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Kirksville and Truman State host 2025 Missouri State Special Olympics Summer Games

By **Marty Bachman**
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Kirksville and Truman State University played host to the 2025 Missouri State Special Olympics Summer Games this past weekend, May 30-June 1. Busloads of athletes, coaches, families and their supporters filled Stokes Stadium on the Truman State campus for track and field events while inside Pershing Hall, competitive swim and powerlifting events were held. In between the two sites, local organizations planted tents and offered goods and services to attendees of the games.

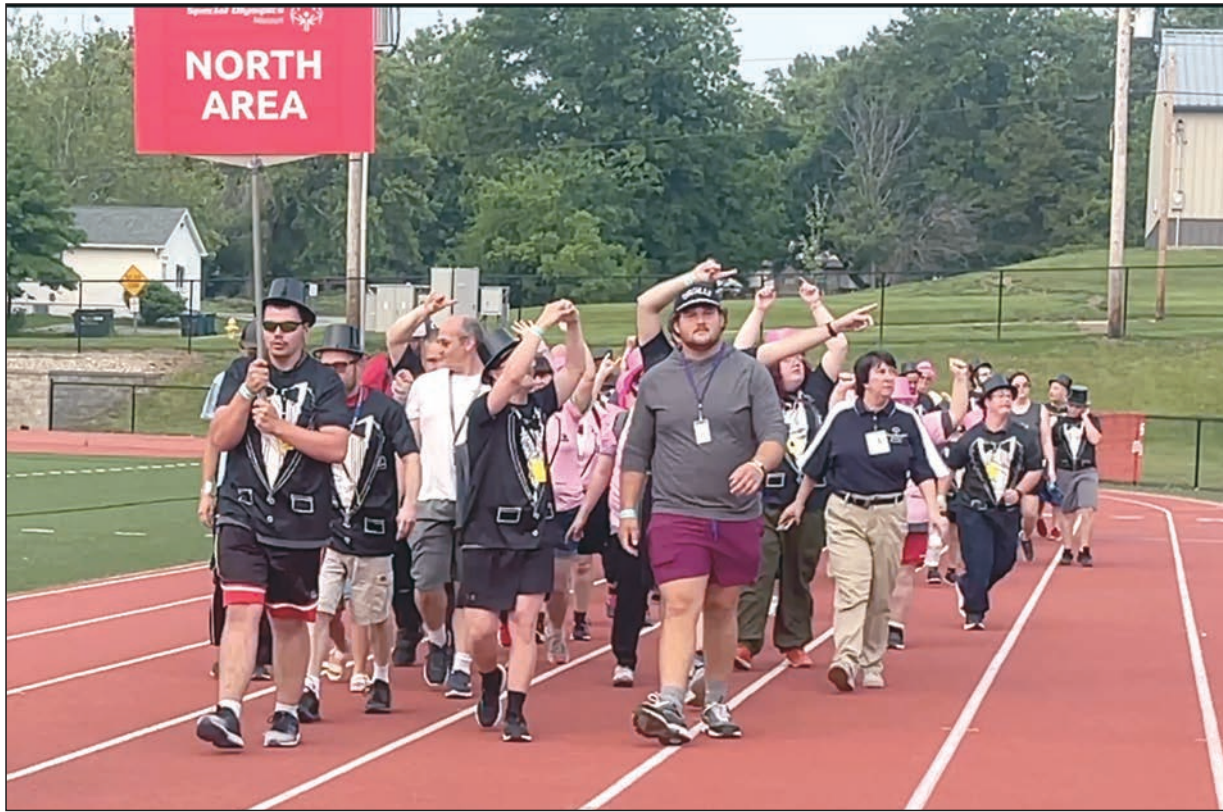
“On behalf of the people of Kirksville and all of Northeast Missouri, it is my great honor to welcome you all here to the Special Olympics State Summer Games in Kirksville, Missouri,” Kirksville Mayor Zac Burden told the audience that had packed the stadium. “I recognize that for many of you, it has been a journey to get here. I know that there are teams that have traveled from all over the state of Missouri to make it to this, our most cherished corner of the state right here ...and we appreciate you making it, too.”

Athletes began arriving on Thursday with swimming and volleyball competitions being held on Friday. Opening ceremonies were also held Friday evening.

Earlier in the evening, law enforcement officers from throughout the state participated in a torch run through the streets of downtown Kirksville and around the Truman State campus.

Activities at the stadium kicked off with the high school drum corp marching on to the field and dance performances by dancers from a local studio.

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Tyler Scott selected as SB40 Youth Leadership Award recipient



Tyler Scott

By **Adair County SB40**

Tyler Scott of Kirksville has been selected as the May “Youth Leadership” Spotlight Award Recipient by Adair County SB40 following his nomination by Molly West, 3rd Grade Teacher at Ray Miller Elementary School.

“Tyler is a role model student from his passion for learning to his positive attitude he has every day of school,” West said in nominating Scott. “He is always following our social contract and Ray Miller expectations, gives 100% in science daily, as well as simply has a smile on his face when he comes to school.

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Local Rotary clubs host District 6040 Conference in Kirksville

By **Marty Bachman**
Daily Express

Local Kirksville Rotary Clubs held their District 6040 Conference this past weekend, May 30-June 1, in Kirksville. The conference kicked off with a Lunch and Kickoff, with ATSU Interim President Gaylah Sublette sharing “The ATSU Story” with conference participants on Friday, May 30. Erik McGuire, District Governor, offered remarks in the opening session and eight breakout sessions that included:

- Patriotism in Action: The Rotary Flag Fundraiser.
- Sustainable Fundraising for Your Club.
- Empowering Youth Through Rotary: Exchange and Leadership Development.
- Leadership Development: Leadership skills, succession planning and cultivating leadership with the Rotary Club Through RLI.
- Membership Growth and Engagement: Techniques for attracting new members, retaining existing ones and fostering a strong sense of community.
- Small Clubs Making a

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Kirksville Rotarian Annette Sweet was given the District’s Community Service Award. From left: Ryan Huseman, Annette Sweet, Angie Findlay, Angie Sullivan, Erik McGuire and Jeff Romine. ALISA KIGAR



Duane Benton presented a program, “What Would Ray Say?” a tribute to the late Ray Klinginsmith of Kirksville, Rotary International President 2010-2011.



Kirksville Rotarian Dale Schenewerk, speaks at the District 6040 Conference

Kirksville receives Missouri Blue Shield designation

By **City of Kirksville**

The city of Kirksville has officially received Missouri Blue Shield designation from the Missouri Department of Public Safety. This prestigious honor recognizes Missouri communities that demonstrate a steadfast commitment to enhancing public safety and supporting law enforcement.

The Missouri Blue Shield Program, created by Gov. Mike Kehoe in January 2025 through Executive Order 25-03, recognizes local governments that

make significant efforts to reduce crime, foster law enforcement collaboration, and build strong community partnerships for public safety.

“Public safety is the foundation of a thriving community and state. It affects everything from families feeling secure to businesses having the confidence to invest and grow,” said Kehoe. “We designed the Missouri Blue Shield Program to recognize communities that go above and beyond in creating a place where people want to live, work and

build their futures. A Missouri Blue Shield designation is a testament to the hard work and dedication of local governments across Missouri who are leading the way in making public safety a priority.”

“The Department of Public Safety is proud to work alongside communities like the city of Kirksville that have shown exceptional dedication to enhancing public safety,” said Mark James, director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS). “This program is about

fostering collaboration between local law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. Our goal is to support these efforts, providing resources and guidance to help communities build sustainable, long-term solutions for crime reduction and public safety.”

“The city of Kirksville remains organizationally and financially committed to public safety and crime reduction,” said Kirksville City Manager Mari Macomber. “We appreciate the state’s recognition of that

commitment with this designation, which opens the door for additional resources to aid those goals.”

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KIRKSVILLE AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Kirksville Tourism Advisory Board meeting

Kirksville’s Tourism Advisory Board will hold a meeting at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 4, at the Economic Development Alliance Building, 315 S. Franklin Street.

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.

Kirksville Chamber Annual Art Walk

The 11th Annual Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Art Walk will be held on the Square downtown on Friday, June 6 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The Art Walk is a great opportunity to explore downtown Kirksville and discover unique shops and restaurants. Artists of all types will be showcasing their work while providing a chance to see their creative process. Businesses and artists who wish to participate can call the Chamber of Commerce at 660-665-3766 or email info@kirksville-chamber.com.

Summer on the Square featuring ‘Deadwood’

The Kirksville Arts Association kicks off their Summer on the Square concert series June 6, with Deadwood (Blues/Rock) performing at 7 p.m. on the south lawn of the Courthouse. Admission is free, so come out and enjoy an evening filled with art, community

and live music.

Thousand Hills State Park Petroglyph Tour

Thousand Hills State Park Petroglyph Tour will be held on Friday, June 6 at 7 p.m. Thousand Hills State Park is home to a collection of petroglyphs or rock carvings made by ancestors of today’s American Indians. Explore the petroglyphs with park staff to learn more about this unique piece of history. Meet at the petroglyph shelter located next to the beach.

Thousand Hills State Park Women in Nature

Thousand Hills State Park Women in Nature will be held on Saturday, June 7 from 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. Have you ever wanted to explore the great outdoors but did not know where to begin? Ladies can join other women in exploring outdoor activities. Activities include Archery/Atlatl, Cordage, Kayaking, and Nature’s Bounty Hike. Registration opens April 25 and costs \$20. Register at https://mostateparks.com/page/78821/win-women-nature.

NEMO Nexus

The next NEMO Nexus program will feature Susanna Freeman, director of Institutional Development and Alumni Services. The event will take place at the MACC-Kirksville campus, 2105 E. Normal Avenue, June 11 at 8:30 a.m. and is open to the public.

Thousand Hills State Park Learn to Fish

Thousand Hills State Park Learn to Fish will b held on Friday, June 13, 6-8 p.m. Learn to fish with them! There will be some equipment available for use. If you have your own fishing gear,

please bring it. Fishers 15 or younger do not need a fishing license. Fishers 65 and up who are Missouri residents do not need a fishing license. All other participants will need a fishing license to participate. Day permits can be purchased at the Missouri Department of Conservations Regional Office or online at https://mdc-web.s3licensing.com/. Meet at the shoreline in front of the cabins. Parking available between the cabins and the restaurant.

Summer on the Square featuring Renewed

The Kirksville Arts Association Summer on the Square concert series continues June 13 with Renewed (Southern Gospel) performing at 7 p.m. on the south lawn of the Courthouse. Admission is free, so come out and enjoy an evening filled with art, community and live music.

Thousand Hills State Park Snake Survival

Thousand Hills State Park Snake Survival program will be held on Saturday, June 14 at 10 a.m. Snakes have a variety of different ways that they defend themselves. Join park staff to discover these survival techniques. There may be a chance to meet a live animal. Meet at the Campground 1 amphitheater.

Kirksville Dollar Swim Night

Dollar Swim Night will be held June 14 from 6-9 p.m., at the Kirksville Aquatic Center Water Park, sponsored by Thousand Hills Rotary Club. Admission is just \$1 per person. For more information, contact the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485

Summer on the Square featuring Keota

The Kirksville Arts Association Summer on the Square concert series continues June 20 with Keota (Bluegrass/Country Rock) performing at 7 p.m. on the south lawn of the Courthouse. Admission is free, so come out and enjoy an evening filled with art, community and live music.

She and Me Paint Night

She and Me Paint Night will be held on June 25 from 4-6 p.m. at the Adair County Library, 1 Library Lane in Kirksville. The theme is Campfire Starry Night. Bring your kiddo and enjoy a night of painting and snacks. All supplies will be provided, just show up and enjoy. Does your Girl Scout know a girl who might be interested in joining? Let them know about this event as well! Plan to stay with your girl for the entire event. Event is free but RSVP here so they can bring enough supplies: https://vr.girlscoutsem.org/PaintNightKV.

Ribbon cutting for Northern Lights Day Program

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand opening of Northern Lights Day Program, “Where Your Future Shines Bright” on Thursday, June 26 at 11 a.m. 404 S. Elson Street in Kirksville.

Summer on the Square featuring No Apology

The Kirksville Arts Association Summer on the Square concert series continues June 27 with No Apology (Country/ClassicRock) performing at 7 p.m. on the south lawn of the Court-

house. Admission is free, so come out and enjoy an evening filled with art, community and live music.

Thousand Hills State Park Nature Painting Class

Thousand Hills State Park Nature Painting Class will be held on Friday, June 27 (Location and time TBD). Art is a wonderful way to connect ourselves to nature. Learn with staff and volunteers how to paint a nature scene. Supplies will be provided but you may bring your own if you prefer.

Kirksville Dollar Swim Night

Dollar Swim Night will be held June 28 from 6-9 p.m., at the Kirksville Aquatic Center Water Park, sponsored by Kraft Heinz. Admission is just \$1 per person. For more information, contact the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485

Thousand Hills State Park Amazing Atlatls

Thousand Hills State Park Amazing Atlatls will be held on Saturday, June 28 from 10-11 a.m. Join park staff to learn about the atlatl, a historic spear thrower, and get your chance to learn how to use an atlatl to throw a replica spear. This is recommended for ages 8 and up. Meet at the Special Use Area. Stay on Highway 157 and take the first right after Big Loop Road.

July 4th United Way Pie Sale and Auction

The July 4th United Way Pie Sale and Auction will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the Adair County Courthouse Lawn. Drop off pies between 4-5 p.m. Auction will take place between the Summer on the Square band sets.



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OBITUARIES

Charles R. Giovannini

Nov 3, 1936 – May 9, 2025

Charles R. Giovannini, age 88, passed away on May 9 in Kirksville, Missouri, surrounded by family. Born on November 3, 1936, in Novinger, Missouri, Charles was the son of John and Anna (Bartosik) Giovannini.



He graduated from Kirksville High School in 1954 and went on to attend Northeast Missouri State College (now Truman State University). On August 17, 1959, he married Mary Link. Together they shared 65 wonderful years of marriage and built a legacy rooted in family, community, and service.

The joy of his life was his family who survive him: his wife Mary; two sons, John Robert “Bob” (Hillary) and Charles “David” (Annette Kenney); one daughter, Beth (Bobby) Poston, all of Kirksville, MO; six grandchildren whom he cherished: Dillon (Monika) Poston, Travis (Angela) Poston, favorite granddaughter Katy Poston (Brayton) Gaspie; Andrew, John, and Hunter Giovannini; and five beloved great-grandchildren: Kemper Giovannini, Tinsley Giovannini, Claire and Anna Poston, and Taylor Poston.

He is also survived by his sister, Marianna Giovannini Sparks. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents. For over 50 years Charles managed his own real estate office. He was proud that he attended and graduated from the first Graduate Realtor Institute and attained the designation of GRI.

He developed Belaire Estates subdivision in Kirksville’s north section and proudly served in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve, earning an honorable discharge. Charles was a dedicated public servant and active community member. He chaired committees and was elected President for the Adair County Area Chamber of

Commerce. He was active in the Jaycees for many years. He championed the city manager form of government and had the \$1.00 check he received for serving the first year on the Kirksville City Council. He was instrumental in promoting economic development in the area, even traveling to Japan as part of a delegation from the State of Missouri to bring business to Missouri. He was elected chair of the Democratic Committee.

A man of great loyalty, Charles was a 50-year member of both the Kirksville Moose Lodge and Kirksville Lodge No.105 A.F. & A.M. He especially held the Shrine Club close to his heart. Charles had a deep love for the Spring Lake community, where he served on the Board of Directors. He was an avid fisherman, boater, and water skiing instructor, passing along his love of the water and ability to ski to many children.

He also enjoyed coaching little league baseball, supporting his children in sports and dance, and was a lifelong fan of the Cardinals, Chiefs, Mizzou Tigers and the Truman Bulldogs.. Springtime meant preparing for golf, a hobby that quickly became a lifelong passion. Monday night card games were a weekly tradition he rarely missed. An avid outdoorsman, Charles was committed to hunting of all kinds, especially pheasant hunting trips to South Dakota with his long-time hunting group.

Retirement didn’t slow him down. He became a “farmer at heart,” helping with planting and harvesting whenever possible. The family expresses heartfelt thanks to The Pines for their compassionate care. A thank you to Dr. Maria Evans for her special visits. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Visitation: Tuesday, May 13th, 4–6 PM service at 6:00 PM

Ben Eugene Pitney, 92, was united with his Savior, Jesus Christ, on May 22, 2025. He passed away peacefully at the Baptist Home in Shelbina, Missouri, after spending his final day surrounded by his devoted wife, Martha, and their five children. Ben and Martha were just weeks away from celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on June 11th .



Graveside funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday, June 7th at the Antioch Baptist Cemetery in Hannibal, MO. Pastor Anthony Schindler will officiate. His grandsons and granddaughters’ spouses will serve as pallbearers. Following the service, the family will receive visitors and celebrate Ben’s life after 11:30 AM Saturday at Immanuel Baptist Church in Hannibal, MO.

The family is being served by the James O’Donnell Funeral Home of Hannibal, MO. Ben was born on February 1, 1933, in Kewanee, Illinois, the only child of William J. and Blanche (Thackeray) Pitney. He was raised in Hannibal, Missouri, by his mother and stepfather, William Mayer. All preceded him in death. Ben is also preceded in death by a special cousin, Mary Sandburg.

He enjoyed an adventurous boyhood in Hannibal and graduated from Hannibal High School in 1951. A gifted athlete, he excelled at basketball both in high school and college, playing for Hannibal-LaGrange College, where his team reached the Final Four of the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament two years in a row. It was also at Hannibal-LaGrange that he met the love of his life, Martha. He went

Ben Eugene Pitney

Feb 1, 1933 – May 22, 2025

on to earn both a bachelor’s and master’s degree from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College (Truman State University). After a brief enlistment in the U.S. Army, Ben began a long and distinguished career as a teacher and basketball coach in Illinois and Missouri, playing and coaching alongside future legends such as Cotton Fitzsimmons and Ray Schumann.

Ben married Martha Hamilton of St. Louis, Missouri, on June 11, 1955. She survives him. He is also survived by their five children: Dr. Jennifer (Dr. Richard) Valuck of Hannibal; Stuart (Melissa) Pitney of Topeka, Kansas; Boyd (Karen) Pitney of Green Bay, Wisconsin; James Pitney of Hannibal; and Colonel (Dr.) Aaron (Rebecca) Pitney of Ijamsville, Maryland.

Ben leaves behind 12 grandchildren: Kate (Mike) Fuller and Grace (Dr. Levi) Strube of Hannibal; Jacob Pitney of Lawrence, Kansas; Ethan (Jacklyn) Pitney of Topeka, Kansas; Rachel (Chris) Nafis of San Diego, California; Anna (Dr. Josh) Roorda of Davenport, Iowa; Aimee (Charlie) Robertson of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Dr. Ryan (Blakney) Pitney of St. Francis, Wisconsin; Andrew (Courtney) Pitney of Denver, Colorado; Abigail Pitney of Frederick, Maryland; Mary Ellen Pitney of Lewiston, Idaho; and Ben Pitney of Austin, Texas. He is also survived by fifteen great-grandchildren and many extended family members.

Ben was drafted into the U.S. Army and stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, during the Korean War. After his military service, he taught and coached basketball at West Pike, Bridgeport, and Princeton High Schools in Illinois. In 1966, he returned to Hannibal-LaGrange College as head basketball coach. In 1971,

he became assistant basketball coach at Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville, where he served until retiring in 1994. In 1995, he and Martha returned to Hannibal, where he served as athletic director at Hannibal-LaGrange University for six more years. For his many contributions to athletics, Ben was inducted into both the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame and the Truman Athletics Hall of Fame.

A devoted Christian, Ben came to faith in Christ while a student at Hannibal-LaGrange College and committed his life to sharing the good news of salvation with his family, his players, and everyone he met. At the time of his passing, he was a faithful member and Deacon Emeritus of Immanuel Baptist Church in Hannibal.

Ben’s greatest passions were his faith, his family, and his enduring love of sports and music. He wrote a collection of poetry, sharing his reflections and life lessons with those closest to him. A true people person, he maintained close relationships with many of his former players, several of whom have shared how deeply Coach inspired them. He had a lifelong love for music—especially barbershop and big band classics—and was well known for his remarkable memory for lyrics of old favorites.

The family extends special thanks to the staff of the Baptist Home in Shelbina and Compassus Hospice of Macon for their compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hannibal-LaGrange University, Truman State University Men’s Basketball (Purple Pack) Fund, or Immanuel Baptist Church.

Online condolences may be made and video tribute may be viewed at www.jamesodonnell-funeralhome.com.

SUMMER GAMES

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A march of the athletes was then held on the track in front of the stands, with a Knights of Columbus Color Guard standing at attention as the athletes passed, and law enforcement officers forming two lines in which the athlete’s marched between, high-fiving and shaking hands with the officers as they passed.

“Welcome, welcome, welcome to Truman State,” school President Sue Thomas told the hundreds that filled the stands. “I have to tell you, we have been waiting so long to welcome you and you

SPOTLIGHT

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Tyler truly is a joy to have in class, not only because he is always following directions or doing his work, but because he wants to do his best as well as cares greatly about others in our classroom and school.”

When asked how his actions demonstrate leadership and create a more positive environment at Ray Miller Elementary, Scott exclaimed: “I’m good because I never miss school. I sit calmly and quietly and have whole body listening. I give respect and best effort every day. I am safe because I stay in the classroom and I don’t run in the classroom, only at PE and recess. I am responsible because I remember “Safety first!” and I am always kind to my friends. I use my words when I need something and I always have a smile for my teachers and friends. Ray Miller is the best!!!”

are finally here and we cannot be more proud and honored.”

The event included numerous speakers, a graduation ceremony, a lighting of the torch inside the stadium, and a drone show at the finale.

On Saturday, track and field competitions continued as did the powerlifting. Track and field competitions finished up Sunday morning before the athletes packed up for home.

“Thank you for being here in Kirksville this weekend in order to showcase what it means to offer the kindness

of neighbors to everyone you know,” Burden said, noting the city’s history of hosting sojourners. “I hope you know just how pleased we are to welcome you here as neighbors, whether you traveled from Nevada or Gladstone, Warren County or Howell County, Jefferson City or Kansas City, Booneville or Maryville, St. Joseph or Springfield or St. Louis or anywhere else in the state of Missouri. Today, we come to celebrate you — our Special Olympic athletes.”

Go to kirksvilledailyexpress.com to see a video of the event.

nomination. Nominations can be made in any of the four following categories:

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

In March 2026, a Spotlight Award of the Year winners will be selected from all of the monthly winners. Nominations can be made throughout the year by visiting the Adair County SB40 website or by contacting a SB40 staff member to assist you at (660) 665-9400. You can also find more information about the four nomination categories by visiting Adair County SB40’s website, <https://www.sb40life.org>.



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Martin Stephen Moots and Kathryn Elizabeth Lumsden Moots

Rejoined in Heaven

Kathryn Elizabeth Lumsden Moots, December 15, 1951—October 26, 2024, of Kirksville, MO and Martin Stephen Moots, November 4, 1947—January 4, 2025, of Farmington, N.M., passed away and are together again in Heaven.



They are survived by their children, Laura A. Moots, Diane E. Moots, Thomas M. Moots and Family, Heather A. Morgan (Moots) and Family. Steve’s brother and sister, Kelly and Doug. Kathie’s sister and brother, Laura A. Riley (Lumsden), James (Jim) Lumsden. Grandchildren, Michael Moots and Family, Alicia and Family, Charlotte, Jasmine Moots and Family, Jessica Moots, and Sophia Moots. A nephew, Lee W. Riley (Stacie) and family. Beloved cousins too numerous to list.

A graveside service with military rites will be held at the Green Castle Cemetery, Green Castle, MO, on Friday, June 6th, at 10:30 a.m. Ruschmeier-Smith Funeral Home in Green City will conduct the services.



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- **Monday, June 2** - Special Sheep, Goat, & Hog Sale, 10:00 a.m.
- **Friday, June 6** - Special Breeding Stock Cattle Sale, 6:00 p.m.
- **Monday, June 9** - Special Feeder Cattle sale, 11:00 a.m.
- **Monday, June 16** - Regular Cattle Sale, 11:00 a.m.
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ROBIN WRITES

Summer job

My 16-year-old daughter was looking for her first summer job. Okay. Not exactly looking...more like avoiding. I handed her applications; she held them between her fingers like used tissues and dropped them ceremoniously atop the pile of dirty laundry that helped fortify the bearing wall of her bedroom.

“Why don’t we hop in the car and take a spin around town?” I sang one morning. “I bet we’ll see a ‘Help Wanted’ sign with your name written all over it.”

I turned away quickly to avoid hearing her mumbled response. What seemed hours later, she slunk to the car like a prisoner after sentencing.

As we drove down Main Street, I pointed to places that might be looking for someone with her unique abilities. You know, like:

1. Talking at near audible levels with limited enunciation.
2. Pushing remote control-like buttons without a bit of digit fatigue.
3. Expelling the characteristic sighs that add punctuation to her willing teen spirit.

My arm waggled left to right, a tour guide offering humdrum vistas to a listless sightseer.

“See over there? Walgreens. I used to work there. Back in the ‘80s. Easy. Fun. You’d LOVE it...”

Her sunglasses slowly swiveled my way. She inhaled, and I steadied my frame for a blast of icy syllables that

would convey the utter idiocy of my suggestion. Shards of superiority flung from her glossy lips.

“I don’t think THAT is a place I want to work, MOTHER (name added so I’d know she was talking to me).”

I stupidly asked why.

Her reply was a piercing tirade of implausible run-on sentences, citing the dire consequences and unbearable embarrassment that would befall her if she were “caught” working at Walgreens.

Every word was impeccably pronounced, growing louder and more succinct as they sailed my way.

“Nobody MY AGE works at a drug store, MOTHER. And what if somebody who knows me came in to buy something embarrassing...and I had to wait on them?”

Her body suddenly arched toward me as if being hit by defibrillator paddles.

“OH MOM. PLEASE DON’T MAKE ME SELL EX-LAX TO PEOPLE!”

Andrea flopped against the car seat, sighing in exhaustion. I was absolutely wearing her out.

“Okay, where would YOU like to work this summer?” I asked. Andrea was stapled to the car seat. Not moving. Maybe not breathing. I assumed she was thinking. I waited.

“Well...”

HALLELUJAH. She speaks. She sucked in the air around us and I held my breath so she could have it all to herself.

“...I can’t work ANYwhere ANYbody I know is working. That rules out McDonald’s and Taco Bell. Probably all



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH
ROBIN WRITES

the fast foods. I would DIE if I had to spend the summer with the same people I go to school with.” Her lips curled in an uncanny grimace of rigor mortis.

She recovered. Continued.

“No really EARLY hours. If I have to, I can start before lunch, but if they expect me to WAIT ON PEOPLE, I’ll need time to get ready. Pick out what to wear and stuff.”

Andrea pondered her fashion options.

“I won’t wear work clothes that make me look dorky. No hat or uniform or ‘Hi, I’m Andrea—Your SLAVE’ name tag. I need respect. Good pay. Short hours. Long lunches. Employee discounts.”

I took a deep breath and struggled to grasp the tattered edges of patience that had kept me sane through every war Andrea and I had waged since she became a pseudo-adult at 16.

“Okay.” I hissed air like a leaking lifeboat. “That’s a good start. Now we know what to look for.”

I turned toward home, reconsidering the suggestion she offered when I handed her that first application a couple weeks ago.

Would it really be so wrong to pay her to stay in her room until August?

HOME COUNTRY

Done under a full moon

By Slim Randles

In a few days, all those rhymers who lived in Tin Pan Alley back when Gertie was a pup will be fulfilled once again. How’s that you say?

Was a love song ever written that didn’t have both moon and June in it? And the full moon will be here in a couple of days and it is our responsibility to go look at it.

A full moon is probably the basic cause of most superstitions and spooky stories and maybe even a religion or two. And that’s because it shows us our world in an entirely different light than we’re used to. A moon softens the hard edges of our everyday world. It casts a pall of loveliness on rocks and water and even old cowboys. And you know this is another reason so many people are married. In moonlight, even a cholla cactus looks friendly.

Many years ago a few of us from the bunkhouse used to go to a place in the southwest part of Death Valley to catch wild burros. It was legal then, of course. Now keep in mind this is Death Valley in the summer. The lizards only came out at night and they each had a canteen. Yes, it was hot.

So what were supposedly human-type cowboys doing out there in that kind of heat? Sleeping in the shade of the stock truck. If we could. Because we only went jack-assing there during a full moon, and only at night. This limited our burro roping possibilities, of course, because we wouldn’t run our horses through the lava beds or in the shadows. The shadows were pitch black, and those lava beds could turn you and your horse into ground round, and becoming two acres of cowboy burgers didn’t appeal to me.

So we’d hide in the shadows and watch the open valley before us. It



SLIM RANDLES
HOME COUNTRY

was dotted with sagebrush and some other types of puckerbrush, but it was safe to run a horse there.

And soon, here would come the wild burros, wandering out into the valley, and we’d build a loop and come boiling out of there like the dawn of doom.

And if we were successful, we’d lead a wild burro back to the stock truck, talking to them all the time and letting them know that we had no intention of eating them.

One night I roped a little foal, put it up in front of me on the horse, and rode back to the truck. Along the way, I named him Barney. When the sun rose the next morning, I changed HER name to Barneyetta. We were the best of pals for years.

So why does this memory carve so deeply into my soul? Probably because it was done under a full moon. A full moon in the desert makes it almost light enough to read by, and at the same time making ugly objects become steeped in magic and mystery and beauty, even old cowboys.

Don’t miss the full moon. Full moons and baby burros are good for us.

(BF) Brought to you by all the wild burros in Butte Valley and Death Valley in eastern California, except for that one-eared old stud jack. He’s too mean.

THE ROCKWOOD FILES

What goes around

Sometimes karma is lovely

A few weeks ago, we had this short but wonderful pocket of time right before our oldest son’s college graduation. For four days, we had all three of our big kids home. After graduation, two of them would scatter in opposite directions — the graduate to his new job in a different city and his younger brother on a flight to California for a summer internship.

One night after having dinner out, the kids decided to huddle upstairs and play the old video games they loved as kids. So Tom and I stayed downstairs to watch a detective show called Will Trent, one of our favorites. I felt exquisitely happy because our house was once again full of kids, dogs, and a cat, just like old times.

Suddenly, we heard what sounded like a horse hurriedly clomping down the stairs. Our middle son, Jack, skidded into the living room.

Jack: “Everything okay?”

Me: “Yeah. Why do you ask?”

Jack: “We heard you guys yell.”

Tom: “We were yelling at the TV. The bad guy was about to shoot the good guy, but then, out of nowhere, the bad guy got hit by a car. We were cheering.”

Jack: “Oh. It sounded like something happened.”

Me: “And you came down here to make sure we were okay? Awww-ww... That’s so sweet.”

With the imaginary crisis averted, Jack bounded back upstairs, and we heard him report back to his siblings: “They’re just yelling at the TV.” Then their Mario Kart tournament resumed.

Tom and I laughed about it and kept watching the show, but that scene in our living room stayed in my mind — a full-circle moment that marked a shift in our family dynamics.

For the past 23 years, Tom and I were the ones who raced up or down the stairs to investigate loud noises or an unexpected yell. We were the ones on constant alert for



GWEN ROCKWOOD
THE ROCKWOOD FILES

any sign of trouble.

And even though the boys grew taller than both of us and the baby girl got old enough to go to college like her brothers, we still feel the same hard-wired sense of hyper-vigilance we did when they were newborns. Are they safe? Are they healthy? Will they be okay? From the moment that pregnancy test stick turned positive, our own well-being has been intricately woven into theirs.

And now I’m realizing this electrical current of care and safeguarding flows both ways. They’re old enough now to know that parents, who seem so strong and stable when you’re a kid, sometimes need help, too. No one is impervious to time and circumstance.

So now they’ll check on us, just as we check on them. And they’ll be relieved when they find that their middle-aged mom and dad are just yelling at the television like a couple of lunatics. No one is having a heart attack or breaking a hip, at least not today.

If I could, I’d send a message back through time to my younger self — the frazzled, sleep-deprived mother who was trying so hard to do things right and beating herself up for every misstep. I’d tell her that all the work and worry is so very worth it and that, one day when you least expect it, all that love and care you pour into your kids will circle back around to envelop you, too.

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PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month

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Welcome to the Public Health Corner: Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month

June marks Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia, as well as promoting brain health and research initiatives. It’s essential to understand the impact of Alzheimer’s on individuals, families, and society as a whole, and to take proactive steps to support those affected by this devastating disease.

Understanding Alzheimer’s Disease

Alzheimer’s disease is a progressive neurological disorder that affects memory, thinking skills, and behavior. It is the most common cause of dementia, accounting for 60-80% of cases. While Alzheimer’s primarily affects older adults, it can also occur in younger individuals, known as early-onset Alzheimer’s. Research into the underlying causes and mechanisms of Alzheimer’s is ongoing, but factors such as genetics, lifestyle, and environmental influences are believed to play a

role in its development.

Promoting Brain Health

Maintaining brain health is crucial for reducing the risk of Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia. Engaging in activities that stimulate the mind, such as reading, puzzles, and learning new skills, can help keep the brain sharp. Additionally, adopting a healthy lifestyle that includes regular exercise, a balanced diet, adequate sleep, and social engagement can support overall brain health and cognitive function.

Early Detection & Diagnosis

Early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease are vital for accessing appropriate care and support services. Recognizing the early signs and symptoms, such as memory loss, confusion, difficulty completing familiar tasks, and changes in mood or behavior, can prompt individuals to seek medical evaluation and intervention. Healthcare providers can conduct assessments, diagnostic tests, and screenings to evaluate cognitive function and determine the presence of dementia.

Caregiver Support & Resources

Alzheimer’s not only affects individuals diagnosed with the disease but also places a significant burden on caregivers

and families. Providing support and resources for caregivers is essential for helping them navigate the challenges of caregiving and maintain their own well-being. Support groups, respite care services, educational programs, and community resources can offer assistance and guidance to caregivers throughout the caregiving journey.

Advocacy & Research

Advocacy efforts and research initiatives are critical for advancing our understanding of Alzheimer’s disease, developing effective treatments, and ultimately finding a cure. By raising awareness, advocating for increased funding and research investments, and participating in clinical trials and research studies, individuals can contribute to the collective effort to combat Alzheimer’s and improve outcomes for those affected by the disease.

As we observe Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month, let’s come together to support individuals living with Alzheimer’s, promote brain health and research, and work towards a future without Alzheimer’s disease. By raising awareness, advocating for change, and taking proactive steps to support brain health, we can make a difference in the fight against Alzheimer’s and dementia.

POETRY CORNER

I’ve Completed a Study

I’ve completed a study... and it took some time... I watched every minute as it passed, I wanted to know... what made up a day... from the first second, clear to the last. I wanted to uncover... one of life’s mysteries... and it’s bothered me for quite a while, Why some days... pass by so darn fast... and others don’t know when it’s out of style. The only explanation... the only answer... that

has squirted out of my brain, After tireless study... after exhaustive research... yielding a conclusion only science can sustain. What I found... is how you look at life... how you perceive what occurs each day, A positive outlook... helps your day fly by... improving your attitude along the way.

— Daniel D. Donovan

EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

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Joseph Baldwin and his Kirksville Normal School – Chapter 4

By Blytha Ellis, President
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Immediately after the Normal School Act was signed by Missouri Governor Joseph W. McClurg in 1870, the prominent supporters of Joseph Baldwin's normal school in Kirksville went to work on securing a bond issue so that Adair County could make a bid for his normal school to be accepted as the First District Normal School.

Adair County Court Judge Jacob Sands issued an order for a special election to be held September 8, 1870, to approve the issue of 25-year bonds not to exceed \$100,000 “for the purpose of securing the location of a state normal school at Kirksville.”

In general, it seemed that city folks were in favor of this bond issue, but rural people were not. Joseph Baldwin, his teachers, and several other prominent people in Kirksville then found it their job to tour the county and campaign for this special election.

The “North Missouri Tribune” newspaper was a great help in promoting votes in favor of this issue because of “the magnitude and the importance of the task.” They published many ads and articles giving reasons why Adair County should vote for the bonds. One argument was that students would bring in a substantial amount of revenue to the county, and secondly that a normal school in Kirksville would “attract families of wealth and culture.” A third reason for the bonds being a good investment was that the school would promote “refinement and good morals.” Their final push for support of the bond issue was the argument that property values would increase with a normal school in the county.

The men who canvassed the county held meetings in schoolhouses throughout the county and at every small village where they could get a crowd. All this work was successful as the bond issue passed by a vote of 629 to 189. It is interesting to note that Benton Township, which is the area including the town of Kirksville, had only 2 votes against the issue and 413 in favor.

However, the job was not yet complete. The next step was for the bid for the normal school to be presented to the state Board of Regents. A letter was quickly sent to the State Superintendent of Schools, T. A. Parker, stating that Adair County was ready to present its proposition for the establishment of the First District Normal School in Kirksville. Judge A. J. Linder of Kirksville was appointed to represent the proposition to the Board of Regents.

For the second district normal school, Pettis County presented their bid to have a normal school located in Sedalia, Mo. As competition for Adair



County, Livingston County applied to have a school located in Chillicothe, and Johnson County was in competition for the second district to have a school in Warrensburg. A long and bitter struggle followed, too long and complicated to detail here.

The important thing is that Kirksville was chosen for the location of the First District Normal School, and Joseph Baldwin's school was selected to be a state normal school. This state control became effective on December 29, 1870. The school was immediately renamed the First District Normal School. The very next day, December 30, 1870,

Joseph Baldwin resigned as a member of the state Board of Regents because he wanted to be eligible for appointment as president of his own school, now the First District Normal School, under state control. Governor McClurg did appoint him as such. This completed a long-desired dream for Joseph Baldwin, to have his school be officially a state normal school. But, it was not all a smooth ride for him and his school.

The proponents of placing the first district normal school at Chillicothe, Mo., had threatened to bring legal action if Kirksville were chosen. So, they immediately began a case against the State Normal School Board of Regents. They attempted to get legislative action to set aside the decision of the Board which placed this normal school in Kirksville. A legislative committee was formed to investigate the complaint and reports were submitted on the last days of the 26th Missouri General Assembly. It seems these reports were buried or forgotten because of lack of time to consider them by this closing assembly, so the location for the First District Normal School in

Kirksville stood.

Joseph Baldwin's salary as the new President of his state school was \$2,000 per academic year. His two top teachers, James Greenwood and William Nason, received \$1,500 per year, and Sam Pickler \$1,200. Of course, his female teachers received considerably less, only \$700 per year. After his school became a state institution, throughout the time that Joseph Baldwin was President of the school, 40 faculty members were hired at different times with equal numbers of men and women. President Baldwin was said to have used extreme care in choosing his faculty. He had a sense for recognizing a scholar and a good teacher.

As a sideline, it is interesting to note some details about President Baldwin. He was only 5', 7" tall with a long beard, and he walked slightly stooped. He always wore a black Prince Albert coat no matter the weather. He sometimes wore his house shoes to school. He rode an old horse to campus, and he insisted that the animal run in a “lope” (a slow, smooth, fluid movement, relaxed and effortless). More importantly, President Baldwin was known for his kindness, enthusiasm, optimism, organization skills, idealism, and his untiring work.

President Baldwin operated his school under the new setting of being a state normal school for a little over 2 years before a major change was made. It had been the hope of President Baldwin and his faculty that before long, the state would provide the school with a new building, and this did come to pass.

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(Reference: “Centennial History of the Northeast Missouri State Teachers College” by Dr. Walter H. Ryle)

TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local History



By Larry Evans

115 Years Ago, June 7, 1910

Five Kirksville men of a party of fifteen who were holding a Sunday session of a crap game in the old handle factory near the Willard School, pleaded guilty and were fined \$1 each plus cost by Police Judge Yates. The raid in which the men were arrested was one of the most laughable in the experiences of the Kirksville police department. The large party had been heard by a passerby who reported what he heard to the city marshal. The marshal and a deputy went to the handle factory. Just as they entered someone saw them and, in a few seconds, “the old building’s many windows were belching gamesters.” They ran in all directions but many of the men were recognized by the officers. The marshal, thinking he would expedite the men’s flight from the building, fired his revolver down an old hay chute. To his surprise a man who had been hiding there sprang out of concealment, jumped out a window and ran up the street. The man was later apprehended and arrested and appeared in police court where he was assessed a fine of \$1. He complained to the judge that he had just laid down a dime before the raid and inquired as to how he might get his dime back.

100 Years Ago, June 3, 1925

Rex Brouddus, Kirksville airplane stunt acrobat, was recovering from injuries in a Burlington, Iowa hospital. He was injured in a plane crash on May 23 along with two other stuntmen while performing in Burlington. Brouddus reported that he intended to resume his stunt work as soon as possible. He had performed in Kirksville with Lieutenant Webber, another local air ace.

75 Years Ago, June 1, 1950

Sealed bids for the construction of cut-offs and channel improvement of the Chariton River flood control project extending from Novinger to a point one mile south of Gifford, were being received until June 16 at the office of the U.S. Army District Engineer in Kansas City. After the contract was awarded, the work was to begin within 30 days, and the project was to be completed in 650 days. No work was required between December 1 and February 1, and this time was not included in the 650 days. However, the contractor could work during that time if weather conditions were favorable. Delay in completing the work would cost the contractor \$50 per day. The project was a big one and among other things to be done was clearing 100 acres of timber and brush and the excavation of 1,810,000 cubic yards of dirt. This included the complete removal of the dam at Yarrow. The project under the supervision of the federal government was authorized by the Flood Control Act approved by Congress December 22, 1944, and funds were appropriated on June 25, 1948. The governmental studies completed before the project began revealed that there was a 35-foot drop in elevation between the water level of the river at the Chariton River bridge at Novinger and the river level at Gifford. According to U.S. Weather Bureau statistics, flood stage of the river at Novinger was 20 feet and the maximum reached there was 28.5 feet on June 7, and June 13, 1947. The lowest stage was 1.8 feet on January 19, 1931. The highest temperature was 113 degrees on July 15, 1936,

and the lowest on record was 31 degrees below zero on February 13, 1905. The average annual rainfall for Adair County was 42.12 inches. The month of January had the lowest monthly average rainfall with 1.52 inches while September had the highest monthly average with 5.18.

75 Years Ago, June 6, 1950

Preliminary U.S. Census reports for 1950 showed that Adair County's population stood at 19,400 as compared to the county's 1940 population of 20,246, a decrease of 846. The city of Kirksville showed a gain in population in 1950 while the outlying area of the county reported a loss.

75 Years Ago, June 4, 1950

The Silver Star Drive In Theater opened for movie goers from Northeast Missouri. The drive-in theater was the “brain child” of Day and Frances Mangus. In the late 1940s the Mangus family took a trip to California, and while there they discovered a new concept in theater entertainment. It was the drive-in theater where a car load of people could drive in to an outdoor theater and watch a movie on a huge screen. The Mangus family owned an acreage north of Kirksville on the west side of present-day Baltimore Street (Highway 63), beginning where Pancake City is now located and running northward approximately to Rosie's Northtown Café. The property extended westward to the Wabash Railroad tracks. On this property Day Mangus, a well-known horse breeder, trainer, and harness racer, had constructed his stable and track for training his horses. Mangus had room to spare and decided to construct a drive in theater. Construction on the facility began in 1949 and opened to the public on June 4, 1950. Its name was derived from his horse stable, “The Silver Star.” The theater complex was situated on 12 acres of land and had parking spaces for 500 vehicles. Each elevated parking spot had a speaker that came from an upright post. The speaker could be placed on the side door window of a vehicle. The theater complex also contained a playground for children and in the center of the theater grounds was a large building that housed the projection room, restrooms, and a snack bar that sold hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, ice cream novelties, and juicy burgers. The snack bar was managed by Day's wife, Frances Mangus. The Silver Star Drive In theater provided theater goes from Kirksville and surrounding area many years of entertainment. Most popular was “Buck Night” a night at which a vehicle could enter the theater for a \$1 with as many people crammed into it as possible. The Mangus family operated the drive in for 31 years and provided multiple generations of families' unique movie entertainment. After that the Mangus family leased it to a theater company. Three years later it closed and in 1986 the theater “fell flat on it's face” with the help of demolition workers who were removing the theater. (Some of the above information on the Silver Star Drive In came from an article, “The Silver Star Entrepreneurship of Day Mangus,” by Pam Sylvara, in the January 2018 issue of The Adair Historian. The magazine is available at the Adair County Historical Society Museum, 211 S. Elson Street, Kirksville. Hours 1-4 p.m., Wed, Thurs. and Fri.)

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Children’s Theatre Camp begins this summer in Kirksville

By Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department

Join the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department’s two-week Children’s Theatre Camp this summer for kids aged 8 to 12 years old.

This is an amazing opportunity for young actors to prepare for a role alongside talented adult and teen performers in the upcoming production of “Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical.”

During the first week of day camp, students will practice theatre performance skills and learn production numbers as the youth chorus. During the second week, students will join the adult and teen cast for their evening rehearsals to work their camp numbers into the full production.

Registration is \$70 and includes a show shirt and two complimentary tickets to the production. Register online at [Kirksville.gov/p/rec-login](https://kirksville.gov/p/rec-login).

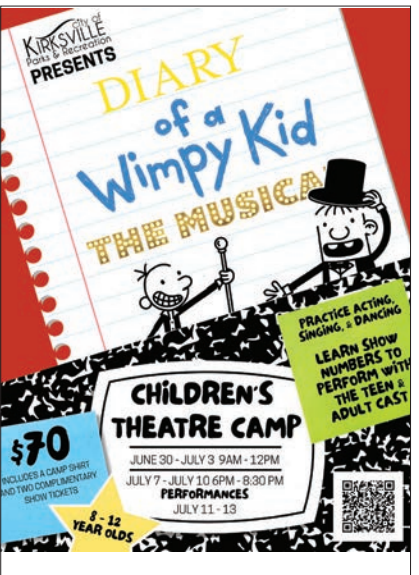
The musical and youth camp will be directed by Elizabeth Anderson, an English and theatre educator at Kirksville High School with more than 15 years of experience working with young people and theatre. Assisting at camp will be current and alumni members of the Kirksville High School Thespan Troupe. These camp mentors will help teach performers the production numbers and provide additional supervision at rehearsals and performances.

Important dates:

June 30-July 3, 9 a.m.-noon, morning skills practice at the William Matthew Middle School Auditorium

July 7 -10, 6-9 p.m., evening rehearsals with the full cast at the WMMS Auditorium

Performances on July 11-July 12 at 7 p.m. and July 13 at 2 p.m.



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PHOTO GALLERY:

Alice Allinson Quilt Exhibit at the Sue Ross Arts Center



By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

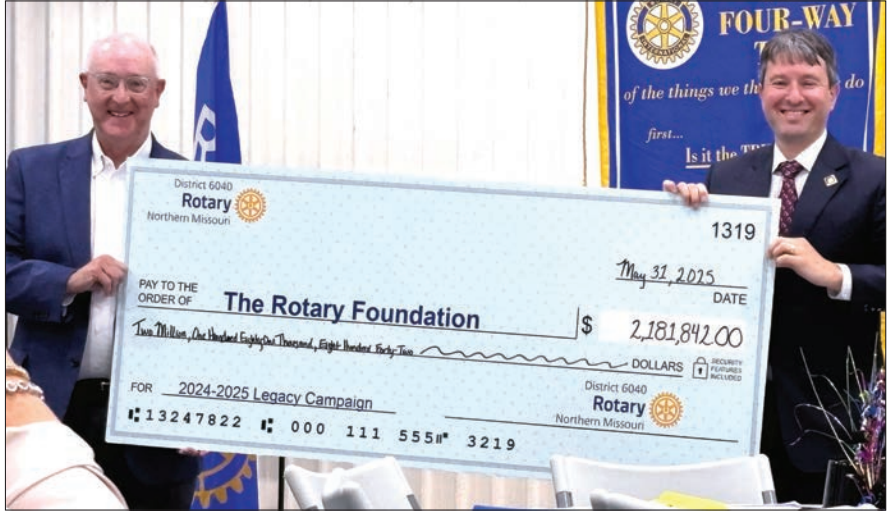
Quilter Alice Allinson's quilt exhibit will be held at the Sue Ross Arts Center through June 27. A reception will be held on June 6 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.



to 2 p.m. The Arts Center is located at 215 S. Franklin Street, in Kirksville. Visit www.kirksvillearts-scrac.org.

ROTARY

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Larry Lunsford (left) and EriK McGuire hold a check for over \$2 million that has been donated to the District’s Legacy program. ALISA KIGAR

Big Impact: Practical strategies to enhance a small club's effectiveness in community service, membership engagement and overall impact.

- Public Relations and Social Media: Strategies for effectively using social media and public relations to enhance Rotary's visibility and impact.
- Youth Programs: Exploring ways to engage youth through Interact and Roteract, and the impact on communities.

A dinner was held on the ATSU campus with guest speaker Duane Benton presenting a program: “What Would Ray Say?” This was a tribute to the late Ray Klinginsmith, Rotary International President 2010-2011. The dinner was followed by Sundaes on Friday at the DuKum Inn.

On Saturday, Rotary awards were presented and guest speaker Cassy Ven-

ters gave a talk about “Rwandan Nurses Saving Lives.” Kirksville Rotartian Annette Sweet won the District’s Community Service Award. A District Business Meeting was held and after lunch, Rotary members heard remarks from DGE Jodi Sundaram.

A Shoes for Orphan Souls Roll Call was held at Elsie’s Medicinal Gardens in front of the Tinning Building on the ATSU campus, followed by ATSU campus tours; boat rides on Forest Lake at Thousand Hills State Park; golf at the Kirksville Country Club; a tour of the ATSU Museum; and trail hiking. Tours were also held on the Truman State campus.

A social hour was held by Club One and Ben Martin did a script reading, “A Candle Against the Dark”, during dinner.

BLUE SHIELD

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“We have seen steady declines across several crime categories in recent years, showing that community policing initiatives and partnerships are working,” said Kirksville Police Chief Scott Williamson. “Neighborhood Watch Groups, ongoing work with the Northeast Missouri Drug Task Force and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, increased patrols and other actions are proving beneficial.”

Eligibility and Program Details

Communities are eligible for a Missouri Blue Shield designation based on their dedication to reducing crime, making substantial investments in public safety, and developing strong collaboration with law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders. Each participating community’s commitment will be reviewed annually to ensure continued alignment with the program’s goals.

Participation Incentives

Communities that earn a Missouri Blue Shield designation will receive grant funding for law enforcement training and equipment as part of Kehoe’s recommended budget for the state fiscal year 2026. Communities will also be featured on Kehoe’s social media pages as well as the DPS website to highlight their participation in the program.

KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

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.

Kirksville Arts Association’s Summer Art Camp

The Kirksville Arts Association is hosting camps this summer for different age groups. The middle school camp will be on June 14, doing a gel painting workshop. That camp is \$10. For students from kindergarten to second grade, there is a Sun-catcher camp on June 21 for \$5. And students from third grade to fifth grade can attend the ice tie-dye camp on June 28 for \$10. Visit kirksvillearts-srac.org to learn more.

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 ‘Nunsense’

Nunsense 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.

Kirksville Kiwanis Farmers’ Market

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

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

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

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Green City can't catch up, falls in State quarterfinal



Jaden O'Haver doubles in the bottom of the third inning with two outs. Tristin Harrison singled to score him to make the game 5-3, and the Gophers would never have another runner cross the plate.

HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

By Henry Janssen
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Despite scoring the first run of the game and out-hitting Faith Christian Academy (Kansas City), the Gophers never retook the lead as they fell, 8-3, in a Class 1 State quarterfinal in Green City on Wednesday night.

A grand slam by Faith junior Max McMillen in the top of the second gave the Knights a 5-1 lead.

“We had a couple unfortunate innings where we just put too many guys on base and they took advantage, which we didn’t,” Green City coach Dale Whitacre said. “We competed and I’m proud of that effort. We were forced to press a little bit, playing from behind against a really good team is never easy, and there are just a couple pitches or plays we’d like to have back.”

Although they scratched and had baserunners in every inning but the sixth, the Gophers just couldn’t get runners across. They finished with nine hits to Faith’s four, but also committed three very costly errors and never once recorded a base on balls. The Knights, on the other hand, walked six times and got hit by pitch once.

The Gophers scored in each of the first three innings to get the game back within reach at 5-3, but the third inning obviously concluded their scoring. Faith added a pair in the top of the fourth and got an insurance run in the top of the seventh for good measure.

Faith head coach Luke Cassis said his pitcher, junior Sam Akins, controlled the strike zone and found his composure, which he considered to be the difference in the game.

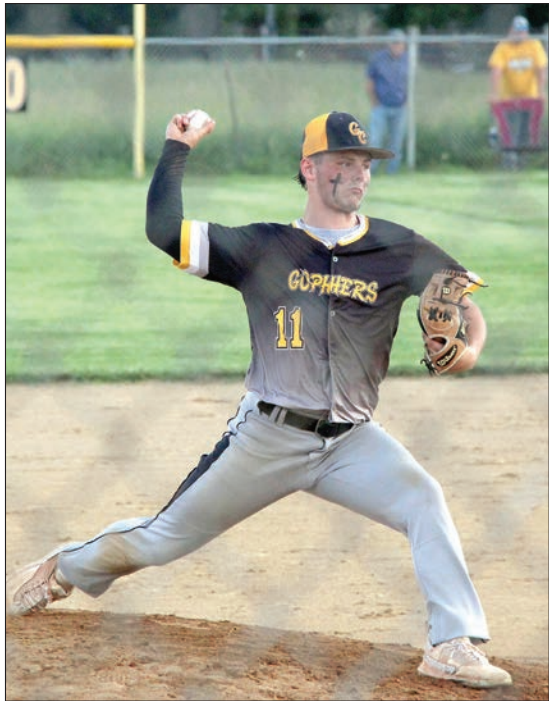
“He didn’t start off great, but he competes and he figured it out, and that’s what good pitchers do,” Cassis said. “We’ve relied on our pitching and defense all year, so when we get a lead, we fall back on our strengths, and (Sam) knew that too.”

Akins went the entire way on the hill, striking out six batters while not allowing a single walk. Meanwhile, Green City’s Thaydon Forest went four innings before being pulled, and fellow senior Ty Hall finished the evening on the mound. Although Forest gave up seven runs, only one was earned. The two combined to strike out nine and walk six.

Forest, Jaden O’Haver, and Tristin Harrison each recorded a pair of hits in the final game of their careers as Gophers.

Hall, Xander Salas, Noah Tipton, Tucker Tipton, and Preston Balfany are the other five that Green City loses to graduation.

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Thaydon Forest went four innings against Faith Christian on Wednesday. Although he gave up seven runs, only one of them was earned.

HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

Tiger throwers roar and get big help from middle-distance



Kirkville junior Bennett Fraser soaks in Adkins Stadium’s applause after setting the 15th best high school discus mark in the nation to claim Class 4 gold. Fraser claimed second in the shot put, giving his team 18 points alone. Two of the United States’ top discus throwers were in the same building on Friday and Saturday — Class 5 Nixa’s Jackson Cantwell won his class’s discus and was a single centimeter from breaking the all-time, 46-year-old national high school shot put record.

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Boys tie for 7th and girls tie for 19th in Class 4

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To cap off a season where all-time highs for the school had been set nearly each meet, Kirkville’s track & field record boards are further shaken up after Friday and Saturday’s Class 4 State Championships at Adkins Stadium in Jefferson City. The Tigers went home with seven events out of 10 qualifiers scoring points as top-eight finishers, with four on the boys’ side and three for the girls.

“I’d say this year was a really cool one because the kids brought us to a new level,” Kirkville head coach Anna Grace said. “You always have hopes and goals as a coach, and they exceeded them through their own drive and competitiveness.”

Bennett Fraser – now with the 15th best mark in the nation – handily won a discus State title Saturday and finished second in the shot put the day earlier. The junior’s monstrous 60.78 meter chuck of the disc was his last throw of the finals, and the last throw of the entire event since he was seeded first after prelims. Though the four throws in between weren’t his finest work, his first throw of the morning would have already been a good enough mark to win.

He threw 18.42 meters in the shot to finish .43 meters behind Rockwood Summit’s Omar Hussein.

“I think from the time I left the track yesterday to the time I got here today, I really had some fuel in the fire,” Fraser said after not quite finding the perfect release on Friday. “I wanted to win this thing. The first throw was just months and months of preparation. It all connected at one time. It just flew, I don’t know. It’s what the work is for. Everything aligned for a great throw.”



Concillia Kunseviko gives it all she has left in the final stretch of the 800-meter run to finish fourth. The junior broke a 25-year-old record, and then her own record, throughout the season.

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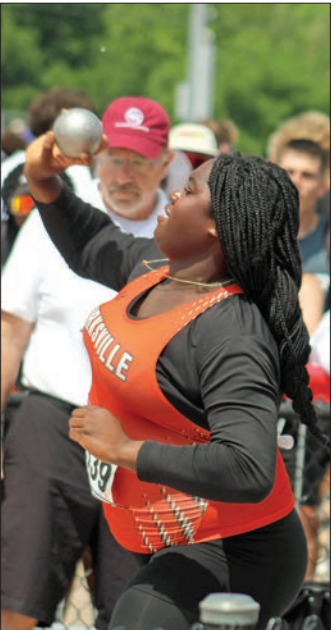
Senior Sullivan Clark finished his career with a bang, entering the javelin competition seeded ninth and finishing fourth.

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Girls’ junior thrower Aline Guilavogui’s 12.59 meter shot put launch put her even further past a record held by Carey Bolieach since 1982 until this year. Guilavogui’s best-ever throw earned her a silver medal behind Pacific’s McKenna Lay, a fellow junior. The girls’ team got a huge boost from junior Concillia Kunseviko, who has continued to further and further better a 25-year-old record in the 800,

now by nearly four seconds. She ran a 2:15 to finish fourth to give her team five points there. Until Kunseviko captured the record in just her second year running track, Audrey Hagan held it from 2000 in a State finals race in which she also finished fourth as a junior.

“I was having some rough times, and I’m really happy to be able to make it out (with a second-place finish),” Gui-



Aline Guilavogui’s throw of 12.57 meters earned the junior a silver medal in Class 4.

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lavogui said. “We all worked harder and I think learned to ask for advice and criticism.

“Keep my hips and shoulders aligned. Oh, and keep my elbow up, too,” she joked while crediting throwing coach Carrie Hudson.

In the final event of the weekend, Kunseviko was the opening leg of a 4x400 team that qualified for the finals and finished eighth, coming across at 4:05 (Megan Kinney, La Joie Kahindo, Eva Danielson), to round out the Tigers’ scoring.

The only senior to score points, Sullivan Clark played the role of dark horse out of the first flight to finish fourth in the javelin with a throw of 54.64 meters. He was seeded ninth coming into the day, and was the only first-flight thrower to qualify.

Blane Byers, sophomore, is the first Tiger to run a sub-400 in the 300-meter hurdles. His 39.44 second finish earned him fifth place, and three-hundredths of a second faster in the prelims on Friday was the best time he has ever posted.

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Historic Kirkville run comes to a close in Pleasant Hill



Emberlyn Pinson gets out into space in front of Kirkville head coach Nathaniel Kennard (right, seated) in a 5-1 loss to Moberly on March 31. Aside from an early-to-mid-season stretch where they lost five out of eight games, the Tigers only dropped two other games all year including their season-ender Saturday in Pleasant Hill to finish 18-7.

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The Tiger girls didn’t play their best soccer on Saturday afternoon in Pleasant Hill, falling in the Class 4 Sectional round 8-0. Kirkville’s season ends 18-7 after capturing the school’s first District championship and winning the most games in program history.

The Chicks (indeed the actual mascot of Pleasant Hill girls’ athletics) face a 12-10-1 Clayton team in the State quarterfinal.

Kirkville finished its season on an 11-2 run including Saturday, and the most goals it had allowed was six in Hannibal back in late March at the beginning of a three-game slide in conference play.



Owen Fraser won the NCAA Division II national title in the discus the weekend before last in Pueblo, Colo. Fraser is a 2022 graduate of Kirksville High School. He is entering his senior year in Rolla pursuing mechanical engineering. PHOTO COURTESY OF Kael Knittel/Missouri S&T Sports Information

Fraser captures Division II discus title

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Owen Fraser’s junior season at Missouri S&T was no Cinderella story. He had the best NCAA Division II discus mark from the time he set it at the first meet of the season at the Miners’ home invitational. Never did he lose his mantle as number one in the nation going wire-to-wire, and went on to close the book with a national title.

“In that position, you just prepare as well as you can to do what you always do, just on a little bigger stage,” Fraser said. “Something I’ve said before is that I make sure that I fail at practice and make as many mistakes as possible so I know how to combat them.

“One day, I think it hit me, I just woke up and told myself

I can win one. In my head, I was just physically handing myself down a first-place trophy.”

He came into the season with the best sophomore campaign in the nation last year and sixth-best overall.

His throw of 59.29 meters won him the national title at Colorado State University-Pueblo. The Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships were May 22 through the 24th. A 60.90-meter throw was his finest of the year at the GLVC Championships, where he also claimed first in the shot put at 17.05 meters and second in hammer throw at 61.16 (his best performance in that discipline, as well).

Fraser finished 12th in the hammer throw and 16th in shot put, right around where he was ranked coming in.

The 2022 graduate won the

Class 4 title as a senior, and joked that the best thing that ever happened to him was getting cut from the baseball team when he was a high school freshman.

Fraser is a Mechanical Engineering student with an internship in St. Joseph and a passion for his field and his university. He’s quick to quiet any whispers about NIL, transfer portal, or where he intends to be his senior year of college.

“The thing about track is, although there’s the D-I, D-II, D-III, NAIA, all those distinctions, at the end of the day it’s the mark that matters. I’m able to compete maybe at a D-I level at a D-II school, I’m where I need to be.

“It just means maybe I can hope to go out and win more things,” Fraser said with a grin.

GOPHERS

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Noah Tipton, playing second base on Wednesday, ranges out to make a play in shallow right field as Tristin Harrison pulls up to give him space to have it. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

“I told our guys they’re a special class, and I’ve never had a group of eight guys that have played for me for three or four years like they did,” Whitacre said. “They’re great young men, and for me it’s been a real privilege to coach this bunch. I expect nothing different from the underclassmen. It’s hard to lose this group, but leaving behind a culture means more than I think one disappointing game does.”

Green City’s season ends 17-8, while Faith Christian is 25-3.

This is just the first year that Faith has been eligible for MSHSAA postseason contention in baseball – or any sport for that matter – and it played just five games last season, winning all five. The school was founded in 2003. The Knights go on to face Wheatland in the Class 1 semifinal.

Worley holds introduction, brims with optimism for Truman hoops

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Truman Athletics hosted an introductory press conference and meet-and-greet with new men’s basketball coach Mike Worley on Monday. Worley, alongside his wife and four kids, made himself open to the media and public for an hour as he talked about where the program is headed under his tutelage.

He becomes the 14th head coach of the program, and spent the past 12 seasons as an assistant coach in Alabama at Troy (NCAA Division I, Sun Belt Conference). The Trojans are coming off of a conference title and lost to Kentucky in the opening round of March Madness.

Worley thanked mentors, family, and the Kirksville community for their support, but most importantly, he wanted the first thing on public record to be the four pillars the by which the Truman program will be supported during his tenure.

“Humility comes first,” Worley said. “Thank the people who swept the floors and turned the A/C on in Pershing for us to practice.

“We’re going to have passion. Our glass is always half-full, no matter what. The third pillar is work-ethic – we always want to match the intensity of the message we want to



Mike Worley formally introduces himself to the media and community as the 14th head basketball coach of Truman State University. His meet-and-greet was a succinct message about his enthusiasm for the direction of the program, held in the Alumni Room in the Student Union Building. HENRY JANSSEN/DAILY EXPRESS

deliver. The last pillar is purpose. Everything we do is measured. How many shots did you make (in practice) today? How many attempts?”

Worley said that he was going to spend time on the road this week recruiting in both Kansas City and St. Louis. He’s got his work cut out for him, to put it mildly. After the 2024-2025 season’s closure, Truman has just seven players on its roster.

If practice began today, the 1993 juco Male Athlete of the year (Coffeyville Community College, Kan.) might have to be a participant.

He played for Creighton (Neb.) as well as the University of Denver after his illustrious junior college years.

Worley thinks the opportunity was a perfect storm of circumstance and timing after the university and Horner parted ways.

“Being able to come to a school that values education was important to me, and playing in a great league in the Midwest like the GLVC ... those were just some of the factors that made this job appealing,” Worley said. “If you’re going to play at Truman, you’re going to play defense. When we do get stops, I’m going to let these guys play pretty fast as long as it’s high-IQ basketball. Just watching film, Truman teams the past bunch of years have done that pretty well.

“The philosophy is that we’ll play as fast as our preparation allows us to.”

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“To be honest, I felt tense and also felt great and had a lot of fun at the same time,” Byers said. “It’s great to look up at a massive crowd, but my first time here, you feel the pressure a little bit. I definitely learned a lot from this weekend.

“Our goal is, ‘hey, we’re young, we’ll be back,’ and I truly do think that bigger goals as a team aren’t that far away.”

Byers came into the finals seeded third behind

a pair of Parkway North seniors after winning his preliminary heat.

Joel Feeney finished 10th in the high jump. The sophomore posted a 1.87-meter highest clearance.

Daimond Kangiela finished 12th in the 300 hurdles with a 40.78 in the last race of his career. Paislee Clark’s 34.65 meter javelin throw was also 12th.

“It was such a blast to see them hit a new level and then start going for the

next one,” Grace said of the entire season her team had. “It showed me how many people were cheering along with us and helping us get there. I’m grateful to all our supporters and the kids for making this a really special season.”

There are 64 schools in MSHSAA’s Class 4 track & field designation. Of those, 52 had at least one athlete qualify for the State Championships on the boys’ side and 49 on the girls’ side.

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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)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, for default in the payment of indebtedness secured by Deed of Trust executed by **Dickes Investments, LLC and BADCO, Inc.**, dated February 15, 2023, and recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds for Adair County, Missouri, in Book 1147, Page 707 on February 16, 2023, conveyed to Trustee, the following described property situated in the County of Adair, State of Missouri, to wit:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWEST FOURTH OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 62 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD SET AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF BEAR BROOKE SUBDIVISION; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS FOLLOWS: S07°53'37"E A DISTANCE OF 375.00' TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S50°56'44"E A DISTANCE OF 310.00' TO AN IRON ROD FOUND; THENCE S48°14'00"E A DISTANCE OF 385.40' TO AN IRON ROD SET ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BROOKE DRIVE; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BROOKE DRIVE AS FOLLOWS: S41°52'00"W A DISTANCE OF 377.53'; THENCE 226.67' ALONG AN ARC TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 270.00' AND A CHORD THAT BEARS S65°55'01"W, A DISTANCE OF 220.07'; THENCE S89°58'01"W A DISTANCE OF 532.08' TO AN IRON ROD SET ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROUTE 63; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY AS FOLLOWS: N00°04'01"E A DISTANCE OF 125.90' TO A RIGHT OF WAY MARKER; THENCE S89°55'59"E A DISTANCE OF 10.00' TO A RIGHT OF WAY MARKER; THENCE N00°04'01"E A DISTANCE OF 1068.02' TO AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH 1/16 LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE ALONG SAID 1/16 LINE, N89°52'49"E A DISTANCE OF 393.87' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
THE ABOVE TRACT OF LAND CONTAINS 17.9 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, OR NOT OF RECORD, IF ANY, PER SURVEY BY CLEAVER AND ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., DATED APRIL 4, 2016, BY ORDER NO.: 10930

Conveyance was made to the Trustee, in trust to secure the payment of certain Promissory Note(s) in said Deed of Trust referred to above; and WHEREAS, the Lender has appointed **C. David Rouner**, by a written instrument recorded in the Adair County Recorder of Deeds office in Document No. 202500001054, to serve as Successor Trustee; and
WHEREAS, default has occurred and default continues on the payment of said Promissory Note(s) referred to above;
NOW THEREFORE, at the request of the legal holder of said Promissory Note(s), who has elected to declare the entire indebtedness due and payable, and in accordance with the provisions of said Deed of Trust, **C. David Rouner**, Successor Trustee, will sell the property referred to above, at public venue, to the highest bidder for cash, at the South door of the Adair County Courthouse in the City Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri, on **June 23, 2025**, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., and more particularly at **1:30 P.M.**, for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of securing the above referenced Deed of Trust.

This NOTICE constitutes an attempt to collect a debt as described within the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

C. David Rouner, Successor Trustee
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Missouri-Southern Iowa Art Guild names Natasha Altizer Celebrated Artist for April 2025



Natasha Altizer's watercolor painting titled "Pastel Lake with Waterfowl". PHOTO BY FB.COM/JOHNNYCAR-TERDESIGN 04/10/2025

By Missouri-Southern Iowa (MOSI) Art Guild

The Missouri-Southern Iowa (MOSI) Art Guild named Natasha Altizer as the MOSI Celebrated Artist of the month for April 2025.

Altizer's watercolor painting is titled "Pastel Lake with Waterfowl". Altizer stated, "It was a beautiful photo that needed to be painted". See more of Altizer's artwork at facebook.com/natashaaltizerart.

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

Fire department testing hydrants in June

By City of Kirksville

Every June, the Kirksville Fire Department tests and flushes every hydrant in the city. Staff will begin this process on June 2 and continue through June 13. This process is done to confirm flow and make sure hydrants are in working condition.

The process may produce a temporary color change in tap water. If citizens notice this change in water color, simply run water until it clears. There is no safety hazard and no boil advisory is necessary.

Residents should use caution when driving around crews and if water is on the roadway. Any questions or concerns can be answered by contacting the fire department at 660-665-3734.



Don't miss Dollar Swim Nights this summer

By City of Kirksville

The Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department unveiled its new season of Dollar Swim Nights this summer, which will be held from 6-9 p.m. on select Saturdays at the Kirksville Aquatic Center outdoor pool. Admission is just \$1 per person, per event.

Event dates are as follows:

June 14, sponsored by Thousand Hills Rotary Club.

June 28, sponsored by Kraft Heinz.

July 26, sponsored by Kirksville Women of Today.
August 9, sponsored by Preferred Family
Prevention.

For more information, visit Kirksville.gov/p/parks-recreation or contact the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.



Ramey Weichelt receives Rotary's Paul Harris Fellowship pin

**By Rotary Club of
Kirksville**

At the May 7 meeting of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, member Ramey Weichelt received a Paul Harris Fellowship pin and certificate from Club Foundation Chair Marie Murphree. In appreciation for all club secretary Weichelt does for the club, anonymous club members contributed substantial-



ly to the Rotary International Foundation on her behalf. Rotary uses the money to improve living conditions and health around the world and for various grants, exchanges and scholarships de-

signed to promote peace and better world understanding between cultures. Pictured from left are Murphree, Welch, Past Foundation Chair Jeff Romine and Club President Ruth Bowers.

Susan Knox joins Rotary Club of Kirksville

**By Rota-
ry Club of
Kirksville**

At the May 14 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, Susan Knox, library director of the Adair County Public Library, was inducted as a new member by club President Ruth Bowers. Pictured from left are Debi Boughton, Knox's Rotary sponsor, Knox and Bowers.



Kirksville Kiwanis Club learns importance of volunteering for upcoming Special Olympics Missouri games

By Kirksville Kiwanis Club

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Tyana Lange to speak at their May 8 meeting. Lange is the vice president for Enrollment Management and Marketing at Truman State University.

She spoke about the importance of volunteering for the upcoming Special Olympics Missouri 2025 State Summer Games. The 2025 State Summer Games will be held May 30 through June 1 on the campus of Truman State



University. Pictured are President Ted Frushour (left) and Lange.



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Kirksville mayor hosts downtown historic site tour

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

Kirksville Mayor Zac Burden, in celebration of Historic Preservation Month, led a tour of seven of the city’s historic landmarks on Tuesday, May 27. Burden provided biographical information and insight on the properties to at least 30 attendees that followed him around the downtown area and beyond. Property owners also spoke to those on the tours concerning their knowledge and experience with the buildings.



Hospice of Northeast Missouri celebrates National Nursing Week



Hospice nurses pictured on the front row left to right Jacquelyn Brayfield, Kelly Nelson, Jani Bailey, and Carrie Berry. Back row: Linnette Baker, executive director of Hospice of Northeast Missouri, Laura Pearson, Meghan Ellsworth, April Scott and Mallory King, RN Supervisor of Hospice of Northeast Missouri.

By Hospice of Northeast Missouri

Hospice of Northeast Missouri celebrated National Nursing Week May 5-9. The theme for the week was “The Power of Nurses” and it recognizes the vital contributions of nurses globally and acknowledges the challenges they face daily. This is certainly true of the incredible work being done by the team of registered nurses at Hospice of Northeast Missouri.

Hospice of Northeast Missouri is a

non-profit that provides end-of-life by a team of professionals specially trained to address the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the individual, their caregivers, and families. Hospice of Northeast Missouri, a service of Hannibal Regional, serves Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Sullivan, and Shelby counties. More information can also be found by visiting hospiceofnortheast-missouri.org.

Highway Patrol preliminary reports indicate three traffic fatalities over Memorial Day weekend

By Missouri State Highway Patrol

Three people died in traffic crashes over the 2025 Memorial Day weekend counting period from 6 p.m., Friday, May 23, through 11:59 p.m., Monday, May 26. Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers investigated the following over the 2025 Memorial Day holiday weekend:

Traffic Statistics: Crashes — 182; Injuries — 83; Fatalities — 3; DWI — 78.

Boating Statistics: Crashes — 3; Injuries — 0; Fatalities — 0

Drowning — 0; BWI — 0. (Note: During the 2024 counting period, the Patrol investigated 275 traffic crashes involving seven fatalities and 161 injuries. Also, over the 2024 Memorial Day holiday, Marine Operations troopers investigated seven boating crashes, which included no fatalities and seven injuries. Troopers made 128 driving while intoxicated arrests and six boating while intoxicated arrests. No one drowned during the 2024 Memorial Day holiday. Statewide over the 2024 Memorial Day holiday weekend, 10 people died and 486 were injured in 1,046 traffic crashes.)

During the 2025 Memorial Day weekend counting period, troopers investigated three fatal traffic crashes. One fatality occurred in the Troop A, Lees Summit area, and two

fatalities occurred in the Troop C, Weldon Spring area.

No fatalities occurred on May 23.

On Saturday, May 24, a 42-year-old woman from Independence, was killed as she was walking on Interstate 70. The crash occurred on westbound Interstate 70, near mile-marker 21.8, in Jackson County. The woman was struck by a westbound vehicle and, afterwards, was struck by a second westbound vehicle. She was pronounced deceased by a paramedic on the scene. The drivers of the two vehicles were wearing seat belts and were not injured.

Also on Saturday, May 24, a 69-year-old man from Wentzville, died when the motorcycle he was driving was struck from the rear. The crash occurred on Missouri Highway 47, south of Boone Monument Road, in Warren County. The motorcyclist began to slow down due to heavy smoke reducing visibility and causing congested traffic. The driver of the vehicle overtaking the motorcycle applied his brakes, causing the vehicle to skid and strike the rear of the motorcycle. The front of the motorcycle then struck the rear of the vehicle in front of it. The motorcyclist was transported to Mercy Hospital in Washington, where he was pronounced deceased. He was not wearing a helmet. The driver of the first vehicle sustained minor injuries

and was transported to an area hospital. The driver of the vehicle struck by the motorcycle was not injured. The drivers of the vehicles were wearing seat belts.

No fatalities occurred on Sunday, May 25.

One fatality occurred on Monday, May 26. A 60-year-old man from Catawissa, died when the motorcycle he was driving was struck by a vehicle. The crash occurred on Missouri Highway 94, west of Klondike Park Loop, in St. Charles County. A vehicle traveling east on Missouri Highway 94 crossed the center line and struck the westbound motorcycle head-on. The motorcycle then struck another motorcycle also traveling west. The 60-year-old man was pronounced deceased at the scene by St. Charles County Ambulance District personnel. He was not wearing a helmet. The driver of the vehicle was transported to a hospital with minor injuries. She was wearing a seat belt. The driver of the other motorcycle was transported to a hospital with serious injuries. He was not wearing a helmet.

NOTE: The statistics provided could change if late deaths occur, other departments report crashes or incidents, a fatality is determined to be a drowning, or if a fatality is determined to be caused by a medical condition after this news release was posted.

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Summer projects enhance Truman State campus infrastructure

By Truman State University

During the summer months, several buildings on the Truman State campus will receive repairs, remodels or enhancements. The most notable summer projects will be to Chick-fil-A in the Student Union Building and the dining area in Ryle Hall. Chick-fil-A will be expanded from an express to a full-scale restaurant with an expanded menu including kale chips and mac and cheese. After the reopen in August, all purchases for Chick-fil-A will be made at the Chick-fil-A counter.

In Ryle Hall, the dining and services spaces will see new paint, lighting and ceilings, along with potential changes to the booths. The food service area will have refreshed solid surface tray areas and sneeze guards. Planned upgrades in the kitchen area include new warmers, reach-in coolers, steamers, dish machine, milk machines, soft serve ice cream machine and a hard ice cream chest/freezer. McClain Hall, Pickler Memorial Library and Magruder Hall will all receive roof work, as will the

west main entry to Missouri Hall. There may be occasional constructions traffic in these areas until August. Mechanical work will take place in Pershing Building with the addition of air conditioning in the arena. Magruder Hall and Pickler Memorial Library will also see some mechanical work during the summer. The parking lot behind Barnett Hall will be used for boiler work in that building. Areas around Blanton-Nason-Brewer Hall and the McKinney Center will



Pickler Library

be inaccessible for parts of the summer. The annex on the north side of BNB will be removed, as will the McKinney Center. The grass area and walks from the south entrance of the Kirk Building to the walk on the north side of Violette

Hall will be closed off most of the summer. The east-west walk between McKinney Center and Kirk Building and Kirk Memorial will be removed and replaced. The north-south walk on the east side of McKinney Center

and Kirk Building should remain open but will see occasional construction traffic from the Dobson Hall parking lot. The area of demo for the BNB annex will be contained to the area between the walk and BNB, as much as possible.

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

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

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

First Presbyterian Church (USA)
201 S. High at McPherson
Communion 1st Sunday
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time.
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Kirkville Church of Christ
110 Pfeiffer Ave.
Elders/Pastors: Dan Green, Dean Hansen
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11 a.m. Worship
Weds 6:30p.m. Bible Study
www.kvcc.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grace Community Bible Church
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Benjamin Jorden, Pastor
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Church of America
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9:30 a.m. Worship In Person & Online
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Pure Air Baptist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
TBA Bible Study

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

Fellowship Baptist Church
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9:00 a.m. Worship
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www.countrysidekv.com

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10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

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10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
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10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
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11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

First Christian Church
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Kirkville Second Ward Bishop Isaac Ison
9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunday Services

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10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Seventh Day Adventist Church
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10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
7:00 p.m. Singspiration - 1st Sunday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shekinah Mennonite Church
15981 Blueberry Way, 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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church
8 mi. N.W. of 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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