

# Residents vaccinated

Health Department offers vaccines for all county residents

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for the Index

Some Truman students and Adair county residents guarded against influenza Tuesday without putting a strain on their wallets.

The Adair County Health Department hosted a free clinic to distribute flu vaccines Tuesday at the NEMO Fairgrounds. Claudine Frazier, administrator of the Health Department and a registered nurse, said the vaccination was free to Adair County residents, including students.

After experiencing a shortage in 2004, Frazier said she is happy to report that Kirksville already has received its shipment of flu vaccines.

"I told myself last year that I would never be caught [with a shortage] again," Frazier

said. "So this year I ordered from three different vendors."

Frazier said two of the three vendors delivered on time, but the third order was canceled because they couldn't get the shipment here until much later.

In other years, all distribution by the Adair County Health Department has taken place at its building on Jamison Street, Frazier said.

But she said the kick off for this year's distribution was slightly different.

Frazier said the NEMO Fairgrounds were chosen this year because the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention requires areas receiving funding to develop emergency response plans in the case of a bioterrorism attack or a large epidemic, Frazier said.

In light of the CDC's request, she said she has been working with other emergency response teams to organize a test run of procedures using the NEMO Fairgrounds as an

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Claudine Frazier  
Registered Nurse



Registered Nurse Lori Guffey gives sophomore Bill Elam his flu shot Sept. 27.

emergency distribution center. Frazier said the fairgrounds were chosen as the site because they have a fence that can provide security, four buildings that could be used, ample parking and at least three entrances.

Kirksville resident Jack Richards, who got his vaccination Tuesday at the Fairgrounds, said he has taken flu shots annually for years.

"It's better safe than sorry," he said. "There are a lot of friends that have gotten it over the years. The worst case scenario is death. You have to be careful when you are my age."

Adair County residents still will be able to get the

vaccine for free at the Adair County Health Department building at 1001 S. Jameson from 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Brenda Higgins, director of the Student Health Center, said the shots would be available for \$15 to students, faculty and staff in mid to late October, when the shipment is due to arrive.

"We have to charge the students what it costs us to get the vaccine," Higgins said. "But I would encourage students if they can get it for free, go get the vaccine."

She said some faculty and staff members can get the vac-

cine for free if they are covered by Truman's insurance.

Higgins said students have a risk of getting the flu because elements of college life such as stress, lack of sleep, poor nutrition, close living environments and alcohol use can put a strain on the immune system.

Sophomore Stephanie Kettmann said she is glad that a vaccine shortage will not be a problem this year, although her doctor's orders always have made it possible for her to get the vaccine.

"Last year I just got [the vaccine] at home because I happened to be there," Kettmann said. "But this year, I'll probably get it here."

# New alcohol laws have not increased MIPs

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for the Index

Since a new law regarding minors in possession took effect Aug. 28, the frequency of MIP citations has not increased much in Kirksville.

Thirteen MIPs have been issued to students living off campus since the beginning of this year.

That is up from the nine issued by this time last year.

Kirksville Police Chief Jim Hughes said it is too early to tell if the new statute has anything to do with the slight increase in MIPs among students. He also said the issuance rate of MIPs overall in Kirksville is decreasing.

The new law affects house parties. If people 21 or older knowingly allow a person younger than 21 to drink alcohol on their property, the owners can be fined and can receive a misdemeanor.

Hughes said it is important to keep parties under control and be cooperative should police officials arrive. He said breaking up parties is the last thing he and other police officers want to do.

"We very rarely just go out and look for parties," Hughes said. "We wait for people to call us about out-of-control parties. We will drive down the road and see parties going on, but there's not legal reason for us to stop at them unless we have

the idea that there's illegal behavior going on or we have a complaint."

Sophomore John Fausz, member of social fraternity Lambda Chi Alpha, said he lives in a "party house" that is not affiliated with a fraternity. He said they do have problems with the part of the law that states if someone underage is found visibly intoxicated, they can be issued an MIP.

"It's always been kind of a rule to keep people inside during parties," Fausz said. "But now it affects people walking home from those parties because they can be charged, which I think is kind of ridiculous."

Although the alcohol-related problems seem to be

minimal on campus, David Hoffman, assistant dean of student affairs, said he worries about the Truman students talk about going to parties where people put food coloring in Everclear and tell people it's a fruitier, less-alcoholic drink called jungle juice.

"Truman's been really fortunate," Hoffman said. "If you look at the statistics, we probably should have had several individuals die from alcohol poisoning."

Getting an MIP is not only a misdemeanor, but if violators are found guilty, their driver's licenses can be taken away, according to the new law.

Hoffman said going before a judge and paying a court fee because of an MIP can open violators' eyes to the seriousness of drinking as a minor.

"There's kind of a disregard for how precious life is," Hoffman said. "And sometimes [the law's] kind of a wake-up call."

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John Fausz  
Sophomore

# Committee works to beautify downtown area

Alan Venneman  
Staff Reporter

Summer debates brought fall compromises for downtown improvements, which Kirksville will finalize this winter and enact this spring.

Assistant City Manager Kris McKim said the city conducted open meetings during the summer and last fall to decide on how downtown will look next spring. The changes will bring new businesses and outdoor events like the summer concert series, McKim said.

Although the city has not decided on a final blueprint yet, the Tax Increment Financing Commission for downtown improvement is balancing the diverse needs of Kirksville residents, McKim said.

"Everyone in the community was invited to give their input," she said.

Jeff Newton, president of Kirksville Downtown Improvement Committee, said his committee and

others worked with the TIF commission to attempt a compromise on the parking lot design north of the courthouse. One party wanted a circular sidewalk that would eliminate most of the parking around the courthouse, and the other wanted to preserve as many as possible, Newton said.

The city hired Powers Bowersox Associates, Inc. to design the plans for downtown last year. Kirksville residents found a compromise that eliminated eight spots, Newton said.

Powers Bowersox repeatedly brought up the possibility of constructing a shelter to hide the dumpster located on the north side of the courthouse, McKim said. The shelter would cost between \$25,000 and \$40,000, she said.

The TIF Commission has \$250,000 to spend on downtown improvements, McKim said. The county can contribute labor and means to

haul pieces of old sidewalk away, she said. The City Council might elect to spend some of its general revenues on downtown improvement, McKim said.

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Dave Lusk  
Assistant Dean of Student Affairs

entire community, he said.

"We need to get the cooperation of business owners," Newton said.

Beginning this month, KDIC pays Sheltered Workshop, a nonprofit work program for persons with disabilities, \$1,000 a month to pick up trash and to care for the flower beds

downtown, Newton said. Soon, the flower beds will be put up for adoption to organizations in the community, Newton said.

Dave Lusk, assistant dean of student affairs, is part of the Kirksville Leadership Institute. Lusk said KLI chose to clean downtown as its yearly service project and said it also hopes to adopt a flower bed.

"[Truman makes] a really good effort to do service [in the community], but I think we can do more," Lusk said.

Lusk is part of Kirksville Leadership Institute who chose to clean downtown as their yearly service project.

Lusk said he is pleased so many committees and organizations on and off Truman campus have come together to improve the downtown. The project was more than just cleaning the alleyways, he said.

"I think that just through a simple activity where we're not raising money, we are just giving our time," Lusk said. "I think we had some great community building."

## NEWS | In Brief

### Man flees authorities after alleged argument with his mother on Tuesday

A 40-year-old man fled authorities Tuesday morning after police responded to a call of a domestic disturbance at 27 Roselene Dr. located on the north side of town.

Kirksville Deputy Police Chief Tim King said a neighbor called police at about 10:30 a.m. because the man allegedly was outside arguing with his mother while holding a gun. King said the man was not using the weapon in a threatening manner, and he dropped the gun and ran into a nearby field. King said officers searched for the man for about an hour.

"If we find him we definitely want to talk to him to find out everything that was going on, but we're not spending any more man hours on this looking for him," King said.

Officials did not release the man's name because charges have not been filed. King said the man possibly will be charged with a misdemeanor for domestic disturbance. The incident allegedly stemmed from a dispute between the man and his mother.

"Apparently he wanted to go down south and help in the hurricane area, and his mother didn't want him to go, so they got into an argument," King said.

### City Council finalizes member list of the Watershed Management Commission

The Kirksville City Council approved a final membership list Monday for the Watershed Management Commission. Members are City Manager Mari Macomber, Adair County Commissioner Gary Jones, Adair County Health Department representative Stewart Blessing, citizens Kenny Coy, Jerry Smith and Clayton Dillavou, Farm Service Administration representative Phillip Ayers, land owners Roger Bland, Jim Novinger and Martin Jayne, Department of Conservation representative Brian Todd, University representative Scott Ellis and University of Missouri Extension representative Robert Broz. Ex-officio members are Sue Barrett, chair of the city Lakes, Parks and Recreation Commission, La Plata City Administrator Ray Ivy, Mike Bradley, Natural Resources Conservation Service representative and a board member of the Adair County Public Water Supply District.

### Il Spazio sponsors fundraiser and bandfest for the United Way on Saturday

Il Spazio is sponsoring a fundraiser for the United Way campaign Saturday from 6 p.m. until midnight, owner Jeff Newton said. Washington Street, which runs in front of the restaurant, will be closed for the duration of the event, he said.

Newton said the fundraiser features a bandfest with Beyond the Gael, Deminished, Happy Ass, Deadwood, Peanut Butter and Jellyfish, and Sloan Point scheduled to play throughout the night.

Newton said food and beverages will be available. He said one ticket will be redeemable for one item of food or drink. He said two tickets cost \$5 and six tickets cost \$10.

Newton said donations for United Way are encouraged.

## Student Senate | In Brief

- Senate swore in nine senators.
- Freshmen Kara Bollinger, Emily Meyer and Andrew Rudolph, sophomore Tanya Kitaigorovski, and seniors Kawtar El Alaoui and Aleksandar Udev were appointed to associate senator positions.
- Senate passed a motion for \$825 to fund a faculty and student forum on academic advising Oct. 11.
- Freshmen Lindsay Allan was named student representative from Pershing Scholars.
- Freshman Lauren Burkhardt and Kendall Smith were named student representatives from the Resident Hall Association.
- Senate passed a motion for \$25 for a prize to be awarded in conjunction with the leadership survey on TruView.
- Senate passed a motion for \$150 to be spent for Ramadan awareness bracelets.

## DPS | Reports

- 9/24 Jacob Westhoff was issued a Missouri Uniform Summons and Complaint for minor in possession of intoxicants.
- 9/23 Report of simple assault at Student Union Building. Closed and forwarded to Prosecuting Attorney and Judicial Officer.
- 9/23 Report of bicycle theft from Ophelia Parrish.
- 9/23 Report of bicycle theft from McClain Hall.
- 9/23 Report of bicycle theft from Blanton, Nason and Brewer halls.
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