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Sullivan County economist hopes to replace 4,700 state taxes with one gross receipts tax

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

Colin Sorhus of Sullivan County has a plan to reduce the state of Missouri's 4,700 taxes to just a single 5% tax on purchases that begin, for example, when a manufacturer sells to a wholesaler, when the wholesaler sells to the retailer, and when the retailer sells to the consumer. The tax would also apply to services sold in the state of Missouri and would replace all other state, county, city and school taxes as well as eliminate license and permit fees and assessments. Folks that purchase a new car will only pay the sticker price while the dealer pays the 5%

tax and all future taxes and registration fees would be eliminated.

Sorhus has launched a website (taxliberty.org) detailing his plans and has proposed a constitutional amendment to be approved through the state's initiative process.

"We have basically a tax system that is broken," Sorhus said about the state's current taxing authority that levies a duty on income, property and purchases among the thousands of other taxes burdening Missouri residents. "It has been for centuries, a couple centuries anyway, and it's all over the place."

Sorhus said that it's like a patient with 4,700 band aids on them

when they need heart surgery.

Sorhus received a Ph.D in economics and retired from Oregon State University in 2000 after a career in international development, which found him working in far-off places such as Yemen, Sudan, Sri Lanka, and other under-developed countries.

"In my public service, I worked with a couple colleagues on this revolutionary tax program in Oregon some 30 years earlier," he said, calling it the 'Gross Receipts Tax' (GRT). 'It was not initially implemented in Oregon due to a suit filed against putting the measure on the ballot. We prevailed in the first case and the appeals court.'

Sorhus said that it was sent to the Oregon Supreme Court where they would have prevailed again, but the docket expired, he said, noting that Oregon eventually adopted part of GRT.

Sorhus said that he has recently teamed with Paul Venable, a retired information technology consultant and a student of the U.S. Constitution, and together they launched a website destined to have the tax program put on the Missouri 2026 ballot.

"The essence of the GRT is a revolutionary tax system which can be summarized in one sentence," Sorhus said. "It is a 5% tax on all goods and services sold in the state, included in the



Colin Sorhus

price of whatever is sold, sent in by sellers only and replaces all other taxes, assessments, and permit and license fees."

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Kirksville Scout benefits Pantry for Adair County with Eagle Scout Project

By Troop 404
Communications

A garden expansion project for the Pantry for Adair County was recently completed as part of Nolan Teten's Eagle Scout Project. Teten is a Life Scout in Kirksville's Troop 404, and a seventh grade student at Mary Immaculate Parish School.

The Pantry for Adair County asked for an additional 10 raised planting beds for their garden. They also requested that the 10 existing planting beds have two tiers of landscaping timbers added to them. The beds were constructed by Teten in his garage and transported to the site.

Before the planting beds were placed in position, landscaping fabric was used to cover the entire garden area. The beds were then filled with potting mix and topsoil. After positioning and filling the beds, the entire area was fenced with wire mesh, and two gates were installed. Teten's project was part of a larger grant funded project for the pantry, which involved installing a water line, shed, compost and sink.

An Eagle Scout project is a significant community service project that a Scouts BSA member must plan, organize, and lead to earn the rank of Eagle

Scout, the highest rank in Scouting. It demonstrates leadership, planning and problem-solving skills while benefiting a school, religious institution or community organization.

Teten planned out the project and marshaled help from Scouts of Kirksville Troops 404 and 660, adult volunteers and parents. Volunteers also came from Truman State University, ATSU, and the Food Pantry. More than a dozen volunteers helped on both workdays. Volunteers donated more than 130 hours of labor to assist the food insecure in Adair County.

The existing beds have been "raised" and 10 new beds added. Thanks to a grant from the Missouri Department of Agriculture and additional funding from Thousand Hill's Rotary Club, a fence,



garden sink, compost tumbler, rain barrel, and a standpipe water source have also been added.

The Pantry for Adair County served more than

575 households in 2024 and distributed more than 471,000 pounds of food. This project will assist in making more fresh, locally grown foods available.



Mayor Zac Burden



Councilmember Kabir Bansal

Kirksville Council members Burden and Bansal sworn in following election

By City of Kirksville

As part of Monday's special city council meeting, the Kirksville City Council certified results from the 2025 Municipal Election. Zac Burden and Kabir Bansal were sworn in to serve three-year terms following their re-election.

Additionally, the council voted unanimously for Burden to serve as mayor and John Gardner to serve as mayor pro-tem.

To watch the swearing-in ceremony, visit the city's YouTube channel at [YouTube.com/KirksvilleCity](https://www.youtube.com/KirksvilleCity).

The following council members were appointed to the following boards and commissions:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD – Jennifer Walston

AIRPORT & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION – Rick Steele Meets:

KIRKSVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION – Jennifer Walston

LAKES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION – John Gardner

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION – Kabir Bansal

TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD – Zac Burden

ALTERNATE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION – John Gardner

ALTERNATE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT – Zac Burden



Thousand Hills State Park public swim beach to close as renovation begins

By Thousand Hills State Park

Thousand Hills State Park will completely transform its popular public swim beach with improvements, a process that will continue through the 2025 season

and requires closing the beach. The extensive renovation project will include full ADA accessibility, new restroom facilities, walkways and upgraded amenities.

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KIRKSVILLE AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Bring your lunch to the Community Learning Center for National Picnic Day

Bring your lunch to the Adair County SB40 Community Learning Center, 1107 Country Club Drive, for National Picnic Day, Wednesday, April 23, from 11:30-12:30 a.m. Eat with them in celebration of National Picnic Day. They will eat outside if there is appropriate weather.

Regional High School Showcase at the Sue Ross Arts Center

Regional High School Showcase at the Sue Ross Arts Center will run through April 24 with a reception held on April 24 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Saxophone Studio Recital

Truman's Saxophone Studio performs a recital under the direction of Dr. Xin Gao, Associate Professor of Music, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

Touch a Truck and Magic Show

Mark your calendars and come kick off the annual Week of the Young Child with Kirksville Parks and Recreation's free "Touch A Truck" event on Friday, April 25 at Rotary Park, in the parking lot behind the Ray Klinginsmith Amphitheatre, from 5-7 p.m. Parking will be available at the Kirksville Aquatic Center. They will also have a free Children's Magic Show in the Ray Klinginsmith Amphitheatre from 6-7 p.m. For more information, contact Kirksville Parks and Recreation at 660-627-1485.

Chamber ribbon-cutting at Pantry of Adair County

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Pantry of Adair County, 2012 S. Halliburton Street, Kirksville, at 3:15 p.m. on April 25.

Thousand Hills State Park Stars Up, Lights Down

Thousand Hills State Park Stars Up, Lights Down will be held on Friday, April 25 from 8:30-10:30 p.m. Come out for a celebration of International Dark Sky week! Join others in learning about light pollution and exploring the sky above. There will be telescopes but everybody is welcome to bring their own telescopes, chairs, and binoculars. Meet at the Point Shelter

25th Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance

The 25th Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance will be held don Friday, April 25 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the NEMO Fair building. \$8 per couple, \$2 for each additional child with family cap of \$10. Free concessions, photo booth, crafts and Heartland Task Force giveaways. Open to all girls pre-school through sixth grade along with dad or significant adult male role model. No RSVP needed. The picture booth will be open from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Any questions, call 660-785-7256.

Curtain Call Theatre invites public to annual meeting and film screening

Curtain Call Theatre invites you to attend the annual meeting, election of the 2025 board of directors, and a viewing of the classic 1952 film "Singin' In the Rain", starring Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds on Friday, April 25 at the theater, 512 W. Elizabeth Street. Annual meeting is at 6 p.m., movie at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are always greatly appreciated.

5K Run supports Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Delta Sigma Pi is collaborating with Delta Phi Epsilon and Community of College Entrepreneurs to host a 5K run for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The event will take place at 9 a.m. April 26 on the corner of Patterson and Franklin Streets. The cost is \$20 per runner.

Adair County 4-H Cat Project Open Household Pet Cat Show

Adair County 4-H Cat Project's Open Household Pet Cat Show will. Be held on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the NEMO Fairgrounds 4-H building. This is a fundraiser to benefit the Adair County 4-H Cat Project and Adair County Humane Society. The event will feature vendors and cat adoptions. Spectators welcome. Admission is \$10 at the door, \$5 and at least two items from the shelter "needs list". Children under 12, free. Group discount upon request by treating 660-342-8086. Vendors, raffle, decorated cage contest, food, door prizes, cat costume contest, people's choice award, best cat dad 2024 Gabe Bedford. Adults and children 8 and older are welcome to enter. Exhibitors do not have to be a 4-H member. Entry closing date is April 16 or when cage space has been met.

Special Olympics North Area Spring Games

The Special Olympics North Area Spring Games will be held on April 26 from 1-5 p.m at Kirksville High School.

Earth Day at Thousand Hills State Park

Earth Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Thousand Hills State Park in Kirksville. Come connect with the earth and nature through unique opportunities facilitated by community members. There will be activities and educational booths for all ages at this free event. Stations will be set up around the beach parking lot and paved trail. The event is weather permitting. Contact Thousand Hills State Park for more details.

Kirksville Diversity Festival

The Kirksville Diversity Festival will be held Saturday, April 26, from 1-4 p.m. at Ray Miler Elementary School. This unique and free event celebrates the community's diversity through food, performances and activities for all ages.

Novinger Area Yard Sales & Flea Market

The annual Novinger Area Yard Sales & Flea Market event will be held on Saturday, April 26, beginning at 8 a.m. Residents of Novinger and surrounding area (west of Kirksville, east of Green Castle, and along Highway 157) are encouraged to participate in selling yard sale items, funky junk, 2nd chance goods, antiques and collectibles, flea market items, crafts and commercial products. Booth spaces can be rented inside the Community Center and free spaces can be reserved on the fairgrounds. Maps featuring the reported locations of sales will be available on Renewal's Facebook page as well as in the Community Center, along with food sales. Donations of items are sought to allow proceeds to benefit Novinger Renewal. Items can be dropped off at the Community Center after 2 p.m. on Friday, April 25. Those interested in reserving an indoor or outdoor space or wanting their sale listed on the map should contact Glenna Young at 660-342-6455.

Truman students to host science events for children

Truman students will host a day of science-related activities for children in first through fifth grade, April 26, from 9-11 a.m. in Magruder Hall. Science on Saturday is

a fun day of activities to get kids excited about science. Every semester, children from Kirksville and the surrounding area are welcomed to campus to attend 20-minute, science-related classes taught by Truman students. Activities include making oobleck, meeting reptiles from the herpetarium, mixing acids and bases, and more. Students can choose up to four classes to attend. There is no cost for students to attend. Registration can be done online at sos.truman.edu. For more information, email sostrumanbbb@gmail.com.

Truman State Orchestra and Choir Concert

Orchestra and Choir Concert, "Poulenc's Gloria": April 26, 7:30 p.m., Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

Rotary Club Reverse Raffle

The Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club will hold its 11th annual Reverse Raffle on Saturday evening, April 26, at the Moose Lodge in Kirksville. The Reverse Raffle is a fun evening of raffle drawings, live and silent auctions, a dinner catered by Colton's, and more. Thousands of dollars in prize money is given away throughout the evening, culminating with the \$3,500 grand prize. Sales will be limited to 140 tickets. Each ticket costs \$125 and entitles the holder to one chance in the raffle and two dinners. Tickets are available from Kirksville-Thousand Hills Club members. To learn more about the Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club Reverse Raffle, visit thousandhill Rotary.com.

Sue Ross Arts Center 'A Tea to Remember' fundraiser

One of Kirksville's finest traditions returns to the Sue Ross Arts Center on Sunday, April 27 from 2-4 p.m. A Tea to Remember is a fundraiser for the arts association and over the past 19 years has become an event people enjoy and look forward to attending. Delicious sweets and savories will again be served by members of the Truman Football Team. Beautifully styled tables will be hosted by: Joanne Jackson, Dwight Buckingham, Janie Theobald, Linda Eichor, Amber Ratcliff, Allie Fast, Julia Edgar, Rebecca Kondi, and Linda Treasure. Additional hosts may be added later. If interested in hosting a table contact Ashton at the arts center. Tickets are available at the Sue Ross Arts Center, \$25 for KAA members and \$30 for non-members attending. All proceeds benefit the Kirksville Arts Association.

Truman State Clarinet Choir Spring Concert

Come hear 30 clarinetists perform a fun program of originals and arrangements for clarinet choir, April 27 at 2 p.m at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

Truman State President's String Quartet Recital

The President's String Quartet will perform in recital on April 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

Truman State Wind Symphony I

Wind Symphony I, April 28, 7:30 p.m., Baldwin Auditorium on the Truman State University campus.

Community Learning Center Movie Party

The Adair County SB40 Community Learning Center, 1107 Country Club Drive, will host a Movie Party on April 29, from 3-5 p.m. Enjoy a fun movie with your friends. They will have popcorn and drinks. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

Truman State Wind Symphony II Concert

Wind Symphony II will perform on April 29 at 7:30 p.m., at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

Truman State Concert Band Performance

Truman's Concert Band performs on April 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

Truman State Brass Studio Recital

Truman's Brass Studio students will perform on May 1 at 6 p.m. at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

Truman State String Studio Recital

A performance featuring the students of Truman's string studios. May 1 at 8 p.m. at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

Truman Steel Spring Concert

Truman's Steel Band in concert, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Baldwin Auditorium on the Truman State University campus.





Truman State University Theatre to perform 'Schoolhouse Rock Live!'

By Truman State University

The Theatre Department at Truman State University will perform "Schoolhouse Rock Live!" at 7:30 p.m. April

25-26 with a matinee performance at 2 p.m. April 27 in Baldwin Hall Auditorium.

This energetic, retro revue makes learning fun and unforgettable

and brings the Emmy-winning 1970s cartoon series to the stage. "Schoolhouse Rock Live!" follows Tom, a very excited, but also nervous, third grade teacher as he discovers his favorite TV show comes to life teaching him how to win over his students with catchy tunes like "Just a Bill" and "Conjunction

Junction." Perfect for all ages, this fun-filled show updates the cherished series for a new generation.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at boxoffice.truman.edu. For more information, contact the Truman Theatre Box Office at (660) 785-4515 between 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Mayor Zac Burden shares a proclamation with Adair County Health Department Administrator Lori Guffey.

Kirksville city officials recognize National Public Health Week

Staff Reports

Kirksville city officials recognized National Public Health Week, April 7-13, with a proclamation signed by Mayor Zac Burden. “Public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand, and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, including disease outbreaks such as the Covid-19 pandemic, measles, natural disasters and disasters caused by human activity,” city officials wrote in a press release. “It Starts Here” is the theme for National Public Health Week this year, emphasizing the importance of making a difference in your own home and community. Locally, the Adair County Health Department has several events and activities going on to celebrate public health. Some of those include low-cost lab work, skin cancer and AIC screenings, vision screenings and suicide prevention training. Visit the Adair County Health Department’s Facebook page at facebook.com/adaircohealthdept to learn more about those events.

KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Nolan Law Firm to provide free Noxalone
The Nolan Law Firm at 210 N. Elson Street in Kirksville, will serve as a distribution point for Noxalone, a nasal spray form of Narcan, no questions, no charge. They also have fentanyl test kits available.

Truman State University BA and BFA Capstone Exhibition
Truman State University BA and BFA Capstone Exhibition will be held April 28 – May 2 with a closing reception, held Friday, May 2 from 6-7:30 p.m. A week is set aside at the end of each semester to show the capstone projects of studio art seniors completing their BA or BFA in ceramics, fibers, painting, photography, printmaking, or sculpture.

Kirksville Kiwanis Farmers’ Market
Beginning May 3, the Kirksville Kiwanis Farmers’ Market is open every Saturday morning from 7 a.m. until noon on the Elson Street side of the Kirksville Downtown Square, through October. The market is open to the public and the items available include fruits, vegetables, plants, baked products, eggs, meats, crafts, and much more.

MOSI (Missouri-Southern Iowa) Art Guild invites artists to monthly meeting
MOSI Art Guild encourages any artist, budding artist, and supporter of the arts to join them at their monthly meetings. The MOSI (Missouri–Southern Iowa) Art Guild meets at 5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, (May meeting is May 8) at the Adair County Annex Building in Kirksville. MOSI provides support, networking, exhibit opportunities, workshops and more. Members are encouraged to bring in their artwork. Also come see them at the Kirksville Downtown Art Walk on June 6, in front of Hidden Treasures. For more information visit facebook.com/mosiartguild, www.mosiartguild.org or email us at info@mosiartguild.org.

Truman State University Art Gallery Exhibit
Truman State University Art Gallery Exhibit will be held through April 25, with Kevin Snipes exhibiting new works in the Charlyn Gallery at Truman State University. The Annual Juried Student Exhibition is always one of the highlights of the University Art Gallery schedule. Some of the best recent Truman student artwork is on display.

Kirksville Community Theatre seeks actors 13 and up
Coming to Kirksville Parks and Recreations’s Community Theatre this summer — Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical! Mark your calendars now for July 11-13 to make sure you don’t miss this heartfelt and humorous adaptation of the popular middle grade novels. Roles are available for community member adults and teens ages 13-plus. More audition information will be coming soon

for auditions in late May. Kids 8-12 should plan to attend kids theatre camp June 30-July 10 where they will learn production numbers to perform in the show with the teen and adult cast.

Paint The Ville registration now open
The popular Paint The Ville painting class series is back. Join painter and instructor Rachel Messer as she leads the day’s painting. Classes are held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Kirksville Aquatic Center at 801 E. Mill Street. Painting schedule: May 8: Stitch; June 17: Friendly Potted Cacti; July 23: Jolly Jellyfish. To register, visit the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Office at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, or online at Kirksville.gov/p/rec-login. All participants must pre-register, and class size is limited. Each class is \$20 and all paint supplies will be provided.

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

City semi-truck and trailer parking lot closed
Kirksville city officials want to inform residents that the city-owned semi-truck and trailer parking lot on Charles Street will be closed through May 2 for scheduled maintenance. Signage regarding the closure has been posted at the location. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 660-627-1291.

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.

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 kirksvillemo.gov/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.

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

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

POETRY CORNER

Teachers We Need to Hold Dear

When I was young... I often wondered... when I grow up, what should I be?	where you retire, But you will be doing a lot more... more than you dreamed... your contribution will be so much higher.	edge... you helped others make their life whole.
That’s as far as I got... I didn’t think further... I didn’t realize what was ahead for me.	Without a thought... some years ago... you took on another role, You helped those that followed... you shared your knowl-	So if you think of yourself... as a mechanic or a nurse... or even an engineer, In reality... you’re a teacher... and teachers we need to hold dear.
The career you choose... may be where you stay... and it may be		— Daniel D. Donovan

TAXES

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“If you don’t want to pay taxes in Missouri, don’t buy anything,” Sorhus said. He said that when the buyer purchases a good or service, it is theirs whether it is a loaf of bread or a house. He said consumers will never have to pay income tax, property tax, personal property tax, or any other tax, nor have to partake of any other revenue generating mechanism. He said this system of taxation is very efficient and will fully fund all state and local budgets. Excess revenue will be placed in a stabilization fund, which will build up until it would be able to fund two budgetary periods. “As a consumer, as soon as you pay for the good or service, you own it and will never be responsible for paying any additional taxes,” Sorhus said, noting

that the system is rooted in sound economic theory. He said that with the GRT, it is the marketplace that pays for government services including the infrastructure that gets the goods or services from where it is to the customer. “Your personal assets will never again be used as collateral subject to a lien by the government,” Sorhus said. “The GRT uses the marketplace to fund the government that provides the infrastructure to keep the economy working. It allows the citizens to support the government services only when they use or need them by what they buy.” He said that the GRT returns the responsibility to the people and returns the government to its proper role as servants of the people. “There are additional important details in the

website: taxliberty.org,” he said. “Please take the opportunity to look at the website and share it. We will need everyone to help get this on the ballot”

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ROBIN WRITES

A memory of scents

We may step outside one day, and the scent of lilacs will stun our minds back to a time we hadn't thought of in decades.

God winked as he made us, and gave us an unending link between smells and memories. This pathway to memories, dotted with bursts of scents that would go otherwise unnoticed by others, surprise and transport us to our past in vivid detail.

Spring and summer hold many of these memory-smells. The smell of newly-mown grass may take you to the time of push mowers and sweaty chores. Honeysuckle—that invasive plant we now cut back and curse—emits a scent that reminds us of playing along wild borders of neglected fields.

When I smell an iris, I am standing along the road, waiting for the bus to kindergarten. Mom's iris plot is tall with flowers that tickle my leg and wave goodbye as I climb up the bus steps.

Rain on window screens bubble a rusty scent, and I remember tracing Etch-A-Sketch pictures along the wet webbing with my finger as I watched from inside my bedroom.

The dirt in my yard, straining to produce grass and weeds and perennial shoots, is a changeable catalyst for evoking times past. Dry

and powdery, I smell the smoky dust that covered my bare feet and packed between my toes when I pounded along a self-made path from the front door of our house to the swing set around back.

I ran along gravelly roads with soles toughened through days of conditioning, and barely registered the shards of rocks wedged between puffs of rain-starved soil.

And mud! The best personality of dirt. Messy, gloopy, and glorious in its texture...the smell of it after a rain shower immediately tempts me to be that girl who flung off her always-pink flip-flops and slapped her feet into puddle after puddle.

Dots of dried mud freckled my ankles and confessed my dirty sins to Mom, who pretended to care that her daughter was 'tracking in all that mess'.

She had her own memories of puddles, I'll bet.

My best friend and I made whistles from grass blades, and held them to our lips between taut fists. The odor of the grass sailed into our brains as we blew and still reminds me of a time when the music of life and the ease of friendship was so effortless to create.

Freshly-washed sheets flapping on a clothesline doesn't just sound like a memory; the odor of water against cotton takes me to days of running through their shade and smelling the powdered



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detergent whose unforgettable scent would lull me to sleep that night.

Lilacs. My mother's favorite. I have a few bushes in my yard, and every spring, I watch for the moment those purple buds pop into a color I consider God's best hue.

I walk toward the clumps of newly-burst beauty on older legs and lean toward one whose flowers are the most purple. I cup my hands on either side, as if holding my mother's soft cheeks, and fill my lungs with the smell that says her name to my heart.

In moments, I am a little girl with a mom whose arms are overflowing with lilac cuttings. She is rushing to the house to fill a vase with water: 'they won't last long—we have to hurry!'.

The smell sails past and I skip along to catch up. Mom is just ahead, carrying a memory that will last forever, and I thank God for the gift of yesterdays swirling in smells.

Take a journey back to yesterdays, all just a scent away.

Columns

HOME COUNTRY

The oldest settlement in the United States

Did you know ... which is the oldest settlement in the United States? Forget Jamestown. Forget Roanoke. Forget St. Augustine. According to book learning, the oldest settlement in the United States is Acoma Pueblo, which sits on top of a 365-foot-high mesa in the middle of New Mexico.

It will come as no surprise that Native American settlements predate European ones, but it may surprise some people that Acoma Pueblo, west of Albuquerque, New Mexico, has been continuously occupied since the 12th century. The Acoma still inhabit their "Sky City," a settlement of about 4,800 people. Traditionally hunters and traders, the Acoma people now make their income from a cultural center and casino complex. Coincidentally, the oldest state capital in the United States is Santa Fe, which recently celebrated its 400th anniversary.

Now that's what it says in the fact book, but it's quite common for those fact guys to not consider



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Alaska to be part of the United States. I can recall many times when I was freezing to death in Alaska at 40 below and the radio told me the coldest place in the nation was some town in Minnesota with 10 below.

Why do I mention this? Because, according to two archaeologists I interviewed for the Anchorage Daily News, the tiny Athabaskan Indian village of Nulato on the Yukon River has been continuously inhabited since the end of the last Ice Age ... about 10,000 years ago.

Brought to you by the wonderful people who live in Kwethluk, Alaska, because they haven't been there as long as their friends in Nulato, but they still say "forever" when asked.

THE ROCKWOOD FILES

Checking in on the Covid Class of 2020

The job hunt, then and now

In 1995, I got my first job after college from a "help wanted" ad posted in a newspaper's classified ads. (Remember those?) The headline on the ad said they were looking for an "aspiring journalist" to serve as assistant to the newspaper's executive editor. At the time, I didn't know if I was aspiring to be a journalist, but I was aspiring to pay rent and buy food. I was aspiring to put my newly earned English degree to good use.

So, I drove to an office building and dropped off my resume, which was printed on actual paper because no one knew what a PDF file was back then. About a week later, I got called in for an interview. A few days after that, I was sitting at the receptionist desk of the newsroom, answering phones, taking messages, fetching coffee, and typing up things like school lunch menus and wedding announcements. It was a perfect beginning because it put me in a room full of experienced writers who gave me opportunities to grow. This column wouldn't exist without their help.

I've been thinking more about my first few wobbly steps as a college graduate because our oldest son is about to take his. Next month, he'll graduate with two degrees — one in accounting and one in Classics (Greek and Latin literature and history).

We're excited for a chance to celebrate this milestone because it's the first real graduation ceremony Adam will ever have. He was part of the high school graduating class of 2020 — the Covid Class. He was one of the millions of teenagers across the country whose ceremonies were either canceled or downsized to something unrecognizable. Adam's high school rented a drive-in movie theatre that spring, where each family sat inside parked cars and watched a slideshow of graduates' photos on the outdoor screen. We were allowed to honk when our kid's photo appeared for roughly two seconds. No diploma hand-off. No handshakes. No audience. No hugs. No friends. No community.

It wasn't the first negative impact the high school Class of 2020 had to navigate. These were the kids born in the months surrounding September 11, 2001. They were infants when the country went to war. Seven years later, they were second graders when the recession of 2008 hit so hard that many of their parents lost jobs and



GWEN ROCKWOOD
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sometimes homes. They were only third graders when smartphones and apps became widely used, and most of their parents started using social media to document family life when they were only fourth graders. They were sixth graders in 2012 when the horrific Sandy Hook school shootings happened, followed by a string of other shootings in the years since then. And they were in 10th grade when the highly addictive TikTok hit the scene.

Then, in their senior year of high school, just when they were in the home stretch toward graduation, COVID-19 hit. Six months later, many of them were forced to do their first semester of college from laptops in their bedrooms.

Thankfully, things are better now. Barring any big surprises, we'll watch our boy turn his tassel and toss his cap after a real graduation ceremony in May. He's already submitting job applications, albeit in completely different ways than I did 30 years ago. These days, "help wanted" ads have become online job listings, and artificial intelligence programs sift through the deluge of digital resumes.

But I hope there are still some real people in the working world who will help the Class of 2025 take these first few important steps. They're entering a topsy-turvy economy and an absurd housing market, so it's easy to understand why many of these graduates might not feel optimistic. They've already taken their share of hits, and now many of them feel like they're being priced out of their own futures.

I pray they'll find older, wiser colleagues, managers, and mentors who will help them along their way, just as someone once helped us. Artificial intelligence will never be a good replacement for human connection, kindness, and the stubborn belief that these tough, resilient kids are going to make it out here in the real world.

Congratulations, graduates. I admire you already.

And for all those managers out there looking for the next generation of talent, if you need a fledgling accountant who can also read Latin, I might just know a guy.

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PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

Stress Awareness Month

By Kirstyn Dietle, MPH, CHES®
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Welcome to the Public Health Corner: Stress Awareness Month

April is Stress Awareness Month, a time to shine a light on one of the most common—and often overlooked—health issues people face. While stress is a natural response to life's challenges, long-term or unmanaged stress can take a serious toll on our physical, emotional, and mental well-being. From work and finances to family and health concerns, stress affects people of all ages and backgrounds. Learning how to recognize and manage stress is key to protecting both personal and community health.

Why Stress Matters

Stress isn't just "in your head." Chronic stress has been linked to a range of health issues, including:

- High blood pressure
- Heart disease
- Digestive problems
- Anxiety and depression
- Weakened immune function

Sleep disturbances

For communities, widespread stress can contribute to increased rates of substance use, burnout, chronic disease, and reduced quality of life. That's why public health efforts that promote stress awareness and healthy coping strategies are so important.

Managing Stress for Better Health

Healthy habits and support systems can go a long way in managing stress. Consider these strategies:

- Stay active – Regular physical activity helps lower stress hormones and boosts mood.
- Eat well – A balanced diet supports both your body and your mind.
- Get enough sleep – Quality rest is essential for mental resilience.
- Talk it out – Connect with someone you trust or speak with a counselor or therapist.
- Take breaks – Step away when needed and allow time for relaxation.
- Practice mindfulness – Deep breathing, journaling, or guided meditation can help bring calm.



A Community Approach to Well-being

Communities can support stress awareness by offering accessible mental health resources, promoting wellness programs, and encouraging open conversations about emotional well-being. Employers, schools, and local organizations all play a role in creating a culture that prioritizes mental health and self-care.

Stress Awareness Month is a reminder that stress affects everyone—and that managing it is a vital part of staying healthy. By recognizing the signs and embracing healthy coping tools, individuals and communities alike can build resilience and improve quality of life. Taking care of your mental health is just as important as taking care of your physical health. If you or someone you know is struggling with stress, know that help and support are available.

LETTER

Protect and strengthen Medicaid access

My name is Tatiana Maldonado, and I serve as the Community Resource Coordinator for Adair County SB40. I work closely with individuals and families who rely on Medicaid for essential services, and I've seen how gaps in our system can create lifelong setbacks for people with disabilities.

One young woman I support graduated from high school with dreams of working and becoming independent. But as soon as she graduated, all of her school-based services ended. Her mother—a single parent—has spent the last year fighting to get her daughter Medicaid coverage and access to waiver services. Without them, this young woman has been stuck at home, unable to move forward with her life.

Unfortunately, this isn't an isolated story. I've also seen individuals with physical disabilities who are fortunate enough to have well-paying jobs yet are disqualified from Medicaid simply because of their income or assets. They may depend on motorized wheelchairs, ceiling lifts, or in-home caregivers—costs that private insurance rarely covers in full. A wheelchair alone can cost as much as a small car, and without Medicaid, these working individuals are forced to choose between staying employed or getting the help they need. The system, as it stands, discourages people from working.

Then there are those who become disabled later in life. I know of one individual who lost his vision due to a brain clot. He had done everything

"right"—worked hard, saved for retirement—but now, because he has assets set aside, he doesn't qualify for help. Even though the IRS doesn't penalize him for accessing his 401(k) early due to permanent disability, Medicaid expects him to deplete everything he worked for before he can get assistance. That's not just disheartening—it's unjust.

We need a system that supports people across the lifespan—whether they're just starting out, actively working, or navigating unexpected health changes later in life. I urge lawmakers, including Senator Cindy O'Laughlin and Representative Danny Busick, to protect and strengthen Medicaid access. Our citizens deserve better.

— Tatiana Maldonado, Kirksville

TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

105 Years Ago, April 24, 1920

With the arrival of the automobile as a formidable means of transportation in America, Kirksville seemed to be keeping pace. After its first year in business, the Kirksville Motor Company, located at 218 North Franklin, announced that it had sold over 400 automobiles that grossed them about \$500,000. Kirksville Motor Company sold Chalmers, Hupmobiles, Maxwells, and Oaklands. They claimed that their sales record for the years was unexcelled by any other motor car dealership in the state outside the cities.

100 Years Ago, April 24, 1925

The formal grand opening of the F. W. Woolworth Company's store on the west side of the Kirksville Square was attended by hundreds of people. Each visitor was given a balloon as a memento of the visit. Delightful music was provided by the "Red" Jones orchestra. The many light fixtures were of the same design as those used in the company's store on Fifth Avenue in New York City, and electric fans kept a good circulation of air in the store. There were thirty-three sales girls behind the counters to answer questions, but no goods were sold. Store sales were to begin the day following the grand opening. Woolworth's advertisement in the newspaper stated, "Our Highest Price-10 cents."

100 Years Ago, April 24, 1925

A layer of cinders (the byproduct of coal that has been burned and has hard rough and jagged edges) about eight inches thick was being laid on North Main Street by Kirksville's Street Department. Main Street was used excessively by city and county residents, and the city put cinders on it to give it a more solid base. Cinders were plentiful in Adair County because most residences and businesses used coal as a source of heat.

85 Years Ago, April 18, 1940

Rural electrification became a reality in Adair County when the switch was thrown at the sub-station located on the H. C. Spangler farm on Highway 11 east of Kirksville. The lines energized comprised about eight miles of line, starting with the H. C. Spangler residence, the first customer to be served and ending with Lane Reesman, one of Adair County's dairymen. Reesman indicated he would be one of the most extensive users of electricity as he planned to operate ten to twelve electric motors. The motors, ranging from a quarter horsepower to five horsepower, were used for cooling and pasteurizing milk at Reesman's



Dairy. J. H. Casteel, the project superintendent for the Rural Electric Association (REA) said that a total of 120 miles of line were ready to be energized, and they would continue to work with connecting more than 230 customers who were ready for service. Some 277 miles of electric lines in the tri-county area—Adair, Schuyler, and Scotland—were nearly ready to be turned on. The energizing of the REA's lines had been delayed somewhat because some customers were late in wiring their homes. The REA required that two customers per mile be ready to take service before the lines could be energized.

65 Years Ago, April 20, 1960

A barroom fight involving three Kirksville State Teachers College (KSTC, now Truman State University) students sent one of them to the hospital for treatment. According to Kirksville Police, the fracas at the Tap Room in the Travelers Hotel started over a dime debt as the result of a mechanical bowling game that two of the men were playing. The students were betting a dime on a game. The loser refused to pay the dime, and a fight ensued. A friend of the loser who was watching the game then joined the fight. Police were called to the scene. Bennie Walker, operator of the Tap Room, was not present when the altercation took place, but was called. When he arrived at the bar, he took the most seriously injured young man to the hospital where he was treated for contusions and cuts about the face and eyes and a lost tooth. Neither party to the incident wished to press charges against the other, Walker was not present to observe the fight, and no other witnesses came forward, so the case was dropped.

65 Years Ago, April 20, 1960

Jim Lambert and Joe Donovan, president and vice president of Mart Drug Inc. respectively were in Kirksville planning for the complete remodeling of the former Lehr Furniture building on the north side of the square. It was to be reconditioned for the new Mart Super Drug Store. The two men, in conjunction with Perry Williams, manager of the Kirksville Mart Drug, and Donald James, who had the building contract for the new store, were making plans for the new super store. Their plan called for a new concrete and tile-surfaced floor; a new brick and glass front, all open with no display windows; a 30-foot balcony; and roof repair. The old elevators were to be removed and replaced

with a new stairway and a freight service elevator. Williams indicated that the new store would have about five times the floor space of the present Mart Drug that was located on the west end of the south side of the square. He expected to move into the new facility by the middle of the upcoming July.

65 Years Ago, April 22, 1960

The Bank of Kirksville was planning an open house at its new location at the northwest corner of Franklin and Jefferson Streets in downtown Kirksville. The relocation came 46 years after its beginning with a state charter that was issued on Christmas Eve of 1913. It first opened its doors on January 17, 1914, in the Odd Fellow Building on the northwest corner of the square. The bank organizers were Frank Fechtling, C. G. Young, J. C. Young, and Harvey Young Sr. They set the capital structure of the bank at \$50,000 by selling stock to form the financial base. Although the Bank of Kirksville was chartered in 1913, its origin went back ten years earlier to 1903 with the establishment of the Farmers Bank of Connelssville which rose to service the financial needs of that prosperous mining area during its peak of activity. When the mines in the Connelssville area slowed production, that banks assets were liquidated and joined in the formation of the Bank of Kirksville. It also absorbed the assets of the banks in Greentop and Gifford as signs of the great depression were foreseen by bank leaders. In 1960, at the time of the opening of the new bank, board members included several second-generation descendants of the original bank board. They were Harvey Young Jr., Harry Young, Charles Young, Ardie Fechtling, Sherod Collins, J.C. Young's son-in-law; Myron Propst, son of Amos Propst, an original board member; and E. R. Jayne, son of E. M. Jayne, a board member and the bank's attorney. With the erection of the Bank of Kirksville at the corner of Jefferson and Franklin Streets, it became only the second business at that location. The previous business was the Blue Cross Service Station built by Charles V. Miller in 1923 with the L-shaped building added in 1927. The two houses owned by the Caldwell and Reed families were torn down to make room for the service station. The corner has long been known as "the Bank of Kirksville corner." That term may endure for a time, but the Bank of Kirksville is now Kirksville's new Equity Bank.

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EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY Part 151

Mary Jane Selby's pioneer life in Adair County

By Blytha Ellis, President Adair County Historical Society and Museum

Mary Jane Selby, born November 13, 1848, was a girl of 7 when she traveled 800 miles with her parents and three brothers in a covered wagon drawn by oxen to get to Adair County, Missouri. The year was 1855 when her parents, Albert Brison Selby (1827-1905) and Dianah (Poston) Selby (1830-1928) decided to leave Athens County, Ohio, and make this arduous trip west. It took them six weeks to finally arrive in the open, unsettled prairie land of eastern Adair County where her father was anxious to break ground and establish a prosperous farm.

The Selby family first settled one mile north of what would become the village of Gibbs. But, that town would not be laid out until 1887. Later, the Selbys would purchase 80 acres of land in the Gibbs area and build a three-room cabin for the family.

Although the Selbys were well satisfied with the farmland in this area, they were disappointed that there were no schools near enough to their farm for their children to attend. Education was important to Albert and Dianah Selby, so two years after coming to Adair County, they made the difficult decision to return to Ohio so their children could go to school.

However, it wasn't long before Mary Jane's parents received news from some of their friends back in Adair County, Missouri, that a rural school was being built in the community where they had lived. It was to be called the Union School and would be a forerunner of the Gibbs School. So, Mary Jane's parents again made the long trip back to Missouri and happily put their children in school.

It was a log schoolhouse and Mary Jane remembered that some of her teachers were Mick Greenwood, Joe Moore and Isaac Morgan.

When the Selbys returned to Missouri, Mary Jane was then about 10 years old, and in addition to her three brothers, Lorenzo, William, and Abe, she now had a new baby brother, Ashford, who had been born in 1856 while they were in Ohio. Still another brother, George Washington, was born in 1860 after they arrived back in Missouri.

Of course, Mary Jane thought that was enough brothers, and she wondered if she would ever have a sister. Her wish was granted six years



Gibbs Union Cemetery where Richard and Mary Jane Livingston are buried and where the first Union Schoolhouse was located



later when in 1866 her baby sister, Leota, was born, followed two years later by another sister, Viola, in 1868. Of course, by 1866, Mary Jane was grown and married, ready to have babies of her own. So, she never got the experience of playing with a sister, only her five brothers.

In speaking of her childhood, Mary Jane said in a 1930 interview, "We children played along the Indian trails which crossed our farm. I remember finding arrowheads and rocks on which the Indians had ground their grain. I remember when my father broke the prairie with two yoke of oxen. We led the oxen until the first furrow was made, then the oxen followed the furrow by 'gee' and 'haw' orders. "My father planted his corn in every third furrow and used an ax to make a hole. Then, he dropped the corn in the hole and chopped a hole on the other side, closing the first hole. In this way, my father planted 20 acres. We always had a good crop and a fine yield. The crop was never tended until time to gather it. Of course, the next year, the crop would have to be cultivated."

Mary Jane said when she was old enough, she rode horseback into the town of Kirksville which was 18 miles from her family's farm. "In those early days, there were only three houses between our farm and Kirksville. We made these trips to town to get groceries, the things we didn't grow or make on the farm."

Mary Jane well remembered the day of Wednesday, August 6, 1862. That was the day that Union troops invaded Kirksville and fought with the Confederate recruits around the old courthouse. From the Selby farm, they could hear the terrible

sounds of gun and cannon fire and didn't know until later that it was the Battle of Kirksville. She said she saw troops of the Civil War passing right by her family's home during this tumultuous period in history.

After the war, in 1866, Mary Jane married Richard Hickman Livingston (1838-1891), a Civil War veteran. His parents had also come to this area from Ohio. Richard and Mary Jane established their home on a farm east of Gibbs in the Gopher Hill school district. They were blessed with eight children: Ida Luella born in 1869, Hattie Amanda in 1871, Elmer 1874, Anna Laura 1876, Lillie 1879, Bertha Mae 1881, Alberta 1885, and an infant son. This latter son died in infancy, and Alberta died at age 11.

Mary Jane told of raising their own flax and making thread to sew with. She said, "We also wove the material with which we made our bed and table linens and towel- eling and also wove all our woolen materials which the men's clothing was made from.

All sewing was done by hand, and we learned to sew so skillfully that it did not take long to make a garment. On the evening of March 28, 1891, Mary Jane's husband, Richard Livingston, suddenly "dropped dead at the supper table" of heart disease at the age of 53. Some of their children were still dependents living in the home, but Mary Jane was a strong pioneer woman and she successfully raised her children and lived to be 84 years old. In her 80s, Mary Jane said she still enjoyed quilting and reading and keeping up with "all the national news." She died on November 25, 1932. Both she and her husband are buried at Gibbs Union Cemetery, the former location of the old log schoolhouse.

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Jana Russon named MOSI Celebrated Artist of the month for March 2025

By Missouri-Southern Iowa (MOSI) Art Guild

The Missouri-Southern Iowa (MOSI) Art Guild named Jana Russon as the MOSI Celebrated Artist of the month for March 2025.

Russon's photograph is titled "Hazelle's Lilies After Rain." Russon was inspired by the rain on lilies from Hazelle's (her oldest friend's) lilies. See more of Russon's photography at www.janaphotos.com.

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



ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE HOSTS EXCHANGE STUDENT



At the April 9 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, exchange student Qbic from Thailand spoke about his experiences this year. His host families are pictured from left: (second row) Dr. Osas, Hyan Joo Kim, John Quinn; (front row) Ranuka Quinn, Qbic, Vaughn Pultz, Mason Krebs, Janet Pultz, Miles Krebs and Jesse Krebs. ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE



Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club assembles Easter baskets

By Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club

Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club members recently assembled Easter baskets for the residents of Preferred Family Health-Jamison. The baskets included socks, personal care items, hand knitted chickens, snack treats, fidget balls, and bunny ears. Club members hope to make the Easter holiday more special for PFH-Jamison individuals.

Club members also heard from Alta Koser, a counselor at PFH-Jamison, about a typical day for the residents. She explained that the individuals are working to complete the PFH program, as well as taking classes and furthering their education.



Pictured are Alta Koser, standing, and Roger and Terry Miller, the Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club members who organized and coordinated the service project.

The Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club meets on Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. at the Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill Street. Club members complete an in-meeting service project once each month. Anyone who would like to learn more about the club or Rotary International is welcome to attend.

TRUMP PROTESTERS LINE UP ON WEST SIDE OF COURTHOUSE



A local protest in alignment with national demonstrations against the policies of President Donald Trump, was held on the Elson Street side of the Adair County Courthouse in downtown Kirksville on Saturday, April 19. Dubbed the "No Kings" protest, demonstrators lined the block, waving signs and engaging with passing motorists. MARTY BACHMAN

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Bleything, Daniels have Brashear-Novinger co-op rolling coming into midseason

By Henry Janssen
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What was an experiment in the fall looks like it might be here to stay. Officially listed as head coach, Brashear coach Jacob Bleything said that the partnership with Jason Daniels and his few Novinger players has been a blessing. The team officially plays as the Brashear Tigers with home games in Brashear, and they enter the meat of the season 4-2.

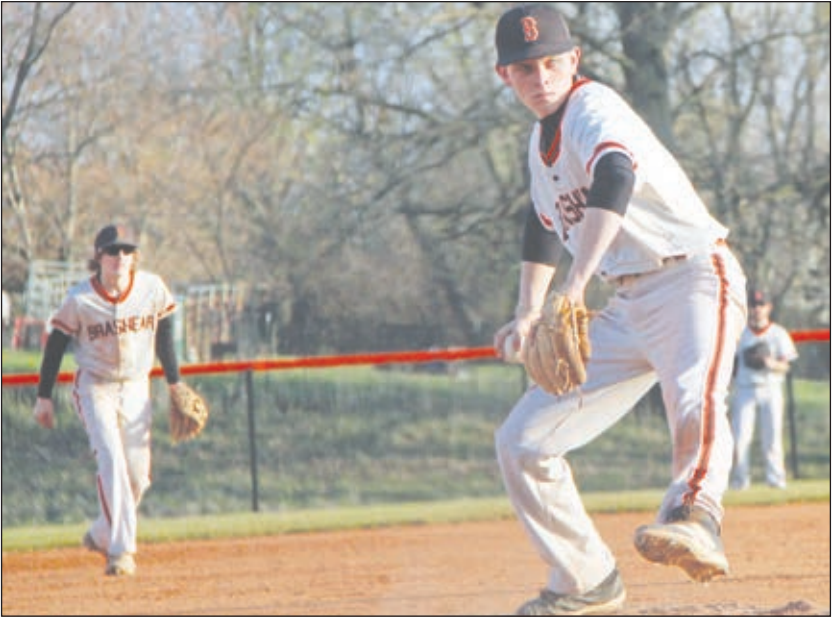
“We’re just very fortunate to be a position where these guys can have success,” Bleything said. “A lot of it comes down to maturity and

these guys holding one another accountable.”

Before a loss to Green City on Thursday, the Tigers had won four straight, including an extra-inning thriller versus Linn County/Meadville co-op with extremely limited pitching.

Bleything feels like the Tigers have been doing as much as possible with as limited as their pitching depth – truthfully, depth in general – is.

“The bottom of our lineup has been crucial for us, and truthfully, that’s what’s kept us in games,” Bleything admitted. “Everybody in the order one-through-nine has given us a chance to put up runs.”



John Higgins pitches versus Linn County's co-op with Meadville on April 11. The Tigers went on to win that one 11-10 in an extra inning. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

Kirksville track & field back at it with another busy week

By Henry Janssen &
Kirksville head coach Anna Grace

It was another busy track and field week for the Kirksville Tigers – a two-meet home stand followed by a quick road trip to Lawrence, Kansas for the 102nd hosting of the Kansas Relays. The Tigers logged a whopping 129 personal records this week.

Truman State HS Bulldog Classic

The Tigers headed across town for a meet at Truman State and had a great day and good weather. With the wind at our backs for the 100 meter dash, senior Daimond Kangiela ran an 11.21 for first and on the girls’ side, sophomore Megan Kinney clocked a 12.73 for second. Eva Danielson got fourth with a 13.09, part of a big day for the freshman who also got fourth in the 200, first in the 300 hurdles, and, alongside teammate Ally Snyder, set a new PR in high jump. On the boys’ side for high jump, junior Brennan Morgan won and sophomore Joel Feeney set a PR for second. Greysen Houser, a senior coming back to track and field, had a big day in jumps too, winning the long and triple jump.

Other top three finishes included: Blane Byers, second, 200; Forrest Cason, first, 400; Skyler Cook, third, 400; Jonathan Barhorst, second, 3200; Stevin Moore, third; 3200, Blane Byers, first, 300 hurdles; Kirksville 4x100, second; Kirksville 4x200, second; Kirksville 4x400, first; Kirksville 4x800, first; Brody Parsons, second, long jump; Alepio Solmirin, third, pole vault; Bennett Fraser, first, discus; Sullivan Clark, first, javelin; Bennett Fraser, first, shot put; and Brandon Greathouse, third, shot put. On the

girls’ side, La Joie Kahindo, second, 200; Megan Kinney, third, 200; Concillia Kunseviko, first, 400; Mya Harris, second, 400; La Joie Kahindo, third, 400; Rosemary Shook, second, 1600; Claire Brewer, third, 1600; Taylor Kirkland, third, 3200; Christine Kiese, third, 100 hurdles, Kirksville 4x200, first; Kirksville 4x400, first; Kirksville 4x800, first, Mya Harris, triple jump, third; Faith Vice, pole vault, first; Kylie Rebney, second, discus; Brooklyenn Rader-Johnson, javelin, first; Aline Guilavogui, shot, first; and Brooklyenn Rader-Johnson, shot, third.

Geoff Hutton Tiger Invitational

Thursday’s true home meet, the Geoff Hutton Invitational – named for a terrific coach who I was lucky enough to coach with and loves coaching so much he continues to in his “retirement,” lead to 58 PRs for the Tigers. Heavy-hitting PR events the the 200, with 18 and seven in the 800. With ink preservation in mind, I’ll highlight Tiger first-place-finishers from the meet: Daimond Kangiela, 100; Brody Parsons, 200; Blane Byers, 110 hurdles; Blane Byers, 300H, Joel Feeney, high jump; Kash Adams, long jump; Greysen Houser, triple jump; Bennett Fraser, discus; Sullivan Clark, javelin; Bennett Fraser, shot; Megan Kinney, 100; Megan Kinney, 200; Megan Kinney, 400; Mary Frushour, 800; Claire Brewer, 1600; Rosemary Shook, 3200; Christine Kiese, 100 hurdles; Eva Danielson, high jump; Brooklyenn Rader-Johnson, javelin; Aline Guilavogui, shot.

Thursday was also our Senior Night, where we got to celebrate our seniors. I’m grateful for the senior crew we have this year and can hardly believe they’re getting ready to graduate!



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KU Relays

The KU Relays, hosted in Lawrence, Kansas are a meet that athletes must qualify for and is an opportunity to compete against some of the best in the region – we saw athletes from Missouri and Kansas, but also Arkansas and Colorado. Junior Bennett Fraser (shot put), junior Concillia Kunseviko (800) and sophomore Blane Byers (300 hurdles) represented the Tigers there. And they represented us well! Each had a great competitive attitude and a good mindset about competing against the caliber of athletes KU Relays brings together. Byers, one of only three underclassmen to qualify for the 300 hurdles at the relays, ran a strong race from lane eight and finished 28th, clocking his third-fastest time of the season. Kunseviko had much more company than she’s used to in an 800, and got a little boxed in at the start of the race but stayed calm and ran her fastest time of the season – a time she didn’t get to last year until mid-May. Fraser, up against nationally-notable competition, had what a few weeks ago would have been a great day, though with his recent string of massive PRs I have a feeling it will add to his already impressive motivation. He finished tenth.



Maddux Jackson went an inning and a third in last Monday’s 12-0 rout against Jefferson City. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

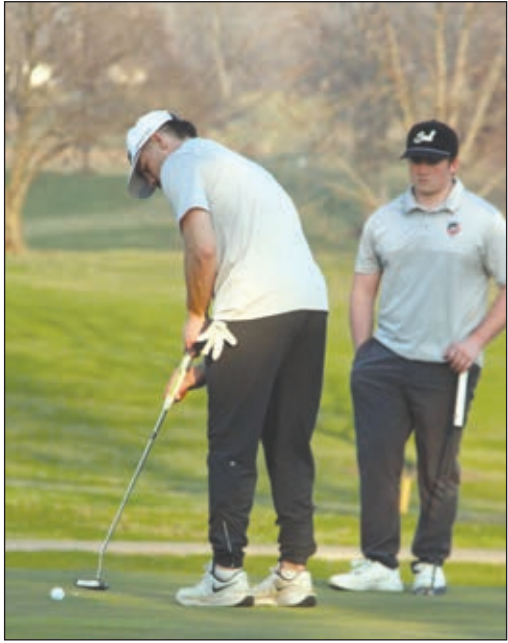
Kirksville skid extends to four games

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The Tigers have dropped four straight including all three last week. The toughest pill to swallow is Kirksville blowing a 4-2 lead in the bottom of the seventh in Fulton and losing 5-4 on Thursday.

Kirksville also scored four runs Tuesday against Hannibal. By this team’s standards, four runs is an offensive explosion.

The Tigers fall to 5-9, and by the time of print publication, will have traveled to Marshall on Tuesday. They host Mexico on Thursday before heading for a wood bat tournament in Boonville this weekend.



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Kirksville golf finishes second at Hannibal Invitational

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The Tigers shot 322 to finish second last Wednesday. Camden Wilson tied for third, shooting a five-over 77. Hunter Combs finished sixth with a 78.

Kirksville travels to Mexico on Wednesday and Moberly on Friday.

Tiger tennis keeps rolling, wins fourth straight

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In the past two weeks, Kirksville has defeated everyone on the schedule including a dominant 7-2 conference win versus Marshall on Monday.

Before that, wins over Trenton and Waynesville were supplemented by a commanding 6-3 win over Hannibal at home. The Tigers travel to the Cameron Tournament on Wednesday and host Mexico on Friday.



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Truman tennis handles Central College (Iowa) in final tune-up ahead of GLVC play

By Henry Janssen & Truman Athletics

The Truman State Women’s Tennis team completed a season sweep over Central College with a 6-1 victory on Wednesday afternoon. The Bulldogs will return to conference play on Friday at Southwest Baptist with the first serve slated for 1 p.m.

With the No. 1 and No. 2 doubles matches split at 6-3 scores, the doubles point boiled down to the No. 3 match. Mary Grace Seymour and Finley Laforge, tied 5-5 against Keleigh Hall and

Madi Whalen, won the final two games for a 7-5 victory to secure the team point.

The Bulldogs clinched the team win with Sydney Dial, Nayana Malangi, and Akansha Negi each winning in straight sets at Nos. 1, 2, and 3 singles.

Laforge split sets at No. 4 before winning the tiebreak 10-5. Seymour, credited by Coach Steve Smith for playing one of her best matches of the season, rallied from a set down to win 6-3, and 10-5 in the tiebreak.

The Bulldogs had won the earlier fall meeting with Central 5-2.

La Plata enters midseason stretch 3-6

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The La Plata Bulldogs, under head coach Devin Fields, have dropped four of their last five.

They’ve given up eight or more runs in all but one of those games.

The Bulldogs host Atlanta (12-3) on Thursday.



Junior Lathe West deals in an April 11 game versus Scotland County. The Bulldogs play Atlanta for the second time in two weeks on Thursday in La Plata. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS



Truman hangs around against highly-ranked Drury

By Henry Janssen & Truman Athletics

Sydney Dial and Finley Laforge picked up singles wins for the Truman State Tennis team in their Great Lakes Valley Conference road tilt with Drury University on Saturday.

Dial took the first set 6-1 in the number one singles match but opponent Antenna Novak claimed the second set 6-4 to force the tie-breaker set. Dial outlasted Novik 10-8 to get the big victory.

Laforge won 7-6 (7-1) in her

opening set at number four singles over Eliza Verstappen and then took the match with a 6-2 tally in set two.

Nayana Malangi was able to force a tie-breaking set after falling behind 6-1 in the first. She would battle back to take the

second 7-5 before dropping the tiebreaker 10-4.

Drury is consistently in the top five in the Division II rankings.

Truman State will round out their GLVC slate of matches with a trip to Quincy next Saturday.

Bulldog softball final road series

Finishes season with four pivotal games at home

By Henry Janssen & Truman Athletics

For the final time in 2025 the Truman State softball squad will be on the road for a Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) doubleheader at the Indianapolis Greyhounds Friday rescheduled from Saturday.

First pitch in Game 1 is scheduled for 12 p.m. with Game 2 to get underway at 2 p.m. The Bulldogs, 23-22 overall, 11-11 in GLVC action, enter play riding a three-game winning streak after at split at Lincoln (Mo.) April 12 then sweeping at Missouri S&T April 13. The 32-18 overall, 14-10 Greyhounds swept a pair of mid-week, non-conference double headers against Thomas More (Ky.) April 15 and Ashland (Ohio) April 16. Recent league action for UIndy includes doubleheader splits against Illinois Springfield April 12 and McKendree (Ill.) April 13.

UIndy occupies the sixth spot in current league standings with the Truman State and Southwest Baptist (Mo.) knotted at .500 GLVC for the season. The final weekend of action will feature the Purple and White playing host to Maryville (Mo.) April 26 and Missouri-St. Louis April 27. The Bearcats sit at 14-8 GLVC currently in fourth place while UMSL's 9-13 conference mark is good for 11th. The 'Dogs have a 5-5 home mark on the campaign after opening with a sweep over Illinois Springfield March 7.

The Purple and White sit atop GLVC rankings in both hitting with a .326 average and in defense posting a .972 fielding percentage. As a staff the Bulldogs rank sixth with a 3.89 ERA notching seven shutouts and four saves in 293.0 innings pitched as a staff. UIndy's .309 batting average ranks fourth while the team ERA of 3.33 trails only the 2.05 ERA of Lewis (Ill.) and 2.89 ERA from McKendree (Ill.). The Greyhounds rank 11th in fielding percentage at .953.



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Cassie Smith and Emily Wood take .426 and .410 batting averages, respectively, into the UIndy twin bill with Caragan Baker's .389 right behind. The 66 hits by Smith are creeping up on the single season records list with 69 each by Kelsey Bollman in 2014 and Kristi Bredbenner in 1999 at tenth on the list. Christa Reisinger knocked 110 hits in 2017 and another 86 in 2019 occupying the top two spots on the list. In batting average Smith currently ranks as the seventh best in Truman State history while Wood's .410 slots between .414 and .404 seasons by Elizabeth Economon.

Both Smith and Wood have scored 38 runs on the campaign with Maddie Hickman and Madi McCarty tied at 15 runs each. Wood has followed a career-high 40 RBI in 2024 with 39 in 2025 with Avaree Taylor's 32 and 22 RBI by Baker in second and third, respectively. Smith has swiped 22 of 27 bases at the top of the order with the best on-base percentage on the squad at .444.

Freshman outfielder Brooklyn Willis sets the pace for UIndy with a .391 batting average with 66 hits and 41 runs scored. Cara Cooper, a sophomore utility player. Sports a .370 average with 61 hits and team-best 42 runs scored for the Greyhounds. On the rubber, UIndy is led by 17-9 Cheyenne Eads, starter in 26 of 32 contests, who has posted 18 complete games and five shut outs and an impressive 3.78 strike out to walk ratio.

An April 21 doubleheader in 2024 went UIndy's way with a Game 1 2-1 victory followed by an 11-7 result in the nightcap. Wood went 2-3 with the only Bulldog run scored in the opener while the Greyhounds overcame a 6-2 deficit after three innings outscoring Truman State 9-1 the rest of the way.

'Dogs split with Maryville ahead of Friday's games

Balistreri picks up first career win in eighth appearance

By Henry Janssen & Truman Athletics

Freshman righty Bryce Balistreri's first career win came at an opportune time as Truman State baseball took a double header split at Maryville by scores of 4-2 (loss) and 6-5 (win).

The Bulldogs hung tight with Maryville through Game 1 but could not put together a big inning to get at Saint pitching. The same could not be said for Game 2 as a two-run second and three-run fifth gave the 'Dogs the runs they would need to halt their season-long eight-game win streak while dealing Maryville its first loss in 11 games.

Maryville starter Braden Smith proved to be too much for the Truman State bats as the sophomore righty went nine innings for the second time this season while limiting the 'Dogs to six hits in Game 1. Down 2-0 after two due to a bases-loaded walk in the first and run-scoring single in the second, Dakota Joggerst grounded out to second scoring Rawlins Brant to get within one after the top of the fourth. A sac fly in the Saint half of the fifth extended the lead again to two runs, but the 'Dogs answered in the top of the seventh on Quinten Bauman's triple to score Luke Roussel.

Saint Cole Christman clubbed his eighth home run of the season for an insurance run in the eighth before Maryville turned away a runners-at-the-corner, ninth-inning threat



Truman righty Kyle Stratman from a home game earlier this season. DAILY EXPRESS FILE PHOTO

from Truman State in a double play. Warner Lenahan took the loss for Truman State, now 0-5 on the year, while Smith improved to 6-1 with the victory. The win marked the tenth straight for Maryville with the 'Dogs falling for the eight consecutive time.

Brant turned a one-out Game 2 single into a run on an RBI single by Joggerst in the first, then two second-inning runs extended the Bulldog lead to 3-0 after the Truman Sate second. Gavin Schieffer led the inning with a walk and advanced to second on a wild pitch, Bauman walked, and Charlie Berry advanced both on a grounder to short. A second wild pitch scored Schieffer from third, then Colin Mueth gave the 'Dogs a 3-0 margin on a two-out RBI double.

Christman tagged Truman State starter Danny Lindsey for a two-run home run in the third, then Maryville's Ambrose Russo got him for a three-run shot in the fourth to put the Bulldogs behind, 5-3. Mueth singled up the

middle to open the fifth and, along with Brant , who had reached on a hit by pitch, scored on an Oliver Degenhardt fielder's choice with Brant, who had reached on a hit by pitch, to chase Saint starter Alex Bryan from the 5-5 contest. Joggerst welcomed the new Maryville pitcher with an RBI single to give Truman State back the lead, 6-5.

Balistreri, working in relief of Lindsey, loaded the bases with Saints in the bottom half of the seventh but wiggled off the hook for his first career win. Mueth went 2-4 from the leadoff spot with a run scored while Brant, hitting in the two hole, went 2-3 with two runs scored. Joggerst finished Game 2 with a 3-3 game at the plate, two RBI, and one of Truman State's four walks.

Truman State finishes the day 9-26 overall, 6-16 GLVC, while Maryville winds up 23-16, 15-7 GLVC. The series concludes Friday with a double header scheduled for 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.

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INVITATION TO BID

Kirksville R-III School District
BID #25-02

Package #3 – High School, Ray Miller ES, and Vestibules

Notice is hereby given that the Kirksville R-III School District will receive sealed bids clearly marked “**Bid #25-02 Kirksville R-III Package #3 – High School, Ray Miller ES, and Vestibules**” on or before **2:00 P.M. CDT, Wednesday May 21, 2025**, to Kirksville R-III School District, Attn: Tricia Reger, 1901 E. Hamilton, Kirksville, MO 63501. There will be a public opening of the bids immediately following at the Kirksville R-III School District conference room. Documents will be available through the Architect Building Resource Studio. Please contact Harald Boerstler, at hb@buildingresourcestl.com.

There will be one (1) bid package associated with this bid. Please refer to the detailed scope of work narrative provided in the bid documents.

Prospective contractors are highly encouraged to attend the pre-bid meeting that will be held on Thursday May 8, 2025, at 1:00pm CDT at the Kirksville R-III School District, 1300 S Cottage Grove, Kirksville, MO 63501

The School District reserves the right to reject any and all submittals, or to advertise for new submittals if deemed necessary.

IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI

Case Number: 24AR-PR00138

Judge or Division: PROBATE

(Date File Stamp)

In the Estate of KENNETH V. MILLHOUSE, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted
(Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of KENNETH V. MILLHOUSE, Decedent:

On March 31, 2025, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of KENNETH V. MILLHOUSE, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

The personal representative's business address:
Barbara J. Millhouse, 302 West Missouri Street, P.O. Box 274, Downing, Missouri 63536.

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:
Diane Barker, 1506 Chapel Hill Road, Suite H, Columbia, Missouri 65203, 573-303-0595

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: June 24, 2024 /S/ Martha Cole
Adair County Circuit Clerk

Date of first publication: April 9, 2025

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.

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Truman State University to host science events for children

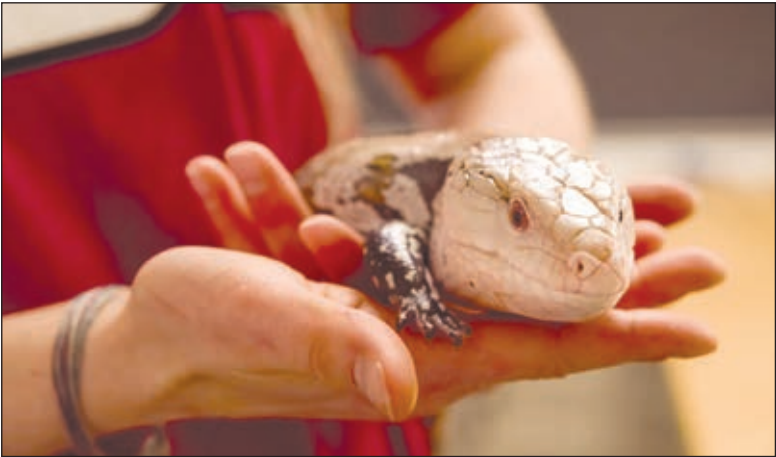
By Truman State University

Truman State University students will host a day of science-related activities April 26 for children in first through fifth grade.

Science on Saturday is a fun day of activities to get kids excited about science. Every semester, children from Kirksville and the surrounding area are welcomed to campus to attend 20-minute, science-related classes taught by Truman students. Activities include making oobleck, meeting reptiles from the herpetarium, mixing acids and bases, and more. Students can choose up to four classes to attend.

Beta Beta Beta, the biology honors fraternity, sponsors Science on Saturday in collaboration with other student organizations including Alpha Chi Sigma chemical fraternity, the American Chemical Society, the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, the Wildlife Association and the Elementary Education Club.

Science on Saturday will take place from 9-11 a.m. April 26 in Magruder Hall. There is no cost for students to attend. Registration can be done online at sos.truman.edu and should be completed by April 21. For more information, email sos Truman manbbb@gmail.com.



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Rotary Club of Kirksville donates to Anthony Kolb and Pathway to Stem

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the April 9 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, a check in the amount of \$330 was awarded to Anthony Kolb and Pathway to Stem. This pathway is for students interested in science, tech-

nology, engineering and math. These fields offer exciting opportunities to solve real-world problems, drive innovation, and shape the future. Pictured from left are Rotarian Marty Jayne, Club President Ruth Bowers, Anthony Kolb and his mother, Robin Kolb.

Northeast Regional Medical Center honors physicians on National Doctors' Day with donations to local United Way

By Northeast Regional Medical Center

For the second consecutive year, Northeast Regional Medical Center (NRMC) celebrated National Doctors' Day through an expression of gratitude by donating to local non-profit organizations.

National Doctors' Day was first observed in the United States in 1933. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a joint resolution making Doctors' Day a national holiday to be celebrated on March 30. Doctors' Day serves as a moment to acknowledge physicians for their expertise, compassion, and dedication to the community.

NRMC physicians chose to contribute to the United Way of Northeast Missouri with a \$3,500 donation. The United Way supports 10 non-profit organizations in Northeast Missouri and recently celebrated 70 years of work to improve the quality of life for those in Adair and surrounding counties.

"Thanks to our medical staff for taking care of Kirksville and surrounding areas, both in and outside of the hospital," stated Patrick Avila, NRMC CEO. "And, thanks to the United Way of Northeast Missouri for all you do to support those in need in our community."



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Keanan Alstatt wins United Way Texas Hold'em Tournament

By United Way of Northeast Missouri

The United Way of Northeast Missouri held their semi-annual Texas Hold'em Tournament at the Dukum Inn Wednesday evening, raising \$2,615.

Thirty-four local poker players came together to play for three cash prizes and a Poker Trophy. 1st Place Winner was Keanan Alstatt who received a check for \$500 and the Texas Hold'em Trophy. Second Place winner for \$250 was Leon McCarty. Third Place went to Ken Habel who received \$100.

Prize money for the tournament was provided by Gold Sponsors A.T. Still University (ATSU) and Cen-

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The United Way of Northeast Missouri provides annual funding for 10 non-for-profit agencies in Northeast Missouri which include the Adair County 4-H Council, Adair County Family YMCA, Boy Scouts of America/Great Rivers Council, Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri, Hospice of Northeast Missouri, Macon Diversified Industries, NEMO Senior Citizens Services, Inc., RSVP/Senior Adult Services, Inc., Salvation Army, and Community Child Development Center.



1st Place Poker Winner Keanan Alstatt with his trophy.

Unionville License Office set to temporarily close

By Missouri Department of Revenue

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Department of Revenue is announcing the temporary closure of the license office in Unionville at the request of the contractor. This office is located at 1507 Main, and will close on April 17, until further notice.

The department encourages customers to visit one of the following nearby locations to receive assistance with their motor vehicle and driver licensing needs:

- Princeton License Office — 703 Hickland, Princeton, Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (660)748-4445.
- Milan License Office — 203 N Pearl Street, Milan, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (660)265-4352.
- Kirksville License Office — 105 W. Potter Ave., Kirksville, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (660)665-0292.

A full list of license office locations and hours of operation can be found at: dor.mo.gov/license-office-locator/.



The following online services are also available:

- License Plate Renewal — The Online License Plate Renewal System is a convenient way to renew your license plates. If your county participates by sharing personal property tax information with the Department, you have an easy registration option. Check here to see if your county participates.
- Renewal Requirements Inquiry — Go to our online system to obtain information regarding registration renewal requirements.
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9:00 a.m. Sunday School Faith
10:15 a.m. Worship Service Faith
10:00 p.m. Issues, Etc. 107.9 KLTE
www.faithkirksville.org

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

Rehoboth Baptist Church
100 Pfeiffer Rd.
Curtis Ferguson, Pastor
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
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First Presbyterian Church (USA)
201 S. High at McPherson
Communion 1st Sunday
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time.
11:00 a.m. Church School/all ages
5:30 p.m. College Fellowship

Kirksville Church of Christ
110 Pfeiffer Ave.
Elders/Pastors: Dan Green, Dean Hansen
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11 a.m. Worship
Weds 6:30p.m. Bible Study
www.kvcc.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Assembly of God
2401 S. High St., Kirksville
Shawn Meintz, Pastor
Sundays:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship Wednesdays:
6:30 p.m. Family Night
www.kirksvillefirst.org
info@kirksvillefirst.org

First Liberty Full Gospel
1302 E. Filmore
Rev. Fred Baker, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
2000 E. Normal

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

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

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

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

Willow Bend Association East Center Community Church
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship

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

Baring Community Church
11:00 a.m. Worship.

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

Willow Bend Church
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New Hope Methodist Reformed Church - Millard
9:15 a.m. Bible Stud
10:00 a.m. Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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