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Pancake City owners named Rotary's 2025 Ruby Green-Frank Baldwin Free Enterprise Award recipients

By Marty Bachman
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Pancake City owners Chuck and Cindy Lewellen were named the Rotary Club of Kirksville's 2025 Ruby Green-Frank Baldwin Free Enterprise Award recipients at the organization's Wednesday luncheon at the Kirksville Country Club, May 14. The restaurant has been a center of activity for the city's many residents since it was established on North Baltimore Street in December of 1983.

"Look around you now and you are likely to see students, farmers, truck drivers, businessmen and women, factory workers and families — that is the kind of place Pancake City is," Rotary officials wrote in a program detailing the afternoon's event.

Speaking on behalf of his wife, himself, Pancake City management and staff, Chuck Lewellen



From left: Rotarian Ron Gaber, Chuck Lewellen, Cindy Lewellen and Rotary Club of Kirksville President Ruth Bowers.

thanked the gathered club members while sharing the story of the restaurant's founding by his father-in-law, and his and Cindy's relationship since age 19 that began with working 80 hour weeks for \$200 a week while both

attended Northeast Missouri State University.

"My dad, Charles won this award several years ago, so we're trying to keep it in the family," Chuck joked.

At the time they opened, they were a 43-seat cafe

serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, 24 hours a day, seven days a week; closed on Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas to allow staff to spend time with their families.

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Kirksville Police Chief Scott Williamson.

Police chief cites 'significant improvements' in Kirksville crime rates

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

"There have been significant improvements in crime rates within the Kirksville city limits across most major categories and types," a report written by Kirksville Police Chief Scott Williamson states. The report was discussed by the Kirksville City Council at a May 12 study session.

A chart provided by Williamson shows that overall violent crime rate, which includes murder, aggravated assault, robbery and rape among others, were reported 91 times in 2021, dropping to 67 in 2023 but rising to 74 in 2024 — still down from its high.

Burglaries in the city have fallen from a high of 120 in 2021 to 47 in 2024. Larceny/Theft reports maxed out at 665 in 2022, but landed at 281 in 2024. Motor vehicle thefts have fallen from a high of 55 in 2021, to 20 last year.

Drug and narcotic violations fell from a high of 94 in 2022, to 48 in 2024, a drop that was attributed to the legalization of marijuana. Driving under the influence arrests fell

from 12 in 2021, to nine in 2022, then increased to 15 in 2023 and 27 in 2024.

"These improvements represent a significant effort by patrol officers, detectives, and Neighborhood Watch groups," Williamson wrote in his report. "It also is aided by enhanced communication and coordination with partner law enforcement agencies in the region."

Williamson said that the department regularly conducts traffic enforcement projects throughout the week, with most stops being educational and a "deterrence" to careless driving.

"Repeat offenders are issued citations and arrested when appropriate," Williamson wrote in his report. "Our increased DUI enforcement has also resulted in substantial increase in DUI arrests."

A chart in the report showed total traffic collisions reported, go from a high of 496 in 2021, to a low of 232 in 2023 before rising to 375 in 2024.

Related injuries were down to 39 in 2024 after seeing highs of 50 in 2021, 62 in 2022 and 61 in 2023.

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Saboteurs attack construction machinery used to clear land for Roy Blunt Reservoir dam

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission officials reported "felony damage" caused to construction machinery, when recently three shots were fired into the radiator of a JD 7920 tractor from a rifle or handgun at an area just off of Finch Road where clearing activities are being performed in preparation for dam construction.

"That is in addition to a window that was shot out of an 850 K Dozer," an email addressed to "Commissioners and Stakeholders" states. "Finally, it appears that sawdust had been poured into the fuel tank of the 850 K. This is felony level destruction of property,

not to mention the discharging of a firearm and criminal trespass."

The email, which was sent out on Tuesday, May 13, states that reports will be made to the Sullivan County Sheriff and the Missouri Highway Patrol. Cameras have been posted and more will be installed while other measures are being pursued.

According to the email, the equipment is owned and operated by Better By Design LLC (BBD), a construction company out of Brookfield. BBD is owned and operated by Lois Rodriguez and is an award-winning construction company that has done a considerable amount of work for the federal government, including the Roy Blunt Reservoir, commission officials said.

"Interestingly, this is the same area where, what appeared to be two nail strips were found in the entryway to a staging area recently," officials wrote in the email. "In addition, it is reported that Port-a-Potties have been shot at. It appears that BBD is potentially being targeted. This same area has experienced robbery, harassment of hunters, poaching and theft in the past."

Commission officials ask that if anyone has information connected with the destruction of property, to notify the authorities.

"Criminal and/or civil charges will be pursued," the email states. "Better By Design is offering a \$3,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the individual responsible for the destruction."

Kirksville fire chief gives city council an update on department's strategic plan

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

Kirksville Fire Chief Jon Cook wrote a report updating the Kirksville City Council of the department's strategic plan, which was discussed by the council at a study session held on May 12.

Cook wrote that in September of 2023, the council had approved the plan, which included the following goals:

- Build a staffing model that supports safe and effective service to the community.
- Increase retention, improve recruiting, and ensure quality employee career development.
- Develop a regional training program for fire and emergency medical services.
- Develop infrastructure to meet current and future community needs.



Kirksville Fire Chief Jon Cook.

- Ensure adequate resourcing of the Emergency Management Function.
- Develop, strengthen and sustain partnerships.

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Dr. Jeremy Houser, president of the Kirksville R-III School Board, speaks at the groundbreaking ceremony.

Kirksville R-III breaks ground on new performing arts center

By Kirksville R-III

With golden shovels in hand, the Kirksville R-III School District officially broke ground the morning of May 13, in the anticipated Performing Arts Center for Education. District admin-

istration, school board members, teachers, high school band students and community members gathered just southeast of Kirksville High School to mark the start of construction.

"This will be more than a building," said Tricia Reger, assistant

superintendent of Kirksville R-III. "It's our promise to our students and staff that their voices, stories, and talents matter. Today, we began building a space where imagination will take center stage."

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Red, White and Blue Festival parade registration now open

By Kirksville Tourism

Mark your calendars because Kirksville's annual Red, White and Blue Festival is just around the corner, taking place on Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5. The fun begins Friday night with the Summer on the Square Concert Series and United Way Pie Sale and Auction. Saturday morning is full of familiar favorites in downtown Kirksville with the Kiwanis Farm-

ers' Market, Pancake Breakfast, Classic Car Show, FLATS Uncle Sam 5K, and Red, White and Blue Parade. Later that evening, head to North Park for food, games, live music, and much more before fireworks light up the sky. Registration is now open for the Red, White and Blue Parade. Complete the form at forms.gle/mzYaBPf9BHbyVD7x5 and get it submitted before the deadline of June 27.

KIRKSVILLE AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Lemon Landscaping Ribbon Cutting

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Lemon Landscaping on May 22 at 4 p.m. at 801 N. Green Street in Kirksville.

Curtain Call Theatre Classic Film presentation

Curtain Call Theatre will show the classic film, "Where Eagles Dare", on May 23 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 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 Camp-ground 1 Amphitheater.

Hospice of Northeast Missouri/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.

Novinger High School Alumni Association 88th Annual Banquet

The Novinger High School Alumni Association will hold the 88th Annual Banquet on Saturday, May 24. 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.

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.

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.

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.

Memorial Day Ceremonies at VFW

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

Driver examination stations to close statewide for Memorial Day

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: Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, May 27.

Kirksville Historic Site Tour

The city of Kirksville will celebrate Historic Preservation Month with a Historic Site Tour at 5:30 p.m. on May 27. Mayor Zac Burden will lead this tour of seven properties proposed to become local historic landmarks, providing historical information on each building. The tour will start in front of Pagliai's. Residents should park downtown because five sites are walkable from there, but two of them, the former Willard School and Rieger Armory, will need to be driven to.

R.A.I.L Ribbon Cutting and Business After Hours

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for R.A.I.L. (Rural Advocates for Independent Living) on May 29 at 4:30 p.m. at 1100 Jamison Street in 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.

Spring Market

The Spring Market will be held on Saturday, May 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Fort Camp-ground, 26826 Yarrow Trail in Kirksville. Enjoy indoor and outdoor craft vendors. Live music by Nate Gordon. Food trucks include: The Peppered Heifer; Coffee cravings; Frosted Flamingo; and Wallace Concessions.

Northeast Spring Preview - Lamb & Goat Edition

Get ready for the Northeast Spring Preview – Lamb & Goat Edition livestock showing and competition, June 1 at the NEMO Fairgrounds in Kirksville. Prizes for Top 5 Placings: Market Lamb & Wether: \$300, \$200, \$100, \$50, \$25; Commercial Ewe & Doe: \$200, \$150, \$100, \$50, \$25. Check-In: 7-8:30 a.m.; Weigh-In: 7-8:30 a.m.; Show Time: 10 a.m. Entry Fee: \$25/head via Showman. For more info: Brittany Huffman: (660) 216-5517; Amelia Frazier: (541) 359-7275; Jayd Frazier: (573) 321-0433.

Rhonda And The Rage at Truman State

Rhonda and The Rage, live at Truman State University, June 1 at 6 p.m. Get ready for a foot-stomping, soul-stirring night as Rhonda and The Rage bring their signature bluegrass sound to Baldwin Hall. This is a fundraiser for Kirksville Rotary Club. Proceeds benefit PolioPlus, Rotary Amphitheater, scholarships and more. Whether you're a lifelong fan or just discovering the genre, their dynamic performance will have you clapping, singing along, and feeling the music in your soul. Tickets are \$45 – advance purchase (Save your spot before the day of the event). <https://kvrotrary.org/events/rhonda-and-the-rage/>.

Community Connections-Relationships and conflict resolution

Community Connections-Relationships and conflict resolution program will be held on June 4 from 11 a.m. to noon at 1515 N. New Street in Kirksville. Hear Lynae McFarland talk about how to have healthy relationships and resolve conflicts.

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Northeast Regional Medical Center recognized for excellence with ACC Chest Pain Center Accreditation

NRMC provides necessary care, resources to patients with heart attack symptoms

By Northeast Regional Medical Center

The American College of Cardiology has recognized Northeast Regional Medical Center for its demonstrated expertise and commitment in treating patients with chest pain. NRMC was awarded Chest Pain Center Accreditation based on rigorous on-site evaluation of the staff's ability to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients who may be experiencing a heart attack. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 730,000 Americans suffer a heart attack each year. The most common symptom of a heart attack for both men and women is chest pain or discomfort. However, women are more likely to have atypical symptoms. Other heart attack symptoms include, but are not limited to, tingling or discomfort in one or both arms, back, shoulder, neck or jaw, shortness of breath, cold sweat, unusual tiredness, heartburn-like feeling, nausea or vomiting, sudden dizziness and fainting. Hospitals that have earned ACC Chest Pain Center Accreditation have proven exceptional competency in

treating patients with heart attack symptoms. They have streamlined their systems from admission to evaluation to diagnosis and treatment all the way through to appropriate post-discharge care and recommendations and assistance in patient lifestyle changes. "NRMC has demonstrated its commitment to providing Northeast Missouri with excellent heart care," said Deepak L. Bhatt, MD, MPH, FACC, chair of the ACC Accreditation Management Board. "ACC Accreditation Services is proud to award NRMC with Chest Pain Center Accreditation." Hospitals receiving Chest Pain Center Accreditation from the ACC must take part in a multi-faceted clinical process that involves: completing a gap analysis; examining variances of care, developing an action plan; a rigorous onsite review; and monitoring for sustained success. Improved methods and strategies of caring for patients include streamlining processes, implementing guidelines and standards, and adopting best practices in the care of patients experiencing the signs and symptoms of a heart attack. Facilities that achieve accreditation meet or exceed an array of stringent criteria and have organized a team of doctors, nurses, clinicians, and other admin-

istrative staff that earnestly support the efforts leading to better patient education and improved patient outcomes. "Our goal is to deliver top-notch cardiac care to our community, especially given our location in a rural area," stated Annie Tate, RN and Director of the Cardiology Service Line at NRMC. "Recently we achieved renewal of our national ACC Chest Pain Center Accreditation which helps ensure that our patients benefit from advancements in cardiac care, grounded in evidence based treatment." The ACC offers U.S. and international hospitals like NRMC access to a comprehensive suite of cardiac accreditation services designed to optimize patient outcomes and improve hospital financial performance. These services are focused on all aspects of cardiac care, including emergency treatment of heart attacks. NRMC also received renewal for the Level 3 STEMI Center certification from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Hospitals receiving this certification adhere to strict requirements for the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of patients experiencing STEMI (a form of heart attack). NRMC is the area's only dually accredited ACC Chest Pain Center and Level 3 STEMI Center.

KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

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.

Alice Allinson Quilt Exhibit at Sue Ross Arts Center
Quilter Alice Allinson will be held at the Sue Ross Arts Center from May 19 through June 27. A reception will be held n June 6 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Arts Center is located at 215 S. Franklin Street, in Kirksville. Visit www.kirkvillearts-scrac.org.

Curtain Call Theatre production of Neil Simon's 'Rumors'
The Curtain Call Theatre production of Neil Simon's "Rumors" dates and times are: June 5-7 (Thursday to Saturday); June 12-14 (Thursday to Saturday). Curtain Call Theatre Building, 512 W. Elizabeth Street, Kirksville. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., all shows begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the HyVee service beginning Friday, May 23, or at the door.

Brashear Summer Bash
Brashear Summer Bash will be held on June 6 and 7 from 3-9 p.m. at the Brashear City Park in Brashear. Vendors, Bingo, lawn games, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, corn hole tournament, grub in the Keller Building, music, bounce house, movie night, homemade ice cream and fund trucks. Fun for the whole family.

City-wide Garage Sales
Kirksville City-Wide Garage Sale will be held on June 6 and 7. La Plata City-Wide Garage Sale will be held on June 13 and 14. Greentop City-Wide Garage Sale will be held on June 7.

Rotary District 6040 District Conference
Rotary District 6040 will hold their District Conference & Celebration in Kirksville, May 30 and 31, with a special Rhonda Vincent concert on Sunday June 1 at Truman State University's Baldwin Auditorium (open to the public). For more information about the Rotary District 6040 Conference & Celebration to be held in Kirksville, contact Conference Chairman Ruth Bowers at kirksvillerotary6040@gmail.com or 660-216-8061.

Maples Repertory Theatre presents 'Rock of Ages'
Rock of Ages is a jukebox musical that tells the story of Drew, a Bourbon Room busboy and Sherrie, a small-town girl, who are pursuing their dreams of becoming rock stars in Los Angeles. Dates are: Wednesday, June 18, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Night Out Event; Friday, June 20, 2 p.m. Friday, June 20 7:30 p.m. Afterglow; Saturday, June 21, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, June 22, 2 p.m. Sunday Dinner; Tuesday, June 24, 2 p.m.; Saturday, June 28, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, June 29, 2 p.m., Sunday Dinner. 102 N Rubey Street, Macon, (660) 385-2924.

Maples Repertory Theatre presents 'Nonsense'
Nonsense is a habit-forming, riotous musical spoof about the misadventures of five nuns trying to manage a fundraiser. Dates: Friday, June 27 at 2 p.m.; Friday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. Afterglow; and Saturday, June 28 at 2 p.m. 102 N Rubey Street, Macon, (660) 385-2924.

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"My first cooking experience happened early on," Chuck said, explaining that the cook hadn't shown up for work that Saturday morning and while he had never cooked before, he was forced to man the grills, which at that time were stationed where everyone could watch. "Forty-two years later, I'm still cooking," he said. At a certain point in time, Chuck and Cindy suggested to her father that they move the kitchen to the back of the restaurant and expand to 60 seats. That was the restaurant's first remodeling project. A couple years after that they pitched the idea of adding on and expanding again to try to grow the business to 150 seats.

"The pitch was not what I expected," Chuck said. "He looked at me and said, 'I think that is a great idea — so what you need to do is buy me out and do the expansion with your money.'" The couple bought him out, expanded the restaurant, then spent the next several years making ends meet and raising a family. "This business being opened 24 hours a day, seven days a week, definitely had its challenges," he said. "Late nights would be thrilling and also leave you frustrated at times. There are so many stories, I often wish we would have written the stories down and published a book." He said that the restaurants customers come from every walk of life and that they try to be the type of place that everyone feels comfortable in. "Our success comes from, yes, hard work and long hours, but also

from having great employees he said, noting that they've had two general managers in 42 years, as well as a couple of employees that have been with them for 30 years, and more than a handful that have been with them over 20. Chuck spoke of the loss of he and Cindy's son in 2017, SFC Matthew Charles Lewellen, an army Special Forces soldier. After that, they ended the 24-hour routine and began closing at night as Kirksville began to change with factories eliminating their late-night shifts and the student population dropping. He said that Cindy and he, having established a foundation in their son's name, now travel frequently on behalf of the foundation. Chuck ended his speech by stating his appreciation for his and Cindy's parents, who he said were instrumental in who they are today.

"They instilled in us a hard work ethic, how to treat people and do what is right," he said. "I think that has been a very important ingredient in the business's success. I can go into saying that watching the percentages, watching all the fine points of business and managing spreadsheets on a daily basis, but honestly, I think it's those ingredients that has made Pancake City a servant to the people." According to Rotary officials, for more than four decades Ruby Green and Frank Baldwin were outstanding community leaders, model Rotarians and highly respected business leaders. The Rotary Club of Kirksville has presented this award since 1994 and businesses are nominated by club members and the Ruby Green-Frank Baldwin Free Enterprise Award Committee, which carefully evaluates and selects one recipient.

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Williamson wrote that the department actively partners with several law-enforcement agencies and many active Neighborhood Watch groups. He said future goals include developing personnel, increasing retention rates, an expansion of recruitment efforts, and maintaining staffing levels. He said the department has a 90% staffing rate despite three patrol officer openings. He said that while there is concern about inexperienced officers filling the ranks, the department has a "solid base of experience" in leadership. A third chart shows five officers with more than 20 yrs experience; four officers with over 15 years on the job; two officers at 10 years and six with over five years in the department. Williamson expressed that he would enhance the department's infrastructure to meet current and future community needs, beginning by making several purchases for officers that include lighter rifle plates for SWAT members, which reduce the risk of back injuries while increasing their protective surface area. Williamson also wants his patrol officers armed with a Taser 10, which has increased range and multi-shot capability, giving officers more options when situations become combative. He said the department is also in the process of applying for the Blue Shield Program through the State of Missouri, which will grant them access to additional funding for equipment.

PLAN

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According to Cook, Phase 1 of the staffing plan is partially complete, with lieutenant/captain changes updated. The six-person minimum staffing has not yet been fulfilled but the department has developed a successful EMT-Basic training program incorporated as part of the initial training academy for all recruits who are not yet EMT licensed. The department has also formalized a new candidate training program, reducing time from hire to fully position qualified from three years plus to less than one year.

Cook said it has implemented a new employee assistance program to improve employee wellness and has purchased improved training props/equipment to enhance the quality of internal training. He said the department has completed automatic aid agreements with the Adair County Fire Department and La Plata Community Fire Protection District, as well as implemented quarterly joint training sessions to improve quality of mutual aid resources. The department, he said, continues to work with architectural planning firm Archimages, to develop plans for an additional fire station and new training facility. He told the council that the department has fully imple-

mented its Emergency Medical Response Agency program in cooperation with Adair County Ambulance District and the department's paramedics, who have delivered life-saving or morbidity-reducing care multiple times since the program was initiated. "With the decline in participation in the Reserve Firefighter program, and the inability to recruit for the budgeted positions, this program was terminated," Cook wrote, documenting changes to the strategic plan. "Staff will evaluate a volunteer program in conjunction with a college/high school-level training program if/when facilities and staff are available."

Cook added that management of 911 is no longer a responsibility of the department as of April 1. "The future focus will be on the sustainment of the strides made in both internal and external training, and achieving the critical staffing goal of a six-firefighter per shift minimum staffing level," he wrote in his report to the council. "Staff will continue planning activities to execute the high-priority elements of the Strategic Plan, including the construction of an equipment storage building and training structure, and work with City Administration to complete a comprehensive fire station location plan."

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ROBIN WRITES

The music of words

I grew up singing hymns—church songs, as we called them—and I’m convinced the words they taught me impacted my life in ways far beyond the messages they imparted.

As a child, I memorized songs and parroted them back; my mother’s smile was my reward. I knew Jesus loved me because ‘the Bible tells me so’. And although I couldn’t read yet, I knew how to spell the ‘B-I-B-L-E’ and sang the word with pride.

I learned about the alliterative ‘peace that passeth understanding’ from the song ‘Down in my Heart.’ I didn’t know what that phrase meant for years, but it was fun to sing and I figured it was a good thing to pronounce.

Many of the words in our hymns were ones I heard nowhere else but church; their repetitions stressed their importance, and their pronunciations embroidered curls of intricate stitching that bolstered my struggling attempts to say them.

Some were as beautiful as the music that accompanied them: Glory. Redemption. Rejoicing. Mercy.

Others words were woven into stories of struggle and the hardships of life, made worthwhile by following Christ: Snares. Prostrate. Sheaves. Billows.

And some words joined together to offer phrases that became touchpoints for my Christian life. I heard them repeated within the music and outside the music, in the scriptures themselves:

In Jesus I’m safe evermore. It is well with my soul. What a day of rejoicing that will be.

I learned that God could be a metaphor: A Mighty Fortress. The Lily of the Valley. The Solid Rock.

And that his name could be Wonderful. Blessed Redeemer. Father. Whatever I called him, I was reminded that there was ‘something about that name.’

Choruses challenged me with action words: I was encouraged to ‘stand on the promises.’ Kneel at the cross. Shout on the Hills of Glory. Gather at the river.

And my favorite: Have a little talk with Jesus.

I sang words I didn’t know within verses I couldn’t comprehend, but the meanings swirled around my head and the warmth of their value was exhaled by voices I trusted and loved.

Each hymn added cadence to a line of lyrics; the rhythm thrummed like a heartbeat throughout the sanctuary. Breaths were metered to finish each line. The verses often told stories whose message created an arc: despair to faith to wondrous reward.

Through their structure I learned to expect the sometimes-difficult progression of life events and the value of having faith in the future.

I smiled when my favorite hymn was called out; I rustled songbook pages and smoothed the open destination with happy hands. Blessed Assurance. The Old Rugged Cross. When we all get to Heaven. Amazing Grace.



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The songs we sang were the highlight of every church service I attended. I memorized stanzas so I could look around me and see the faces who felt each word.

Those who knew their wisdom and lived their messages the rest of the week.

The four-part harmony from the choir and the congregation swirled from pew to rafter. I learned that the melodies could be not only pleasing to the ear but also as soul-stirring as any sermon.

Stanzas that rumbled like thunder. Whispered lines filling hearts with hope. Verses of ‘joy unspeakable’ that could be wondrously expressed through song.

And, slowly, through the years of singing and listening, I grew to understand the importance of hymns and their layered meanings. The words—which had already become a part of my heart—became part of my vocabulary.

From childlike repetition I experienced happiness. From memorization, I found comfort. And when I grew to understand the impact their words and messages gave to my life?

I thanked God for those Wonderful Words of Life.

Columns

HOME COUNTRY

Prayin’ for rain

When the world is hot and my skin is fried, scratching from the constant dry, let the clouds boil up, boil up high. And then shade the earth with the darkening sky and bring the secrets and the smell of rain. The coolness and the blessed rain, again.

Our land is brown but blessed, stressed in the heat, the shiny heat of day. The slender green of rivers slide along, striving to continue, to feed its own along the banks, the banks where the dust rises. Rises, powdery clomp by clomp as we walk, walk the shady way.

And though the heat, the dryness of heat, pushes down our weary feet, we plod along. Ours is the blessing of challenge, to live, to thrive in the heat. To toil and sweat, to make the cold drink at day’s end that much sweeter. Sweeter as it goes down, cooler as it falls, dropping the coolness inside us and forcing us to smile. That summer smile.

When the heat falls hard, on many days, unquenched by the dark of night, we ask, in quiet times, we ask. Bring us the clouds, the black-bellied clouds, the clouds that softly hold the heads of gods in their



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moistening grasp. The clouds, those big-bellied busters that hold the violence, the wind, the flashes, the noise. The clouds we wait for and pray for and look for on the western ridge. Let them come, with their silver tops and their bellies black as night and cool as forgiveness. The summer clouds, the clouds that define our culture, our art, our summer, our hot, heavy summer.

A rain, a storm, a suddenness of life and blast and sweet charity designed to keep us living here, here in the rain, here in the sun, and keep us praying, here in the rain, and looking toward the west for more, always to the west, always looking for more.

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One year after

What the winds can’t blow away

A year ago, a tornado hop-scotched through our town. It was past midnight, and I was watching a movie at home with our teenagers. When our phones screamed a long, loud beep, we switched to local news to see a meteorologist — sleeves rolled up to the elbows — urging viewers to get into a safe place. A tornado had been spotted in the heart of town.

For the next 10 minutes, we huddled in a closet under the stairs, listening to the staccato sound of hail. We heard the warning sirens wail and felt our ears pop. I remember gripping the closet doorknob, praying the door would stay closed and be a barrier between us and the storm. After an ear-splitting sound, the wind began to calm.

When we peered out of the closet, this comforting old house surrounded us with intact walls and roof. But when we opened the front door to look outside, we stared straight into a vertical wall of dirt and roots that I couldn’t make sense of in the dark. It wasn’t until I walked right up to it with a flashlight that I realized the giant oak tree that had always towered a few feet from our door was now on its side. I was looking at the bottom of the root ball that had ripped from the ground to point skyward as the tree toppled. If it had fallen toward the house instead of the street, it would’ve come down on top of us.

By daybreak, we and our neighbors were already helping each other clean up. Later that day, we drove around to get a broader glimpse of what

the storm had done once it left our street. The familiar landscape had drastically changed — so different that I felt disoriented, as if I’d taken a wrong turn and gotten lost in my own town. The local news confirmed that our area had suffered losses in lives, homes, cars and businesses.

A twister may only last for minutes, but there’s a cascade of fallout for months afterward. Some homes and businesses bounced back relatively quickly, while others languished in complicated situations with insurance companies and a drought of cash flow. Some eventually rebuilt, but others were lost amid the impossible circumstances that disasters leave behind.

One of those places was a little diner called The Waffle Hut, which had been part of our town for several decades. When my parents moved here 13 years ago, the diner became my dad’s favorite place to go. He sat on a barstool at the counter, ate breakfast, and turned strangers into friends with his proximity and good nature.

After his dementia made it unsafe for him to drive, I went to Waffle Hut with him every weekday after dropping off the kids at school. I sat on a stool beside Dad, read the news, and visited with people around us. The diner became our “third place.” When home is the first place and work is the second, third places are defined as spots where people regularly gather and interact. And our third place had the best crispy hash browns and the kindest people. It wasn’t fancy, but people waited in line on weekends just to get in the door.

Even after Dad couldn’t remember the name of his usual breakfast order, the waitresses remembered for



GWEN ROCKWOOD
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him — a waffle with blueberry topping. The cooks loved him like family and listened to him tell stories and jokes he’d already told dozens of times. One of our last photos of him was taken inside that diner, grinning at us over an orange coffee cup. A month later, he was gone.

One year ago, the tornado pried open the diner’s roof, sucked out the contents and spewed them into the whipping winds. After several months in limbo, the owners of the leased building decided not to rebuild. Those of us who loved that little place mourned the loss of a community treasure that had given us a space to start the day among friends.

I saw the diner for the last time a few weeks ago when I drove by and noticed that a demolition excavator with a hydraulic claw was parked nearby, preparing to finish what the tornado had set in motion. On the diner’s windows, someone had spray-painted the words “We will miss you.”

I haven’t driven down that block since then because I dread seeing an empty slab where the diner once stood. That void would’ve broken Dad’s heart. But I also know that demolition and even death can’t destroy the joy and memories. We carry those with us.

On any given day in all kinds of weather and circumstances, love your people and your places. We live in an impermanent world, and we’re almost never ready to see it change.

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PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

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Welcome to the Public Health Corner: National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, a time to spotlight the importance of staying active and encourage individuals of all ages and abilities to engage in regular physical activity. Backed by the President’s Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition, this annual observance aims to inspire communities across the country to embrace movement and explore the many physical and mental health benefits of an active lifestyle.

The Power of Physical Activity

Regular exercise isn’t just about building muscle or losing weight—it’s one of the most effective ways to improve overall health. Physical activity can:

- Strengthen the heart and lungs
- Boost mood and reduce stress
- Improve sleep quality
- Lower the risk of chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, and certain cancers
- Enhance balance and mobility, especially as we age

Whether it’s a brisk walk, yoga, strength training, or a recreational sport, movement matters.

Sports and Community

Sports also play a big role in bringing people together, especially youth. Team sports teach valuable life skills like communication, perseverance, and teamwork. Participation also supports social devel-



opment and boosts self-confidence in children and teens.

As local leagues begin to ramp up for the summer, it’s a great time to sign up, volunteer, or simply support your community’s teams from the sidelines.

Get Involved and Get Moving

National Physical Fitness and Sports Month is a great time to:

- Set personal movement goals—like walking 30 minutes a day or trying a new class
- Encourage kids to join a summer sports program
- Take advantage of local parks, trails, and recreation centers
- Host a workplace or neighborhood fitness challenge
- Learn how to move safely and prevent injury

This May, take the first step—or the next step—toward a healthier, more active lifestyle. Whether you’re training for a 5K, playing with your kids at the park, or dancing in the kitchen, it all counts. By making physical activity a regular part of your day, you’ll feel stronger, more energized, and better equipped to enjoy all that life has to offer. Let’s get moving—because better health starts with just one step.

POETRY CORNER

Just Two Simple Words

“I wish”... just two simple words... usually stress and heartache are near,

“I will”... just two simple words... now realization is just about here.

You’ll never get ahead... if you only wish... that’s something I



learned long ago,

You must set goals... and pursue your dreams... then internally you will grow.

— Daniel D. Donovan

Dawn Howd speaks to Kirksville Kiwanis Club

By Kirksville Kiwanis Club

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Dawn Howd to speak at their April 24 meeting. Howd is the Director of Stewardship in the Office of Advancement at Truman State University. She spoke about the University's Kohlenberg Lyceum Series. To learn more, visit lyceum.truman.edu. Pictured are Howd (left) and Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Ted Frushour.



Bevier man arrested on rape and kidnapping charges

By Missouri State Highway Patrol

The Missouri State Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control (DDCC) announced the arrest of Cameron J. Hunter, 18, of Bevier. Hunter was arrested on May 12, for 1st degree rape or attempted rape, 2nd degree sexual abuse, and 3rd degree kidnapping, after an investigation by DDCC. On May 10, the Macon County Sheriff requested that the Missouri State Highway Patrol investigate allegations of a sexual assault in Bevier. During the investigation by the Troop B Criminal Investigations Unit, probable cause was established for arrest, and

Hunter was taken into custody. On May 13, the Macon County Prosecuting Attorney charged Hunter, who is being held in the Macon County Jail with a \$250,000 bond. The above charges are mere accusations and are not evidence of guilt. Evidence in support of these charges must be presented before a court of competent jurisdiction whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.



ARTS

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The facility will connect to Kirksville High School and feature a 750-seat auditorium, rehearsal spaces, music classrooms, set construction area, a costume and prop workroom, and dressing rooms. The main lobby will include designated gallery space for visual arts students to display work. Additionally, the music classroom wing will serve a dual purpose as a storm shelter—engineered to protect the entire high school population during severe weather.

The building was designed by Building Resource Studio Architects and will be constructed by Prost Builders. Navigate Building Solutions is serving as the project management consultant. More than two years ago, community members came together to begin assessing the district's facility needs before presenting a plan—one that included building a new performing arts center—to the school board. The board placed the initiative on the April 2024 ballot, where it received overwhelming voter approval. The center is expected to be completed in December 2026.



Kirksville High School band members perform at the groundbreaking ceremony. PHOTOS BY MARTY BACHMAN



KHS flag corp members perform at the ceremony.



Kirksville R-III board members and staff break ground on the new performing arts center.

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‘Wallhuggers’ win United Way Trivia Lamp of Knowledge trophy

The United Way of Northeast Missouri (UWNEMO) hosted Its 4th annual Charity Trivia Night on Saturday, May 10 at the Kirksville Moose Lodge. Fourteen Trivia teams raised \$4,022 for the 10 local agencies who are funded by the United Way of Northeast Missouri.

The first-place team, named the Wallhuggers, donated their \$500 first place prize back to United Way and took home the United Way Trivia Lamp of Knowledge trophy.

Agencies of the United Way which benefited from the event included: Adair County 4H Council, Adair County Family YMCA, Boy Scouts of America/ Great Rivers Council, Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri, Hospice



Members of the Wallhuggers team pictured above (left to right): Tyler Martin, Russell Shirk, Nick Maag, Sami Shirk, Keven Waddle, Rebecca Shirk, Billie Jo Waddle, and Kim Phipps.

of Northeast Missouri, Macon Diversified Industries, NEMO Senior Citizens Services, Inc., RSVP/Senior Adult Services, the Salvation Army, and Community Child Development Center.

Upcoming Northern Missouri road work

By MoDOT

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

Lane restrictions for bridge painting scheduled for Missouri Route 11 in Knox County.

Weather permitting, as early as May 18, a bridge painting project will begin on Missouri Route 11, over North Fork South Fabius River, 1.4 miles west of Missouri Route 15, near Baring, in Knox County. Work is anticipated to be completed by mid-June. Missouri Route 11 will be reduced to one lane with a 10-foot width restriction on the bridge and temporary signals utilized for traffic control. All work is weather dependent and schedules are subject to change. Signs and message boards will be in place to alert motorists, as schedule changes occur.

Included in this contract are three additional bridge painting projects at the following locations:

Missouri Route 156 — Bridge over North River, 0.28 mile west of Missouri Route 15, near Novelty in Knox County (In Progress)

U.S. Route 136 — Bridge over BNSF Railway, 0.21 mile west of South Street, in Medill in Clark County

Route P — Bridge over BNSF Railway, 3.23 miles south of Missouri Route 11, near Kenwood in Knox County

Knox County

Route J – May 22-23 and 27, Closed for asphalt pavement repair operations from Missouri Route 11 to Route Z between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

Route T – May 19-21, Closed for patching operations from Route E to Missouri Route 6 at Knox City between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

Route P – May 28-30, Closed for patching operations from Missouri Route 11 to Missouri Route 15 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

Macon County

Missouri Route 3 – May 19-22, Lane restriction for bridge maintenance from 0.50 mile before and after the Silver Creek Bridge between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. A 10-foot width restriction will be in place where crews are actively working.

Schuyler County

Route K – May 20-21, Closed for culvert replacement operations from Grand View Avenue to Keim Avenue near Greentop between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

Ribbon cutting held for Pantry of Adair County’s new garden

By Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on Friday, April 25, for Pantry of Adair County’s garden expansion project. The expansion was made possible due to Kirksville Troop 404’s Life Scout Nolan Teten, who made it his Eagle Scout Project. Teten (center) is a seventh grade student at Mary Immaculate Parish School. The Pantry for Adair County asked for an additional 10 raised planting beds for their garden and have the 10 existing planting beds have two tiers of landscaping timbers added to them. The beds were constructed by Teten in his garage and transported to the site.



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Tigers close regular season on five-game hot streak, Lyons vexes Panthers on Senior Night

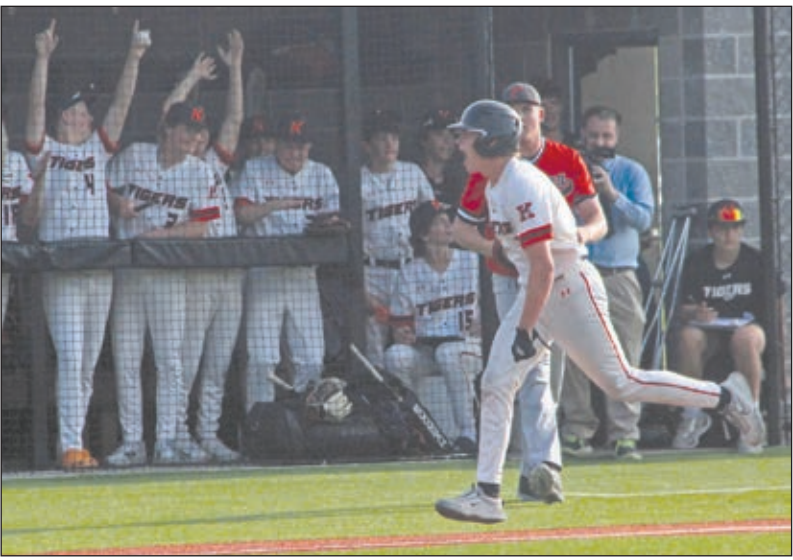
By Henry Janssen
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Kirksville baseball got back within two games of .500 as it roared down the stretch, winning its final five games by a combined score of 43-3. Three of the teams it trounced had winning records, including at Putnam County (21-6) then Chillicothe (17-12) and Palmyra (15-10) at home.

The Tigers finish the regular season with a 13-15 record.

“I think a lot of finishing this season so strong is our guys taking ownership, taking leadership, and taking this season by storm,” senior Ryder Lyons said after picking up the Senior Night victory as the starting pitcher against Palmyra on Wednesday. “We’re not giving in how we could have five games ago, you know. I feel like this group made a conscious decision that that’s not who we are. We could have easily gone downhill and given up.”

Versus Palmyra, the Tigers held the Panthers scoreless and ended the game early when they scored their 10th run in the bottom of the fifth inning to seal it. Kirksville finished with eight



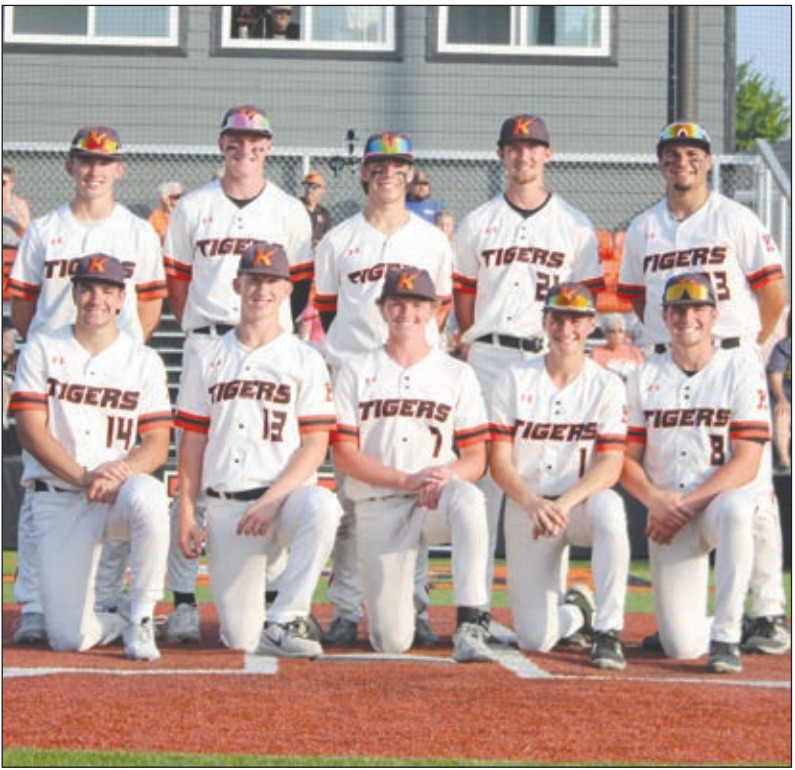
Luke Cahalan has the dugout jacked up after hitting a game-ending triple against Palmyra to end the thing early via mercy rule in the bottom of the fifth.

hits, including a pair apiece from Carter Pinkerton and Luke Cahalan, while capitalizing on four Palmyra errors.

Lyons allowed just a pair of hits and one walk while striking out six batters.

“My teammates gave me great support tonight and made pitching pretty easy,” Lyons said. “It was for sure special to have that on Senior Night.”

In 11 starts this season, Lyons finished with a 6-4 record. He finished his final regular season with an incredibly strong 55-to-22 strikeout-to-walk ratio, and he allowed just 12 earned runs all year. Another unearned 15 runs were scored while Lyons was on the bump, so in total, across 58.2 innings of work, teams scored less than a half run per inning while he was pitching, and barely a fifth



The Kirksville seniors are pictured after winning the final regular-season game of the year, 10-0, against Palmyra. Front row, from left: Corbin Denslow, Jace Kent, Luke Cahalan, Carson Kelly, Aidyn Rowland. Back row: Sam Snyder, Carter Pinkerton, Connor Hall, Ryder Lyons, Cole Kelly. PHOTOS BY HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

of an earned run per inning.

Too often, he and fellow senior Cahalan just couldn’t get the run support they needed while both having impressive, commanding seasons on the hill.

Kirksville is the four-seed in Class 4 District 7 in Moberly, beginning Monday night when the Tigers face Hallsville. The District contains just five teams, so Monday’s game is essentially a play-in.

Kirksville will be heavily favored. Hallsville enters 4-23 and has won just one of its past 22 games. On average, Hallsville allowed greater than 10 runs per game throughout the regular season.

The winner gets top-seeded Moberly on Wednesday at 5 p.m. Boonville and Mexico battle it out in the semifinal on the other side of the bracket later in the night. The championship is Friday at 6 p.m.

Wilson shoots 79 on first day awaiting Tuesday’s weather

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Kirksville golfer Camden Wilson finished the first half of the Class 4 State Championship with an opening round of 79 on Monday at Bolivar’s Silo Ridge, good for 26th at seven strokes over par. Coach

Mason Swisher said that weather conditions would be observed throughout the course of Monday evening into Tuesday morning. Monday’s round went on as planned.

If weather doesn’t hold anybody back, Wilson will have teed off a little bit before 10 a.m. on the 10th hole.



Quin Dorrell backhands a return in a home match at the Truman tennis courts earlier in the season. DAILY EXPRESS FILE PHOTO

Kirksville’s Dorrell finishes eighth at State tournament

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Senior tennis player Quin Dorrell went to the Class 1 State Tournament in Springfield on Thursday and Friday, and finished 3-2 to earn a spot in the top half of the 16-man field.

To get there, he punched his bid with a second place finish in the District individual tournament. He lost his opening-round match

on Thursday in two quick sets to St. Pius X’s Justin Janasz.

Dorrell then bounced back with a dominant consolation bracket victory versus Crystal City’s Nathaniel DeClue, 6-1 6-1, and won in three sets against Principia’s Merrik Russo, 4-6 7-5 (10-7). At that point, he was still vying to finish as high as fifth.

He fell in a third set to Columbia Independent’s Wyatt Litton and Excelsior Springs’ Austin Collins to end his career as an all-State player.



Senior forward Zoe Cole rips a shot from outside the 18 earlier in the season. The Tigers have been scoring from all over the place while dominating possession, coming into the District semifinal with 24 goals across the past four games in which they were never in any sort of danger. DAILY EXPRESS FILE PHOTO

Tigers’ scoring flurry continues as they cruise into District semis

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Kirksville’s girls’ soccer team closed out the regular season with three commanding home victories after dropping the NCMC finale in Marshall. After a 7-0 win against Benton in the Class 2 District 8 tournament, the Tigers have now allowed just one goal in their past four games while scoring 24 of them.

“If we want to go deeper than we did last year, we just need to talk more to keep ourselves collected and kind of make sure everyone’s playing as a unit,” Kirksville sophomore Kinley True said after a win versus Battle to round out the regular season slate.

When the Tigers (16-6) lost five out of eight games in the middle of the season, she said that the team’s only glaring flaw was that

too many of her girls just weren’t on the same wavelength during matches.

She hopes maybe Kirksville has turned that corner.

“We’re playing really well when we’re all taking accountability and that’s been the biggest thing,” True said. “I think sticking together and playing like we practice has come a long way, and we’ve been really productive and competitive in practice.”

In Kirksville’s final three games of the regular season, it defeated Canton, Chillicothe, and Battle.

By the time of print publication, the second-seeded Tigers will have played third-seeded Bishop LeBlond (10-6) in the District semifinal in Maryville.

The winner of that one gets the winner of top-seeded host Spoofhounds versus fifth-seeded Chilli on Thursday at 6 p.m.

La Plata survives and advances in Class 1 District 13, Green City earns title date with Albany in District 14

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In the Class 1 District 13 play-in game on Friday, the La Plata Bulldogs grinded out a victory despite a late scare versus Marion County, 6-5, to determine who would get to face top-seeded Atlanta on Monday.

The Bulldogs took a 6-2 lead into the top of the sixth inning before Marion County scored three runs on just one hit. The inning began with an error then an out before three consecutive walks before a fielder’s choice and a single.

La Plata went one-two-three in the top of the seventh to end it and keep its season alive, however.

Junior Kendrick Hulett finished with a pair of hits, as did classmate Tate Lock. Senior Logan Arbuckle got scoring started in just the third at-bat of the game for La Plata, hitting a solo home run. The Bulldogs scored a run per inning aside from the second, scoring two, and the sixth, being held scoreless. With Friday’s result, La Plata won its third straight.

Brashear/Novinger faces North Shelby (10-6) in the other semifinal.

Over in District 14 in Princeton, top-seeded Green City (15-7) moved on to the championship with a 10-1 victory over the host school. On the other side of the bracket, Albany (12-12) comes in hot. The Warriors had to defeat North Harrison (w/ Ridgeway) 11-5 to get to a semifinal before obliterating second-seed Pattonburg/Gilman City/ North Daviess, 18-2, to clinch a berth to the 6:30 p.m. championship with the Gophers on Tuesday.



Junior right fielder Joel Hunt recorded a sacrifice bunt and a single in three plate appearances in Friday’s win versus Marion County. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS



Northern Missouri Futbol Club players participate in “Coaches vs. Kids” halftime scrimmage.

Local organizations unite for Pink Out, raising funds for local cancer care

By Complete Family Medicine

Complete Family Medicine led a successful Pink Out event at a recent Kirksville Tigers soccer game, bringing together the community to raise \$1,940.50 for Hannibal Regional Foundation’s Legacy of Hope campaign. The funds will directly support the advancement of radiation oncology services in Kirksville, offering local cancer patients access to cutting-edge care close to home.

The Pink Out game was a powerful demonstration of Kirksville’s community spirit. Complete Family Medicine partnered with

Northern Missouri Futbol Club (NMFC), whose players turned out in force. Every registered NMFC player received a commemorative pink jersey and participated in a spirited “Coaches vs. Kids” halftime scrimmage, showcasing the shared commitment to both youth development and vital healthcare initiatives.

“We’re proud to partner with the Lady Tigers and NMFC for this Pink Out,” said Dr. Justin Puckett, Chief Medical Officer at Complete Family Medicine and a “proud parent” of Kirksville High School senior Alia Puckett, a member of the Tigers soccer

team. “It’s inspiring to see our community come together to expand access to lifesaving cancer care right here in Kirksville.”

Complete Family Medicine, a service of Hannibal Regional Healthcare System, remains dedicated to bringing back local radiation oncology services to Kirksville through the Legacy of Hope campaign. Complete Family Medicine extends its heartfelt gratitude to all who attended, donated, and participated, making the event a resounding success for an important cause. For information about the Legacy of Hope Campaign, call (573) 629-3577 or (660) 234-0044.

Truman State University Women’s Basketball announces dates for 2025 Women’s Basketball Camps

By Truman Athletics

Registration for Truman State Women’s Basketball Camps is now open. The 2025 Elite Camp for high school players runs June 8th and August 17th, the 2025 Youth Camp for students in third through eighth grade runs June 9-12, and the 2025 Guard/Post Camp for high school players will be held August 16th.

Truman State Women’s Basketball camps are held on the campus of Truman State in Kirksville, Mo., and are led by the Truman State Women’s Basketball coaching staff.

Elite Camp

This camp is designed for high school players who want to be pushed by college coaches.

June 8th

Grades: 9th – 12th
Check-In: 10 a.m.
Time: 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Cost: \$96 (\$90 + \$6 fee)

August 17th

Grades: 9th – 12th
Check-In: 10 a.m.
Time: 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Cost: \$96 (\$90 + \$6 fee)

June Camp Location: Student Recreation Center, Truman State

August Camp Location: Pershing Arena, Truman State

Youth Camp

When athletes attend Truman WBB Skills Camps,



Junior forward Kaitlyn Patke will be a key returner for the Bulldogs next year. Truman announced dates for its summer camps for young aspirants on Tuesday.

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they will be challenged with drills and skill development that is broken down to the most fundamental levels. We will push each player to their limit, while increasing their knowledge and overall love for the game.

June 9th – 12 | Half Day

Grades: 3rd – 8th
Check-In: 8:30 a.m.
Time: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Cost: \$160 (\$150 + \$10 fee)

June 9th – 12 | Commuter

Grades: 3rd – 8th
Check-In: 8:30 a.m.
Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Cost: \$265 (\$250 + \$15 fee)

June 9th – 12 | Resident

Grades: 3rd – 8th
Check-In: 8:30 a.m.
Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$370 (\$350 + \$20 fee)

Location: Truman State Student Recreation Center

Guard/Post Camp

This camp is designed for high school players who want to grow & develop in ways specific to their position(s).

August 16th | Guard Camp

Grades: 9th – 12th
Check-In: 11 a.m.
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Cost: \$44 (\$4 + \$4 fee)

June 9th – 12 | Post Camp

Grades: 9th – 12th
Check-In: 2 p.m.
Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$44 (\$40 + \$4 fee)

Location: Pershing Arena, Truman State

13 events advance to Sectional meet for Tiger track and field

By Henry Janssen

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The Kirksville track and field teams traveled to a Helias-hosted Class 4 District 4 meet in Jefferson City on Saturday. The Tigers will be sending a significant number of athletes to this weekend’s Sectional in Columbia where Rock Bridge will be hosting.

The boys’ team’s day in Jeff City was highlighted by Bennett Fraser dominating both the shot put and discus finals. The junior’s throw of 17.25 meters in the shot put was a half-meter better than the Hannibal runner-up, and two-and-a-half meters better than third. In the discus, his 52.3-meter throw was over three meters further than the second place man from Capital City.

Sophomore hurdler Blane Byers also had himself a day, rocking the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 39.74, good

to win him the race by nearly two seconds. Daimond Kangiela will be advancing to the Sectional meet alongside Byers with a third-place finish. Kangiela also advanced in the 200-meter dash with a fourth-place finish.

Sullivan Clark moves on to the Sectional meet in the javelin. The senior advanced with a 49.02 meter throw which tied for first.

Joel Feeney finished fourth in the long jump at 1.88 meters to advance.

Throwing events were also a strong spot on the girls’ side. Aline Guilavogui won the shot put with a 12.12-meter throw. Fellow junior Paislee Clark finished fourth in the javelin to advance at 34.62 meters.

Mya Harris was third in the triple jump at 10.44 meters.

The Tigers’ 4x200 and 4x400 relay teams both finished second to Helias.

Concillia Kunseviko’s 2:20 800-meter run was good for second.



The Kirksville girls’ 4x200 and 4x400 teams both finished second in the District and moved on to this weekend’s Sectional. This photo is from the Snowshoe Classic at Spainhower Field earlier in the season. DAILY EXPRESS FILE PHOTO

Local schools vie for State spots in Montgomery County’s Class 1 Sectional 2

By Henry Janssen

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Atlanta, Brashear, Novinger, La Plata, and Green City were all in the same Class 1 Sectional on Saturday to determine who advances to the State meet at Adkins Stadium in Jefferson City this weekend.

Brashear senior Jacob Snyder won the 3200-meter run by nearly 10 seconds with a time of 10:31. Sophomore teammate Levi Clark finished third in the 1600 with a time of 4:48.

Green City sophomore Elliott York advanced in the 400-meter dash with a time of 53.84 to finish fourth. Junior teammate Orion Navis finished fourth in the 110-meter hurdles and second in the 300 hurdles with times of 16.55 and 42.11, respectively.

La Plata’s Kendrick Hulett was third in 110-meter hurdles with a 16.45. The junior followed up with a fourth-place finish in the 300-hurdles with a 42.9.

Green City’s boys’ 4x200 relay team ran a 1:36 to finish second.

On the girls’ side, La Plata’s sprinters had success. Junior Macy Davidson ran a 13.25 to win the 100, and sophomore Emagin Travis posted a 27.15 to win the 200.

The Bulldogs’ 4x100 team finished second, and its 53.44 was just a hundredth of a second behind North Shelby.

Davidson and Travis went first and third in the long jump with respective jumps of 5.08 and 4.9 meters. Travis was second in the triple jump at 9.96 meters. Davidson also won the 300-meter hurdles coming in at just under 49 seconds. Novinger senior Kelsey Frederick came in second place a little over a second behind her.

La Plata’s Presley Miranda finished third in the 800 with a 2:35 to move on.

Green City’s Lily Crist was second in the shot put at 9.35 meters.

Atlanta’s Megan Peavler finished fourth in the javelin, advancing with a throw of 29.92 meters.



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A default has accrued on a certain note secured by a deed of trust executed by,

TERRY L. YARDLEY dated 7/13/2018 and recorded on 7/16/2018 in BOOK 1063 PAGE 40, in the Recorder's office for Adair County, Missouri. The successor trustee will on June 6, 2025 between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, more particularly at 11:30 AM, at the South Front Door of the Adair County Courthouse, 106 West Washington, Kirksville, Missouri sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash (certified funds only), the following real estate:

THE WEST 61 FEET OF LOTS 10, 11 AND 12, OF BLOCK 11, STILL'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF KIRKSVILLE ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI.

for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Nancy James, a married person Carlin James Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Nancy James, a married person Carlin James dated December 14, 2021 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Adair County, Missouri in Book 1128, Page 734 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 3:30 PM), at the South Front Door of the Court House, City of Kirksville, County of Adair, State of Missouri, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Adair County, State of Missouri, to wit:

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Successor Trustee
612 Spirit Drive
St. Louis, MO 63005
(636) 537-0110
File No: 226067.052725.454051 FC

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication: Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Expires: Thursday, June 5, 2025

Missouri Housing Development Commission

1201 Walnut Street, Suite 1800

Kansas City, Missouri 64106

(816) 759-6600

This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 6, 2025, MHDC will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Federal HOME Program funds under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Kirksville Estates

Purpose: Rehabilitation of six (6) one-story residential building. When completed, this development will contain a total of twenty-four (24) residential units for families comprised of eight (8) one-bedroom and sixteen (16) two-bedroom units.

Location: 2200 E Normal Avenue
Kirksville, MO 63501
Adair County

Estimated Cost: Total development cost of this project is approximately \$4,341,164 with approximately \$1,000,000 of funding coming from the MHDC's Federal HOME Program Funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

MHDC has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Certain conditions will apply to the project. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the MHDC. Copies may be examined by making an appointment by contacting Melanie Wilson at (816) 759-6838 or melanie.wilson@mhdc.com. The ERR may also be reviewed at HUD's ERR page at the following link: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to MHDC, attention Jason Cline, at jason.cline@mhdc.com. All comments received within the comment period as listed above will be considered by MHDC prior to authorizing the submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

MHDC certifies to HUD that Julie Smith, in her official capacity as Director of Affordable Housing for MHDC, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows MHDC to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and MHDC's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of MHDC; (b) MHDC has omitted a step of failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec.58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD, Office of Community Planning and Development, CPDRROFKAN@hud.gov; (913) 551-5484. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Julie Smith (Certifying Officer)
Director of Affordable Housing, Missouri Housing Development Commission

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Circuit Court of the County of Adair, Case No. 25AR-CV00209 made entered on the record on April 24th 2025, the name of Klayton Lee Cornelison was changed to Klayton Lee Robinson.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE Adair County Public Library Board of Trustees, please submit a letter to the Adair County Commissioner and Adair County Board of Trustees. Appointment open for June 2025.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed bids for the Northeast Regional Office Windows and Skylight Replacement (00-02-13), Adair County, Missouri, will be received online at Virtubid with QuestCDN, UNTIL 2:00 PM, June 5, 2025, then publicly opened. A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid meeting will be held for this project at 10:00 AM on May 20, 2025, at the Northeast Regional Office Conference Room 3500 S. Baltimore St. Kirksville, MO 63501. Project bid documents must be downloaded at https://mdc.mo.gov/bidding, Quest number 9668343, for a non-refundable cost of \$42.00, which will add your company to the Planholder List and allow access to VirtuBid for online submittal of your bid. For project questions contact Steve Dutrow, (573) 522-4115 3741, bidding questions contact Joe Lim, (573) 522-4115 ext. 3765. QuestCDN Customer Support is available at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI

DIVISION I

OLIVIA KAY BERGFELD)

Plaintiff,)

vs.) Case No. _25AR-CV00383__

JOHN N. HOOK and)

BARKER PIERCE A/K/A BARKER PEARCE)

and their respective grantees, representatives,)

successors and assigns (known, unknown,)

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representatives, guardians, mortgagees, trustees,)

and legal representatives, and all other)

persons, corporations or successors)

claiming by, through or under them,)

Address: Unknown)

Defendants.)

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to the above-named Defendants, their successors and assigns.

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Adair, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to quiet title, and which affects the following described real property situate in Adair County, Missouri:

All of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 5, Township 61 North, Range 13 West, lying North of the railroad, all in Adair County, Missouri.

The names of all parties to said action are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is: Robert Cowherd, of Chapman and Cowherd, P.C., 903 Jackson Street, P.O. Box 228, Chillicothe, MO 64601.

You are hereby notified that unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid Petition within 45 days after the _14TH_ day of __MAY_____, 2025, Plaintiff's Petition will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 5TH day of MAY, 2025.

/s/ MARTHA COLE
Circuit Clerk

Publish: May 14, 21, 28 and June 4
(once weekly for 4 consecutive weeks)

Kirksville Parks and Recreation holds Touch a Truck and Magic Show

Staff Reports

Kirksville Parks and Recreation kicked off the annual Week of the Young Child with a free “Touch A Truck” event on Friday, April 25 at Rotary Park.

There was also a free Children’s Magic Show in the park’s amphitheater. Families came from throughout the local area to visit and learn about the many trucks that had gathered there.



Ray Klinginsmith Scholarship awarded to Novinger student

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the April 30 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, Rotarian Chair Melissa Stuart (not pictured) presented a \$1,000 Ray Klinginsmith Graduating High School Student Scholarship to Adair Co R-I

(Novinger) student Kaydin Batson. Batson, who wants to become a police officer, will be attending Columbia College in the fall. She is pictured with Club President Ruth Bowers (left), her mother, Tashina Jones, and her grandmother, Lilian Jackson.



Ryan Bowen speaks to Rotary Club of Kirksville

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

The speaker at the April 30 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting was Thousand Hills State Park Lakeside Grill,

Cabin and Marina Manager Ryan Bowen. He spoke about various improvements to the facilities. He is pictured with Rotarian Marie Murphree who introduced him.

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IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: PROBATE

In the Estate of ELIZABETH ANN KURTH, Deceased.

Case Number: 25AR-PR00026

(Date File Stamp)

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 Rounner, 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

Date of first publication:
May 7, 2025

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PUBLICATION DATES: MAY 7, MAY 14, MAY 21, MAY 28, 2025

/s/Martha Cole

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EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Joseph Baldwin and his Kirksville Normal School – Chapter 2

By Blytha Ellis, President
Adair County Historical Society and Museum

As we learned last week, Joseph Baldwin was a man of deep faith, a teacher and a person dedicated to the education of teachers. He wanted to start his own normal school, and two of his cousins who lived in Kirksville, had convinced him there was an ideal building available in their town to establish such a school, so Joseph came to investigate. This building was the unfinished Cumberland Academy at the west end of what is now Memorial Park, which was at that time owned by a stock company.

Joseph first came to Macon, Mo. on the North Missouri Railroad, then took a one-horse buggy to Kirksville on the cold winter day of February 13, 1867. He went to the home of his Kirksville cousin, J. J. Grigsby, and met with some of the stockholders of the Cumberland Academy. He found the building suitable for his normal school if he were allowed to make some changes. This was granted, and the building was rented to him for \$100 per year.

Joseph then returned to Indiana and arranged for his family to move to Kirksville in the spring of 1867. He purchased a house near the Cumberland Academy and also a 50-acre farm one and one-half miles north of Kirksville, east of what is now Highway 63.

Joseph arranged for the upper floor of the Academy to be finished into the five classrooms for which it was intended. Then he divided the lower floor, which was a chapel, into classrooms by using blackboard partitions. Since these walls were not permanent, the blackboards could be moved to allow the chapel to be used for one large body when needed. In the back of the building, Joseph built three rooms in a one-story addition.

Now that the building was finished, he turned his attention to hiring faculty for his school. He chose five teachers, three men and two women. F. L. Ferris and his wife were from Indiana. Mr. Ferris was also an ordained minister. They would stay with Joseph's school for three years. Then, Mr. Ferris would become Principal of Kirksville Public Schools. They then moved west where Mr. Ferris died of consumption in 1873, and Mrs. Ferris survived him by several years.

Joseph's next choice for an educator was the fervently religious man, Rev. William Nason, who was already teaching in Kirksville and with whom Joseph became friends. (See Part 72 of this history, published 10-14-2023, for more information on Rev. Nason.) Joseph would come to depend upon this man to administer the rules regulating the conduct of students in his school. Rev. Nason became a strong advocate for applying to have Joseph's school become a state normal school in 1870 when the Missouri Legislature voted for the creation of the normal school system in Missouri.

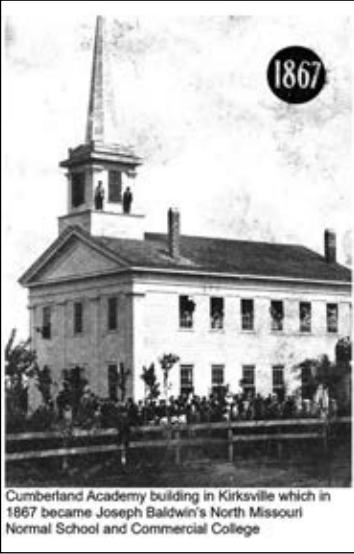


Rev. Nason remained a faculty member at this institution for 20 years. He would later serve as President of the school from 1881-1882. He retired from teaching to pursue pastoral work but was drawn back into teaching at La Belle, Mo. He died in 1909 and is buried at Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery in Kirksville.

The 4th member of Joseph Baldwin's original normal school faculty was James M. Greenwood, a Civil War veteran and cattle rancher. Joseph visited Mr. Greenwood to buy some cows for his own farm, and while inside Mr. Greenwood's house, he saw a fine library of books, especially mathematical books. Joseph later contacted him and asked if he would teach that subject in his normal school. Joseph told him he would need to give up his farm forever because he was "too bright a man ... to spend his life among mules, horses and cattle."

Mr. Greenwood accepted Joseph's challenge, and Joseph also hired Mr. Greenwood's wife, Amanda (McDaniel) Greenwood, as the 5th teacher in his school. Mr. Greenwood would stay with Joseph's normal school in Kirksville until 1874. He then accepted the position of Superintendent of the Kansas City, Mo., Public Schools. He was Superintendent there for 39 years. He became a prolific writer and lecturer and was honored with a doctor of laws degree from the University of Missouri in 1896. He was an extremely active member of the National Education Association, serving as its Treasurer, 1890-95, and President, 1898. He also wrote and revised many textbooks, and contributed to mathematical journals. The Greenwood Elementary School at 606 S. Halliburton St. in Kirksville, was named for him. This building is now the Greenwood Inter-professional Autism Center, a division of Truman State University.

After securing this faculty, Joseph Baldwin was ready to launch his normal school in the fall of 1867. He named it the North Missouri Normal School and Commercial College. All that lacked was getting the word out to the community so he would have students for his school. All the teachers did their part in advertising, but no one worked harder than Joseph himself. Without a good media network in those days, they took to horses and buggies, covering 16 counties in Northeast Missouri. They conducted institutes, visited schools, and gave lectures and public addresses. Joseph emphasized three things: plans for his normal school, importance of public support for schools, and the necessity of professionally-trained teachers. Joseph and Rev. Nason often preached around the area on Sundays and promoted the school in their sermons.



At this point, no school catalogue nor printed promotional material was used for Joseph's school. He only spent money for posters advertising his lectures. Everything else was word of mouth. It was said about Joseph Baldwin that during the summer of 1867, he literally wore out his buggy and his team of horses because of his constant promotional traveling.

Monday, September 2, 1867, was the big day for which Joseph Baldwin had long awaited. His school flung open its doors to students for the first time. It was a very diverse bunch which came to enroll. The attendees were not sophisticated teachers seeking to learn how to teach better, but were often rural, awkward, backward people, but all came with a sincere desire to learn better teaching methods.

Many of the teachers were Civil War veterans. Interestingly, there was school rivalry between students who claimed allegiance to either the North or the South. It was reported that two framed pictures hung in Joseph's normal school, one of General U. S. Grant and another of General Robert E. Lee. In their "friendly" competition, the two student sides would often turn the opposing general's face to the wall. Joseph found himself needing to be an arbitrator between the sides.

Many young men who had gone into service during the Civil War were only teenagers, and if they had desired to become scholars, the four years they spent in war made them far behind in their education. Many students were also financially poor. During Joseph's first year, he lost money in the operation of his school. However, this did not deter his optimism for this form of higher education. For the 2nd year of operation, he published a school catalogue and wrote on the back, "The success during the first year surpasses all expectation. That in this war-cursed region, 300 students should enter such a school during its first year is truly wonderful. The faculty have consecrated themselves for life to the grand work of building up a Western institute of unsurpassed merits. They will labor for its future success."

Of course, we know it was successful in the future because it remains today in the form of Truman State University. More next week on the challenges of growth.

For more stories on the history of Adair County, Missouri, subscribe to the quarterly magazine of the Adair County Historical Society, "THE ADAIR HISTORIAN." It is \$25 for 4 issues in 2025 (raising to \$30 for 2026). We also have all previous issues dating back to 2015 still available. ACHS, 211 S. Elson, Kirksville, MO 63501, 660-665-6502, adaircohistorical@gmail.com

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TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

100 Years Ago, May 18, 1925

Lockjaw claimed the life of 8-year-old, Eunice Roe, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Roe of Kirksville. The little girl developed lockjaw as result of an infected toe which was injured two weeks prior to her death. She had been sick only two days. Drs. Wolf and Ellis were called the day after she became ill to administer anti-tetanus serum, but it was too late to combat the toxin of the infection.

95 Years Ago, May 13, 1930

The 1930 U.S. Census was complete for Adair County, and it showed the county's population at 19,732. This figure was down 1,672 people over the 1920 census of 21,404. Kirksville gained 968 residents, while the outlying area of the Adair County declined 2,640. More than half of the county's loss was in the towns of Novinger and Connellsville, and the remainder was spread among the farming communities. The decline in population in 1930 was due to the closing of the coal mines in the county and the movement of rural population. Since the turn of the twentieth century, the agricultural areas of the entire United States were declining in population. The younger generations of farmers were moving to the cities as mechanized farm equipment resulted in increased production of crops and less farm labor was needed. The cities were attractive to farm youth because they paid high wages for work that was not as labor intensive. Note: The estimated population of Adair County in 2023 was 25,122.

85 Years Ago, May 23, 1940

The "Old Zeigler Turtle" made a visit to Kirksville from its home in western Adair County. On the bottom of the old turtle's shell were the letters, "H.Z. 61." The markings were put there by Harrison Zeigler, a resident of the western part of Adair County, in 1861 before he went away to fight with the Union Army in the Civil War. Zeigler left but the turtle stayed on or near the Zeigler farm. When he returned to the farm after the war the turtle was still there. Every so often Zeigler family members or neighbors would come across the turtle. They would pick it up and locate the marking "H.Z. 61." After several years people began to wonder just how long the turtle would live and how far it ever got away from home. By the turn of the century in 1900, Harrison Zeigler had died, and the turtle turned up again. The age of the turtle when Harrison Zeigler placed his markings on the turtle in 1861 was not known. But it was known that since 1861 the turtle had made his home some place in a small radius of Zeigler's farm. The farm was located about fifteen miles west of Kirksville in the Pure Air vicinity of Adair County. As far as is known his ranging ground was the Zeigler farm although he occasionally wandered to adjoining farms. He stayed with the land even though part of it changed ownership. After Harrison Zeigler's death, the original Zeigler farm was divided, and a forty-acre tract was sold to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Shoush about 1905. Harrison Zeigler's son, Perry Zeigler, lived on the remaining portion of the land that was originally purchased from the government. The old turtle had an overall length of just five inches and measured three-and one-half inches at his widest place. He was two inches tall. The outer shell was a dark earth brown mottled with flecks of yellow. George Shoush, who had found the turtle many times in the 35 years he had owned the farm, picked it up and decided to take it to Kirksville for people to see. He then returned it to its home in the hills and hollows of western Adair County. On September 23, 1914, the Kirksville Daily Express published a story about the Zeigler

turtle. At that time, Perry Zeigler owned his father's farm. He reported that when he found the turtle in 1909, he carved the numerals "1909" on the turtle's shell because his father's carving was fading. Perry Zeigler said that the turtle was about the same size as it was when it was first found by his father in 1861. There seemed to be no way of determining the turtle's age, but in 1940 it would have been at least 100 years old.

80 Years Ago, May 18, 1945

Excavation work was under way for a \$75,000 addition to the Laughlin Hospital on West Jefferson Street in Kirksville. The new addition would increase the capacity of the hospital from forty to seventy beds. Since hospitals had a high priority rating in securing materials, it was expected that the new section would be completed in four months. Dr. George M. Laughlin was taking Dr. Earl Laughlin Jr. into the hospital partnership, and plans included the addition of new staff members to handle the increased capacity. The existing building had been crowded for several years. The addition to the hospital would be on two separate sides of the hospital. The west side addition of the hospital would front South Sixth Street and would be three stories high. The main entrance to the hospital would remain on Jefferson Street, but the west side addition would have an entrance for patients. A new addition on the east end of the hospital near the south side would accommodate a new engine room necessary for the increased size of the structure. The construction of the existing building was begun in 1918 by Dr. George M. Laughlin, and he moved into the new building the following year.

80 Years Ago, May 21, 1945

Dr. George Grim, chief surgeon at the Grim-Smith Hospital, and his four sons had a narrow escape from drowning when their motor boat capsized in the swirling flood waters of the Chariton River, near the O.K. Railroad bridge. They were rescued by Vern Robinson and Lewis Polovich who were nearby and heard the boys screaming. Dr. Grim followed his usual custom of taking Saturday mornings to spend with his boys. They decided to go fishing and launched their boat near the Highway 6 bridge and headed up-river (north). Not far into their trip their boat hit a tree and capsized, throwing all of them out in the flood water. Fortunately, they were not out in the swift current but were in flood water that was about four or five feet deep. They were all able to catch hold of limbs and brush to prevent them from going under water. Robinson and Polovich, who had gone to the river bridge to look at the water gauge, heard the call for help. They immediately got into Robinson's boat and went to rescue the group. By making two trips they were able to rescue Dr. Grim and his sons. The boat had sank and was not recoverable at that time due to the high flood waters.

75 Years Ago, May 19, 1950

World War II veterans in Kirksville and Adair County purchased 119 homes under the GI Bill loan guaranty program, Veterans Administration officials reported. There were an estimated 1,700 veterans in Adair County. The purchases had been made since the inception of the GI Loan program March 25, 1950. During the same period four farms in Adair County were purchased under the GI Bill.

65 Years Ago, May 24, 1960

James Hurley, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hurley of Novinger, was reported in "good condition" at Kirksville Osteopathic Hospital after being bitten by a rattlesnake. The boy was bitten on the wrist just outside the door of his home. The snake was killed by the father.

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Kirksville celebrates National Police Week

Staff Reports

The city of Kirksville celebrated National Police Week, May 11-17. “There are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Kirksville Police

Department,” city officials wrote in a press release. “Officers of the Kirksville Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of all individuals who enter our community.” City officials said it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards,

and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of the city’s law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression.

Kirksville PD releases info on concern at Moberly Area Community College

By Kirksville Police Department

The Kirksville Police Department is releasing information regarding a concern at Moberly Area Community College’s Kirksville campus. On May 16, at approximately noon, an unknown male who sounded intoxicated called MACC. He became belligerent and made threats against law enforcement during this call. The phone number used was traced back to a small town in Michigan. A Grand Traverse County deputy in Michigan conducted a follow-up and was unable to locate any owner of

that number or any related reports in the area associated with that number. It appears this was a spoofed phone number generated through one of several methods. At no time did the caller make a threat against any Kirksville schools. The Kirksville Police Department increased patrols of the area and will continue to monitor. Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Kirksville Police Department at 660-785-6945 or anonymously at 660-62-BUST (2878), or email police@kirksville.gov.

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Worship Service</p> <p>Faith Baptist Church 502 N. Florence Pastor: Brandon Rhea 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 12:30 p.m. Noon Lunch</p> <p>The Crossing Church 810 E. Shepherd Ave. 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service www.thecrossing.net</p> <p>Grace Community Bible Church 1501 E. Northtown Rd. Benjamin Jorden, Pastor Affiliated with the Evangelical Free</p> <p>Church of America 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 12 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Small groups KirkvilleGCBC@gmail.com www.KirkvilleGCBC.com • 660.665.1615</p> <p>First United Methodist Church 300 E. Washington Pastor: Choongho Kwon 9:30 a.m. Worship In Person & Online kvumc.org</p> <p>Pure Air Baptist Church 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship TBA Bible Study</p> <p>Church of God of Prophecy 807 Benton Way Pastor: Rob Linhart 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Service</p> <p>Fellowship Baptist Church 1701 S. 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Prime Street Minister Walker Franke Associate Minister Larry Smith 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Service 660-379-2329</p> <p>Willow Bend Church <i>Find Us on Facebook for Event Schedule</i></p> <p>New Hope Methodist Reformed Church - Millard 9:15 a.m. Bible Stud 10:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Greentop Community Church Highway K, Greentop, Mo. Pastor: Lynae McFarland 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>Trinity United Fellowship Church Pastor: Josh Botello 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 660-626-4446</p> <p>Lancaster United Methodist Church Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>Shekinah Mennonite Church 15981 Blueberry Way, Kirkville 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</p> <p>Bethel Community Church 12 miles NE of Kirkville 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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Grace Bible Baptist Church Greencastle, Mo. Rev. Earl Baker, Pastor 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 5:00 p.m. Evening Service</p> <p>Winigan Christian Church Ryan Crist, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>	<p>LaPlata Christian Church Scott McNay, Pastor 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>Queen City Christian Church Queen City, Mo. Justin Briney, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Bible School 10:30 a.m. Communion/worship Hour</p> <p>United Pentecostal Church 1502 E. Northtown Road David E. Brown, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship</p> <p>Brashear Community Bible Church Donny Powell, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 660-323-5305</p> <p>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</p> <p>Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church 8 mi. N.W. of Kirkville on Rt. B. Tim Hodges, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship</p> <p>Worthington Baptist Church Worthington, Mo. Roger Busnell, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA North of Queen City go East on Rt. O Pastor, Bill Iammatteo-Code 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>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</p> <p>Colony Baptist Church 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday worship</p> <p>Cornerstone Community Church Meeting at the Fohn Family Center 404N. Elson 9:30 a.m. Sunday Small Group Bible Study designed for adults</p> <p>Locust Hill Community Church Rt. I, Novelty, Mo William Gaines, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p>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</p> <p>Word Alive! Family Church Hwy 63, Greentop Pastors: Robert Gange 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Adult service, Childrens Church</p> <p>Schuyler County Church of Faith Highway 136 East, Lancaster Sonny Smyser, Pastor 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Sunday Services 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday Class 3rd Sunday Fellowship dinner 12 noon</p> <p>Gospel Outreach Church 209 W. Washington Norman Keller, Pastor Gonda Manning, Co pastor 7:00 p.m. Thursdays Services 7:00 p.m. Sunday Services</p> <p>Victory Baptist Church Of Greentop -Meets at the Willmathsville Community Church on Hwy A. Pastor Joshua Wesley 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Union Temple Pastor Alan Coonfield Sunday evening worship 5:00 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Worship</p>
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