lessons learned from past disruptions like the Covid-19 pandemic. It also provided valuable strategies to help hospitals navigate future supply chain challenges.

By completing the educational requirements, Scot-

land County Hospital was able to secure the supplies needed to ensure patient care is not compromised during potential future disruptions, while also strengthening its overall emergency preparedness.

"This program is a real win for participating hospitals," said Jon D. Doolittle, president and CEO of the Missouri Hospital Association. "By coupling the education programming with the funds to replenish supplies, participating hospitals gain access to best practices in supply chain management and the tools to support their work."

AAA: State gas price average up six cents, crude oil on the rise

By AAA

The statewide gas price average in Missouri is \$2.79 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Missouri Weekend Gas Watch. That price is six cents more compared to this day last week and 15 cents more per gallon compared to this day last year.

Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Missouri, drivers in Columbia are paying the most on average at \$2.91 while drivers in Joplin are paying the least at \$2.68 per gallon. The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$3.10, which is three cents more compared to this day last week and three cents more compared

to the price per gallon at this same time last year, according to AAA Gas Prices.

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has released its latest report, highlighting a downward trend in gasoline demand alongside an increase in supply levels. This would normally lead to even lower gas prices. However, something to keep an eye on is rising crude oil prices. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude is up \$6 per barrel since the start of the year. As the primary component of fuel, crude oil constitutes approximately 50% of the cost of each gallon of gasoline. The increase in crude oil prices could potentially mean higher gas prices in Missouri as we enter the second half of January.

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