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Kirksville police arrest six people for various sex crimes

By Kirksville Police Department

During the last two weeks of April 2025, the Kirksville Police Department, in cooperation with Adair County Prosecuting Attorney David Goring, conducted a sex offender sweep that resulted in six arrests for various sex offenses.

"These six unrelated cases are part of a larger push to bring justice to victims of sexual abuse and child pornography," Kirksville police officials said in a press release. "The individual investigations, some spanning more than a year, involved extensive research, multiple interviews, and forensic data reviews."

Those arrested include:

Levi Birmingham, 36, from Milan, for one count of rape, two counts of statutory rape, one count of sodomy, four counts of statutory sodomy and two counts of child molestation.

Kendrick Daniels, 45, from Kirksville, for one count of statutory rape, five counts of rape and one count of child molestation.

Colton Daugherty, 26, from Kirksville, for three counts of sodomy and one count of child molestation.

John Laurent, 65, from Kirksville, for two counts of possession of child pornography.

Maurice Hall, 25, from Kirksville, for one count of statutory sodomy.

Johnathon Gerber, 25, from Kirksville, for one count of possession of child pornography.

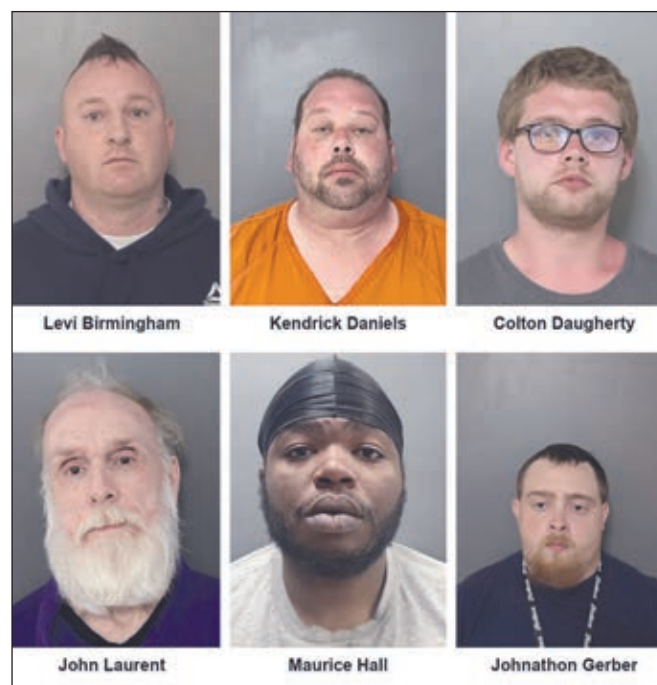
This ongoing project involved the cooperative efforts of the Kirksville Police Department, Adair County Prosecutor, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Adair County Sheriff's Department, St. Charles County Police Department, Sullivan County Sheriff's Department and Milan Police Department.

"This is another example of great investigations from our detectives and the cooperative efforts of regional law enforcement," said Kirksville Police Chief Scott Williamson. "I am extremely proud of their work and want to thank all of our law enforcement partners."

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Kirksville Police Department recognizes all victims for their bravery in coming forward and reporting these cases.

If you or someone you know has experienced sexual assault or abuse, the Kirksville Police officers are available in person at the station, via telephone at 660-785-6945 and via email at police@kirksville.gov. In an active emergency, please call 911. Additionally, the National Sexual Assault Hotline is available at 1-855-509-5200.

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



Missouri paid sick leave law now in effect, though legislative challenges still loom

By Clara Bates

Missouri Independent

Missouri's voter-approved paid sick leave law officially went into effect Thursday, allowing thousands of qualified employees to begin accruing paid time off.

"No Missourian should have to choose between a day's pay and their family's well-being," said Caitlyn Adams, executive director of Missouri Jobs with Justice, which led the campaign for the law, in a press release. "Tens of thousands of Missourians who work full-time do not get any paid sick days, but that changes today."

But while advocates for the policy celebrated Thursday's milestone, the new law remains at risk of being overturned by the GOP-dominated Missouri legislature.

Republicans have vowed to pass legislation rolling back the paid sick leave and modifying an accompanying boost to the minimum wage. That bill has stalled in the face of Democratic opposition, and the legislative session ends May 16.

Senate President Pro Tem Cindy O'Laughlin, a Republican from Shelbina, has been a particularly loud voice urging repeal of the law.

"Our side of the aisle has great concern for the burden that this would place on businesses," she told reporters Thursday, "and if we're going to promote economic growth and jobs, we need to really be cognizant of that."

Proposition A passed with nearly 58% of the vote in November, garnering support from unions, workers' advocacy groups, social justice and civil rights groups, as well as over 500 business owners. The measure expanded access to paid sick time for many employees, effective last Thursday. It also increased the minimum wage to \$13.75 this year, which went into effect in January, and will increase to \$15 next year, to be adjusted for inflation thereafter.



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Under the law, employers with business receipts greater than \$500,000 a year must now provide at least one hour of paid leave for every 30 hours worked. Employers with fewer than 15 workers must allow workers to earn at least 40 hours per year, with larger employers mandated to allow at least 56 hours.

"I'm a single mother of four, and I am now able to start earning paid sick for the first time in my life," said Andi Phillips, a server in Springfield. "I can't explain how huge of a relief it is that I can now earn time off to better take care of my family and give my kids a better future. I never wanted a hand-out, just an opportunity to be the best version of myself for my kids and now I have that."

The Missouri Supreme Court upheld the law earlier this week, dealing a blow to a coalition of business groups who argued the measure violated the single-subject and clear title requirements for ballot measures, and that the fiscal summary was misleading. The Supreme Court found the election results valid.

The Missouri House passed legislation that would repeal the paid sick leave part of the law and remove the requirement that the minimum wage be indexed to inflation. That bill awaits action in the Senate.

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Kirksville High School senior takes first in MSHSAA Speech Competition

By Kirksville High School

Kirksville High School senior Chandler Lee, placed 1st in Radio Speaking at the April 26, MSHSAA Class 1 Speech and Debate Championships held at Missouri State University in Springfield. Lee is the third KHS Speech and Debate state champion in the last four years. KHS Speech & Debate advanced 18 entries to state competition — four of which advanced to finals. In addition to Lee, junior, Shrivats Manikandan finished in 2nd place for US Extemporaneous Speaking and was a top four semifinalist in Lincoln Douglas Debate. Senior Ella Seedorf and junior Sean James placed 4th in Duet Acting.

In Radio Speaking, Lee wrote and presented an original five minute radio news segment including local, national, and international news, sports and weather. In US Extemp Manikandan had 30 minutes to research and prepare a seven minute speech, presented without notes, over a topic significant to U.S. current events. Lincoln Douglas debate is a one-person vs. one-person debate using prepared cases and research over a predetermined topic — at the state tournament students debated the morality of Artificial General Intelligence. Students must be prepared to debate either for or against the resolution. Seedorf and James prepared a memorized 10

minute scene in Duet Acting.

At the state tournament, speech competitors have two preliminary rounds during which two judges rank their performances against others in that competition room. Thirty-six students competed in each category of speech events, representing the top four competitors from the eight district tournaments. The top eight students at the end of the two preliminary rounds advance to a final round where three judges independently rank their performances. Those individual scores are averaged to identify the final competitor rankings. In debate, Manikandan participated in four preliminary rounds and then advanced to the quarterfinals elimination bracket.



Kirksville High School senior Chandler Lee.

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Sean James, Ella Seedorf, Chandler Lee and Shrivats Manikandan.

Fly-the Flag

Rotary Fly-the Flag program begins the 2025 season with recognition of the 500th and 501st U.S. Flags on display

By Kirksville Rotary

Kirksville Rotary flag program chair Jeff Romine announced that the 500th U.S. Rotary flag subscription was acquired by Patrick Avila for display at Northeast Regional Medical Center on Osteopathy Street.

Although flying the flag is popular with businesses, private citizens also enjoy showing the colors. The 501st flag was given by Ruth Bowers to Kurt Klinginsmith, the son of late Rotary Past International President Ray Klinginsmith and his wife, Judie.

The Kirksville Rotary flag program will open the 2025 season with over 500 U.S. flags placed by



Northeast Regional Medical Center CEO Patrick Avila.



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Rotary on display in the community over Memorial Day weekend.

"When all the flags are flying, Kirksville looks amazing," Romine said. "Individuals and businesses have demonstrated great support for our project. It has been a win-win for the community and the Kirksville Rotary

Club. Citizens seem pleased to have a U.S. flag flying in front of their homes for national flag holidays and the Rotary Club is grateful to have additional funding resources to do good things in the community."

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KIRKSVILLE AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Community Connections — Home Safety talk with fire chief

Community Connections — Home Safety will feature Kirksville Fire Chief Jon Cook talking about home safety and preventing emergencies. Be prepared! May 7 from 11 a.m. to noon at Lifeline Services, 1515 N. New Street. Join them on the first Monday of the month as community experts talk about their area of expertise.

Mark Twain Behavioral Health open house

Mark Twain Behavioral Health, 105 Pfeiffer Avenue in Kirksville, will hold an open house on Thursday, May 8 from 2-5 p.m. to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Thousand Hills State Park Petroglyph Tour

Thousand Hills State Park Petroglyph Tour will take place on Friday, May 9 at 7 p.m. Thousand Hills State Park is home to a collection of petroglyphs or rock carvings made by ancestors of today's American Indians. Explore the petroglyphs with park staff to learn more about this unique piece of history. Meet at the petroglyph shelter located next to the beach.

42nd Annual Jim Baker and John McConnell Bass-N-Kids Free Fishing Clinic and Tournament

Join Kirksville's parks department for the 42nd Annual Jim Baker and John McConnell Bass-N-Kids Free Fishing Clinic and

Tournament: Saturday, May 10 at Thousand Hills State Park Marina. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., clinic begins at 9 a.m., with the tournament to follow. This free event is open to kids up to 15 years old and offers a great opportunity for kids to learn about fishing and enjoy a little friendly competition. Participants will enjoy free hot dogs and refreshments, and everyone will be entered into a drawing for awesome door prizes. Kids are encouraged to bring their own fishing rods and bait. A limited number of rods and bait will be available for those who need them. For more information, contact the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

Thousand Hills State Park Birding for Beginners

Thousand Hills State Park Birding for Beginners will be held on Saturday, May 10 at 8 a.m. In honor of World Migratory Bird Day, join park staff to learn some birding basics and enjoy a leisurely hike! Binoculars, field guides, and cameras are welcome. Limited binoculars and field guides will be available to borrow during the program. Please wear closed-toed shoes and bring water. Meet at the Beach Shelter. The Bird Hike will be on the paved trail.

Truman State University graduation

The Spring 2025 Commencement Ceremony will be held at Stokes Stadium on May 10. Gates open at 1 p.m. for guests

and seating is first come, first served. Tickets will not be required to enter the stadium. If you have questions concerning commencement that cannot be answered on the Spring Ceremony page, contact the Registrar's Office at registrar@truman.edu or 660-785-4143.

United Way 4th annual Charity Trivia Night

The United Way of Northeast Missouri has announced their 4th annual Charity Trivia Night, Saturday, May 10 from 7-10 p.m. at the Kirksville Moose Lodge, with all proceeds benefiting their 10 local United Way agencies. Sign up for this fun-filled night and a chance to win the \$500 1st place payout. Each team can consist of eight players and team registration is \$150 or \$200 including mulligans. They will also hold cash prize games throughout the night including: Heads/Tails; 50/50 cash drawing; High/Low and Bonus Round. To sign up your team or for more information, contact Bill Castles at 660-665-1924 or via e-mail at uwnemo@gmail.com. Tables are extremely limited so sign up soon.

Thousand Hills State Park Endangered Species Day

Thousand Hills State Park Endangered Species Day will be held on Friday, May 16 at 7 p.m. In honor of Endangered Species Day, join park staff to learn about the Plains Spotted Skunk, White Ash Tree, and Indiana Bat which are some of Missouri's en-

dangered species. Learn about each and how we can help them and other species. Meet at the Campground 1 Amphitheater.

Kirksville High School Student Council to host powderpuff girls flag football game to benefit Kirksville Humane Society

The Kirksville High School Student Council will host powderpuff girls flag football game to benefit Kirksville Humane Society on May 16 at 7 p.m. at Spainhower Field. There will be six different clubs hosting various concessions, a raffle with over 25 prizes from local Kirksville businesses (all money goes directly to the Humane Society), and a halftime performance from the KHS color guard and dance team along with Jazz Band playing at the event. There are four different teams of 7-11 KHS girls that will play flag football games in a tournament style.

Curtain Call Theatre Classic Film

Curtain Call Theatre will show the classic film, "Where Eagles Dare", on May 16 from 7-9 p.m. at the theatre, 512 W. Elizabeth Street in Kirksville. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., admission is free, concessions available.

Thousand Hills State Park for Kids to Parks Day

Come out to Thousand Hills State Park for Kids to Parks Day, Saturday, May 17, 11 a.m. Join them to celebrate Kids to Parks Day with a variety of tabletop activities for kids and kids at heart. They will set up between the playground on Big Loop Road and the Oak Trail. Kids to Parks Day is a national day of outdoor play celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May. The day connects kids and families with the outdoors through events that promote discovery and exploration in the great outdoors. All programs are weather permitting.

Kirksville Community Horse Center free open barn event

A free open barn event will be held on May 17 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 25161 Laurel Lane, KCHC (Kirksville Community Horse Center). It's the biggest event of the year—and it's free! Join them as they say "Thank You!" to the community with a full day of fun, games and majestic horses (plus unicorns!) Enjoy live demos from their talented students; Interactions with eight stunning horse breeds; Free Icees, cotton candy and T-shirts (while supplies last). All-day activities and surprises. Special guests: The Kirksville Circus! Catch their first-ever public performance, featuring Regina Armenta on stilts and aerials, and Courtney Eisenbeisz with her horse, Calypso. Follow the Kirksville Circus on Facebook. Come celebrate, explore, and stay for a full day of family-friendly fun! Full schedule coming soon at: KirksvilleCommunityHorseCenter.com.

Household hazardous waste drop-off happening May 17 for Kirksville residents

Household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-off for Kirksville city residents will be Saturday, May 17, between 8 a.m. and noon at the Public Works Complex, located at 2001 N. Osteopathy Street. Citizens must call public works to schedule an appointment. Citizens will not be allowed to drop off waste without an appointment. Appointments are limited and no additional appointments will be made once the schedule is full. To make an appointment, contact the public works department at 660-627-1291.

ATSU Graduation

ATSU Graduation will be held on May 17 at Truman State's Baldwin Hall Auditorium at 10 a.m.

Kirksville High School graduation

Kirksville High School graduation will be held on May 18, at 2 p.m. at Spainhower Field.

Abstract Citizen to perform at the Sue Ross Arts Center

Abstract Citizen, a jazz quartet from Miami will be performing at the Sue Ross Arts Center on Sunday, May 18. The concert is free to the public and no reservations or tickets are required. Q&A begins at 4 p.m. and performance begins at 5 p.m.

Thousand Hills State Park World Turtle Day

Thousand Hills State Park World Turtle Day will be held on Friday, May 23, at 7 p.m. Come shellebrate turtles with park personnel at Thousand Hills. Learn why they are important, what unique adaptations they have, and more. Meet at the Campground 1 Amphitheater.

Hospice volunteer Carrol Davenport retirement party

Hospice of Northeast Missouri's spiritual care and bereavement coordinator Carrol Davenport is retiring after 18 years. Join hospice personnel and friends for coffee, conversation and laughter as they celebrate her retirement on Friday, May 23 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Hospice of Northeast Missouri office. If you're unable to attend but would like to share how Carrol has touched your life over the past 18 years, feel free to send a note to Hospice of Northeast Missouri or email it to htempleton@hospiceofnortheastmissouri.org.

Thousand Hills State Park Guided Hike of the Redbud Trail

Thousand Hills State Park Guided Hike of the Redbud Trail will take place on Saturday, May 24, at 10 a.m. The forest of Thousand Hills is a never-ending story where every plant, animal, and even person has a part to play. Join park staff to uncover more of this story. Please wear closed-toed shoes and bring water and bug spray. Meet at the Redbud Trailhead on Big Loop Trail Rd., across from the playground.

Thousand Hills State Park Petroglyph Tour

Thousand Hills State Park Petroglyph Tour takes place on Sunday, May 25, at 10 a.m. Thousand Hills State Park is home to a collection of petroglyphs or rock carvings made by ancestors of today's American Indians. Explore the petroglyphs with park staff to learn more about this unique piece of history. Meet at the petroglyph shelter located next to the beach.

Novinger High School Alumni Association 88th Annual Banquet

The Novinger High School Alumni Association will hold the 88th Annual Banquet on Saturday, May 25. Doors will open at 4 p.m. to allow for visiting prior to the banquet in the Hospitality Area. The program will begin at 5:30 p.m. This event is open to Novinger alumni, as well as all area residents who wish to attend. The 50th class of 1975 will be honored, and the 2025 class will be celebrated during the event. The meal will be catered by Noland's Catering of Macon. Advanced tickets are \$25 and on sale now at these area businesses: In Kirksville at Rider Drug or The Manhattan Color Bar. In Novinger at the school. Or from any alumni committee member. Tickets will be available at the door for \$30. More information can be found on the Novinger High School Alumni Association page on Facebook.

Memorial Day Ceremonies

Memorial Day Ceremonies will be celebrated on Monday, May 26 at 11 a.m. at the VFW Adair Post 2508, 21464 Parallel Road, Kirksville.

Thousand Hills State Park 'Where the Wildflowers Are Hike'

Thousand Hills State Park 'Where the Wildflowers Are Hike' will be held on Saturday, May 31 at 10 a.m. Experience the beauty of the spring wildflowers in bloom on this one-mile hike of the Redbud Trail. We won't be able to see all of Missouri's 1,500 species, but you will leave this hike with the skills to identify some common spring wildflowers! Meet at the Redbud Trail on Big Loop Trail Rd., across from the playground.

Kirksville to Host 2025 Special Olympics Missouri State Summer Games

May 29-June 1, Kirksville will be the site for the 2025 Special Olympics Missouri State Summer Games. The Special Olympic Summer Games consist of powerlifting, swimming, track and field, and volleyball. All events will take place at Truman State University. In addition to the competitions, the games will include the traditional opening ceremony, featuring the parade of athletes and the lighting of the torch. Specific times and locations are to be determined. As the games approach, details will be available at somo.org/summergames.

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Kirksville fire hydrant flushing begins May 5

By City of Kirksville

Beginning Monday, May 5, Kirksville's Public Works Department will begin flushing several fire hydrants around town. This work ensures that both the water mains and fire hydrants function properly. City staff will be working on fire hydrants, with lots of water coming out. The project is expected to take two weeks, dependent upon the weather. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 660-627-1291.



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OBITUARIES

Gary Edward Lunsford

Dec 14, 1934 – May 3, 2025

Gary Edward Lunsford, 90, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away Saturday, May 3, 2025 at the Schuyler County Nursing Home.

Son of Glenn Lunsford and Emily McDonald, he was born December 14, 1934 at home, one mile west of Pennville, MO. He attended Victory Rural school until the 8th grade and then Green City High School, graduating in 1952. In November 11, 1952 he joined the United States Air Force. He built and operated Lunsford Brothers Derby Service Station from 1963-1976 with his dad and brother. He married Betty Stewart on March 4, 1972 at Kirksville. He then started work at Kirksville Regional Center in 1976, retiring after 20 years in January of 1997. He then married Wanda Kellison February 20, 2000 at Kirksville.

Gary was preceded in death by: His parents; wife, Betty Lunsford in 1997; wife, Wanda Lunsford in 2011; sister-in-law, Phyllis Lunsford; a nephew, Dale L. Lunsford.

Gary is survived by: One brother, Gene Lunsford of Green City; Two nephews, Darin and Megan Lunsford & sons, Brody and Kasey; Doug and Amanda Lunsford & Son, Marshall, daughter, Madison; A niece Debbie McClure and her children MacKenzie Hubbard and Dalton McClure; Two stepsons, Ron Kellison of Kirksville and Rod Kellison and wife of Lake Jackson, Texas.

Gary's hobbies were playing base guitar in local bands and The Sunshine Band for 10 years. He enjoyed watching St. Louis Cardinals baseball, reading, metal detecting, and going to blue grass festivals.

A service for Gary will be held 2:00 PM, Friday, May 9, 2025 at Ruschmeier-Smith Funeral Home in Green City, Missouri. Burial will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, east of Green City with Military Rites. A visitation is scheduled for one hour prior, starting at 1:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the VFW Adair Post 2508.



City of Kirksville celebrates Arbor Day

Staff Reports

Kirksville city officials celebrated Arbor Day on April 25, with a proclamation from Mayor Zac Burden and a tree planting.

"Trees increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community," city officials wrote in a press release. "They also reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife.

Members of the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department invited residents to a tree-planting event on Arbor Day. New trees will be planted at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 25, at Detweiler Park, 411 E. McPherson Street. Join Parks and Recreation staff to learn more about planting and the city's commitment to being a Tree City USA. Kirksville has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for 26 years.



Parks and Recreation Director Robin Harden (left) and Mayor Zac Burden.

Truman State University JBA Jr. summer program open to area children

By Truman State University

Registration is now open for Truman State University's JBA Jr. summer academy.

Designed for children who have completed fourth through sixth grades, JBA Jr. is spinoff of Truman's popular Joseph Baldwin Academy. The weeklong day camp will take place July 21-25, with activities planned from 8:45 a.m.-4:15 p.m. There is no application process for JBA Jr. The program's goal is to help students from neighboring rural communities get excited about the possibility of college by spending time learning and exploring at Truman.

Students attending in JBA Jr. will participate in class activities led by Truman faculty and staff, including a scavenger hunt on campus, tours of the planetarium and herpetology lab, lessons at the University Farm and events in the music, art and science labs.

Registration is now open and will continue until June 1 or when the 75-stu-



dent capacity is reached. Tuition is \$105 per student, which includes lunch and snacks. Students who qualify for federal free/reduced lunch have the option to pay a reduced tuition of \$30. Some school districts will provide transportation to and from campus each day.

For more information about JBA Jr. or other summer academies at Truman, contact the Institute for Academic Outreach at (660) 785-5384 or jba@truman.edu, or visit jbajr.truman.edu.

KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Driver examination stations to close statewide for upcoming holidays

The Missouri State Highway Patrol would like to remind the public that driver examination stations throughout the state will be closed on the following dates: Thursday, May 8, in observance of Harry S. Truman's birthday. Normal operations will resume on Friday, May 9. Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, May 27.

Volunteers sought for 2025 Special Olympics Missouri State Summer Games in Kirksville

Kirksville will be the site of the 2025 Special Olympics Missouri State Summer Games, May 30 through June 1, and the Truman State University campus will host all the events. There are more than 300 volunteer opportunities available during the event, from help at the athletic competitions to many of the support efforts. In addition to assistance for swimming, track and field, and powerlifting, volunteers will be needed for the opening ceremony, the Healthy Athletes stations, move in, bingo, crafts, photography and more. Individuals and organizations can sign up for multiple volunteer opportunities as long as there is no time conflict between events. A complete list of volunteer needs can be found online at somo.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/state or scan the QR code on the picture.

Kirksville Aquatic Center outdoor pool opening day

Kirksville Aquatic Center Opening Day will be Saturday, May 24 at the Kirksville Aquatic Center. Mark your calendars, grab your swimsuits, and get ready for a season of splashes, sunshine, and summer fun. For more information on pass prices and hours, visit: kirksvillecity.com/p/kac — and let the countdown to summer begin.

Kirksville Kiwanis Farmers' Market

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 opportu-

nities, 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.

Kirksville Community Theatre seeks actors 13 and up

Coming to Kirksville Parks and Recreation'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 kirksvillecity.com/p/rec-login. All participants must pre-register, and class size is limited. Each class is \$20 and all paint supplies will be provided.

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.

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

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HOME COUNTRY

Fixin' a broke down car

It was like buzzards circling the body.

The Jones kid, Randy, was out in the Mule Barn coffee shop parking lot with the hood up on his car. He was staring down into it the way a first-time parachutist would look out the airplane door. You never quite knew for sure what lay ahead.

"Looks like Randy's got problems," said Steve.

"Let's have a look," said Dud.

So coffee was left to get cold and the entire Supreme Court of All Things Mechanical – Steve, Dud, Doc, Herb and Dewey – trooped out to see what was going on.

They formed a powerful semi-circle of wisdom around the youth and his engine with folded arms and facial expressions that said, "It's okay, Kid. We're here."

Dewey spoke first. "Having trouble, Randy?"

"Won't start."

Doc, who has the most initials after his name, said, "Give it a try."

Randy ground the engine, but it wouldn't kick over.

"Stop! Stop!" Doc yelled. "Don't want to flood it."

All Doc knows about flooding is that the animals went on board, two by two.

"Randy, I think it's the solenoid," said Steve, looking wise. And of course he pronounced it



SLIM RANDES
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sell-a-roid.

"Doesn't have one, Steve," Randy said.

"Sure it does. All cars have solenoids."

"Not the new ones. Haven't made solenoids in years."

Steve's expression said, "Young punks, what do they know?" But his voice said, "Well, what do you know about that?"

"Need a jump?" Dewey asked.

"Got plenty of spark," Randy said.

Randy looked at the older men and then bent to the engine and smiled. His voice came floating up over the radiator. "Might be the junction fibrillator. Or it could be a malfunction of the Johnson switch. If I rerun the wire from the organ housing to the pump bypass, that might get it done."

When Randy looked up, all the men had gone back in for coffee.

He smiled and called Triple A on his cell phone.

Brought to you by the new novella "Whimsy Castle" by Slim Randles. Contains plenty of words and laughs. Cheap, too.

ROBIN WRITES

A Mother's Day bouquet

I watched my daughter from various windows in the house, trailing her progress as she tried to pick every dandelion that dotted the grass. Her body bent in half over each selection, pudgy legs locked into place, and her curly, wind-tossed hair bounced against her cheeks on the way down.

She didn't just pull the heads off the dandelions. It was important to her to get a bit of the stem. Tiny pink fingernails, green with weed juice, made themselves into gentle pincers and pulled the flowers from the soil.

Her bare little piggies padded ant trails through the lawn; she was careful not to squish any dandelions or upset the bees that buzzed about. Where she walked, the grass held her footprints for just a second or two. Then it bounced back to full height to erase her tracks.

The faded pink plastic Easter basket she carried swayed wildly against her crooked elbow. Heaps of yellow circles inside jostled about as if being tickled. Once in a while, a dandelion fell out, but Andrea didn't notice. There were so many more left.

I leaned closer to the window. I could hear her singing a tune—full of reedy notes and lisp-y whispers. Its



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH
ROBIN WRITES

phrasing worked in time with her steps and propelled her in plodding diligence.

At a time determined by sweaty ringlets and a tiny attention span, Andrea deemed her collection complete. She studied the mound of flowers inside her basket and then looked at the yard around her.

Dandelions still decorated the grass. She smiled at the ones remaining, and nodded at her decision to leave them for another day.

But as she turned toward home, the flowers she left behind seemed somehow less yellow. Less special...like weeds again.

I saw her trotting toward the screen door; I leaned over the kitchen sink, looked away, and pretended to be busy.

"Mooommm!" Her voice roses and fell like a whip-poorwill's call. The door slammed against its jamb and fanned errant tendrils of her sunbaked hair as she stopped just inside. "I have a surprise for you!"

I twisted myself toward the voice, feigning motherly innocence that accompanies any gift from a child not yet old enough to keep a secret. She watched my eyes grow as wide as yoyos. I clasped my hands against my chest and smiled, big and sunny.

There she was; all four years of invested time and care, holding a grass-stained basket full of loving returns. "For you, Mom," she pronounced.

Andrea plopped the basket onto the kitchen table and reached for me. Her hug smelled like rain-freshened dirt and baby shampoo.

I closed my eyes against the pureness of the moment and wished for an eternity spent just like this.

After she ran off to play, I grabbed a fistful of those flowers and stuck their already wilting stems into a glass of water. They'd die in an hour or so, and I'd have to toss them away. But until then, my kitchen was decorated with the most beautiful bouquet on earth.

This Mother's Day, I will receive my share of cards and gifts from my now-grown children and still-growing granddaughter. But in my heart, I wish for just one more basket of dandelions; one more chance to watch love being gathered by little fingers.

Happy Mother's Day.

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THE ROCKWOOD FILES

Rate the wait

What I've learned in waiting rooms

I have a long relationship with waiting rooms. I've attended medical appointments for three kids, two dogs, one cat, and one husband. For nearly a decade, I also waited in rooms with my dad, which was tricky because he had dementia and couldn't remember why we were there.

Less than a year after Dad died, my mother (who has always been an overachiever) got diagnosed with not one but two separate, unrelated cancers — a shock that sent us down a winding road filled with waiting rooms in two different cancer clinics in two cities that are three hours apart.

Spoiler alert: Everyone is doing well now and enjoying good health again. The waiting rooms were well worth the outcome, so you won't hear me complaining. But as a caregiver and experienced medical appointment chaperone, I know there are millions of people who are still waiting—either for themselves or alongside someone they love. So here's a coping mechanism I developed during my time spent in waiting rooms: Don't hate the wait. Rate the wait.

Using the checklist below, add one point for a waiting room with the elements listed below, and then add bonus points as instructed.

Space: Waiting is hard enough without doing it crammed up against a crowd of strangers. The ideal waiting room has enough room between seating groups to allow for sneezes that won't trigger a pandemic. Time drags in sardine-like settings. (Add a bonus point for any waiting room big enough that you could do a cartwheel without bumping into furniture. But don't actually do the cartwheel — unless you get really great medical news, in which case, go for it.)

Furniture: Comfort is key during a long wait. A good waiting room should have adequately cushioned seating so you won't develop a case of butt paralysis while waiting. (In medical settings, I give an extra point for vinyl seats because it allows me to assume that the chairs are being wiped down with a disinfectant after the clinic closes.)

Windows: Not many waiting rooms have them, but windows that let in natural light make a huge difference during long waits. Instead of feeling trapped in a box, you can watch the world go by, the rain roll in, or the breeze through the trees. (Give an extra point for any bird feeders, flowers, or pretty fountains placed outside the waiting room's windows.)

Modern must-haves: It's 2025, so no one reads those ancient magazines. What we need are nearby side tables to set down our water bottles or caffeinated beverages. We need access to hand disinfectant and boxes of tissues that don't feel like a sandpaper assault on our sniffling noses. (Because we've become a smartphone society, give an extra two points for any waiting room with a free charging station to juice up your low phone battery.)

A Goldilocks bathroom: Long waits plus caffeinated beverages means many of us might need a restroom. The best waiting rooms have what I call a "Goldilocks bathroom," meaning it's nearby but not so close that everyone in the waiting room can hear what's happening behind that bathroom door. (Add an extra two points if it's super clean and fully stocked with tissue, soap, and a reliable way to dry your hands that doesn't involve the front of your pants.)

Clear signage: As a directionally challenged person, I've never met a doctor's office I couldn't get lost in. If not for the help of kind nurses, I'd probably still be at last week's appointment — trying to navigate the labyrinth of hallways between the exam room and the exit. Clinics



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need idiot-proof signage. (Add an extra three points for waiting room signage that has Wifi information as well as a friendly reminder that says, "Please don't take phone calls or watch videos on speaker.")

Truth tellers: Psychologists say that when people understand the reason for a wait, it's easier to take. And when we have an estimate of how long it might take, we feel more in control because it gives us the power to decide whether to wait or reschedule. That's why it's so important to have front desk receptionists tell us the hard truth about long waits and give an explanation when they can, such as "A motorcycle gang drove into an active hay thrasher, so the doctors are busier than usual." Patients become impatient when it feels like we're being treated as if our time doesn't matter. (Add an extra 5 points for kind, honest receptionists who treat you like a guest and not like a nuisance.)

After you scope it out, total the points and rate the wait. If the scores are low, you can — calmly and respectfully — tell the doctor or a clinic manager about your experience in hopes that feedback will lead to improvements. (Keep in mind that it's never okay to be an adult-sized toddler who throws a hateful temper tantrum, no matter how long you wait.)

If the scores are good, tell the people who work there that they're awesome and that you appreciate them. I can promise you that they don't hear it nearly as often as they deserve.

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PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

Older Americans Month

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Welcome to the Public Health Corner: Older Americans Month

Each May, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) leads the nation in observing Older Americans Month (OAM)—a time to recognize the contributions of older adults, highlight aging-related trends, and reaffirm our collective commitment to serving and supporting our aging population.

2025 Theme: Flip the Script on Aging

This year's theme, "Flip the Script on Aging," calls on us to challenge outdated stereotypes and reframe how we perceive growing older. Aging isn't a decline—it's a journey full of continued growth, opportunity and purpose. From second careers to creative pursuits, from caregiving to community involvement, older adults continue to enrich our lives and strengthen our communities in countless ways

"Flip the Script on Aging" encourages individuals and communities to:

- Recognize the unique strengths and capabilities of older adults
- Promote positive images of aging
- Encourage lifelong learning, engagement and connection



• Celebrating Contributions and Embracing Opportunity

Older Americans are volunteers, role models, workers, and family pillars. Their impact is woven into the fabric of our society. This May, take time to celebrate their stories and the vibrant, active lives they lead.

Communities can support this movement by:

- Hosting events that honor older residents
- Creating opportunities for intergenerational activities
- Highlighting local older adults making a difference
- Promoting age-friendly practices and services

As we observe Older Americans Month, let's all do our part to flip the script—to replace outdated narratives with those that reflect the rich, varied, and powerful experiences that come with age. By celebrating older adults not just for what they've done, but for who they continue to be, we can create a community that values aging as a meaningful and empowering stage of life.

POETRY CORNER

You're a Prayer Away

Sometimes in life... you find yourself... in a place you don't want to be, It gets more complex... when everything you've known... has disappeared from all you can see. I'm always one... to have the answers... when answers need to be found, But sometimes it seems... t doesn't happen... answers are never around. When this occurs... never lose sight... alone you'll never be, You're just a prayer away... from



peace of mind... a peace forever you'll see.

— Daniel D. Donovan

EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY Part 153

Standing at the Mississippi where three states meet - Old Settler Sophia May (Anspach) Phillips

By Blytha Ellis, President
Adair County Historical Society and Museum

The town of Keokuk, Iowa, is Iowa's southernmost city in the region which is sometimes called the "tail" of Iowa. Keokuk originated in 1820 when a U.S. Army surgeon built the first house near the foot of the lower rapids of the Mississippi River.

The Army had forbade soldiers from having Native American wives, so this doctor resigned his commission rather than give up his Indian wife. The town of Keokuk became a haven for fur traders, trappers and riverboat trade. After the Black Hawk War of 1832, it was named for the Indian Chief Keokuk, who was known as a peacemaker, a friend to Americans, an orator, and a shrewd, honorable man.

In 1850, many pioneers who were headed west crossed the Mississippi River by steam ferry at Keokuk. In 1850, an 11-year-old girl named Sophie rode that ferry with her parents, her six brothers, and their covered wagon pulled by a team of horses. When they got to the west side of the great river, her father took the family up on a bluff to the south of Keokuk where the Des Moines River met the Mississippi. There, he told his children to look in all directions because from there, they could see three different states, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri.

Sophie's parents, Adam Anspach (1810-1887) and Sarah Sally (Koble) Anspach (1810-1887) had left Perry County, Ohio, nearly six weeks before that, with all their worldly possessions in a covered wagon and seven kids in tow as they searched for a better life in the West. Sophie was the middle child of her six brothers, Noah, age 14, Hiram 13, James 12, Jacob 9, Solomon 6 and Isaac 4.

As the kids looked around as their father instructed, they thought all the land looked pretty much the same. They wondered how their father could tell which was Iowa and which was Missouri. They only knew that across the river from whence they had come was Illinois. They waited while their parents made a decision that would affect the rest of their lives. In which state would they settle? Sophie never knew why her parents decided upon Missouri, but they headed southwest.

When they had left Ohio more than a month previous, they had been following what was called the old National Trail, which would one day be known as U.S. 40 Highway. Now, it seemed they were going off the beaten path.

The National Road had been created by an Act of Congress in 1803 and signed by President Thomas Jefferson. This was the first major road built by the federal government, and its construction started in 1811. The route initially connected the Potomac River at Cumberland, Maryland, and the Ohio River for overland travel. It became the main path to the West for thousands of settlers. It was also known by other names including Cumberland Trail and Cumberland Pike.

Sophie said that all along the way, her family stayed at farm houses every night. People along this famous trail were accustomed to housing and entertaining settlers traveling to new homes in the Midwest and



Sophie May (Anspach) Phillips

beyond. Sophie said there were no railroads at that time and no bridges across the rivers in the frontiers they crossed. It was necessary to load their team and wagon onto ferry boats several times in order to cross the larger rivers.

During their long journey, Sophie said they saw "a few Indians and lots of wolves, but we were bothered by neither."

On their journey southwest of Keokuk, eventually they passed through the town of Kirksville, Missouri, which Sophie said had only a few houses back then and a three-room log hotel, the only one in town. Her parents kept going until they came to the Chariton River near what later became known as Yarrow. There, her father purchased land which he felt would be good farmland and built a house for them.

In the second year after they settled on their Missouri farm, Sophie was happy to report that at last she got a sister. Little Sarah Elizabeth Anspach was born on the 18th of November, 1852. Sophie was now 13, but she felt she finally had a comrade among all those brothers. But, Sarah was only 4 years old when Sophie got married and left the family home.

Sophie, who was born December 1, 1839, only lacked a few days of being 17 when she married on November 27, 1856, to James Phillips (1832-1901) whose parents were some of the first settlers of what became Macon County, Missouri. The couple had three young children when the Civil War broke out and James enlisted in 1861. Sophie was thankful that he made it home safely after the war.

Sophie spent some 50 years of her life raising 13 children (seven daughters and six sons) and two grandchildren. The Phillips family lived in Macon, Knox, and Adair Counties at various times. For a short while, they moved to Carbon County, Wyoming, where two of their sons, Henry Thomas and James Adam Phillips, had interests in gold mines.

In 1889, James and Sophie participated in the Oklahoma Land Rush. They homesteaded that land until they proved their claim. In April of 1901, they were visiting family in Adair County when James died of pneumonia at the age of 69. He was buried in Bear Creek Cemetery northwest of Kirksville. Sophie then moved back to Kirksville. In her later years, she lived

with some of her married daughters in Kirksville.

Sophie said she never had a doll when she was a little girl, except homemade ones. She always admired the store-bought dolls and had a secret desire to have one with lifelike hair and eyes. (Not that Sophie hadn't had enough real babies in her lifetime, but she still had an appreciation for dolls.) Her interest in dolls in store windows came to the attention of three of her daughters who lived in Kirksville.

On Sophie's 85th birthday in 1924 when she was living with one of these daughters, Sarah Elizabeth (Phillips) Hamilton, the three daughters purchased a blue-eyed, brown-haired doll for her which also said "Mama." Sophie was overjoyed and said, "Well, well, you couldn't have given me anything that would have suited me better."

Sophie died four years later at the age of 88 and is also buried in Bear Creek Cemetery. After Sophie's parents, Adam and Sarah Anspach chose Missouri as their home back in 1850, they lived the rest of their lives on the farm they established here. They died in Adair County and are buried in the Anspach Family Cemetery near Yarrow, which is believed to be on the original Anspach farm.

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TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans



115 Years Ago, May 10, 1910

Frank Parrish, constable of Benton Township, was called to the residence of Melvin Chevalier where a free-for-all fight was in progress. Six boys had a keg of beer which they were drinking in a woodshed in the rear of the Chevalier home. Parrish was called to stop the fighting which started among the drinkers. Instead of stopping the boys, they turned on him and quickly whipped him. Two of the boys appeared in Justice Lindsey's court the next morning and paid fines of \$27 each for resisting an officer. Parrish vowed that he would see to it that the other boys were apprehended and paid their share.

115 Years Ago, May 10, 1910

A Kirksville man, Harrison Fisher, apparently wanted to go to jail. He rode past the Adair County jail several times on horseback in a drunken state. Sheriff Williams went out and arrested him for public drunkenness and placed him in jail.

100 Years Ago, May 3, 1925

"Jack Frost" swooped down on the Kirksville area and nipped vegetation blasting hopes for early gardens. Ice the thickness of window panes was reported, it was believed that much of the fruit crop was ruined. Several farmers in the area who had good stands of corn reported that it was frozen to the ground, especially in low lying areas. It was thought that the strawberry crop would probably be cut short by the freeze.

90 Years Ago, May 1, 1935

Five hundred seniors and teachers from seventeen high schools in Northeast Missouri were the guests of the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery (KCOS, now A.T. Still University) to participate in the annual May Day celebration of the college. The guests were entertained with a theater party at the Kennedy Theater. The current movie at the theater was shown as well as a surgical movie. At noon the guests were served a picnic lunch in the KCOS gymnasium which had been scheduled to take place in the Laughlin Bowl, but due to rain the location was changed. After lunch the high school students were given tours through the various campus buildings by members of the Phi Sigma Alpha fraternity. The tour informed students about the practice of osteopathy and how it was taught. After the tours, the students returned to the theater for another movie presentation.

90 Years Ago, May 5, 1935

A Trans World Airlines (TWA) passenger plane crashed on a soggy roadside eight miles southwest of Atlanta, Missouri, short of its intended destination at Kirksville. Three persons were killed instantly and another died shortly afterwards in a Macon hospital. The deceased passengers were identified as U. S. Senator Bronson Cutting of New Mexico, and Miss Jeanne Hillias of Kansas City, Missouri. The plane's co-pilot K. H. Greeson of San Antonio, Texas was also killed instantly while the pilot of the plane, Harvey Bolton of Kansas City died later in a Macon hospital. The remaining nine passengers were either seriously or critically injured. The TWA plane was en route from the west coast to Kansas City, and due to arrive there at 2:30 a.m. Due to a thick blanket of fog in the Kansas City area, the plane was forced to land elsewhere. The pilot was instructed to stay in the air and search for another landing location. Airports throughout the state were giving reports of extremely foggy conditions. The Kirksville Municipal Airport at Millard was one of the few airports where fog had not completely enclosed

the landing surface. The pilot then headed to Kirksville with a limited amount of fuel. Before the plane reached Kirksville, the fuel supply ran out. The pilot then searched for a hole in the dense fog, but not finding one he leveled off the plane for landing. Thirty miles from the Kirksville airport the plane's motors started sputtering as the fuel supply was exhausted. The pilot leveled out near the earth's surface and made a forced landing on the side of a dirt road. The banks on both sides of the road were steep and caught the wings of the plane causing it to flip over and skid through a fence and nearby trees. Pilot Bolton had missed an open field by just a few feet. Farmers living in the area heard the crash and rushed to the site to hear those in the wreckage moaning and calling for help. The farmers removed the injured from the wreckage and took them to the nearest farm house to await emergency assistance from Macon. The crash site was in a remote area and eight miles of dirt road had to be transported to reach the site.

80 Years Ago, May 8, 1945

Kirksville and most of the rest of the free world were celebrating Victory in Europe Day (VE-Day), the day that Germany and the Axis powers surrendered ending five years of bitter fighting that decimated Europe socially, economically, culturally, and politically. With news of the wars end in Europe, Kirksville schools and businesses closed. Flags around the public square were displayed, although a few were at half mast, in respect for the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had died in office just a month earlier. He was succeeded by Vice-President, Harry S. Truman, Missouri's only native born to serve as President of the United States. On the evening of May 8, the Kirksville Ministerial Alliance sponsored thanksgiving services at the First Christian Church in Kirksville. Compared to the jubilant celebration at the close of World War I, the celebration of the victory in Europe was much more subdued and somber. This was due to President Truman's request that there be no holiday, and that business and production go on in the usual manner. In reality there was no reason to celebrate because of the extreme loss of human life, and the fact that the war in Japan and the South Pacific was still in progress with no foreseeable end.

70 Years Ago, May 10, 1955

Jill Wimp was crowned queen of the Regit, the Kirksville Senior High School yearbook, at a special assembly. Miss Wimp, the senior candidate, was chosen by the Honor Guard of the Wentworth Military Academy. The Regit queen's attendants were Mary Moore, junior candidate, and Dorothy Miley, the sophomore candidate. John Maxon, student council president, crowned the 1955 Regit queen, and Linda Brooks, Regit editor, present Wimp with a bouquet of roses. Larry Ratliff sang, "Make Her Mine," a song dedicated to the queen. He was accompanied by Linda Funk. The queen candidates were escorted to the stage by their respective class presidents—Charlie Cox, senior, C. E. Grim, junior, and Dale Tindall sophomore. The assembly program was under the direction of Lucille Allen, speech and drama instructor at the high school. Assisting with the assembly were the members of the decoration committee, Elizabeth Ivers, Sue Thomas, Sandi Wigal, and Dick Vaul. Faculty advisors to the yearbook staff were Mrs. Gladys Neville, Miss Jean Hanks, and Howard Skinner.

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Polley selected as Adair County SB40 April Outstanding Employee Spotlight Award recipient

By Adair County SB40

Ben Polley of Kirksville has been selected as the April Outstanding Employee Spotlight Award recipient by Adair County SB40, following his nomination by Dwight Buckingham.

Buckingham stated: "Ben Polley, who is autistic, is employed at Hy-Vee, Kirksville, as a customer service clerk. He does an exemplary job carrying out his assigned duties, always with a positive attitude and smile. His friendly interaction with customers is always present as he bags groceries with utmost care. I've heard nothing but positive comments from friends about the great job they think Ben is doing at Hy-Vee. Ben is known for his excellence in bagging and has participated in competitive bagging events. He willingly accepts and is eager to work and learn about any department of the store he is assigned to, whether it is bagging groceries, assisting in the deli, or customer appreciation barbecues."

Adair County SB40 Service Coordinator Andy Magruder exclaimed, "Ben has been employed at Hy-Vee for the 1.5 years. He moved here from Kentucky and has worked in other grocery stores for years. Ben's an excellent worker and very friendly. Ben is dedicated to his job and helpful to customers and fellow employees. He enjoys the discretionary income and is an avid collector of comic books, toys, figurines and posters."



Ben Polley, Hy-Vee customer service clerk and Andy Magruder, Adair County SB40 service coordinator.

Adair County SB40 Executive Director Sean Jacob, commented, "Ben is competitively employed at Hy-Vee, which is something we are always striving for and encouraging for people with disabilities in our services in our community. They are often the hardest working and most reliable of employees, and Ben exemplifies this at his job. He is happy to go to work, is getting to know his fellow employees, and plans to continue to belong there in the years ahead."

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

- Kids Inclusion Spotlight Award for children in kindergarten — 8th grade
 - Youth Leadership Spotlight Award for youth in grades 9-12
 - Community Volunteer Spotlight Award (any age)
 - Entrepreneur or Employee Spotlight Award (any age)
- In March 2025, a Spotlight Award of the Year winner will be selected from all of the monthly winners. Nominations can be made throughout the year by visiting the Adair County SB40 website or by contacting a SB40 staff member to assist you at (660) 665-9400. You can also find more information about the four nomination categories by visiting Adair County SB40's website, <https://www.sb40life.org>.



Ribbon-cutting held for remodeled Missouri Health and Wellness dispensary

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce, on Friday, April 18, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for local cannabis dispensary Missouri Health and Wellness, 215 E. Charles Street in Kirksville. The business, which was recently remodeled and expanded, hoped to hold an even bigger event on Sunday, 4/20, with live music,

food trucks and door prizes. The newly remodeled building houses a wide selection of cannabis products and, according to manager Dalton Kriegel, "all sorts of great deals". He said the business is not "vertically integrated," so being smaller, they offer more "niche" products. "We have all sorts of brands and all sorts of products, and we can really hone in on what customers want and help our customers with the medicines they need," Kriegel said.



Remember to drive safely in work zones

By City of Kirksville

April 21–25, is National Work Zone Awareness Week, so the city of Kirksville's Street Maintenance Department is reminding residents to drive safely and pay attention when traveling through work zones.

Street repair season will start over the next few weeks. You'll also see the utility maintenance department out working on water and sewer mains. When you see people in orange or neon green, be vigilant.

- Consider the following actions:
- Avoid distractions. Focus on driving safely through the work zone and avoid

- distractions such as your phone.
- Reduce speed. Obey posted speed limits through work zones.
- Be aware of workers. Work areas are often close to travel lanes, so be vigilant and slow down when workers are present.
- Watch for pedestrians and bicyclists. Work zones often restrict where non-motorized road users can travel and may make their travel more hazardous.
- Reroute. Follow signed detours or view traveler information sources that display active work zones and select alternate routes. Remember: Respect the zone so we all get home.

SPEECH

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MHSAA also held their state theatre championships this past week. KHS Theatre advanced both entries of their competition team — Readers Theatre "The Amazing Lemonade Girl" and One Act Play "The Importance of Being Earnest." Twenty-five unique schools advanced to state theatre competition from eight district competitions across the state; Kirksville was one of only seven schools that advanced in both Readers Theatre and One Act Play. The readers theatre finished 3rd in their semifinal round, making them one of the top six shows in the state. One Act Play advanced to finals and placed 4th overall.

The competition theatre team and speech and debate team are coached by Elizabeth Anderson and Heather Darrah. This is their fourth year leading the team and their 3rd speech and debate state champion and first theatre finalist finish.



One Act Cast & Crew.

SICK

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The Senate Democrats have been in negotiations with Republicans for weeks to modify the bill, in what they've said is an effort to maintain the will of the

voters in expanding paid sick leave rather than gut it entirely, as well as make it easier for businesses to comply.

The Republicans could also force the bill through in a rarely-used procedural maneuver known as the previous question, or PQ.

That requires the signatures of 10 members of the 34-member Senate and must be approved by a similar majority to shut down debate. Its use to end a filibuster is seen as a last-resort option by Senate leadership, and the last time the chamber deployed

it was eight years ago.

Senate Minority Leader Sen. Doug Beck, a Democrat from Affton, told reporters Thursday he doesn't know whether the two sides will come to an agreement.

"I would like to see us come to some sort of conclusion, because the law is in effect," he said. "People are earning sick time, and anything we do at this point could be taking away from people...I'm just saying, I am in good faith negotiations with the other side of the aisle on this and welcome to having those conversations as we continue on. Whether or not we come to a conclusion, I don't know."

Speaker of the House Jon Patterson, a Lee's Summit Republican, told reporters Thursday that modifying the law remains a priority and that he sees action on Prop A as necessary before the legislature can make progress on a bill that seeks to bring businesses to downtown St. Louis.

"For me, Prop A has to be addressed before we do anything like that," Patterson said, referring to the bill that seeks to revitalize downtown St. Louis. "... There's no point to try to attract businesses when you're telling them with Prop A that it's going to be very difficult for you, you have these sick leave

provisions that can lead to criminal penalties."

That is an "absurd way to look at Proposition A," state Rep. Betsy Fogle, a Springfield Democrat, responded to Patterson's comments. When Missouri workers are successful, she said, businesses will be, too.

"The idea that providing workers with more protections is a business killer is wild," she said. "... To try to make this seem like this is something that will kill business, that will keep businesses from opening, I think it's absurd, and I think it's quite disappointing, and I think it sends absolutely the wrong message."

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FLAG

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Romine said the club has been able to increase its support of programs and projects that aid young people and other individuals with great needs in

the community and internationally.

"It has been my honor to listen to individuals who want to talk about their flags," Romine said. "The sense of pride in the U.S. flag is impressive and widespread. Subscribers say that the flag often serves

as a special reminder of family members who have made a large sacrifice, sometimes the ultimate sacrifice, for our country and our freedoms."

For more information about Rotary or the Flag Program, visit www.kvrotary.org.

Scotland County Hospital Mammography Department earns deficiency free inspection

By Scotland County Hospital

The Mammography Department at Scotland County Hospital, in Memphis, has passed the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) state inspection with zero deficiencies. A Certificate of Inspection was recently presented to Scotland County Hospital. Radiology Department Supervisor Deanna Rowland, RT(R)(M)(CT), is responsible for complying with the MQSA regulations at the hospital.

"This deficiency free inspection reflects Scotland County Hospital's commitment to providing quality care," said Dr. Meagan Weber, Scotland County Hospital CEO. "The community can have confidence in the equipment that we use to diagnose and treat our patients."

During the inspection, the state reviews all of the department's documentation. This consists of the quality of care, quality control, instrument maintenance, letters to patients, follow-up letters, quality of exams including the imagery, and number of continuing-education hours for each technologist and interpreting radiologist over a three-year period. The Certificate of Inspection is only issued to those facilities that are clearly above the average in comparison with their peers.

"This is a big accomplishment for our Radiology Department," said Rowland. "It's very difficult to pass this inspection with zero deficiencies. The state scrutinizes everything we do. To achieve a zero deficiencies inspection takes dedication and meticulous attention to detail, which results in bet-



Radiology Department Supervisor Deanna Rowland, RT(R)(M)(CT), is pictured with the 3D mammography machine at Scotland County Hospital.

ter patient care all around. This is our third year in a row to get a 100%, deficiency free inspection

Scotland County Hospital offers 3D mammography exams that utilize advanced breast tomosynthesis technology. The 3D mammography machine can increase the detection of breast cancers, while simultaneously decreasing the likelihood that a woman will be asked to return for additional testing. In conventional 2D mammography, overlapping tissue is a leading reason why small breast cancers may be missed and normal tissue may appear abnormal, leading to unnecessary callbacks.

Scotland County Hospital's 3D mammography equipment provides an exam that includes a three-dimensional method of imaging that can greatly reduce the tissue overlap effect.

Ask your primary healthcare provider if you are due for a screening mammogram. If you are not sure whether your insurance plan covers 3D mammograms, call and ask. Both Medicare and Medicaid cover 3D mammograms.

To schedule a 3D mammogram at Scotland County Hospital or if you have any questions, call the Scheduling Department at 660-465-8511.



Kirksville Police Department recognizes Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week

Staff Reports

As part of National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week, the Kirksville Police Department recognized and honored Animal Control Officer (ACO) Robert Humphrey.

"Today, we celebrate the compassion and unwavering commitment of ACO Humphrey, who works daily to protect the welfare of both animals and our community, police officials said in a press release, calling his contributions both "invaluable and dedicated."

Humphrey has been with the Kirksville Police Department since June 2015 and is responsible for the enforcement of animal control ordinances; investigating complaints of animal abuse, catching stray

or loose animals, and transporting injured or deceased animals to the Adair County Humane Society. Humphrey picks up approximately 300 to 400 animals per year, while also investigating animal bites and coordinating those reports with the Adair County Health Department.

"ACO Humphrey goes above and beyond by frequently ensuring the return of many lost pets to their families, and has provided those in financial need with supplies and education for proper pet care," police officials said.

"The Kirksville Police Department invites members of the community to join us in showing appreciation for the hard work and dedication of ACO Humphrey in protecting and serving our community."



TMN students received multiple awards at the Missouri Broadcasters Association competition. Pictured, front row, left to right: Adian Kline, Joshua Brungardt, Mark Fisher, Gracie Doolin and Sydney Dial. Back row: Nate Boyd, Trewin Wright, Vinny Jones, Toby Parker, Lucy McCormick and Dane Winterboer. Not pictured: Aiden Breesawitz, Ali Werner, Leighya McNeely ('24), Madison Backes ('24) and Natalie Samson.

Truman Media Network and film studies students receive 17 awards

By Truman State University

The Truman Media Network, composed of The Index, KTRM-FM and KTRM Studios, and film studies students received multiple awards in the Missouri Broadcasters Association competition. Truman won a total of 17 awards which was more than any other university. The awards were presented at the annual conference, April 12.

AUDIO

FIRST PLACE
• Station Promo – Trewin Wright, Mark Fisher, Madison Backes and Aiden Breesawitz, "It's The Game"
• Dramatic – Mark Fisher, Aiden Kline, Trewin Wright, Gracie Doolin, Lucy McCormick, Dane Win-

terboer, Sydney Dial, Ali Werner, Toby Parker and Nate Boyd, "Ring Around the Rose (Act I)"

SECOND PLACE

• Show Promo – Madison Backes, "Do Re Midnight"
• Show Promo – Dane Winterboer, "House of Horrors"
• News Show – Trewin Wright and Vince Jones, "12-Nov-24"
• Podcasts – Leighya McNeely, "Making Kirksville Home – Nagy"

THIRD PLACE

• Station Promo – KTRM Staff, "Love Is In The Air Soap Opera"
• News Show – Mark Fisher, Quinn Sloan, Vince Jones and Grace Potter, "3-Mar-24"
• Podcasts – Leighya McNeely, "Making Kirksville Home – Williamson"
• Play-by-Play – Joshua Brungardt and Vince Jones, "Football"

HONORABLE MENTION

• News Show – Mark Fisher, Quinn Sloan, Vince Jones and Grace Potter, "2-Apr-24"
• Play-by-Play – Vince Jones, "Women's Basketball"

VIDEO

FIRST PLACE
• Short Film – Natalie Samson, "Your Mom's House"

SECOND PLACE

• Short Film – Mark Fisher and Hunter Hobbs, "Gabagool Man"

THIRD PLACE

• Podcasts – Toby Parker and Dane Winterboer, "Bulldog Babble"

MULTIMEDIA

FIRST PLACE
• Multiplatform Journalism – Truman Media Network Staff, "Election Night 2024"
SECOND PLACE
• Website – Truman Media Network Staff, "TMN.truman.edu"

Truman Forensics brings home national champion, additional honors

By Truman State University

Truman forensics team attended the first two of its four national tournaments, bringing home a national champion and multiple elimination round finalists.

For their first nationals of the post-season, the team attended the Pi Kappa Delta (PKD) comprehensive tournament at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, March 13-16. This tournament hosted more than 50 teams and close to 1,900 entries, the largest the tournament has been since 2015.

Alex Peterson, junior justice systems and pre-law major, was the national champion in impromptu speaking, placing first out of 216 competitors.

The team earned six other placements in national final rounds. In speech events, Peterson placed second in student scholarship and fourth in informative speaking. In podcasting, Cooper Spacil, first-year political science and pre-law major, placed third, and Emery McEvoy, first-year accounting and pre-law major, placed second.

Other students made it to the semifinal or quarterfinal round in their respective events. Being a semifinalist in speech equates to roughly the top 12 in an event, and in debate, the top four teams or individuals. Semifinalists included: Briggs Maynor, junior chemistry major, in after-dinner



Truman forensics team.

speaking; Zoe Walker, sophomore English major, in poetry; Bryna Adamson, sophomore biology major, in prose; Mikayla Hammer, first-year business administration and pre-law major, and McEvoy in informative speaking and NPDA debate.

The team also had six performances in quarterfinals, or the top 24 in speech or top eight individuals or teams in debate. Quarterfinalists included Peterson in after-dinner speaking and persuasion, Maynor in poetry, Alyssa Frisbie, sophomore communication major, in program oral interpretation, Spacil in impromptu, and Sawyer Partney,

first-year economics, philosophy and religion, and pre-law major, in novice IPDA.

Partney was also the first-place speaker in Novice IPDA debate out of 72 entrants. Hammer placed as fourth speaker in NPDA and Spacil was ninth speaker in novice IPDA debate.

Out of all the competitors at the tournament, Peterson was the 10th place overall competitor in speech.

Six other team members received excellence awards, indicating they were in the top 30% of entrants for their respective events. Adamson in after-dinner speaking, Spacil in extemporane-

ous speaking, Hammer in persuasion and interviewing, and both Lauren Weiss, first-year biology and pre-med major, and Maynor in student scholarship.

At PKD, the team earned a combined eighth place out of 54 schools. The speech team placed seventh in the large-entries division and debate placed fourth in tier two for medium-sized teams.

The second nationals the team attended was the Asynchronous Speech Championship (ASC), an online tournament, March 26-30. Students submitted pre-recorded videos of their speeches which were judged throughout the week asynchronously. Students then

learned of their placements at the end of the tournament. This tournament hosted more than 280 students from across the U.S.

Quarterfinalists at ASC included Peterson and Maynor in after-dinner speaking, Maynor in dramatic interpretation, Ben Grandstaff, sophomore psychology major, and Spacil in extemporaneous speaking, Hammer in impromptu and persuasion, and Jessie Phillips, junior political science major, and Maynor in poetry.

Semifinalists included McEvoy in after-dinner speaking, Hammer in extemporaneous speaking, Peterson in impromptu and Maynor in informative speaking.

First-year team members, Weiss and Hammer, were also acknowledged as members of the National Novice Team, a special recognition highlighting the commitment of first-year collegiate competitors to their respective programs and growth during their first year.

Out of the 46 teams participating at ASC, Truman placed ninth in the nation overall.

The team finishes their season with two more national tournaments this month, the American Forensic Association (AFA) National Speech Tournament at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and the National Forensic Association (NFA) championship tournament at Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich.

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IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI Case Number: 25AR-PR00026 (Date File Stamp)
Judge or Division: PROBATE
In the Estate of ELIZABETH ANN KURTH, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted
(Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ELIZABETH ANN KURTH, Decedent:
On April 25, 2025, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of ELIZABETH ANN KURTH, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of ADAIR COUNTY, Missouri.

The name and address of the personal representative is:
Michael Gelbach, 50587 Nature Trail, Edina, Missouri, 63537.
The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:
C. David Rouner, 400 N. Franklin, Kirksville, Missouri, 63501, 660-665-7515

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: February 20, 2025 /S/Martha Cole Adair County Circuit Clerk
Date of first publication: May 7, 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.
PUBLICATION DATES: MAY 7, MAY 14, MAY 21, MAY 28, 2025

IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI Case Number: 25AR-PR00015
Judge or Division: PROBATE
In the Estate of WANDA FAY VANSICKEL, a Disabled Person.
Notice of Appointment of Conservator
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of WANDA FAY VANSICKEL, a Disabled Person:
On April 14, 2025 RHONDA NOE, Adair County Public Administrator was appointed conservator of the estate of WANDA FAY VANSICKEL, a person adjudicated disabled under the laws of Missouri by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of ADAIR COUNTY, Missouri.
The business address of the conservator is:
300 N. Franklin, Kirksville, Missouri, 63501
All creditors of said disabled person are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court.
PUBLICATION DATES: 4-23-2025, 4-30-2025, 5-7-2025, 5-14-2025

IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI Case Number: 25AR-PR00021 (Date File Stamp)
Judge or Division: PROBATE
In the Estate of MICHAEL EDWIN ANDERSON, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted
(Supervised Administration)

On April 28, 2025 the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of MICHAEL EDWIN ANDERSON, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

The personal representative's name and address is:
Jessica Dorie Penn, 509 N. 5th Street, Edina, Missouri, 63537

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:
Vanessa Schwend, 1 Crown Drive, Suite 102, PO Box 267, Kirksville, Missouri 63501, 660-665-4070

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after 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: December 30, 2024 /S/Martha Cole Adair County Circuit Clerk
Date of first publication: May 7, 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.
PUBLICATION DATES: May 7, 2025, May 14, 2025, May 21, 2025, May 28, 2025

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Brashear is requesting qualifications for Planning, Design, Bidding and Construction Engineering Services to address water system improvements related to the replacement of an existing 50,000 gallon elevated water storage tank. The project may be funded through a combination of Missouri Department of Natural Resources SFR loans and or Grants as well as Community Development Block Grant, or USDA RD loans and or grants. Other funding agencies may be involved in the future, but no specific programs outside of the ones listed are planned to be pursued at this time.

A detailed description of project scope should be requested by email to Angie McKim at citybrsh@marktwain.net. Questions must be submitted via email by 8:00 AM on May 21, 2025 and will be answered to all known interested firms by 4:00 PM on May 28, 2025 and will be included in all information requests until the day of submissions.

Qualification information provided to the City shall include:

- The specialized experience and technical competence of the firm with respect to the type of services required;
- The capacity and capability of the firm to perform the work in question, including specialized services, within the time limitations fixed for the completion of the project;
- The past record of performance of the firm with respect to such factors as control of costs, quality of work, and ability to meet schedules;
- The firm's proximity to and familiarity with the area in which the project is located.
- The firm's professional experience in designing systems for water projects.

The above information should be submitted no later than June 9, 2025 to the attention of Angie McKim, City Clerk at PO Box 221 or 105 E Main Street, Brashear, MO 63533.

Once the City selects the most qualified firm based on the above qualification evaluation, an engineering agreement will be negotiated. The engineering agreement may include services other than planning, design, and construction including, but not limited to, assistance with securing the project financing, assistance with attaining easements or real property, user rate analysis, surveying, or other services as needed.

The City of Brashear is an Equal Opportunity Employer and invites the submission of proposals from Women, Minority, Disadvantaged and Veteran Business Enterprises.

THE NORTH CENTRAL MISSOURI REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION SOLICITATION FOR QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENTS TO CONSTRUCT ROY BLUNT RESERVOIR DAM SULLIVAN COUNTY, MISSOURI

The North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission (Commission), as the project's local sponsor in Milan, Missouri, is soliciting qualifications from companies or teams to perform tasks in pursuit of all necessary construction related to the Roy Blunt Reservoir Dam in Sullivan County, Missouri.

Specialty contractors may submit their qualifications independently of a general contractor or as part of a general contractor submittal for prequalification consideration. The Commission will accept statements of qualifications for the following specialties:

- Slurry wall construction
- Concrete spillway construction
- Grout curtain construction

A general description of the project is provided below. Current drawings, project manual and technical data will be provided at a later date to prequalified contractors.

Description of work:

- A 2,580-foot-long earthen zoned embankment dam will be constructed with the following components:
 - The embankment will be constructed of on-site materials, mainly clays of varying plasticity. The embankment is 78 feet tall.
 - The upstream slope protection will consist of rock riprap. The owner will assist contractors finding quarries that have material meeting the project specifications
 - The foundation will contain a bentonite slurry wall that extends 70 feet below existing grade, a clay core trench and a grout curtain
- A reinforced concrete labyrinth weir spillway. The spillway is 55 feet wide and 700 feet long. Wall heights range from 12 feet to 27 feet tall and will require mass placement of concrete.
- A reservoir drawdown system will be constructed with the following components:
 - A 30-foot-tall reinforced concrete riser structure with multiple gates
 - An intake structure on the upstream end
 - An impact basin at the downstream endpoint
 - A 60-inch drawdown pipe
 - An ecological flow intake and pipe to the riser structure

A non-mandatory prequalification conference will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 1:00 PM CST. All interested parties should notify the engineer of record, Brent Johnson (Olsson) bmjohnson@olsson.com by email or in writing to receive an invite to the conference.

All questions regarding the solicitation for qualifications shall be emailed or sent in writing to Brent Johnson prior to **Friday, May 9, 2025**. If necessary, an amendment will be issued to answer all questions submitted prior to the above deadline and provided to all interested parties. If changes, additions, and/or revisions are made to the qualification solicitation requirements, all interested parties will be notified.

Following the selection of qualified contractors there will be a pre-bid meeting and tour available on **Friday, June 27, 2025** at the Milan Community Center, 205 N. Market Street, Milan, Missouri.

The RFQ documents and proposal forms **MUST** be obtained from www.questcdn.com for a fee of \$22 (nonrefundable). Once logged into the site, insert eBidDoc project number **NCMRWC Roy Blunt Reservoir Dam, Quest Number: 9654940**.

All qualifications submittals are to include one hard (paper) copy and one electronic (PDF) copy by **Friday, May 30, 2025 at 5 PM CST**. Late submittals will not be considered.

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NCMRWC approved to seek contractors to build Roy Blunt Reservoir Dam

Construction could begin in the fall

By NCMRWC

The North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission (NCMRWC) has received approval from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to begin soliciting contractors for work to be performed on and around the dam. The project team has presented a very aggressive schedule whose success is contingent on requisite approvals by oversight bodies including NRCS, the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development (USDA-RD), the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and others.

The first steps in the construction of 79 foot tall and 2,700-foot-long earthen dam will be to construct a below ground, seepage barrier system consisting of a grout curtain, a concrete slurry wall, and a clay cutoff trench. The grout curtain is the deepest barrier located on the left abutment and extends 100-feet below ground through a deep layer of sandstone and shale. The proposed slurry wall will be located along most of the dam embankment extending roughly 50 feet deep into rock. A short length of a 25-foot-deep clay cutoff trench is proposed near the center of the dam. After the seepage barrier is in place, the embankment will be constructed over a period of two-three years during which time a concrete spillway and raw water intake will also be constructed. Ultimately the dam will form the 2,350-acre Roy Blunt Reservoir designed for water supply, flood damage reduction and recreation.

"The NCMRWC will scrupulously abide by the Federal Acquisition Regulations throughout the entire process including publicity and posting requirements," officials said in a press release.

Because of the complexity and size of the dam construction, the NCMRWC has proposed a two phased solicitation. Phase 1 will be a Request for Qualifications from General Contractors and Specialty Work Contractors (slurry wall, grout curtain and a concrete spillway construction). Phase 2 of the Pre-Qualified Contractor pool will be a unit cost and best value evaluation of the contractor's proposals with a single general contractor selected for the entirety of the project.

Because some of the work to be performed is specialized, the NCMRWC wanted to ensure all general contractors can perform all requisite aspects of the construction either self-performing or through a specialty contractor. During Phase 2 of the acquisition process, approved general contractors can partner or contract for work from the pool of approved specialty contractors.

"It is believed that this approach assures performance, reduces risk and increases competition," officials said.

Engineering firm Olsson has designed the dam and will oversee the acquisition and procurement plan, as well as construction. All-state Engineering will act as owner's representative and provide support for ancillary activities.

The general timeline of major activities associated with the procurement process. The dates are approximations with final dates contingent upon approvals.

Phase 1

- Advertise for qualifications for contractors and specialty contractors — April 21, 2025
- Qualifications Due — May 30, 2025
- Select pre-qualified Specialty and General Contractors — June 2025

Phase 2

- Issue Bidding Documents to Prequalified Contractors — June 2025
- Receive Bids on RBR dam — August 2025
- Award Project - October 2025
- Start Construction Fall 2025 / Spring 2026



Raffle officials prepare for the raffle.

Rotary Club of Kirkville-Thousand Hills holds annual Reverse Raffle

By Melissa Stuart

The Rotary Club of Kirkville-Thousand Hills hosted its annual Reverse Raffle on April 26 at the Moose Lodge in Kirkville. One hundred forty ticket-holders and their guests vied for the top prize of \$3,500 and items available in the silent and live auctions. Proceeds from the event help fund local, regional and international projects that benefit people and the environment. Two local recipients of grants made possible by last year's Reverse Raffle were the Pantry for Adair County, which expanded and improved its raised garden beds, and PC Mills Park, which received a shade structure and splash pads. This year's grand prize raffle winner was Brian Noe, who walked away with \$3,500. The second-place \$500 prize winner was Patrick Nolan. The \$300 consolation prize went to Rotarian Terry Combs.



Thousand Hills Rotarians Roger and Terry Miller discuss the Wine Pull with noon Rotary Club President Ruth Bowers (far right).



Emcee Jeff Romine explains the rules of the Reverse Raffle while Rotarians Jason Munn (seated) and President Courtney Bonnell look on.



Attendees submit their bids for items in the silent auction.



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Hospice of Northeast Missouri recognizes Adair County volunteers

By Hospice of Northeast Missouri

The week of April 20-26 was designated as National Volunteer Week and, like so many not-for-profits, Hospice of Northeast Missouri, a service of Hannibal Regional, relies heavily on compassionate volunteers.

"Our volunteers are an important part of our team, enabling us to provide the best care possible to the patients and families we serve," said Lisa Bunch, volunteer coordinator of Hospice of Northeast Missouri. "By sharing their time, energy, expertise, and empathy, our volunteers bring an extra layer of care and support to the lives of those who need it most. We celebrate them not only during National Volunteer Week, but every day."



Staff members from Hospice of Northeast Missouri met with Adair County volunteers to thank them for their volunteer efforts on behalf of Hospice of Northeast Missouri. Pictured front row left to right: Linnette Baker, executive director, volunteer Molly Cernich and Lisa Bunch, volunteer coordinator for Hospice of Northeast Missouri.



Staff members from Hospice of Northeast Missouri met with Adair County volunteers to thank them for their volunteer efforts on behalf of Hospice of Northeast Missouri. Pictured front row left to right: Linnette Baker, executive director, volunteers Phillip Worley, Andrew Schroeder, Diane Johnson Lindsey McGurran. Back row: Volunteers, Truett Haer, Kathy Hanley, Monica Barron, Suhani Patel and Lisa Bunch, volunteer coordinator for Hospice of Northeast Missouri.

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10:45 a.m. Worship

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10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Preaching
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:30 p.m. Noon Lunch

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

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

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Pastor David Stuckey
10:00 a.m. Sunday Services

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Weekday Masses: Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.
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Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

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7:00 a.m. Monday
9:00 p.m. Wednesday

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10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Hazel Creek Primitive Baptist Church
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Services on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
10:30 a.m. Song Service
11:00 a.m. Preaching

Meadow Brook Christian Church
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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
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Jeremy Pingle, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

Community Presbyterian Church
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10:40 a.m. Worship Service

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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

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Pastors: Andrew Turner, Andy Thompson
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Service
www.lakeroadchapel.org

Church of God (Holiness)
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9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

New Hope Evangelical Church
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9:30 - 10:20 a.m. Bible Class
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First Liberty Full Gospel
1302 E. Filmore
Rev. Fred Baker, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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

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

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

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

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

Seventh Day Adventist Church
1301 N. Elson
Kent Dunwoody, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sabbath School (Saturday)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Saturday)
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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
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9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Evening Service
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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
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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
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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 Bushnell, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Union Temple
Pastor Alan Coonfield
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
5:00 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Worship

Kirksville girls on a tear coming into late-season play

By Henry Janssen
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The Tigers look to be clicking on all cylinders into the final stretch of the season, having won five straight. Kirksville (12-5) will have visited Marshall (12-8) by the time of this publication in its final NCMC game of the season. A win will have given the Tigers a .500 finish within the NCMC, and a loss will have ended them 4-6.

Kirksville finishes the regular season with three home games versus Canton on Thursday, then Chillicothe and Battle next week.

In the Central MO Invitational on Friday and Saturday, the Tigers beat Joplin 2-0, Warrensburg 4-0, and host school Camdenton 3-0.

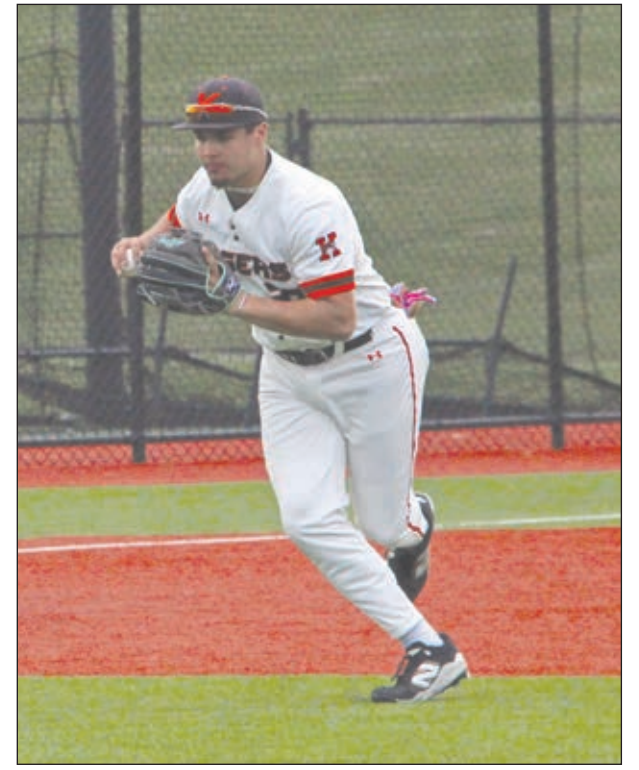
Last week, Kirksville picked up dominant wins against Mexico and Fulton, scoring a combined 14 goals while holding its opponents to just two.

Kirksville's 23-2 differential over the course of its past five games comes off the back of finishing the season 0-2 to both Hannibal (16-4) and Moberly (14-5) last week.

The Tigers' Class 2 District 8 opening matchup has already been locked in. They will play Benton (2-12) in a two-versus-seven matchup on May 17 at 10 a.m. in Maryville.



Sophomore Crystal Mahurin blasts past her defender to enter the attacking third in a game versus Southern Boone on April 10. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS



Senior third baseman Cole Kelly comes up firing after fielding a chopped ground ball. He was 4-for-12 at the plate throughout the week. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

Tigers split at Savannah, lose both at home to Benton

By Henry Janssen
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Kirksville's inability to capitalize at crucial moments with runners on base continued to be a tough trend as the Tigers went 1-3 last week in a pair of doubleheaders. The week pushed the Tigers to 8-15 overall after the four non-conference games.

"We scratch and we battle, but we come up a hit short in those pivotal moments," Kirksville coach Derek Allen has said time and time again throughout the course of the season.

On Tuesday, the Tigers headed to face Savannah and took the first game, 5-2, before dropping the second game 7-6 in eight innings. Savannah advanced to 16-9 after its week.

In the first game, Luke Cahalan threw a gem, allowing just three hits and striking out 10 in six innings of work while allowing no runs. He also went 2-for-4, and was one of Kirksville's four batters with a pair of hits

alongside Ryder Lyons, Aidyn Rowland, and Carson Kelly.

In the second – the extra inning loss – the Tigers recorded 12 hits to nine for the Savages, and Cahalan and Kelly were again responsible for two apiece.

Kirksville's three errors were costly in the first game against Benton. The Tigers recorded six hits with two from both Carter Pinkerton and Lyons. Lyons started and gave up six runs, four earned, in four innings of work.

The Tigers had just four hits and could not capitalize on three Benton errors in the second game.

By the time of this publication, Kirksville will have played Marshall (1-15) at home on Tuesday. Kirksville won that matchup handily earlier in the year, 17-2.

The Tigers, now 8-15, will have finished their NCMC docket after that one. They travel to face a Putnam County (19-3) team that has gone 10-1 in its last 11 games.

Mathis' makes furious surge to win 1500

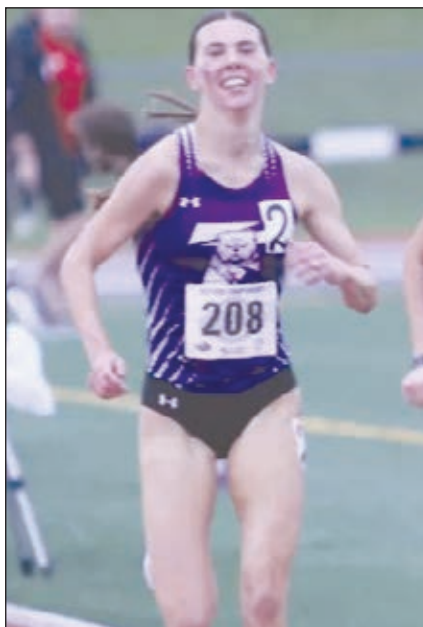
Truman women finish seventh and men place eighth in GLVC Championships

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Addie Mathis won her second conference championship in her final season of competition, taking the crown in the women's 1500-meter run on Saturday at the Great Lakes Valley Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

Mathis, who previously won the mile run at the GLVC Indoor meet in February, outkicked four Lewis Flyers to the finish line to win the 1500 on Saturday. Mathis was in second place when the bell lap began and ran 1:10.45 in the final 400 meters to close with a 4:36.43, winning by four-tenths of a second over Lewis' Sarah May. Freshman Sarah Williams also reached the finals and ran 4:57.39 to finish 11th.

Four of the five Bulldogs scored points in the 800-meter run, with Lexy Henrikson earning all-GLVC honors and a bronze medal with a third-place finish. Henrikson completed the race in 2:14.44, while Raina Baker took fifth at 2:19.15. Lydia Lembeck was sixth at 2:19.62, and



Addie Mathis cooked on Saturday at the GLVC Outdoor Championships on Saturday in Romeoville, Ill. The senior defeated four women from host school Lewis with a late push to take the title. PHOTO COURTESY OF TRUMAN ATHLETICS

Madeline Sims placed seventh in 2:19.94. Phoebe Canatsey finished ninth with a time of 2:20.35.

Kaela Perez ran a personal best in the finals of the 400-meter hurdles, clocking 1:06.07.

In the high jump, Esme Aubuchon matched her personal best, clearing 1.57 meters to secure fourth place.

The men scored the majority of their points on Saturday in the field events. Freshman Justin McKim placed in both the shot put and javelin throws, achieving season-best marks in each. In the shot put, McKim reached 15.13 meters for fifth place and threw 49.39 meters in the javelin for seventh.

Aiden Hays took fifth in the javelin with a mark of 50.99 meters, and Tyler Davis was eighth in the shot put at 14.59 meters.

Max McMullin earned a point with an eighth-place finish in the high jump after successfully clearing 1.87 meters.

The women's 4x400 relay team ran a season-best time of 4:01.19, winning their heat and placing fifth overall, contributing to the team's 50 points and seventh-place finish overall.

With 36 points, the men were one ahead of Rockhurst and four ahead of William Jewell.

Next week, selected athletes may compete in "Last Chance" meets to improve their NCAA qualifying marks for possible selection to the Division II Championship meet, slated for later in May.

Truman drops all four against Quincy to close season

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Although it didn't cost them a shot at the GLVC Tournament — they'd already been mathematically ousted — the Bulldogs sure would've liked to pick up at least one win against a middling Quincy team in the final four games of the season, especially at home.

The Truman bats went cold on a dreary day to finish the season as Quincy (Ill.) took two Saturday by 6-3 and 6-0 finals. Truman lost Thursday and Friday 8-2 and 6-3, respectively.

The Bulldogs saw an early 2-0 lead in Saturday's first game evaporate while the offense could muster only two hits in the nightcap. Quincy took advantage of nine Truman State walks and six hit by pitches combined in the two with eight hits in Game 1 and six in the final game of the season.

Isaac Epp took the mound for the Bulldogs in Game 1 tossing six with the Truman State offense staking the southpaw to a 2-0 lead after two. A lead-off single in the Quincy fourth scored on a home run by

Joe Huffman to tie. A hit by pitch finished the fourth with a 3-2 Quincy lead the Hawks would extend to 5-2 after five on three consecutive two-out singles. Epp went six total giving up five runs, four of which were earned, with Bryce Balistreri working the seventh inning in relief.

Dakota Joggerst went 2-2 at the plate with a monster shot in the sixth for his fourth home run on the campaign. Luke Rousel scored Joggerst in the bottom of the second with a double then scored on a Charlie Berry fielder's choice.

Truman State struck out nine times in the 6-0 Game 2 loss with Quinten Bauman and Luke Rousel the only Bulldogs to hit safely. Quincy, up 1-0 after back-to-back hits to open the second, plated four runs in the fifth effectively putting the game away. Three 'Dogs worked in relief of starter Cole Eggerding who gave up just one run in the final start in Purple and White.

Bulldog Baseball concludes its 2025 season 12-25 overall, 9-23 GLVC, while Quincy finishes its regular season 25-25, 18-14 GLVC.



Kyle Stratman was credited with a no decision in the final appearance of his career in 1.2 innings of work on Saturday. He didn't allow a run, and officially ended the season 1-1 out of the bullpen. The middle-relief/closer rightly finished with a hyper-inflated 7.71 ERA although he finished the job without allowing a run in nine of his 17 appearances. He recorded three saves. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

Rotary Club of Kirksville hosts District 6040 Friendship Exchange Committee chair

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

The speaker at the April 16 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting was Ben Martin, chair of the District 6040 Friendship Exchange Committee. Martin, who lives in

Lee's Summit, spoke about the upcoming friendship exchange with Zambia. A team from Zambia will be here in June and a Rotary team will go to Zambia in July. The speaker is pictured with Club President Ruth Bowers.



Household hazardous waste drop-off happening May 17 for Kirksville residents

By City of Kirksville

Household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-off for Kirksville city residents will be Saturday, May 17, between 8 a.m. and noon at the Public Works Complex, located at 2001 N. Osteopathy Street. Citizens must call public works to schedule an appointment. Citizens will not be allowed to drop off waste without an appointment. Appointments are limited and no additional appointments will be made once the schedule is full.

HHW applies to any leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients. Commercial hazardous waste is not accepted. Latex paint is not accepted. You can dispose of latex paint in your trash as long as it is in a dry, solid, hardened state. You may

use kitty litter or sand to harden it, or simply leave the lid off so it can dry out. A maximum of 10 total gallons of paint will be accepted from each citizen who has a scheduled appointment.

Along with latex paint, additional items that are not accepted are syringes, items containing mercury, knives, electronics, computer batteries, containers over five gallons, and cylinder items such as fire extinguishers, freon, helium and propane bottles.

Positive and negative battery terminals must be covered with masking tape. If they are not taped, they will not be accepted. No computer batteries or cylinders of any kind will be accepted.

For more information or to make an appointment, contact the public works department at 660-627-1291.

City of Kirksville receives Distinguished Budget Award for 38th time

Staff Reports

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded the city of Kirksville with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2025 budget. This is the 38th time the city has received this award. The city also received special recognition for the strategic goals and strategies presented in the budget.

"The award represents a significant achievement," city officials said in a press release. "It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meet the highest principles of

governmental budgeting."

To receive the budget award, the city had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide and communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

If you would like to view the city's 2025 Budget, visit Kirksville.gov/p/budget.



Finance Director Lacy King (left) and Mayor Pro Tem John Gardner.

Rotary Club of Kirksville hosts FosterAdopt Connect representatives

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

The speakers at the April 23 Rotary Club of

Kirksville meeting were FosterAdopt Connect representatives Maria Rench and Jayme Tiberi-Ramos,

who spoke about the services their organization provides. They include advocacy for children, sup-

port for foster and adoptive families, assistance for teens and young adults aging out of the foster care system, and preventive services to keep families together. Tiberi-Ramos seeks hygiene products, socks, underwear and other items for "Sammy's Window," a mobile unit. Call or email her at 573-995-0398 (jayme.tiberi-ramos@fosteradopt.org) to



coordinate delivery/pick up. Pictured from left are Rotarian Jennifer Chrisman, Rench, Tiberi-Ramos, and Club President Ruth Bowers.

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Novinger High School Alumni Association 88th Annual Banquet

By Novinger High School Alumni Association

The Novinger High School Alumni Association will hold the 88th Annual Banquet on Saturday, May 25. Doors will open at 4 p.m. to allow for visiting prior to the banquet in the Hospitality Area. The program will begin

at 5:30 p.m. This event is open to Novinger alumni, as well as all area residents who wish to attend. The 50th class of 1975 will be honored, and the 2025 class will be celebrated during the event. The meal will be catered by Noland's Catering of Macon.

Advanced tickets are \$25 and on sale now at these

area businesses: In Kirksville at Rider Drug or The Manhattan Color Bar. In Novinger at the school — or from any Alumni Committee Member. Tickets will be available at the door for \$30.

More information can be found on the Novinger High School Alumni Association page on Facebook.

Adam Snyder inducted into Rotary Club of Kirksville



By Rotary Club of Kirksville

A new member, Adam Snyder, was inducted by Club President Ruth Bowers at the April 23 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting. Snyder, a realtor with Century 21 Lifetime Realty, is pictured with Rotarian Elizabeth Gregory (left), and Bowers. His Rotary sponsor, Larry Whitney, was not present.