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Former Mayor Debbie Masten looks over documents during the Aug. 22 City Council meeting, her final meeting before resigning Aug. 29.

Masten resigns, council will carry on until April

Councilman Tim Crist fills spot after mayor surprises community, council with sudden resignation

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After a controversial 17-month reign as mayor, Debbie Masten has decided not to run for another term on the Kirksville City Council. She officially resigned from her position Monday.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tim Crist will take over duties as mayor in the interim until a new council member is appointed Sept. 19. At that point, the council will reorganize and choose a new mayor and mayor pro-tem.

In a press release directed to Kirksville voters, Masten said, "I would like to thank you

for your support during my term on the city council, and for sharing in the vision of economic growth and prosperity for everyone. ... I am resigning my position on the city council effective today, August 29, 2005. As I have just sold my business, I will be relocating outside of Kirksville to pursue other business opportunities."

The business Masten refers to is bar and restaurant Too Talls Two. The investigation of the Jan. 1 arson there is ongoing. Masten has been named the sole suspect.

City Manager Mari Macomber said she first received notice of Masten's decision Monday morning.

"I was somewhat taken by surprise," Macomber said. "I was not expecting it. We will have to be figuring out how the council will proceed."

She said as far as she is aware, there is no period of time designated by which City Council mem-

bers must give word of their intention to resign.

Macomber said Masten had informed her she would be relocating to her family farm in Schuyler County.

"She has emphasized economic development and moving the community forward," Macomber said. "We have some things in place now that are doing that."

Councilwoman Martha Rowe said she, too, had no prior warning of Masten's decision to resign.

"I heard that she might be moving," Rowe said. "The city manager called, and it was a surprise. I certainly wish her well, moving out of Adair County."

Immediately following Masten's resignation, Rowe said she was unsure about the steps the Council would take.

"I'm waiting along with you," she said.

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Community mourns loss of noted professor

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The University and the entire academic community suffered a great loss during the summer. David Gruber, professor of philosophy, died Aug. 3 after a battle with stomach and liver cancers.

"He was a very passionate professor," said colleague Chad Mohler, assistant professor of philosophy and religion. "He was dedicated to student learning and improvement of the liberal arts education."

Gruber, who taught at Truman since 1987, was involved actively in the American Association of University Professors.

"Certainly he was a leader in the local Truman chapter and also involved in the national organization," Mohler said. "Its purpose is to advance academic freedom and faculty involvement in decision-making."

Mohler said Gruber was not only a remarkable faculty member but also a person of great character. "He's a very conscientious individual," Mohler said. "One of the most amazing things was, if you sent him an e-mail message, the reply would be in your mailbox



David Gruber

within 15 minutes. He certainly expressed a good deal of personal integrity and commitment to his values."

Mohler said David Gruber, his wife, Laura, and his son, Joseph, a student at Kirksville High School, belong to the same church he does, the Trinity Episcopal Church in Kirksville.

Laura Gruber could not be reached for comment by press time.

Mohler said the Gruber family is doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

"There is a fund being established for the education of his son, Joseph," Mohler said. "The AAUP is going to have a special memorial for [David Gruber] as well."

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Identity Theft Safeguards

- Update anti-virus programs i.e. McAfee, Norton, etc.
- Install a firewall on your personal computer
- Update all Windows programs with patches from www.windowupdate.microsoft.com
- Check often for updates on its.truman.edu/virusinfo

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Hacker hits a hole in system

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A hacker found a hole in Truman's servers July 5, intruding for less than a minute before leaving.

Richard Coughlin, chief information officer and dean of libraries and museums said the databases that the hacker discovered – but did not enter – held sensitive personal information of 47,000 people, which could include anyone who ever has used Truman's servers. The information included names, addresses and social security numbers.

To date, no complaints of identity theft have surfaced. As a precaution and a courtesy, Coughlin said Information Technology Services spent \$12,500 to send letters to each of the 47,000 affected users.

A copy of this letter includes three online sources with toll-free numbers that can send users their credit reports. The first report is

free, and if the credit companies detect any suspicious activity, the user's bank and credit card company will be alerted.

Tim Warren, executive director of ITS, said hackers can come through a database and ruin programs, or they can simply look around, download programs, called a payload, and leave. The hacker that entered Truman's servers had an Internet protocol address that came from Amsterdam, Netherlands, and from ITS tests, downloaded nothing.

"[Hackers] find programs and systematically bust through the software they downloaded ... and they move on to the next one," Warren said. "The payload executes, creates some files, creates some accounts, and it sets them up for generally future use."

The system administrator allows hackers to create an account of some type in a small window of time.

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Monitoring Masten

Former Mayor Debbie Masten was elected to the City council April 8, 2003, with 1,055 votes. Masten ran on a platform of scrutinizing the city's renter codes and student housing problems.



Retail growth attracts restaurant to area

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Soon, fans of Ruby Tuesday won't have to drive 70 miles to Quincy, Ill., or 85 miles to Columbia, Mo., to get their fix.

John Burton, franchise partner with Ruby Tuesday, will bring the restaurant to Kirksville, said Perrin Anderson, communication manager for Ruby Tuesday. He said construction should begin in December, be completed by next April and be ready to open as early as May.

"Because an entity as large as Home Depot, and one that does a really outstanding job of doing market research, because they choose to come

into Kirksville, that sends a positive message to other retailers that are looking, such as Ruby Tuesday," said Phil Tate, director of job creation for Kirksville Regional Economic Development, Inc.

Tate said the K-REDI board gave him the directive to recruit and expand Kirksville's industrial base by bringing in new investments and jobs. He said he does not directly work to attract or establish retail stores such as Ruby Tuesday.

"This city does not believe that we should use existing tax dollars to potentially bring a business in town that will compete with existing businesses," Tate said.

Tate said the voluntary construction by retail

industries such as Home Depot, which opened this summer, and Ruby Tuesday can have a ripple effect on economic development in the area.

He said after Burton announced his decision to build the restaurant in Kirksville, a smaller retail restaurant chain based in southern Iowa called the K-REDI office looking for information on expanding to Kirksville.

While there are financial incentives for industrial corporations, Tate said that Kirksville does not offer any incentives for retail stores. Tate said the industrial financial incentives are primarily funded by the state of Missouri and also by Kirksville.

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Columnist Kelly Reed bemoans sales pitch at graduation.

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Magruder Hall renovation results in science class relocations.

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High 85 Low 57	High 85 Low 60	High 85 Low 60