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Kirksville man arrested, charged with rape

By Kirksville Police Department

On March 15, Kirksville Police took a report involving a violent sexual assault that took place at a local motel. During the subsequent investigation, police identified the male suspect as Roger Maurice Stewart, 44, of Kirksville.

In the days that followed, police gathered information on Stewart's location and learned he was pos-

sibly armed with a handgun. On March 18, the Kirksville Police Department's Special Response Team (SRT) was activated to apprehend Stewart. At approximately 3:19 p.m., police conducted a "high-risk traffic stop" near the intersection of New and Baltimore streets. Stewart was taken into custody without incident.

Stewart has been charged with first-degree rape or attempted rape and aggravated sexual offense in Adair County court. Stewart was already on the Missouri Sex Offender Registry for a 2000 incident in Kansas City, Kan., involving a 14-year-old girl.

The investigation into this sexual assault is still active.

The Kirksville Police Department was assisted in stopping and arresting Stewart by the Missouri Department of Corrections/ Probation & Parole, NEMO Drug Task Force, and the Adair County Sheriff's Department.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Kirksville Police Department at 660-785-6945, or anonymously at 660-627-BUST (2878), or email police@kirksvillecity.com.

A criminal charge is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.



Roger Maurice Stewart, 44, of Kirksville.



Local dignitaries join in the groundbreaking.

Groundbreaking held for new airport terminal

Daily Express

Kirksville city officials held a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a new airport terminal on Monday, March 17. The event was hosted by Airport Director Jeff LaFountain, who introduced local, state and federal officials that had assisted the city in securing funding for the project.

Numerous speakers spoke at the event, which was followed by the groundbreaking.

Sarah Graff from Congressman Sam Graves office. said that it was a celebration

lot of different people.

"Congressman Graves was able to secure over \$3 million from project funding for this airport project and he was able to successfully advocate for the grant for the terminal as well," she told the attending audience that filled the lawn to the east of the current terminal. "So you guys have had lots of good success and we really appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance."

Kirksville Mayor Zac Burden said the project represents a "wonderful step forward" for the entire region. He said the ability to



Mayor Zac Burden speaks at the groundbreaking ceremony.

work with the city's many partners, both governmental agencies at all levels as well as private entities, made this a truly great occasion.

"It's projects like this that connect us with the greater world, whether that's for tourism, whether that's for economic development, industrial development here in our community, an

airport like this makes it happen, and to bring these funds in to pull this off was no small feat," he told the audience. "I'm incredibly proud of everybody that we've been able to work

with in order to do this." Burden spoke of Kirksville's long connection to aviation and the entrepreneurs who brought airplanes into the community who wanted to participate in a booming new business

and economy. "We want to continue to be on the cutting edge of that, and having a facility like this allows us to do that for a future we've yet to experience...," he said. "This is a wonderful opportunity, and it's a great time to invest in Kirksville."

'We're All in This Together'

Tickets on sale for Kirksville High School Music and Theatre production of musical

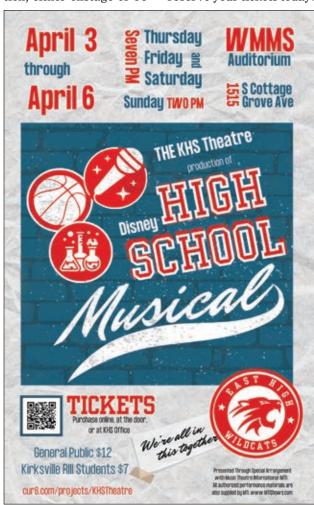
By Kirksville High School

Tickets are now on sale for the Kirksville High School Music and Theatre production of Disney's high school musical, April 3-6. Gabriella and Troy have just discovered that there may be more to both of them than the brainiac and jock the world sees. But how will the school — and Sharpay — handle it when they upset the status quo and audition for the school musical? Come and see how the Wildcats of East High learn that they're all in this together and bring their cliques together and transform their school.

Over 50 local teens will be involved in the production, either onstage or behind the scenes. Performances will take place at the William Matthew Middle School auditorium on Thursday, April 3 and Saturday, April 5 at 7p.m., and Sunday, April 6 at 2 p.m. The box office will open one hour before show time and the doors will open 30 minutes before show time.

All tickets are for an assigned, reserved seat so plan ahead with your family and friends to get seats together. Tickets for the show are \$12 for general admission and \$7 for students. Tickets can be purchased online at cur8.com/projects/ KHSTheatre, at the high school office, or at the door.

Getch'ya head in the game and don't miss out reserve your tickets today!





Attendees listen to speakers at the groundbreaking ceremony.

Kirksville Police Department welcomes two new officers

By Kirksville Police Department

The Kirksville Police Department (KPD) announced the hiring of two new police officers. Officers Dylan Durham and Brandon Peterson were sworn in on March 13, and began their duties KPD this week.

Durham came to the Kirksville Police Department after serving as a member of the city's public works department. Durham is a 2025 graduate of the Law **Enforcement Training Insti-**

with the patrol division of tute (University of Missouri) and a Kirksville area native.

Peterson is also a 2025 graduate of the Law Enforcement Training Institute (University of Missouri) and a Kirksville area native. Peterson is a United States Air Force veteran.



Brandon Peterson (left) and Dylan Durham are sworn in by City Clerk Diane Albrecht.



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Community



Kirksville Historic Preservation Commission to discuss creation of seven local landmarks

Staff Reports

Kirksville's Historic Preservation Commission will hold a meeting at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street, Kirksville.

The commission will discuss a resolution recommending the home at 606 E. Washington Street be designated a local landmark.

The commission will discuss a resolution recommending the Willard School located at 707 N. Centennial St. be designated a local landmark.

The commission will discuss a recommending the home located at 408 E. Illinois Street be designated a local landmark.

The commission will discuss a resolution recommending the Citizen's National Bank Building located at 101 W. Washington Street be designated a local landmark

The commission will discuss a resolution recommending the home located at 401 E. Missouri Street be designated a local landmark.

The commission will discuss a resolution recommending the home located at 711 E. Harrison Street be designated a local landmark.

The commission will discuss a resolution recommending the building located at 500 S. Elson Street be designated a local landmark.

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KIRKSVILLE AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Red Cross Giving Day

The American Red Cross of Central and Northern Missouri Red Cross Giving Day is March 26. Visit redcross. org today to make a financial donation or schedule an appointment to give blood in March. Any donor who gives \$140 or more in March will receive a choice of a Red Cross monopack or a pair of socks as a thank-you. The Red Cross also urges the public to give lifesaving blood by making an appointment today at Red-CrossBlood.org, on the Red Cross Blood Donor App or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS. The Red Cross is performing free A1C testing (commonly used to screen for prediabetes and diabetes) on successful blood, platelet and plasma donations in March. Additionally, all who come to give blood, platelets or plasma March 1-31 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. Donate in Kirksville on March 26: 11 a.m. — 3 p.m., A. T. Still University, 800 W. Jefferson, Conference Rooms Faculty Resource Rm/Center for Medical Humanities and March 27: 12 p.m. — 5:30 p.m., The Crossing, 810 E Shepherd Ave.

Tru Crime Day provides interactive look at the

The first-ever Tru Crime Day at Truman State University will take place on campus March 26. Open to campus and the Kirksville community, Tru Crime Day offers visitors a multidisciplinary exploration of crime and criminal justice. Through engaging panels, workshops, discussions and activities, attendees will uncover the science behind investigations, explore real-life cases and examine the social, legal and psychological dimensions of crime. Registration is not required for most events, but it is encouraged. Events marked with an asterisk require registration. To register for Tru Crime Day, visit truman.edu/events/trucrime-day. Tru Crime Day participants are also invited to stay on campus for a presentation by Anthony Ray Hinton. Wrongfully convicted of murder in 1985, Hinton spent nearly 30 years on death row in Alabama. Hinton has become a sought-after speaker and author of the bestselling book "The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row." Hinton will speak at 6 p.m. March 26 in Baldwin Hall Auditorium as part of the University's Holman Family Distinguished Speaker Series. His presentation is free of charge and open to the public. Other events include: Anatomy of an Autopsy: Virtual Cadaver Lab; Voices of Justice: Conversations with Criminal Justice Professionals; Crack the Case: Mock Crime Scene Investigation; Hometown Horrors: True Crime Writing and Podcast Workshop; Prison Break Escape Rooms; From Script to Scream: Indie Filmmakers Spill Their Guts; Killer Psychology with Sal Costa; Laundered Lies & Dirty Money: Financial Crimes Exposed; and Criminal Law, From

Kirksville Kiwanis Club Blood Drive

Courtroom to Classroom.

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a blood drive at the Crossing Church, 810 E. Shepherd Avenue, Kirksville, Thursday, March 27 from 12-5:30 p.m. Walk in or schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org. Bring a friend and your best pint of blood. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS if you have any questions.

3rd Annual Spring Benefit for Prairie Song Academy

The 3rd Annual Spring Benefit for Prairie Song Academy will be held on Friday, March 28 at the Moose Lodge, 2405

E. Illinois Street in Kirksville. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., music starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and available online at https://omella.com/dqpz2. There will be a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and cash bar. First 100 people through the door will receive a pulled pork dinner with their ticket purchase. Music will feature Deadwood! Watch for more information about other music coming soon. Pulled pork provided by Hog Creek Classics! Moose Lodge bar will be available if you choose to purchase alcohol. All proceeds benefit loc al K-12 students at Prairie Song Academy.

Eyes on the Sky at

Thousand Hills State Park Eyes on the Sky at Thousand Hills State Park will take place on Friday, March 28, from 8-10 p.m. Come out to Thousand Hills State Park to take a look at the night sky. Learn about the importance of night sky to us and wildlife. There will be telescopes but everybody is welcome to bring their own telescopes, chairs, and binoculars.

Truman State University to host Children's **Literature Festival**

The Children's Literature Festival will return to the Truman State University campus, March 28. The event will feature 11 authors to share their books with fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students in the northeast Missouri region. This year's lineup includes Chris Barton, David Biedrzycki, Rob Buyea, Lindsay Currie, Chrystal D. Giles, Sandy Grubb, Jose Pablo Iriarte, Jane Kuo, Megan Wagner Lloyd, Jennifer Nielsen and Jennifer Ziegler. Students will participate in 30-minute sessions with the guest authors. In addition to the traditional literature festival activities, the Truman Theatre Department will perform a free live theatre production of "Schoolhouse Rock Live!" at 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. All the authors will be signing books from 3-4 p.m. in the Student Union Building Conference Room, There is no cost to attend the book signing and it is open to the public. At 6 p.m. there will be banquet in the Student Union Building Georgian Rooms. Attendees can choose to sit at the table with any of the authors. Cost for the banquet is \$20, and seating is determined on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for banquet registration is March 26. Additional information about the event may be obtained from the Children's Literature Festival webpage or by contacting clf@truman.edu.

Truman State University organization offers free tax assistance

A Truman State University's Beta Alpha Psi will host a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) sessions from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on March 29 in Violette Hall 1424. Beta Alpha Psi is an international scholastic and professional organization for financial information professionals. Clients who come to VITA should bring: social security cards for spouses and dependents; bank routing numbers and bank account numbers for direct deposit; wage and earnings statements such as W-2, 1098T and 1099; and a copy of last year's federal and state tax returns if available. VITA services will be completed by IRS-certified volunteers and will also offer free electronic filing to receive a faster return. Appointments are required. Community members who would like to schedule an appointment can call (660) 785-6064. For more information, visit bap.truman.edu/vita.

29th Annual Kirksville Women of Today Spring Arts & Crafts Show

The 29th Annual Kirksville Women of Today Spring Arts & Crafts Show will be held on March 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at William Matthew Middle School, 1515 S. Cottage Grove in Kirksville. Lunch includes juicy burger, soup, hot dogs, walking tacos, nachos and soda. Pies include strawberry, rhubarb, blueberry, pecan, cherry, blackberry, gooseberry, lemon and raisen cream. For more information, call 660-341-3232. Registration form is available online at https://sites. google.com/site/kirksvillewomenoftoday.

Truman State University students to volunteer time for The Big Event

Truman State University students will provide community service to local residents as part of the annual Big Event, March 29. The Big Event gives Truman students the opportunity to show appreciation for all the support the Kirksville community has offered to them. Hundreds of Truman volunteers will provide services to the residents of the community by raking leaves, washing windows, painting and more. Students will be working at job sites across Kirksville from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. March 29. Kirksville residents seeking assistance from volunteers can sign-up online at serve.truman.edu. Service requests should be submitted by March 21. For more information about The Big Event, contact the Truman SERVE Center at (660) 785-7222 or serve@truman.edu.

Shop Hop Downtown Kirksville

Support your local downtown businesses and join them for their Annual Spring Shop Hop, March 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by each participating business to get your Downtown Kirksville Passport stamped and experience what each unique business has to offer. Once your passport is stamped by at least five businesses, turn it in for an entry to win one of two \$30 gift cards to the participating business of your choice. To make it easy, passports can be picked up and returned to any of the participating businesses during the event. For more information: https://www.facebook.com/ events/2126836411146536





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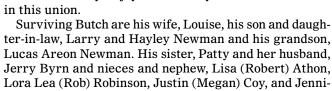
Lawrence Areon 'Butch' Newman, Jr.

Dec 19, 1941 — Mar 19, 2025

Lawrence Areon "Butch" Newman, Jr., age 83 of rural Kirksville, Missouri passed away Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at his home.

Butch was born December 19, 1941, the son of Lawrence Areon "Lonnie", Sr. and Virginia (Barger) Newman in Kirksville, Missouri.

On May 13, 1972, Butch was united in marriage to Helen Louise Dyer at the First United Methodist Church in Kirksville. They enjoyed over 52 years in this union.



fer O'Brien, along with great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Richard Coy. Butch was raised northwest of Brashear, Missouri where he attended the New Zion Rural School until the eighth grade when he transitioned to Kirksville High School, graduating with the Class of 1959. He spent his entire life east of Kirksville row-crop farming, working closely with his wife and son. Many summers, when he was not farming his own crops, he could be found making his way out West with his John Deere combine on wheat harvest with his family in tow. He worked for many customers throughout Kansas and Colorado. Over his many years of wheat harvest, he made many customers life-long friends. Combines were not just equipment to him; they were a way of life. Butch spent many hours working on his own equipment and that of others in the shop in the off-season. He especially enjoyed welding and an occasional visit from a neighbor or customer. Butch's passion of working the land and with his hands in the shop were trades he was proud to have passed down to his son who always worked alongside him. He was especially happy spending time with his grandson Lucas and enjoyed having company, giving all who visited a hard time and sharing stories and laughter.

In May 1966, Butch learned he was in kidney failure and his only chance at surviving was a kidney transplant. In July 1966, in Denver, Colorado, his sister Patty gave him the gift of life when she served as donor with a nearly perfect match, a gift Butch took care of and by which he was greatly humbled.

He was a member of the Sabbath Home United Methodist Church, a 50-year member of the Kirksville Moose Lodge #1750, a 50-year member of the Kirksville Lodge #105 A.F & A.M. in Kirksville, a member of the York Rite Masonic bodies, the Moila Shrine Temple at St. Joseph, Missouri. He was active in the Fairview 4-H Club and showed cattle at the NEMO Fair.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 28, 2025 at Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville, with Pastor Darrell Draper and Pastor Jim Maxey officiating. Burial will immediately follow in the Parkview Memorial Gardens in Kirksville.

A public visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 27, 2025 in the chapel of Travis-Noe Funeral Home, with a Masonic service at 6:00 p.m.

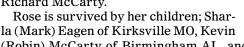
Memorial donations in memory of Butch may be made to Shriners Children's Hospital. Donations may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

Rose Marie McCarty

May 20, 1940 — Mar 18, 2025

Rose Marie McCarty, 84, of Kirksville passed away March 18, 2025 at Hannibal Reginal Hospital surrounded

by her loving children. The daughter of Dominick and Mary (Brugioni) Amidei-Boni. Rose was born May 20th, 1940 in Novinger, MO. On June 6th, 1959 at Saint Rose Catholic Church in Novinger. Rose was united in marriage to Charles Richard McCarty.



(Robin) McCarty of Birmingham AL, and Brian (Amy) McCarty of Kirksville MO, grandchildren; Tyson (Mandy) Eagen, Corey (Kate) Eagen, Travis (Brittany) Eagen, Mia McCarty, and Haley McCarty, greatgrandchildren; Hayden, Everett, Kennedy, Emerson, Scarlett, Carter, Mason, and Emma; brother Joe (Phylis) Amidei, sister Marguerite Robertson, step-brother Ed Boni. She was proceeded in death by her parents, Step father Joe Boni, and sister Teresa Amidei.

Rose grew up in Novinger where she graduated from high school in 1959. She worked at McGraw-Edison for 19 years and after they closed their doors, she ran an at home daycare for many years. She enjoyed her shopping trips to Columbia with Sharla, cooking and enjoying time with her family. She will be dearly missed.



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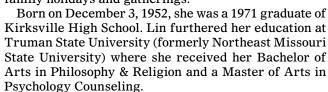
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Linda 'Lin' Sue Dabney

Dec 3, 1952 — Mar 16, 2025

Linda "Lin" Sue Dabney of Kirksville, MO, gratefully left this earth to join her God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit on March 16, 2025.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Bob and Carolyn (Moore) Dabney, who afforded her many opportunities and encouragement to participate in various church activities during her youth. Her father instilled the importance of honesty, integrity and responsibility. Her mother instilled the importance of family holidays and gatherings.



Lin lived and worked in both Kirksville and Columbia until 2016 when she returned to Kirksville to care for her ailing mother. She was most recently employed as a Job Coach for High Hope Employment Services. She was passionate about working with the elderly and individuals who had special needs. She was grateful for the opportunity to work, enjoy her co-workers and be able to spend time with family and friends.

She loved all animals, especially cats and dogs. Often, she rescued both wild and stray animals from wandering the streets in her neighborhood and adopted them for her own. She also loved the arts and especially enjoyed watching old movies and listening to live music, she felt "it touches the soul and conveys emotions in ways that words alone often cannot."

Lin wanted to be remembered as others before her and was moved by a quote from Laura Ingalls Wilder, "Remember me with smiles and laughter. For that is the way I'll remember you all. If you can only remember me with tears, then don't remember me at all." "I'll be alright because I believe that after we're gone, the spirit carries on," taken from Dream Theater.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded by her son, Shane Sneddon, who brought great joy to her life through his music, fabulous voice and great sense of humor.

She was truly thankful for her many friendships for what each person brought to her life. Her thankfulness includes her daughters-in-law, co-workers, neighbors, close friends, family and those who supported her. She was especially grateful to her daughter, without whom she would not have been able to navigate through the challenges of pancreatic cancer.

Lin is survived by her son Grant Gleason of Kirksville, MO; daughter, Kadi Findling of Florida; and six wonderful grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Greg and his wife, Anna Dabney of Kirksville, MO. It was her desire to be an organ donor. Thanks to the Saving Sight Organization she was able to make this donation. She truly had a servant's heart.

Lin's wishes were to be cremated with no service to be held. Please sign the online Tribute Book, where you can share your memories of Lin, with the family. (casady-luscanfs.com)

She asks that memorial contributions or donations be made directly to Missouri Cancer Associates (formerly, George Rae Cancer Center), 603 W. Pierce St, Kirksville, MO 63501 or directly to the Adair County Humane Society, 22376 State Hwy. 6, Kirksville, MO 63501.

Casady Luscan Funeral Solutions of Green Castle is honored to care for and minister to the Dabney family during this time.

Anna Mae Schnucker

Apr 22, 1930 — Nov 17, 2024

Anna Mae Schnucker, 94, died peacefully in her sleep, November 17th, 2024. She was born April 22,

1930 in Parkersburg Iowa to her parents Cornelius William Engelkes & Clara (Smit) Engelkes. Anna Mae attended school in Parkersburg, where she graduated from high school. She went on to further her education at the University of Dubuque and obtained her master's degree in organ performance from Northeast Missou-



ri State University. Anna Mae was a long-time beloved teacher, choir director and organist. She started teaching music in Kirksville, Missouri in 1964 and was the senior high choral director for many years. She retired after 35 years of service in education. In addition to directing, she taught piano lessons to many generations of young people, was a frequent accompanist to undergraduate and graduate students from NMSU, and was an accomplished church organist.

Anna Mae was loving, compassionate and demanding. She loved music and taught others the beauty of song, whether through singing a solo, harmonizing in a group, playing an instrument, or accompanying others. Whatever the situation, the music required the performer's best. She also loved to play four-hand piano music with her friends, reveling in the shared joy of playing together, laughing at the missed page turns, and smiling at a job well done.

As she was blessed, she gave to others with her time and resources, supporting the American Association of University Women for over 50 years, church families, neighbors, and students with financial support and words of encouragement. She gave because she had been given so much.

Anne Mae was also an excellent cook, although when first married her culinary skills were rudimentary. Her husband Robert requested Danish pastries, and so "The Art of Fine Baking" by Paula Peck was purchased and pastries were made. From there came a lifetime of ever-expanding tastes, techniques and cuisines. Her love for cooking and baking led to a nicely appointed kitchen, joy around the table with friends and strangers, and her ever-watchful eye. To this day, family gatherings always take place in the bustle of the kitchen.

Anna Mae was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, and dedicated her time to better the lives of many. Although she lived a long and beautiful life, she will be dearly missed by those she loved, led, and taught. Her legacy and hard work leaves a lasting memory, and her 94 years were well spent.

She is survived by her children: one daughter Sarai Ann Rice; two sons, Sar Victor Schnucker and Christjahn Dietrich (Melissa) Schnucker; Seven grandchildren, Christjahn Lamar (Dana) Beck, Daniel Robert Beck, Hannah Josephine (Mat) Schnucker, Calvin John (Lanie) Schnucker, Claire Elizabeth (Heath) Schnucker, Sara Skye Gibbs-Schnucker, and Ian (Mignon) Gibbs-Hall; and three great-grandchildren Aida Rae Coons Schnucker, Leo Robert Coons Schnucker and Shiloh Emmett Senuta.

Memorial Services will be.1:30 p.m., Sunday, April 6, 2025, at the Parkersburg United Methodist Church in Parkersburg.

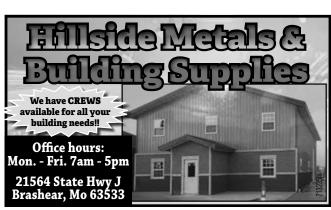
Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, April 5, 2025, at the Redman Funeral & Cremation Services – Parkersburg Funeral Home. Memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences may be left at www.redmanfuneral.com

Rotary Club of Kirksville members donate to Jars of Love campaign

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the March 19 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, club members donated 160 jars of peanut butter for the Northeast Regional Medical Center's "Jars of Love—Peanut Butter Drive to Fight Hunger." The goal is to collect 500 jars of peanut butter to donate to The Pantry for Adair County. Rotary contributors gathered with NERMC personnel for this photo. Pictured

from left are Chade Shorten, Kevin Butner, Club President Ruth Bowers, Claire Lloyd, Debi Boughton, Tyler Miller, NERMC CEO Patrick Avila and NERMC Marketing Director Amanda Selby.





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Columns

ROBIN WRITES

Old people playground

omeone should build an Old People Playground.
We've spent our lives pushing swings in all directions: watching breathlessly as our babies fell and rose, gained confidence, and sailed into the life.

Now, left with the freedom of autonomy, it's time for us. We're eager to notice ourselves again, to re-experience young moments in old bodies.

Our time at the Old People Playground will give us new memories. We'll weave them together with those from childhood, creating a palimpsest of full-circle living.

We'll want softer lighting on our playground. Give us twilight's gauzy filter...the light of calling children home from play. Or dawn's watercolor signal of a lifetime of waking and doing and being.

A creaky-but-feathery-light gate sways a welcome to our playground. And, one by one, we step inside.

We move along at a pace we choose, and the joy of the destination will prove worthy of our slower journey.

Swing sets with rickety frames as weather-worn as our own, wait up ahead. We wriggle our bottoms—the skinny bony and the amply padded alike—onto sun-warmed, wooden seats that fit us perfectly, and clasp the chains with craggy fingers.

The never-forgotten motions of leg-pumping and chest-arching flow from our souls and propel us back to days when we could see beyond forever in the clouds. We tip our heads toward the sky, but close our eyes to relive that same innocent sight.

The swings slow...then stop, and we stand, smiling and wobbly-legged. After a few moments to regain steady footing, we head toward a tall structure of glinting sunshine.

We crook our necks and shield our eyes, seeing the metal steps of the slide. They end at a long sheet of sheer, shiny slickness.

We may feel the frail fear of peril, but our hearts hear the message we gave our children and grandchildren as we watched them hesitate on their own journeys.

One step at a time. Trust yourself. Be careful and hold on.

We set our hands and soles onto the metal. Pull, rest. Step, steady. Until we reach the top. We plop onto the platform, point our sturdy toes, and PUSH against our fears.

The air around us whooshes a giggle past our ears, loudly enough for the dimmest hearing, and we realize it is our own. In seconds, we arrive where we began. It was easy, all along.

After another go—or maybe not, it's our choice—we leave the slide. There are more adventures waiting.

The seesaws we walk past are empty, even, and still. They're not for riding. We've learned their lesson:

Finding equilibrium in tears and laughter. Trusting and guarding. Hoping and accepting the inevitable.



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH ROBIN WRITES

We nod and walk on, noticing a gentle dimming of the light around us.

The speed of time—a reality we've come to feel so keenly now—tells us our playground time is nearly over. We've climbed and swung and pedaled through it all, feeling our bodies expand in youth and then contract back to the reward of years lived.

The exit is just ahead, as we've always known it would be. But we don't mind. We've seen a lifetime of comings and goings. This is just one more.

One final feature is left on our playground. A gift for our tired bones, and one fashioned from the sweet resignation and recognition of all we've done with our day.

We sink our old bodies into whitewashed, experience-weathered rocking chairs that creak like a sigh of contentment and mold to the shape of all that we are.

We are children and parents and grandparents and old and new and happy to just rest and relive all this time we've enjoyed

Rocking is easy with a gentle tip of a tired toe. Maybe this is the best ride of all.

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HOME COUNTRY

A love of cowboy music

oy, I sure do love cowboy music. Now I don't mean stuff like "Grandma Tied My Up With Her Scarf So I Can't Go To My Sweetie's House Tonight." Nope.

Well, to be completely honest, there is a place for that, too. But to achieve the right mood for that kinda music, you must first 1. Prepare your taste buds with a couple of jiggers of Old Overcoat, 2. Write home and lie about how much money you make. And of course 3. Borrow your buddy's shooting ear muffs and try them out to see that he wasn't cheated by buying them.

No, I mean cowboy music. Roy Rogers, Sons of the Pioneers, Gene Autry, Steve Cormier and a bunch more. These are the true songs of the campfires under starry skies. But there are some of us not blessed with the correct tonsils and when others hear us sing, they start dreaming of Belgravia, wherever that is.

So the secret is to do all your singing on the back of a horse. A slow horse. If he's hard of hearing, all the better. And ride that ol'



SLIM RANDLES
HOME COUNTRY

cayuse in drag on a herd of cattle which isn't in a rush to get somewhere.

And about a half mile from the next water stop, when those cows start complaining loudly to the Western skies, open 'er up, Pard. Let the music out.

Sing as loud as Roy or Gene would've done. And, if it turns out your version of "Goodbye Ol' Paint" isn't as good as others sing it ... just look around. No one can hear you. Hey, therein lies the secret to success in cowboy music.

"Goodbye Ol' Paint, I'm-a leavin' Cheyenne..." See?

Brought to you by Sweetgrass Mornings, a memoir of sorts. I think you'll like it. Published by University of New Mexico Press. In most bookstores.

THE ROCKWOOD FILES

Falling in love with a beast

Tom Cruise made me do it

ve learned a lesson this

week, and here it is: Sometimes, it's okay to lower your standards.

For the 26 years we've been married, I've told Tom that we would not become one of those couples who buy a monstrosity of a sofa no matter what "cool" things it could do. I refused to sacrifice beauty for bells and whistles because it shouldn't be a choice. In a perfect world, all furniture buyers should get both.

But alas, we are far from a perfect world. And when Tom convinced me to go furniture shopping a few days after Christmas, I was in a weakened state. Worn out from all the shopping, wrapping, decorating and cooking, I just wanted to sit down and rest. I barely noticed that Tom and the salesman were leading me toward a sofa in the "home theatre" section of the store. They pointed, and I sat on a couch that looked like what you'd get if the Michelin Man mascot and a spaceship had a baby.

The salesman saw that my defenses were down because he quickly hit one of a zillion buttons which raised my weary feet and let me recline. Then he picked up a remote and pointed it toward a giant television across from the sofa. Suddenly, Tom Cruise was right in front of me in a fighter jet, streaking down the runway and lifting off into the endless blue sky of the "Top Gun" sequel.

I should've known it was a trap. I should've flown out of there even faster than Tom Cruise and his perfect teeth. But did I mention I was mentally and physically tired? So, I stayed for a minute, telling myself I'd indulge my husband's curiosity about this less-than-stylish sofa. Then, we'd move on to more attractive options.

The salesman showed us how the sofa and TV connected through Bluetooth technology so we could hear the audio from the sofa's surround-sound speakers. We could even feel the rumbling vibrations of fighter jets and explosions right under our seats. It felt like a roller coaster, minus the dizziness and nausea. I had to admit it was a little cool. Hideous yet cool.

There was also a spot to plug in headphones and two embedded charging stations for our iPhones, with no cords necessary. He said that when it was just the two of us on the sofa, we could flip down the



GWEN ROCKWOODTHE ROCKWOOD FILES

center section and put a big bowl of popcorn right there between us on a shelf. And I really do like popcorn.

Then he revealed the hidden cupholders and lights. He showed me how the seats could be heated to low, medium, or high with the touch of a button. Then, he mentioned the heated massage function. My achy, middle-aged muscles liked the sound of that.

I glanced over at Tom, who could hardly believe I hadn't bolted off the sofa the second I'd heard the word "cupholders." The poor guy looked so happy, so hopeful. I decided to stay just a few minutes longer before bursting his bubble.

That was when the salesman came over and played his final card. He pushed a button, and I felt a magical pillow inflate ever so gently behind the small of my back. He lulled me into a brain-addled state of bliss with his luxurious lumbar support and dreams of buttered popcorn.

In the words of the great Kenny Loggins, I was on the "highway to the danger zone." There I was, sandwiched between Tom Cruise and Tom Rockwood, and they both wanted me to say yes to the sofa.

Outnumbered and outgunned, I nodded and melted into the overstuffed rolls of the faux leather beast. While Tom filled out paperwork for the sale, I mentally rearranged our house so the spaceship sofa could be in the upstairs bonus room. I didn't want it in the main living room where guests could see what the two Toms had talked me into during a moment of weakness.

I did the walk of shame back to our SUV in the parking lot. The sofa wouldn't come in for 10 weeks, so I had a long time to think about what I'd done. Then last week, two delivery guys showed up at my door, ready to haul the thing upstairs to the room over our garage.

But you know what? Now that we've had a few days to cozy up to the bloated behemoth, I don't even regret it. We're too busy watching our shows, warming our buns, and eating our popcorn to care about appearances. I hope you're happy, Tom Cruise, wherever you are. Because believe it or not, we are, too.

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PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

National Nutrition Month

By Kirstyn Dietle, MPH, CHES® Health Educator

Adair County Health Department

Pelcome to the Public Health Corner: Na-

tional Nutri-

tion Month

National Nutrition Month is a time to focus on making informed food choices and developing healthy eating habits, and improving your relationship with food. This annual observance, created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, highlights the importance of balanced nutrition and encourages individuals to adopt sustainable and enjoyable eating patterns that promote overall well-being.

The Importance of Good Nutrition

Eating a well-balanced diet is essential for maintaining energy, supporting immune function, and reducing the risk of chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and obesity. A healthy diet includes a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats. Small, mindful changes in daily eating habits can have a lasting impact on overall health.

Healthy Eating Tips for National Nutrition Month

Plan Balanced Meals: Incorporate a mix of protein, fiber, and healthy fats into

your meals to keep you full

and energized.

Stay Hydrated: Water is essential for digestion, circulation, and overall body function. Aim to drink plenty of water throughout the day.

Read Nutrition Labels:

Understanding ingredient lists and nutrient values can help you make healthier food choices.

Practice Portion Control: Eating appropriate portions can help maintain a healthy weight and prevent overeating.

Preparing for a Spring and Summer Garden

National Nutrition Month is also a great time to start planning your spring and summer garden. Growing your own fruits, vegetables, and herbs can provide fresh, nutrient-rich ingredients while also encouraging healthier eating habits. Con-

sider planting staples like tomatoes, peppers, leafy greens, and herbs, which can add variety and flavor to your meals. Gardening also offers physical activity and stress relief, making it a valuable part of a healthy lifestyle.

As National Nutrition Month encourages us to focus on our eating habits, it's the perfect time to assess our food choices and make small, sustainable improvements. Whether it's trying new healthy recipes, reading nutrition labels more carefully, visiting a farmers market, or planning a home garden for fresh produce, every step toward better nutrition can lead to lasting health benefits. By making mindful choices and encouraging others to do the same, we can all work toward a healthier future—one meal at a time.

POETRY CORNER

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I never really studied... the English language... I just use the words I know, When writing a verse... I try to cultivate a thought... from

the various seeds I sow.
Well here's a thought... to contemplate... it hit me, just

tonight,
What word impacts
your life... in so many
ways... if
you let it elevate
your sight?

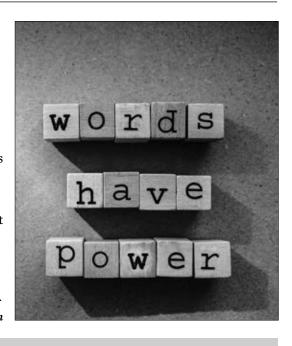
That word... has so much power... if only you focus on where it

can lead,
It's not a big word...
I'm never good with
those... just two letters
is all you need.

I'll tell you the word... I'll tell you right now... I'll make it as plain as I can say, "If" will change you... "If" you just do it... "If" you follow

your dreams each day.

— Daniel D. Donovan



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Local History

TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local **History**

By Larry Evans

115 Years Ago, March 23, 1910

During a period of two-and onehalf days the Elks of Kirksville sold all but \$1,200 of the mortgage bonds necessary to build their new \$25,000 club house at the corner of Jefferson and South Elson Streets. The next step was to hire an architect, and the building committee was diligently searching for one. There were 170 Elk members in Kirksville. and it was expected that the membership would increase with the construction of a handsome and comfortable clubhouse.

115 Years Ago, March 25, 1910

Because of confusion about family burial lots, the body of George Hatch Ross, a former Kirksville resident who was killed in the Rock Island Railroad Train wreck, was exhumed and reburied the same day in the Highland Park Cemetery in Kirksville. Ross's funeral services were conducted from the Angevine undertaking parlor with internment following the service at Highland Park. After the committal service, the sexton began to fill in the grave, when a family member discovered that it was in the wrong place. The lot on which the grave had been dug was one belonging to the Parker family, who were related to the Ross family. The funeral party was dispersed, and grave diggers immediately set to work on the second grave in the Ross lot about 20 feet away. Later in the evening of the same day, family members and friends reassembled at the correct gravesite at which time Ross's body was exhumed from the first grave and reinterred in the second grave. The sexton and assistants worked by the light of the moon filling in the grave. The deceased, 24-year-old George Ross, was an employee of the railroad on which the train wreck occurred that claimed the lives of nearly fifty people. He had been married only five months and had a prom-

ising future with the railroad. 110 Years Ago, March 23, 1915

A meeting was held at the Adair County Prosecuting Attorney's office the purpose of which was to "clean up the illegal liquor business" in Adair County. Although national prohibition was not in effect until 1918, Adair County was a "dry" county, meaning alcohol manufacture, sale, and distribution were illegal. About 25 citizens from Novinger and an equal number from Kirksville were present to hear Adair County Sheriff Willis assure them that he would appoint a deputy sheriff at Novinger to enforce the bootlegging activities that were going on in that part of the county. The plan also called for a local fund-raising effort to support the law enforcement work.

95 Years Ago, March 26, 1930

Plans were being made in Kirksville for the laying of the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple on East Harrison Street. Word had been received from Grand Master Samuel R. Fleet of Kansas City, that he would be present to take charge of the ceremony. The local members of the Masonic orders expected to make a big day of the event, and a large crowd was expected if the weather was favorable. Poehlman Construction Company was the general contractor for the \$65,000 temple.



85 Years Ago, March 24, 1940, & 60 Years Ago, March 24, 1965

Easter came early in 1940, and Easter Day in Kirksville saw the temperature drop down to 13 degrees. The high temperature that day was 23 degrees, and there was a skiff of snow on the ground. Then 25 years later on the same date in 1965, the temperature dropped to a record low of two above with an additional two inches of snow bringing the total snowfall on the ground to five inches. That day in 1965, however, was not Easter Sunday.

80 Years Ago, March 25, 1945

It was learned that Lieutenant Woodrow Rider of Kirksville was one of the survivors of the crew of the U.S.S. Bismarck Sea, an escort aircraft carrier, which was sunk by the Japanese on February 21, 1945, with large loss of life. The ship was part of the force attacking Iwo Jima when it was sunk. News of its sinking was not released until March 23. Rider's wife, who lived in Kirksville, knew that her husband was serving aboard the Bismarck Sea, but did not know that it had been sunk until the U.S. Navy released the news. Lieutenant Rider, who served as a communications officer aboard the Bismarck Sea, entered the Navy in June 1943, after more than a year's service in the Red Cross. Before Pearl Harbor, Rider was a member of the faculty and athletic coach at the Kirksville High School. He was a football and athletic star at Kirksville State Teachers College (now Truman State University) while attending college there.

80 Years Ago, March 25, 1945

Kirksville residents were being asked to have tin cans, waste paper, and rags ready for pick up when the volunteer crew of drivers and Boy Scouts canvassed the town. Allen Cain, chairman of the salvage committee, was hoping that a lot of materials called for by the U.S. Government for the war effort could be collected. Several Kirksville firms and owners of trucks were donating their time and expense in the wartime collection effort.

55 Years Ago, March 23, 1970

Norfolk and Western Railroad officials combed the wreckage of the derailed freight train south of Kirksville attempting to find the cause of a mammoth pile up that occurred earlier in the day. Fifteen of the 32 freight cars were either derailed or completely turned over. Five of the fifteen damaged freight cars carried expensive cargo including new automobiles, trucks, and tractors. The scene of the derailment was one of desolation. Some of the cars were mangled so badly that it was difficult to count the number of cars involved. The accident occurred when the third car back from the two engines jumped the tracks just south of the crossing on Highway 11, and the next fourteen cars followed suit. The engines and two cars remained upright on the north side of the crossing and the derailed cars were strewn about the area south of the highway. Beside the cars carrying new vehicles, there were two carloads of steel, one carload of lumber, and another car carrying flour. The freight train was headed for Des Moines, Iowa. The wreck caused the tracks to be torn up and the railroad ties pulled out of the ground. The railroad cleanup crew members were expecting to work long hours to get the wreckage removed and cleaned up.

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EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Running away with the circus - Harry Newcomb - Chapter 2

By Blytha Ellis, President Adair County Historical Society and Museum

Last week, we learned about an Adair County boy who fulfilled his dream of running away with the circus. Harry Newcomb (1880-1969) seemed never to tire of that dream as he spent the rest of his life as a showman.

One of Harry and Nora Newcomb's neighbors on the Sperry farm was the Maurice and Beulah Pickens family about half a mile away. Since Harry was gone from his farm for most of the planting and growing season, Mr. Pickens often rented his land. Mr. Pickens used this land on which to run his cattle and also to put up hay. In addition, there was a water advantage to being friends with Harry Newcomb as his property held the pump which supplied water for the Pickens' cattle. In the

Mrs. Pickens were raising three cute little kids, Lila Faye, born in 1922, Frank, born in 1924, and Maurine born in 1926. When the kids were old enough, it became their job to pump water for the cattle every night. This meant going over to the Newcomb farm and using a hand pump to send water down a long pipe

1920s and 1930s, Mr. and

to a trough on the Pickens' property.

Frank Pickens (1924-2022) was interviewed by the Adair County Historical Society in 2021, and he shared his memories of Harry Newcomb. He told us about those days of pumping water and seeing monkeys on the Newcomb farm. Frank and his sisters would often see Nora Newcomb when they went over to take care of their nightly chore. She carried around a monkey who was missing one hind leg. They were told that this monkey had unfortunately gotten too close to a large animal which the Newcombs kept in a four-wheel circus trailer on the property. That animal had bitten or torn the leg off the small monkey. Frank was not sure what kind of animal was secured in the trailer, but he would often see its large arm reaching out from the cage. He and his sisters knew to never go near that big animal. We suspect this was the ferocious baboon that Harry had earlier described to a newspaper reporter.

Frank said once in a while. he would see other monkeys on the Newcomb property, but it was the little three-legged monkey that his sisters got to hold. However, Frank said the little monkey didn't seem to like him very much. But, his younger sister, Maurine, "went up to the Newcombs quite a lot to visit the monkeys." Frank's older sister was Lila Fave (Pickens) Farmer (1922-2013). Her daughter told us that Lila used to talk about visiting the Newcombs and playing with the monkeys.



The Pickens children, Lila Faye, Maurine and Frank, who were neighbors to Harry Newcomb, the circus man in Adair County.



Frank also told of a big red barn on Harry Newcomb's place. He said he never went in the barn but could see from a distance that there were small cars stored there. He presumed that Harry and the monkeys used these little cars in their performances.

Harry had related in his newspaper interview that when he brought his monkeys to the farm, he would turn them loose to run on the property because they didn't have the chance to feel that kind of freedom while on the road. Harry said because they were domesticated, they would always return to their cage. Harry also reported that the monkeys were good predictors of a storm. "You can tell when a storm is brewing because the monkeys start

hunting shelter." Harry said he had experienced all sorts of circus accidents during his career. One of the most frequent was wind storms blowing over and damaging the canvas circus tents which required a lot of work to repair and reset. Harry had never been harmed nor felt endangered by wild animals in the shows for which he worked. However, he told the story of an elephant which once got loose from a show in Iowa. The elephant was finally caught and kept tied up in the Billy Hall circus winter quarters at Lancaster, Missouri, for several weeks until a man from New York could come and get him.

Harry continued, "In 1927, that same elephant went on a rampage out in California, and they killed him. When his tusks were extracted, it was discovered one of them was cracked up inside his jaw which must have given him a whale of a toothache for years!" This pain is probably the reason he had gone on a rampage.

Sadly, Harry's wife, Nora, died in 1938 while she and Harrv were in Port Arthur, Texas. She was buried in Louisville, Ky., in the family plot of her ancestors. In 1940 when Harry was 60 years old, census records show he was still traveling with road shows. That year, he was enumerated in Houston, Texas, where he defined his occupation as a "concessions salesman for an amusement company."

Harry was in San Francisco when he died on November 5, 1969, at the age of eightynine. He is buried in a mausoleum in Colma, San Mateo County, CA, beside his sister, Maude (Newcomb) Kunz, and her husband, Harry Kunz, and the Kunz's son, Leon. Harry's parents, grandparents and other relatives are buried at Ft. Madison Cemetery near the Sperry community in Adair County, Missouri.

It is interesting to note that Harry Newcomb registered for both the World War I Draft in 1918 and the World War II Draft in 1942. In viewing these documents, we find in 1918 Harry was thirty-eight years old and listed his address on Madison Street in Chicago. His employment was in "concessions" for Cook's Park in Evansville, Indiana. This was a large amusement park, originally created as a health resort and mineral springs spa. In 1918 when Harry worked there, Cook's Park was owned by a brewing company and was much like our modern-day theme parks. It hosted thousands of people annually and included a clubhouse, lake, pavilion, roller coaster, casino, electric fountain, and pool.

In 1942, Harry registered for the draft at age 62 as a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio. At that time, he was employed by the Buff-Hottle Shows out of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This was a carnival company which appeared at many fairs across the country.

So, it seems that Harry truly lived out his fantasy of "running away with the circus." We hope that he had a great time doing so!

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NRMC total community benefit valued at near \$56 million in 2024

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Northeast Regional Medical Center provided care to thousands of area residents in 2024, with more than 91,000 patient encounters across its hospital, physician clinics and other sites of care. In addition to delivering safe, quality, compassionate healthcare, the health system is helping those in need, supporting charitable organizations and contributing to the area economy. In its most recent Community Benefit Report, NRMC's impact totaled an estimated \$56 million in 2024.

NRMC's emergency room provides lifesaving, medically necessary care for more than 13,000 patient encounters each year, treating all patients regardless of their ability to pay. In 2024, NRMC provided more than \$12.7 million in charity and uncompensated care and provided resources to help patients in need secure medications and medical support devices.

The health system and its employees also support local organizations that make a difference, especially those addressing social determinants of health. Through service projects such as the annual Jars of Love Peanut Butter drive for The Pantry for Adair County and contributions to charitable organizations such as United Way of Northeast Missouri and local youth sports programs, NRMC gives back to the community throughout the year.

"Our work to grow and enhance the medical services we provide is ongoing, as we continuously improve our safety and quality and support access to healthcare for our community," said Patrick Avila, chief executive officer of NRMC. "From providing care to our most vulnerable residents to supporting local charitable organizations, we are proud to make an impact on the health, well-being and quality of life in Kirksville and surrounding communities."

To enhance patient care and expand healthcare access, NRMC is investing in medical services, facilities and technologies. Capital projects in 2024 totaled more than \$1.3 million and included an orthopedic surgical robot,

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One of the most significant accomplishments in 2024 was the preparation to restore radiation oncology services to the area. Through the installation of a linear accelerator and upcoming construction, the new outpatient oncology center will include radiation oncology, CT scanning with treatment and site mapping, lab services and access to specialty care physicians.

In 2024, NRMC celebrated the 250th robotic-assisted surgery case. Use of robotic surgical technology has strengthened patient outcomes in both general surgery and orthopedic surgery through increased accuracy, shorter healing times, and less pain. NRMC has invested in an intensivist program, allowing sicker patients to stay close to home and the new geriatrician program provides additional support and resources for geriatric patients. Introduction of the therapy dog program supports the psychological and physical

well-being of patients. "We are strategically applying our resources to help area residents have access to the care they need close to home," said Avila. "These investments, along with our outstanding medical staff and employees, support our delivery of high quality medical care and services for a positive patient experience."

NRMC is one of the community's larger employers with a payroll of more than \$27.9 million. Support for the future healthcare workforce includes training the next generation of medical professionals with local nursing programs and the A.T. Still University graduate medical education program includes internal medicine.

In addition to supporting the local economy through job creation, NRMC paid over \$3.7 million in taxes in 2024, monies that support local infrastructure and civic resources.

NRMC's commitment to helping people get well and live healthier includes a free monthly e-newsletter with health and wellness tips for all ages. Sign up at nermc. com/enewsletter.

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TAKE TIME TO ENJOY IT.

KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Carousel Productions to present 'Smoke on the Mountain'

Carousel Productions announced its upcoming production of "Smoke on the Mountain", a lively and heartwarming musical that brings the spirit of a 1930s Southern gospel revival to the stage. Running from April 25 through May 3, this beloved show will take audiences on a journey of faith, laughter, and foot-stomping bluegrass music. Tickets for Smoke on the Mountain are available now at the Royal Theatre box office in Macon and online at Eventbrite.com. Due to high demand, early reservations are strongly encouraged. For more information, contact Carousel Productions at carouselproductions78@ gmail.com or visit them on Facebook at Carousel Productions-Macon, MO.

Women's History Month quilt exhibit at Sue Ross **Arts Center**

Kirksville Arts Association is celebrating March as Women's History Month with an exhibit of 21 quilts by the late Kay Beach, in the Ellebracht Gallery at the Sue Ross Arts Center located at 215 S. Franklin Street in Kirksville Beach was one of the founders of the Hands of Friendship Quilt Guild and the annual quilt show that displayed quilts for many years in Kirksville. The exhibit includes a Christmas Star quilt that was hung in the Missouri State Capital Rotunda in the first Missouri Statewide Quilt Show in 1995 sponsored by the Missouri State Quilters Guild. Beach often created quilts for special occasions and holidays which are included in the show. She incorporated embroidery in many of her quilts which added interest and often times humor into her work. The exhibit will run through Friday March 28. The Sue Ross Arts Center is open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no cost to visit the exhibit.

Kirksville's Spring **Brush and Limb Pick-Up** week of April 7

Save the date for the city of Kirksville's Spring Brush and Limb Pick-Up next month, scheduled for the week of April 7. This is the perfect time to remove dead branches and smaller dead trees from your yard. City crews will begin picking up tree limbs and large brush on Monday, April 7. Although the work is expected to take the entire week, to guarantee pick up, your brush must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on Monday. This includes limbs that are no longer than 10 feet in length, and/or no wider than 18 inches in diameter. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 660-627-1291.

Final days of Art of John Tinsman exhibit at **Sue Ross Arts Center**

The Art of John Tinsman exhibit will be on display at the Sue Ross Arts Center-Gaber Gallery, through March 28. A reception and presentation will be made by Daryl Schafer on March 27 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The gallery is located at 215 S. Franklin Street in Kirksville and is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

KBSL registration closes later this week, so register soon

Deadline is March 30 to register for the Kirksville Baseball and Softball Leagues. Visit kirksville.gov/p/rec-login for instructions on how to sign up. Scholarships are available and applications can be picked up at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, or found online at kirksville.gov/p/ parks-recreation. Practices will start the week of April 21, for all divisions. Games will begin for all divisions the week of May 19, with opening day ceremonies for the league scheduled for Saturday, May 17. The season will conclude the week of July 14. For more info, contact the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

MOSI (Missouri-Southern lowa) Art Guild invites artists to monthly meeting

The MOSI (Missouri-Southern Iowa) Art Guild encourages any artist, budding artist, and supporter of the arts to join them at their monthly meetings, 5:30 p.m., on the second Thursday of each month, typically at the Adair County Annex Building in Kirksville (March and April meetings will be held at The Crossing). MOSI will also exhibit at the Kirksville Downtown Art Walk on Friday, June 6, 4:30-6:30 p.m. For more information visit facebook. com/mosiartguild, The MOSI Art Guild | An Art Guild for Northeastern Missouri and Southern Iowa or email us at info@mosiartguild.org

Kirksville High School Exhibit at the Sue Ross Arts Center

Kirksville High School Exhibit at the Sue Ross Arts Center will run from March 31-April 10 with a reception on April 10 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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City of Kirksville **Parks and Recreation Department's** 2025 Sponsorship **Opportunities**

Interested in promoting your business/organization and supporting local community events and programs? The city of Kirksville's Parks and Recreation Department has a wide range of sponsorship opportunities for you that include: 6th Annual Kids Mini Mud Mile; Tiny Tykes Soccer; KBSL Team Sponsorship; Little Sluggers Tee Ball; Red White and Blue Community Concert & Fireworks; Kids Touch A Truck and Magic Show. Click here to view the city's 2025 sponsorship opportunities: https://kirksville.gov/p/parks-recreation. For more information or to secure your sponsorship, contact Luke Callaghan at lcallaghan@kirksville.gov or by calling 660-627-1485.

Kirksville Parks and Recreation recreation registration program

Kirksville Parks and Recreation announced the launch of their brand-new recreation registration software. Now, signing up for your favorite programs, events, and activities is easier and more convenient than ever before. Whether you're looking to join a sports league, swimming lessons, or a fun community event, everything you need is right at your fingertips. Create an account now and get a head start on program registration before the busy season kicks in. Easily browse available programs and register online. Stay upto-date on upcoming events and activities. Track your registration and payment history. Visit Kirksville Parks and Recreation's Facebook page for more information.

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**

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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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Anonymous business to match donations for Birthday **Blessings organization**

By Birthday Blessings

Birthday Blessings filled 160 requests from Adair, Knox and Lewis County foster kids in 2024. Focusing on providing needed resources to kids in care, the nonprofit will be holding an annual Birthday Bash Donor Match Event March 28-April 1. An anonymous business will match up to \$5,000 in donations during this event.

"Our Birthday Bash is a huge opportunity for people to double their impact in the lives of at-risk children," said Shannon Von Allmen, executive director of the 501c3 organization. "The cost of operations is increasing, and grant funding opportunities are decreasing. This event will help us continue to meet needs in the foster community."

Last year Birthday Blessings filled more than 2,200 requests from kids in 30 Missouri counties. This included birthday party bags with gifts targeting physical and emotional needs, care packages for struggling teens, bedding sets, household goods, baby care items, graduation celebration bags and Easter baskets.

"Kids in care aren't used to people doing special things for them," VonAllmen said. "Many have never owned new items or received a gift of any kind. When we send new bedding to promote healthy sleep, we are also letting children know we value their existence. When we send a birthday party bag with supplies to bake a cake, we are letting



Volunteers Sharon Ogle and Marsha Crutchfield prepare customized Bunny Blessings Baskets for kids in care. Birthday Blessings filled 115 requests from children in need of some Easter cheer. Emotional support is an important part of their mission.

kids know we celebrate them. Our donors become part of that support team."

To take advantage of this event, online donations can be made at birthday-blessings. org. Checks can be mailed to Birthday Blessings, 429 Aid Ave, West Plains MO 65775. For more information about this campaign or how to support foster children year-round, contact Von Allmen at 417-372-5306.



Birthday Blessings Director Ann Foutch, Whitney Trenkamp, Carol Boman, Kayrl Silvey, Paula Hulse, Pam Block and Terry Barnes are part of a volunteer team in Hannibal. The team meets monthly at the United Way of the Mark Twain Area to prepare resources for delivery to kids in Adair, Knox and Lewis Counties.



Socks for Veterans (L-R): Neta Chandler and Julene Thornhill (George Hull Chapter), State Regent Marie Braton, Chapter Regent Carol Navarro, Sue Ince and McKenzie Rutherford (Mexico Veterans Home), State Parliamentarian Mary Ann Farmer, Conference Hosts Deanna Swan & Gina Dixon.

Daughters of American Colonists, George Hull Chapter attends state assembly

By George Hull Chapter

Daughters of American Colonists, George Hull Chapter members Carol Navarro, Mary Ann Farmer, Neta Chandler and Julene Thornhill attended the 102nd Annual State Assembly of the Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Colonists held Feb. 28-March 1 at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Jefferson City. These ladies also served as the state Registration and Credentials Committee, and Mary Ann Farmer serves as the State Parliamentarian for MSSDAC.

George Hull Chapter received 15 awards for challenges made by Missouri chapters, including a First Place Prize earned by Chapter Regent Carol Navarro for her entry of "Who Am I?" in the poetry challenge.

State Regent Marie Braton of St. Louis asked State Assembly



Chapter Regent Carol Navarro receiving 1st Place Award for Poetry from Honorary State Regent Estella Morrison.

attendees to bring packages of new white tube socks to the conference to be presented to the Mexico Missouri Veterans Home at the Saturday Golden Acorns Luncheon. George Hull Chapter, in cooperation

with Kirksville's VFW Adair Post 2508, which made a generous donation to the chapter for this purpose, presented 29 packages of socks and a \$200 check to representatives of the Mexico Veterans Home.

KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB WELCOMED TOURISM DIRECTOR SHARON SWEHLA



The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Sharon Swehla to speak at their March 6 meeting. Swehla is the director of Tourism for the city of Kirksville. She presented on the many exciting events coming up this year in Kirksville, including the Special Olympics Missouri 2025 State Summer Games, to be held May 30 through June 1 on the campus of Truman State University. Pictured are Swehla (left) and Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Ted Frushour. KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

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Kirksville Arts Association board president speaks to Kiwanis Club

By Kirksville Kiwanis Club

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Linda Treasure to speak at their March 13 meeting. Treasure is the President of the Board of Directors of the Kirksville Arts Association. She presented on the association's upcoming programing at the Sue Ross Arts Center in downtown Kirksville. To learn more, visit kirksvillearts-srac. org. Pictured are Treasure (left) and Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Ted Frushour.



Upcoming Northern Missouri roadwork

By MoDOT

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

Adair County

Missouri Route 11 (Shepard Avenue) - April 1, Closed for culvert replacement operations from Country Club Drive to Jamison Street in Kirksville between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Knox County

Route E - March 24-25, Closed for culvert replacement operations

from CR 150 to CR 159 in Shelby County between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

Route E - March 26-27, Closed for culvert replacement operations from Missouri Route 156 to Route U between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

Route E - March 28 and 31, Closed for culvert replacement operations from Route T to Missouri Route 6 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

Macon County

Route YY - March 24-28, Closed for culvert replacement operations from Marigold Avenue to Mahogany Street near Macon between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.

Putnam County

U.S. Route 136 - Slide repair eastbound from Route 149 south to Route 149 north, March 25-27.

Route UU - Closed for a culvert replacement from Route 5 to County Road 110, March 28, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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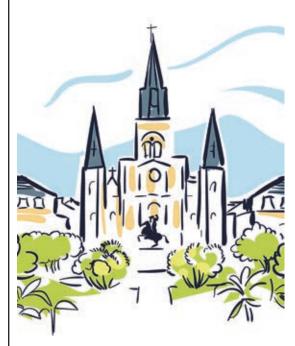
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Faith Lutheran Church

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

Hamilton Street Baptist Church

802 W. Hamilton stor Tim Ingle 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups 10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Rehoboth Baptist Church

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

First Presbyterian Church (USA) 201 S. High at McPherso

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 n.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.kvcoc.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 Rodgerson 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Preaching 6.30 p.m. Evening Service

First Church of God

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

Central Church of Christ

2010 S. Halliburton 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 am. Worship Service **Faith Baptist Church**

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

Grace Community Bible Church 1501 E. Northtown Rd.

Benjamin Jorden, Pastor Affiliated with the Evangelical Free **Church of America** 9:30 a.m. Worship

12 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Small groups KirksvilleGCBC@amail.com

www.KirksvilleGCBC.com • 660.665.1615 **First United Methodist Church** 300 E. Washington

11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

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 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 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

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 Chanel 22963 Potter Trail

Pastors: Andrew Turner, Andy Thompson 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

www.lakeroadchapel.org **Church of God (Holiness)**

1601 N. Elsor

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 Maxev. 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

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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 High & Harrison

Timothy Polley, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Worship Service The Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter Day Saints Kirksville First Ward Bishop John Grider 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday Services

9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunday Services

Kirksville Second Ward Bishop Isaac Ison

Trinity Episcopal Church 124 N. Mulanix

Rev. Amy L. Fallon, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Seventh Day Adventist Churcl

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

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

10:00 a.m. Worship **Greentop Community Church**

Highway K, Greentop, Mo

Pastor: Lynae McFarland 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Trinity United

Fellowship Church Pastor: Josh Botello

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

Lancaster United

Methodist Church Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School **Shekinah Mennonite Church** 15981 Blueberry Way, Kirksville

John Mark Miller, Pastor Roger Berry 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday - hymn sing 6:00 p.m. 4th Sunday of month Topic

Bethel Community Church 12 miles NE of Kirksville on Rt. T

Marvin Cross, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Kid's Klub/Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship.

Lancaster Baptist Church Southeast Side of Square, Lancaster

Lonnie Johnson, Pastor 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Grace Bible Baptist Church

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

Ryan Crist, Pasto 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Fairview Baptist Church 53610 Knob Hill Road, Pollock Sam Burkholder, Pastor

10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening **Bible Missionary Church** 508 S. Main St. Bro. Glenn Kiger, Pastor

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

LaPlata Christian Church Scott McNay, Pastor

9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Queen City Christian Church Queen City, Mo. Justin Briney, Pastor

9:30 a.m. Bible School 10:30 a.m. Communion/worship Hour **United Pentecostal Church** 1502 E. Northtown Road David E. Brown, Pastor

10:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship **Brashear Community Bible Church**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 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 lammatteo-Code 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

and/or Bible Study **Colony Baptist Church** 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday worship **Community Church** Meeting at the Fohn Family Center

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

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

New Harmony Free Will Baptist 3 miles West of Greentop on Rt. K

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 Service

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

Daily Express Winter Awards

By Henry Janssen **Daily Express**

It was a long five months, but winter athletics have finally come to a close, and the Daily Express

has chosen its award winners. Daily Express Male Winter Athlete of the Year: Kirksville wrestler Austyn Hunter

Hunter, a junior, finished a historic season for the Tigers 50-0 capped off with a Class 2 State championship, defeating Mid-Buchanan's Cooper Kirkham by 7-4 decision. He wrestled at 157 pounds in his junior season.

"The offseason is going to be just as important this year as it was the past couple years, the goal is to be back here," Hunter said.

Female Winter Athlete of the Year: Truman basketball's Jordan Cunningham

Cunningham, a graduate transfer who played just one season for the Bulldogs, was the most outstanding athlete in the coverage radius. The Daily Express wanted to give this award to a high school athlete, but Cunningham was the most outstanding choice throughout her season.

"It's an honor," Cunningham said. "We couldn't have gotten where we were if these girls weren't willing to let me in and be a part of their culture and I'll always

be thankful for them and (head coach Theo Dean). It's a season I'll definitely remember, and that's not just because my time here was short, but I felt like we got better every practice, every game."

Cunningham was instrumental in the Bulldogs' late charge to make a push and get the final spot into the conference tournament. The 'Dogs had to finish 9-4 to sneak into the GLVC tournament as the eight seed, and the Missouri Western transfer was named firstteam all-GLVC largely for her performance throughout that stretch.

She averaged 15.7 points, 3.1 assists, and 5.1 rebounds for the season. She was a rock, scoring 10 or more points in 24 of her team's 31 games.

Boys Co-Coaches of the Year: Brashear basketball's Emily Powell & Green City basketball's **Matt Avers**

It's admittedly not conventional to give a Coach of the Year award to a coach whose team was 9-15, but the turnaround Powell led her team to undergo was nothing short of an impressive feat.

The Tigers started the season 1-11. Many teams, coach and players alike, would have packed it in out of dejection. For her to guide her team to win eight of its last 13 games, including ending the regular season 7-1, is some-



A graduate transfer by way of Missouri Western, Truman's Jordan Cunningham is the KDE Female Winter Athlete of the Year.

thing you simply don't expect to see in Class 1 basketball.

Ayers led his team to a 28-1 season and fell just short of remaining perfect onto what would've been a State semifinal appearance. His Gophers played fluid, smart basketball, and multiple of his players became an extension of their coach, so to speak.

Girls Coach of the Year: Kirksville basketball's Nick Totta

From where the Kirksville Tigers were a year ago to winning



Winter Athlete of the Year. DAILY EXPRESS FILE PHOTOS

the NCMC this year, Totta is a very deserving honoree for Coach of the Year. The Tigers were 2-8 last year in the conference, and finished 8-18. This year, his team was .500 at 13-13 and won all but one of its conference games - a three-point loss to Hannibal at home on Jan. 17. The Tigers finished 9-1 in NCMC play.

Boys Game of the Year: Green City basketball, 68-66 loss in Class 1 Quarterfinal to St. Elizabeth

This game has been written about extensively, and the Daily Express doesn't mean to belabor the point, but in terms of being sensationally entertaining, well-played basketball, this game played on Helias' campus was the finest coverage-radius game of the season across all Classes.

Girls Game of the Year: Kirksville basketball, 48-47 win versus Fulton on Dec. 20

Coming into the holiday break, the Tigers had won two straight including just having beaten Mexico on the road. Neither team led by more than three points in the fourth quarter, and Kirksville senior Paishynce Fouts got slapped on a drive to the rim and made what she called "probably the two biggest free throws of her life" to tie and take the lead with less than three seconds left to lift her team to victory.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Coach raring to go as season gets underway

By Anna Grace Kirksville Track & Field Coach

The sun is shining, birds are singing, spring is in the air and then you wake up to snow. It can only mean one thing - it's track season in Missouri! It's an honor to be returning to coach another season of Tiger track and to put together a pre-season preview. With a roster of over 100 athletes at the moment, there's a lot to be excited about as a Kirksville track and field fan. While I could, and would love, to give a rundown of why I'm excited about every kid out on the team this year, I know attention spans are shortening so I'll hit the highlights – but know one of the joys of high school sports are the kids that surprise you during the season.

Returning Athletes to Know

One of those pleasant surprises last year was junior Concillia Kunseviko, who qualified for state in the 800 in her first year running track. After a great cross country season this fall, she has started to see what she's capable of and we're all excited to see what she does this season.

Junior Bennett Fraser had the benefits and challenges of competing with two of the state's best throwers on his own team last year, but returns this season as one of the leaders of the throwers. We're looking forward to seeing how his commitment to time in the rings pays off.

Rounding out leadership on the throws side is senior Aline Guilavogui, who earned the team many points last year in shot put. In a notable performance last year, she PRed by over half a meter. We're excited to see her work towards her goals for throwing - and her dedication to one of my favorite events, the throwers' relay.

Taking it back to the track, junior Ben Muffley also has goals to hit after an impressive sophomore season. An athlete definitely impacted by a high amount of meet cancellations, he just finished fifth in the 400 meters in a brutally competitive district - from a heat where he had to do all the work.

Two sophomore sprinters coming off strong freshmen seasons are La Joie Kahindo and Megan Kinney. Catch them in their stacked grade level 4x100 on Monday, and stay tuned for what they can do now they've got a high school season under their belts.

Pole vaulters really love their craft, and senior Alepio Solmirin and junior Faith Vice exemplify that by both their enthusiasm for heading to the pit and the hesitation they have to be pulled away from it! Both will be building on strong prior seasons and a knock-out showing at summer field events camp.

Unknowns to Be Excited About

As we finalized entries for our first meet - the Snowshoe Classic Monday in Kirksville - the other coaches and I were excited about finally getting to see some times and performance marks. As always, we're excited about the new crop of freshmen, yet untested in the world of high school track and field but coming on strong – as



One of Kirksville's three 4x100 teams wins in Monday's Snowshoe Classic at Spainhower Field. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

evidenced by not one but two girl 4x100 grade-level relay teams. Beckett Lyons is back to track after a few years off and already picking up pole vault and triple jump at a speed that should frighten competitors.

A few more areas of team depth I'm excited to get times and performances for: our underclassmen boys sprinters work hard and love track.

Athletes Dabbling in New Events

We're excited to see how Sullivan and Paislee Clark do as they try out javelin this year. Eva Danielson competing at the high school level and in a new-toher-event, the 300 meter hurdles, will be fun to watch. She'll be joined in those 300 meter hurdles by Mya Harris, who is subbing in some hurdling for at least one 400 meter dash this season. Amber Kottwitz is coming off a strong cross country season and has big distance ambitions.

Coaching Staff

I can't sign off without a shout out to our coaching staff - we wouldn't be the same team without them. We're extremely fortunate to have consistency and expertise in our coaching staff and generosity of time from our volunteer coaches.

Some Final Pre-Season Superlatives

As (or Maybe Even More) Excited for the Season as I Am: Blane Byers

Sophomore Blane Byers loves track and loves to hurdle, has big goals and is dedicated to the work it takes to achieve them. File him under athletes I have to try to get to stop working out and rest.

Top-Tier Teammate: Rosemary Shook

At the end of last season, junior Rosemary stayed on to run the hardest distance workouts with Concillia. Her work ethic sets a great tone.

Putting in the Work: Cole Kramer and Hana Yanagi

These two freshmen have consistently shown up to get better. They have attended a ton of practices and we're excited to see that pay off.

I really cannot say enough ("please, you have!" you're thinking, I know) about the quality of kids that we get the privilege of coaching. Come on out to a meet and see for yourself this season!

Monday, March 24: Snowshoe Classic at Spainhower Field

Tuesday, April 15: Truman Invite at the Truman State track

Thursday, April 17: Geoff Hutton Invitational at Spainhower Field



Freshman Eva Danielson clears the bar on Monday. She finished fourth with a jump of 1.4 meters. PHOTOS BY HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

Spring sports have sprung with Snowshoe

By Henry Janssen

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Spring sports are underway, and the Snowshoe Classic — traditionally the first spring event Kirksville hosts — is an annual reminder that they're finally here. Kirksville hosted 10 schools on Monday at Spainhower Field, and as usual, the schools hosted are from smaller MSHSAA



Beckett Lyons finished second in the pole vault with a 2.87 meter vault.

classifications for an early season tune-up for both athletes and coaches alike.

Full results for Coach Anna Grace's 96-athlete team and its glorified dress rehearsal can be found at mo.milesplit.com and simply entering "Snowshoe" into the search bar.

Bevier, Brashear, Green City, Highland, Milan, Novinger, Paris, Putnam County, Schuyler County, and Trenton were all in attendance.



Kirksville sophomore Skyler Cook posted a 4:57 mile to finish third on Monday.

Carnes recognized for a quarter century of MSHSAA officiating

By Henry Janssen

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Kirksville's Phil Carnes was honored at halftime of the boys' Class 1 State championship game at Mizzou Arena in Columbia on March 16. Carnes has refereed MSHSAA basketball games across the state now for 25 years.

He said that his journey has been quite a ride.

"A friend of mine convinced me to give it a shot, and here we are 25 years later. I absolutely love it — most of the time," Carnes joked. "It's like any job. The good days have far outweighed the bad.

"It's been nothing but a great trip." The same weekend, Carnes officiated the Class 1 girls' semifinal, Class 2 boys' semifinal, and Class 3 girls' championship before his recognition.



Phil Carnes (right) accepts a plaque for 25 years of service as a MSHSAA referee at the Class 1-3 State championships, presented by Coordinator of Basketball Officials Kenny Seifert. He officiated three games earlier in the weekend. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

Sports

Bulldog baseball swept at WIlliam Jewell after 14-7 loss

Courtesy of Truman Athletics

LIBERTY, Mo. - A six-run Bulldog fifth was not enough as Truman State falls at William Jewell (Mo.), 14-7, in Great Lakes Valley Conference baseball action.

The win completed a fourgame Cardinal sweep where Truman State pitching struggled surrendering 12 home runs and 23 walks. Sunday's game saw William Jewell hit three round trippers while being issued ten free passes while scoring double digit runs for the third time in the series. First inning trouble continued for the Bulldogs after three runs scored on a walk and two hit by pitches with the bases loaded for the third of four

games where the Cardinals had a lead after one inning.

Truman State responded in the second with a solo home run by Luke Roussel, his second in as many games, to narrow the gap to 3-1. Down 6-1 in the fifth, Charlie Berry and Rawlins Brant got things going with consecutive singles with both scoring, Brant all the way from first, on a 2-RBI double by Oliver Degenhardt. Dakota Joggerst plated Degenhardt with a single then scored on a double from Tyler Tieman. Roussel kept the rally going with a twoout walk, and Tieman and Roussel closed out scoring for the Bulldogs on a Reed Drabant hit, Bulldogs ahead 7-6.

Noah Frailey pitched a clean

fifth inning, one of two frames where the 'Dogs kept the Cardinals off the board but surrendered a solo shot in the sixth to knot things 7-7. William Jewell scored five runs in the seventh to retake the lead and tacked on two in the eighth to reach the 14-7 final.

Tieman went 3-4 with the double and a walk while Degenhardt went 2-5 and tied Drabant with two RBI. Starter Warner Lenahan went 3.2 innings giving up six runs on five hits.

The Bulldogs finish the weekend 4-19 overall, 1-7 GLVC, while William Jewell goes to 12-12, 5-7 GLVC. Truman State plays host to Southwest Baptist (Mo.) March 28-30 in a fourgame GLVC series.

Outdoor season starts in Rolla for Truman Track & Field

Courtesy of Truman Athletics

ROLLA, Mo. — Moving into the fresh air, the Truman State Track & Field teams began the outdoor portion of their schedule at the Miner Invitational this weekend, hosted by Missouri S&T. Raina Baker, in the 800-meter run, and Sarah Williams, in the 1,500-meter run, won their respective individual

Baker ran 2:19.85 to take top honors in the 800-meter run, with Madeline Sims running a personal best of 2:21.43 to finish in third place.

Williams was the first of 15 Bulldogs to cross the finish line in the women's 1,500-meter run. In fact, four of the top five times in the event were posted by Truman State run-

ners. Williams set a season baseline time of 4:47.82, the fastest of the 45 runners in the event. Lydia Lehmbeck ran a personal record (PR) of 4:48.40 to place second, Clare Stahr ran 4:50.09 for fourth, and Phoebe Canatsey went 4:50.29 for fifth.

Esme Aubuchon also had a top-five finish, placing fourth in the high jump by clearing 1.55 meters.

The women's 4x400-meter relay team of Carmen Gentilia, Canatsey, Sims, and Baker cruised to the win in the event with a time of 4:06.87.

The men also had a large contingent in the 1,500-meter run. Thirteen Bulldog runners took to the line, with Evan Aubuchon earning the silver medal with a personal best time of 3:57.35.

Nolan Meara set a new personal best in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a thirdplace finish of 9:58.27.

Hayden Long placed fifth in the men's javelin throw at 57.71 meters, after he and brother Alex Long both set personal bests in the discus.

The men set seven personal bests in the first outdoor meet, while 13 Bulldogs established initial marks in their first time competing in certain events. On the women's side, six new personal bests were achieved, with 17 baseline times/marks set.

Next on the schedule, the distance runners will head to St. Louis for the Washington **University Distance Carnival** on Friday, while the bulk of the team will compete on Saturday at the Central (Iowa) College Dutch Invite.

EDITORIAL

Everything comes full circle as McCollum takes Iowa job

By Henry Janssen

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We don't often write about or cover national topics around here unless they're quite pertinent. On a personal level, I think this is quite pertinent as maybe the coolest sports thing on a national scale that's ever happened to me and uniquely me, so I felt like I wanted to write about it.

When I got my first "real job" (I strongly dislike that phrase, but by that I mean the first job someone was going to see if the resumé featured a bachelor's or not), I was brought on as a staff writer for the Maryville Daily Forum, fresh out of college in 2016.

The only experience I had communicating with coaches was through Truman athletics at scheduled times and dates every week while working for the Truman Index, pretty simple there. Bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, I was some kid who could write and kinda, sorta take photos, but had no professional experience as to what expectations were as to how to interact with coaches and athletes.

That last part will be important in a minute, trust me.

At the time, Northwest Missouri State University was about to finally get over the hump after having won several MIAA titles in a row but falling short in the national tournament every year. This specific year was the first of Ben McCollum's four national championships.

I by absolutely no means care whether or not Northwest's teams have success. In fact, there have been specific times over the years when I've been ardently rooting against them for one reason or another, even when they're not playing Truman – which is almost never, the two teams haven't shared a conference since the 'Dogs left for the GLVC in 2013.

No matter how dominant they were, though, after I left Maryville the following year, I could never root against McCollum's teams. At

the time, I took for granted exactly how accommodating and outgoing he was to the working media, especially me. He was in his office when he told you he'd be, he would always take time in the hallway after the game to speak to every media outlet that wanted him, and he'd text or call back. Most importantly, if any journalist, me or otherwise, wrote something about his nationally-acclaimed program that he didn't like, he wouldn't hesitate to call it out but he was so very patient in doing.

At the time, I took that for granted, foolishly assuming that's what every coach would be like. When I look back on it, I couldn't be any more appreciative of the time that he gave the media.

Then, he gets a Division I job at Drake. I can confirm that he'd turned down at least two offers from D-I programs on the smaller side over the years, and he's an Iowa kid, so I just thought, "oh, cool, I hope he has success in Des Moines."

I most certainly didn't think we'd be talking about bring four of your Division II transfers, go run through your conference, win the conference tournament, then beat Missouri in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament-level success. I'm not by any means anti-Mizzou, but that's about as cool as it gets.

I texted him when they got the draw as the 11 seed to play Missouri as the 6 seed. I should've been smart enough to realized it was his Northwest-issued number that I've had all these years, but, hey, it was worth a shot.

I'm a lifelong, die-hard Hawkeyes fan. When I got the word on Sunday that the deal was closing for him to be the next head coach at Iowa, you can well image what's going through my head. It all finally came totally full circle unlike anything has in my life of sports fandom.

It hasn't entirely set in yet. This is strictly prognostication but I'd like to think that even if I weren't an Iowa fan, I'd be pulling hard for the new face of the program anyway.

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Green City's Alexa Lee wins Valedictorian Scholarship; earns full tuition for four years

By Central Methodist University

FAYETTE — Alexa Lee, of Green City, was one of four outstanding high school students recently awarded with full tuition scholarships after winning the second annual Central Scholars competition at Central Methodist University. Lee, a senior at Green City High School, was awarded the Valedictorian Scholarship.

"Central Scholars continues its exceptional record of attracting high-achieving academic students to compete for full tuition scholarships," said Dr. Melissa Mace, vice president for enrollment management. "This year's participants have an average GPA of 4.06. "The resumes, essays, and interviews of these participants simply amaze me, and I am so proud they want to make CMU their college home."

To be eligible for the Central Scholars competition, students needed to meet a high school GPA minimum of 3.75 and apply to participate. Each participant submitted an essay and resume and was later interviewed on campus by CMU faculty, staff, and/or alumni.

Following the scholarship competition in February, the winners were surprised at their schools by CMU staff, in front of their classmates and families.

Lee plans to major in communications and participate with the Eagle Envy dance team.

"[Central Scholars] was an amazing experience," Lee said. "It was definitely nerve-wracking, but the staff there is so kind and made me feel so welcome. I'm excited for the new environment that I'll get to experience [at Central], all the new people



Alexa Lee of Green City.

there and the new form of learning that I'll get to experience."

For more on Central Scholars and all the many scholarship opportunities at Central Methodist, visit https://www.centralmethodist.edu/admissions/financial-aid/scholarships.html. Contact the office of admission at 660-248-6251 or admissions@centralmethodist.edu for more on how to apply to Central.

ACHD ADMINISTRATOR LORI GUFFEY SPEAKS TO ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE



The speaker at the March 12 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting was ACHD Administrator Lori Guffey, who provided an update about activities at the Adair County Health Department. She is pictured in the center with Matt Eichor (left) who introduced her and Club President Ruth Bowers. ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE

'Miracle on the Hudson' Captain 'Sully' Sullenberger to Speak at Truman State

By Truman State University

Ambassador "Sully" Sullenberger, captain of US Airways Flight 1549, will be Truman State University's Holman Family Distinguished Speaker, April 11.

Sullenberger became internationally renowned on Jan. 15, 2009, when he and his crew safely guided their disabled jetliner to an emergency water landing in New York City's frigid Hudson River during what has been called the "Miracle on the Hudson." All 155 aboard survived.

Sullenberger and his crew received international acclaim for their actions, including the passage of a Congressional resolution recognizing their bravery. Sullenberger was ranked second in TIME's "Top 100 Most Influences"

and Icons of 2009."

Born in Denison, Texas, Sullenberger pursued his childhood love of aviation, learning to fly at 16. He is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and served as a fighter pilot in the United States Air Force. He went on to be an

airline pilot, instructor and accident investigator. He still flies privately.

Following the "Miracle on the Hudson," Sullenberger became a No. 1 New York Times bestselling author with "Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters." The book was adapted into the major motion picture "Sully," directed by Clint Eastwood and starring Tom Hanks in the lead role. Sullenberger also wrote "Making a Difference: Stories of Vision and Courage from America's Leaders."

Sullenberger served as the U.S. Ambassador and Representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a United Nations Specialized Agency. As a global thought leader, he has now resumed his profession as a sought-after keynote speaker to audiences around the world and continues his advocacy for safety in global air travel and for the cause of democracy.

Sullenberger's presentation will take place at 7 p.m. on April 11 in Baldwin Hall Auditorium. Free

tickets are available now at the Kirksville Arts Association in downtown Kirksville. Tickets can also be picked up on campus at the Ruth W. Towne Museum and Visitors Center, the Advancement Office in McClain Hall 205 and the Union and Involvement Office in the Student Union Building. Any remaining tickets will be available at the Baldwin Auditorium ticket window starting at 6:30 p.m. April 11.

The Holman Family Distinguished Speaker Series is named in honor of Squire



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Paul and Meeda (Daniel) Holman by their children to honor their parents' long association with Truman. It is funded through an endowment with the Truman State University Foundation.



Kirksville Kiwanis Club learns about city ballot measure

By Kirksville Kiwanis Club

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed officials from the city of Kirksville to speak at their March 20 meeting. They spoke about Proposition B: Purpose Built Infrastructure, which will be on the General Municipal Election Ballot, Tuesday, April 8. To learn more, visit kirksville. gov/p/purposebuilt. Pictured, from left, are Kirksville Fire Chief Jon Cook, Kirksville Police Chief Scott Williamson, Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Elect Chris Koch, Kirksville Community & Economic Development Director Ashley Young, Kirksville Finance Director Lacy King, and Mayor Pro Tem Dr. John Gardner.

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Rotary Club of Kirksville learns about city's tax proposal

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the March 19 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, six city representatives spoke about "Prop B Purpose Built" on the April 8 ballot. The 3/8 cent sales tax on goods and services in Kirksville will allow for several improvements at a cost of just 1 cent on a \$3.00 purchase such as a cup of coffee. Pictured from left are Fire Chief Jon Cook, Councilman John Gardner, Finance Director Lacy King, Rotary Club President Ruth Bowers, Mayor Zac Burden, Community and Economic Development Director Ashley Young and Deputy Police Chief Justin Jones.









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day!

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION (Section 473.587 RSMo)

To all persons interested in the ESTATE OF Miran Wayne McAuley; Deceased (ESTATE NO. 17AR-PR00093):

You are hereby notified that on the 25th day of April, 2025, or as may be continued by the court, the undersigned Personal Representative will file in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri, at Kirksville, Missouri, Final Settlement and Petition for Distribution of the estate and for determination of the persons who are the successors in interest to the personal property of the decedent and of the extent and character of their interest therein. Any objections or exceptions to such Final Settlement and Petition for Distribution or any item thereof must be in writing and filed within twenty (20) days after the filing of such settlement.

Matthew McAuley Personal Representative 47619-2201

110 N Deer Lane Lynnville, IN

Tom Hensley Attorney for the estate 63501

101 W. Illinois St Kirksville, MO

tomhensley@sbcglobal.net

Dated Published: March 26, April 2, April 9, and April 16, 2025.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Hunter Joseph Maxymczak, a single person Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Hunter Joseph Maxymczak, a single person dated May 30, 2023 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Adair County, Missouri as Document No. 202300001125 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 3:30 PM), at the South Front Door of the Court House, City of Kirksville, County of Adair, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Adair County, State of Missouri, to wit:

A PART OF THE NORTHEAST FOURTH OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 62, RANGE 15, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT 849 FEET WEST AND 254 FEET 4 1/2 INCHES SOUTH OF THE CENTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 62, RANGE 15, THENCE WEST 108 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 108 FEET, THENCE EAST 108 FEET, THENCE NORTH 108 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING

to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C., Successor Trustee 612 Spirit Drive St. Louis, MO 63005 (636) 537-0110 File No: 226030.041525.453969 FC

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Isaiah D Jackson-Post and Audrey M. Jackson-Post, Husband and Wife Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Isaiah D Jackson-Post and Audrey M. Jackson-Post, Husband and Wife dated March 30, 2023 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Adair County, Missouri in Book 1149, Page 754 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 3:30 PM), at the South Front Door of the Court House, City of Kirksville, County of Adair, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Adair County, State of Missouri, to wit:

A PART OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION9, TOWNSHIP 62, RANGE 15, COMMENCING 20 FEET WEST AND 25 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SW 1/4, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING 244 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 13, BLOCK 4, ARNOLD'S ADDITION THENCE NORTH 108 FEET, THENCE WEST 94 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 10 FEET, THENCE EAST 94 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING

to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C., Successor Trustee 612 Spirit Drive St. Louis, MO 63005 (636) 537-0110 File No: 225767.042225.453469 FC

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PUBLISH ON: March 26, 2025 04/02/2025, 04/09/2025, 04/16/2025

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Supervised Administration - Non-Resident Fiduciary)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of STEPHANIE LYNNE BISSEY, Decedent: On March 14, 2025, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of STEPHANIE LYNNE BISSEY, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County Missouri. The personal representative's name and business address is:

TREVOR E. BISSEY, 107 RUTH ROAD, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701 The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and

phone number is: LESLIE J. SILVERNAIL, 803 SOUTH BALTIMORE, KIRKSVILLE, MO 63501, 660-956-0997

The non-resident personal representative's designated agent's name, business address, and phone number is:

LESLIE J. SILVERNAIL, 801 KINGS ROAD, KIRKSVILLE, MO. 63501. 660-956-0997

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

Date of the decedent's death: January 11, 2025 Date of first publication: March 19, 2025

/S/Martha Cole

Adair County Circuit Clerk

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

PUBLICATION DATES: 3-19-2025, 3-26-2025, 4-2-2025, 4-9-2025

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

On March 13, 2025, the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri, entered Judgment in Cause Number 24AR-CV00702, changing the name of Chloe Ann Collis to Chloe Ann Lewis.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE IN RE: John Rice and Kimberly Rice, husband and wife Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by John Rice and Kimberly Rice, husband and wife dated April 3, 2023 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Adair County, Missouri in Book 1149, Page 833 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 3:30 PM), at the South Front Door of the Court House, City of Kirksville, County of Adair, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Adair County, State of Missouri, to wit:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 3, PATTERSON'S FIRST ADDITION TO KIRKSVILLE MISSOURL THENCE FAST 103 FEFT 8 INCHES THENCE SOUTH 146 FEET 3 INCHES, THENCE WEST 103 FEET 8 INCHES, THENCE NORTH 146 FEET 3 INCHES TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI. to satisfy said debt and cost.

> MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C., Successor Trustee 612 Spirit Drive St. Louis, MO 63005 (636) 537-0110 File No: 225725.040125.453380 FC

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All replies must be returned by: April 16, 2025, by 4:00 pm. These will be opened in the Clerk's office at a date and time to be determined by the Commission.

RETURN TO: Adair County Clerk Sandy Collop 106 West Washington Kirksville, MO 63501 scollop@adaircomo.gov

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NOTICE

Under the provision of Section 115.233 RSMo. Election Laws of the State of Missouri, the ballot counting computer will be tested to ascertain that the equipment is in compliance with the law and that it correctly counts votes cast for all offices and on all questions in the General Municipal Election on

Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

The test for the Optical Scan System will be conducted in the Division II Courtroom on the first floor of the Courthouse on March 28, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

> And April 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

A pre-audited group of ballots will be processed. If an error is detected, the cause shall be determined and corrected and an errorless count shall be made. The test shall be open to the candidates, the news media and the public.

> Sandra Collop **Adair County Clerk** 106 W. Washington St. Kirksville, Missouri 63501

TRUSTEE'S SALE IN RE: Cody Allen Murphy, a single person Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Cody Allen Murphy, a single person dated October 11, 2022 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Adair County, Missouri in Book 1143, Page 163 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 3:30 PM), at the South Front Door of the Court House, City of Kirksville, County of Adair, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Adair County, State of Missouri, to wit:

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 62, RANGE 15, COMMENCING AT A POINT 20 FEET WEST AND 30 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST FOURTH OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, THENCE WEST 310 FEET, THENCE NORTH 158 FEET, THENCE EAST 308.76 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 158 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, KIRKSVILLE, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI. EXCEPT THAT PORTION DEEDED TO THE STATE OF MISSOURI, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF RECORDED [RECORD] IN BOOK 1104 PAGE 677. [THE INFORMATION CONTAINED WITHIN THE BRACKETS WAS ADDED TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION]

to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C., Successor Trustee 612 Spirit Drive St. Louis, MO 63005 (636) 537-0110 File No: 223917.042225.449732 FC

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PUBLISH ON: March 26, 2025 04/02/2025, 04/09/2025, 04/16/2025

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (SMALL ESTATE)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MARY M. HARGIS, Decedent. On March 12, 2025 a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMo, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

All creditors of Decedent, who died on June 6, 2024, are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo, sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of Decedent. A creditor may request that this estate be opened for administration.

Receipt of this notice should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient may possibly have a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, may possibly be determined from the affidavit on this estate filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

Date of first publication is March 26, 2025.

/S/Martha Cole **Adair County Circuit Clerk**

PUBLICATION DATES: 3-26-2025, 4-2-2025

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COUNTY CLERK'S NOTICE OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION APRIL 8, 2025 ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Municipal Election will be held on April 8, 2025 for the following districts. The ballots for said election will be in the following forms according to the districts:

OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI **APRIL 8, 2025**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice, like this

CANDIDATES: Complete the oval next to the name of the Candidate for whom you wish to vote. PROPOSITIONS: If you are in FAVOR of the proposition or question, complete the oval next to the word YES.

If you are OPPOSED to the proposition or question, complete the oval next to the word NO. WRITE-IN: To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write his or her name in the blank space provided for such purposes and complete the oval next to the space provided.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION **R-1 NOVINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the R-1 Novinger School District, that an Annual Municipal Election will be held at the following places:

NOVINGER

Novinger Community Center, 101 Snyder Ave, Novinger RURAL BENTON Missouri Department of Conservation, 3500 S. Baltimore, Kirksville

On Tuesday, April 8 ,2025 beginning at (6) six o'clock a.m. and closing at (7) seven o'clock p.m. of said day. The ballot for said election will be in the following form:

R-1 Novinger School District Board of Education Proposition 1. To choose by ballot two (2)

oard members who shall serve as members of the Board of Education of said school district for a term of three (3) years each. (Vote for 2)

Brek Snyder

Sheila R. Swafford

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R-1 Novinger School District Proposition Wildcats Care

Shall the Board of Education of the Adair County R-I School District, Missouri, without an estimated increase in the current debt service property tax levy, borrow money in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000) for the purpose of providing funds to renovate restrooms at the elementary school; to complete gymnasium improvements: to upgrade the District's building automation system; to install a new handicap accessible lift, to make improvements to the baseball and softball fields including new lighting and fencing; and to the extent funds are available, complete other repairs and improvements to the existing facilities of the District; and issue general obligation bonds for the payment thereof? If this proposition is approved, the adjusted debt service levy of the School District is estimated to remain unchanged at \$0.5756 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.

O YES

O NO

I, Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk within and for the County of Adair, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is in accordance with Section 115.125 RSMo, and is a true and correct copy of the ballot as certified by me. Election to be Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. Done in my office this 28th day of January, 2025. Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION LA PLATA R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT **TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the La Plata R-II School District, that an Annual Municipal Election will be held at the following

RURAL BENTON

BRASHEAR

Missouri Department of Conservation, 3500 S. Baltimore, Kirksville NEMO Fairgrounds, 2700 E. Illinois St., Kirksville

On Tuesday, April 8 ,2025 beginning at (6) six o'clock a.m. and closing at (7) seven o'clock p.m. of said day. The ballot for said election will be in the following form:

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La Plata R-II School District Board of Education

Proposition 1. To choose by ballot two (2) loard members who shall serve as members of the Board of Education of said school district for a term of three (3) years each.

(Vote for 2) Zach Robinsor

○ Karla Jackson Jennifer Blacksmith

(write-in)

La Plata R-II School District

Proposition C.A.R.E. (Community Action Reinvesting in Education)

Shall the Board of Education of the La Plata R-II School District, Missouri, be authorized o increase the operating tax levy by \$0.2500 to \$3,4190 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the purposes of attracting and retaining quality certified and support staff and meeting additional operating expenses?

If this proposition is approved, the adjusted operating levy of the District is estimated to increase by \$0.2500 from \$3.1690, currently, o \$3.4190 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the 2025 Tax Year and can be applied to the assessed valuation for each year thereafter.

O YES O NO

La Plata R-II School District Proposition Bulldogs

Shall the Board of Education of the La Plata R-II School District, Missouri, borrow money in the amount of Two Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,600,000) for the purpose of providing funds to repair plumbing ssues, renovate existing areas for additional storage, and make exterior building improvements at the Elementary School; to enhance security at entrances, complete updates in the commons area, and make exterior building improvements at the High School, to resurface the track at the sports complex; to the extent funds are available, complete other repairs and improvements to the existing facilities of the District; and issue general obligation bonds for the payment hereof resulting in an estimated increase to the debt service property tax levy of \$0.5000 per one hundred dollars of assessed

If this proposition is approved, the adjusted debt service levy of the School District is estimated to increase from \$0.0000 to \$0.5000 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.

O NO

I, Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk within and for the County of Adair, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is in accordance with Section 115.125 RSMo, and is a true and correct copy of the ballot as certified by me. Election to

be Tuesday, April 8, 2025. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. Done in my office this 28th day of January, 2025. Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ADAIR COUNTY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT #1 TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the Adair County Public Water Supply Dstrict #1, that an Annual Municipal Election will be held at the following places:

BRASHEAR NOVINGER

NEMO Fairgrounds, 2700 E. Illinois St., Kirksville **Novinger Community**

RURAL BENTON

Center, 101 Snyder Ave, Novinger Missouri Department of

Conservation, 3500 S. Baltimore, Kirksville On Tuesday, April 8 ,2025 beginning at (6) six o'clock a.m. and closing at (7) seven o'clock p.m.

of said day. The ballot for said election will be in the

following form: Adair County Public Water Supply District For Board of Directors - Sub District #5 3 Year Term (Vote for 1) ○ W. George Peters O David Hill (write-in) Adair County Public Water Supply District For Board of Directors - Sub District #4 3 Year Term (Vote for 1) Gregg C. Fast

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O (write-in)

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION **CITY OF BRASHEAR TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Brashear, that an Annual Municipal Election will be held at the following places:

BRASHEAR NEMO Fairgrounds, 2700 E. Illinois St., Kirksville

On Tuesday, April 8 ,2025 beginning at (6) six o'clock a.m. and closing at (7) seven o'clock p.m. of said day. The ballot for said election will be in the following form:

City of Brashear For Mayor 2 Year Term (Vote for 1) Rhonda Branson Josh Goodwin (write-in) City of Brashear For Alderman At-Large 2 Year Term (Vote for 2) Scott Niver Michael Stutsman O Lonnie L Salter Joanne "Jo" Kincaid O(write-in) (write-in) City of Brashear Proposition A Shall the fire protection levy remain at \$0.30 the next (4) four years, which is a continuation of an existing tax? O YES O NO City of Brashear Proposition B

O YES O NO I, Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk within and for the County of Adair, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is in accordance with Section 115.125 RSMo, and is a true and correct copy of the ballot as certified by me. Election to

Shall the general tax rate for the City of

Brashear, Missouri remain at \$1.38 for a

period of (4) four years?

be Tuesday, April 8, 2025. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. Done in my office this 28th day of January, 2025. Sandra Collop, Adair County Clerk

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION **VILLAGE OF GIBBS** TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the Village of Gibbs, that an Annual Municipal Election will be held at the following places:

BRASHEAR

NEMO Fairgrounds, 2700 E. Illinois St., Kirksville

On Tuesday, April 8 ,2025 beginning at (6) six o'clock a.m. and closing at (7) seven o'clock p.m. of said day. The ballot for said election will be in the following form:

> Village of Gibbs For Board of Trustees 2 Year Term (Vote for 2) (write-in) (write-in)

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CITY OF KIRKSVILLE **TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Kirksville, that an Annual Municipal Election will be held at the following places:

Cornerstone Church, 1702 N Elson KV1 St., Kirksville KV2 Rehoboth Baptist Church, 100 Pfeiffer Ave., Kirksville Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge, KV3 2405 E Illinois St., Kirksville KV4 Adair County Annex, 300 N. Franklin St., Kirksville 1st floor Student Union (east end), TSU 901 S. Franklin St., Kirksville

On Tuesday, April 8, 2025 beginning at (6) six o'clock a.m. and closing at (7) seven o'clock p.m. of said day. The ballot for said election will be in the following form:

City of Kirksville For City Council Member 3 Year Term (Vote for 2) Zac Burden ○ Kevin A. Alm ○ Kabir Bansal O Danny McDowell (write-in) (write-in) City of Kirksville Proposition B. Purpose-Built Shall the City of Kirksville, Missouri, impose an additional sales tax of three-eighths of one percent to complete its Proposition B. purpose-built infrastructure plan for the purpose of financing the construction of a police station, north fire station, emergency ervices equipment storage building, emergency services training site, a community center, an expansion to City Hall, and renovation to the existing City Hall which will include the retirement of obligations until the earlier of September 30, 2045, or when the financing of such improvements has been paid in full? O YES O NO

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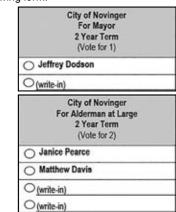
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CITY OF NOVINGER TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Novinger, that an Annual Municipal Election will be held at the following places:

Novinger Community Center, 101 Snyder Ave, Novinger

NOVINGER

On Tuesday, April 8, 2025 beginning at (6) six o'clock a.m. and closing at (7) seven o'clock p.m. of said day. The ballot for said election will be in the following form: City of Novinger



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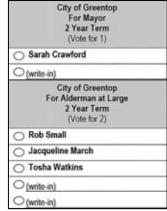
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION **CITY OF GREENTOP TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Greentop, that an Annual Municipal Election will be held at the following places:

RURAL BENTON Missouri Department of Conservation, 3500 S. Baltimore, Kirksville

On Tuesday, April 8, 2025 beginning at (6) six o'clock a.m. and closing at (7) seven o'clock p.m. of said day. The ballot for said election will be in the following form: City of Greentop



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Local individuals recognized for contributions to 4-H

By University of Missouri Extension

Adair County Recognition Night was held on Jan. 22, to recognize accomplishments from the previous year and award scholarships for the current year. The evening involved a meal and individual and club recognition for contests, local, regional and state awards.

Two Adair County individuals were honored with the Friend of 4-H Award for their service, time and support for the youth involved in the local community.

Don Reynolds was honored for his service in working with local 4-H clubs as part of their grant process to replace dead ash

trees with native trees at the NEMO fairgrounds. According to 4-H officials, Reynolds donates time and effort to ensure that the fairgrounds are prepared and ready for youth at fair time. He spends many hours behind the scenes, working months leading up to fair time to ensure the youth have a positive experience.

Chuck Ambrosia of the Kirksville Livestock Auction, was honored for his service with Adair County 4-H. According to 4-H officials, Ambrosia works hard for the youth helping them obtain the best price for their animals during the NEMO Fair Livestock Sale and 4-H building exhibit sale in the fall.

"He is encouraging and helps the youth learn as they present and sell. The sale is a very positive experience for 4-H youth," 4-H officials said in a press release. "We greatly appreciate the support that Chuck provides for all of the local vouth in the 4-H program."

4-H is a program to help youth learn through hands on programming, giving youth a voice to express who they are and learn how to make their lives and communities better. For more information about Adair County 4-H programs and opportunities, visit https://extension. missouri.edu/counties/ adair/4-h or contact the Adair County MU Extension office 660-665-9866.





sia, nominated by Clover Classics 4-H Club members, left to right: Jaxson Love, Meredith Heimer, Kale Heimer, Emma Heimer, Friend of 4-H winner, **Chuck Ambro**sia and Asa Frady.

Chuck Ambro-

Don Reynolds, nominated by Show-Me 4-H Club, left to right, back row: Addisyn Bleything, Jason Schutter, Jennifer Schutter, Gabriel Hoppe, Don Reynolds, Justin Schutter, Rylee Bleything, Juliett Prainito. Front row: **Ayden Brinkley** and Sarah Leavitt.



Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce February 2025 Executive Director: Marie Murphree

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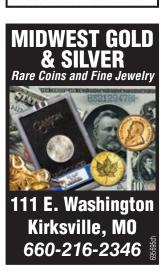
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State of the City Address

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The Governmental Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce hosted the State of the City Address on February 26th at the EDA Building. Mayor Zac Burden gave an update on the city and various projects. To see the full address visit Kirksvillecity.com



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