Bidding opens for Towne Museum

BY JEAN KAUL

The kids are in for the Towne Mu-
seum contract. Project Coordinator Lori Shook said they will, most likely, sever a viable use within the University’s uni-
campus. This museum will provide a welcome center to at-risk prospective students. It will contain materials from the Truman community’s past as well as house the Office of Adminis-
tration. The construction plan is set to take about 10 months to a year,
Shook said.

"This will have a very special im-
portance," Shook said. "In my ex-
pertise, this is a great idea because museums like this are not typical of other schools."

Shook said the Office of Campus Planning has not set the final date of the project yet, but the acti-
dates to the Board of Governors on which construction has already been a head start. At the February meeting, the Board will decide whether to ap-
prove the plan, after which the con-
struction plan can be approved by the planning office. Once that occurs, plans of the museum’s design and the interior design will be set. The process begins with the architect drawing up plans. Once drawings are
submitted by the architect, the adver-
ses will be sent out to potential bidders. The architect runs the public of-
facing of the bids. Coughlin said the museum will serve a vital purpose within the University’s uni-
campus. It will be a place for students to hang out, to relax, and to have a place to study. The museum will also house the Office of Admis-
sion.

"Assuming everything goes as planned, things will start happening this summer and spring," Coughlin said.

Law enforcement updates hinge on county sales tax

BY MARIAH BOHANON

Come April, the fate of the Adair County Sheriff’s Office will hinge on county sales tax.

"If it doesn’t pass, we’ll have to cut back services," County Commissioner Gary Jones said of Adair County’s current quarter-cent sales tax, to support law enforcement. If the tax is dis-
continued, maintenance costs and department
employees, he said.

The sales tax was originally in-
voted in 1997 to fund the county’s general revenue in places of business. The tax rate would be a quarter of one percent. The sales tax is in effect in the county to support public safety facilities and services. The sales tax is in effect in the county to support public safety facilities and services.

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"We can’t keep our public safety facil-
ties open if the sales tax isn’t in effect. It’s the only way we can maintain our jail and support our law enforcement staff," Jones said.

County Sheriff Leonard Clark said that if the sales tax is voted into continuation, he will re-
port more jailers to the county’s jail. The sales tax is an important part of the county’s revenue. If the tax is dis-
continued, the county would have to cut back on services.

Jones said the tax is important to the county’s economy. If the sales tax is dis-
continued, the county would have to cut back on services.

The sales tax is needed not only for maintaining the county jail, but also for supporting the Sheriff’s Office and the county’s revenue. If the sales tax is dis-
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