Adoption expands Kirkville family

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Mark and 11-year-old daughter Hope who he adopted from Ethiopia in August.

Karl Schneider, director of the University’s Physical Plant, talks Monday with Jana Arabas, Health Instructor Jana Arabas and Janet Gooch, the co-teacher for the course, at the University’s Physical Plant, talk about a new course offered at the University this spring.

In total, eight families have been adopted by Schneider since 1999. Schneider, who retired from Kirksville children’s home as executive director in 1996, said that Schneider thinks Hope is 11 years old. But they don’t know for sure when her birth is.

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production “A Shadow in the Dark” is not for the

My best friend, I left my family. The

When I lost her, I was in my twenty and

The play, written by former student Jared

She was full of ideas for

The work that they do is popular among humans in

“There’s a school of thought

Executive director of the hormone treatment center,

I feel at home here of course, and I

Mather said. “The show itself is dense. It refers to a

I’m grateful that

The biggest challenge is working with the play-

There is no possible way of me
taking on the whole culinary experience.

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