



TORNADO | Kirksville residents and businesses continue clean up effort after May tornado

Continued from Page 1
 basement safe haven, they were greeted with an unpleasant surprise. Glass covered the carpets and wedged unseen into the recliner. Tar and insulation covered the walls. Two-by-fours poked into the roof like oversized toothpicks, she said.

Brooks' room, decorated top to bottom with Chicago Cubs paraphernalia, was the only place in the house that remained undamaged, Templeton said.

Outside, the neighboring houses stood open to the road like life-size doll houses. Roofs were missing, clothes hung from the trees and debris covered the yards.

Weather reports warned of an approaching storm scheduled to arrive just hours after the tornado, and looking back now, Templeton marvels at the outpouring of assistance from neighbors, friends and family during the near-panic.

"It was so overwhelming because you don't know what to do," she said. "Within several hours, the staff at Home Depot showed up, and they were putting those boards on the windows, and they wanted to make sure that night that we had cover."

Her husband joined James McCormick, associate professor of chemistry, to assist their trapped neighbor in breaking through the rubble that blocked the basement entrance. They knocked on doors, checking on friends to offer help. The Templeton cat was found after it dashed upstairs during the commotion.

As residents of Lakeside Estates gradually erase the reminders of the tornado, Jim Robertson's Chevrolet employees also are still in the midst of returning the business to normal after almost 240 new and used cars were destroyed and the building suffered major structural damage.

"It takes its toll, working in the situation we're in," said Randy Henness, a new car general sales manager at the dealership. "I, myself, get a little bit down every once in a while, coming to work and seeing everything so torn up in a lot of areas."

Henness said Kilmer Construction, a general contractor, sublets contractors to do most of the cleanup. They had to move the wrecked cars from the lot to a salvage yard in Columbia, Mo., while still managing to sell cars with help from the government-funded program Cash for Clunkers.

He said inventory remains low at this point, but he hopes that it turns into an opportunity to save for better deals for the company.

Jim Robertson's showroom windows remain boarded up. Henness said he wants to have everything up and running again by the time the cold weather sets in. Templeton has a similar schedule for repairs.

"Most importantly, we're alive, so I'm thankful," she said. "I just didn't realize it would take this long to get things back together. I don't know, maybe in two months or so, everything will look the same."

ABOVE: Heidi Templeton, Truman's director of public relations, points out local destruction.

LEFT: Construction continues at some homes in Kirksville that were damaged by the May tornado.



GUN | Study abroad trip ends in robbery

Continued from Page 1
 "After a while, they were just sitting there pointing a gun at me, and I said I had a little money that they could just take and go away."

"So, I unzipped my book bag and got my purse out and I went to unzip my wallet to get the money out, and they just grabbed my purse and bolted."

Crider closed the door and just sat in her room for five to 10 minutes because she didn't have a home phone in her room and her cell phone had no reception, she said. When she left her room she called Vera Piper, professor of Spanish and faculty adviser for the trip, who then called the police.

"They didn't take anything from the house," Crider said. "It was actually lucky in a weird, twisted way."

Police informed Crider that robberies similar to the one she experienced happen occasionally where the robbers break into an empty house and steal everything, she said.

After the robbery, Crider's host family installed a security system in their house, she said.

Rosa Mendez, study abroad adviser, said an incident like this has never happened to a Truman student in the past, but rare instances such as this one are why students must purchase insurance.

"Insurance for trips is mandatory," Mendez said. "Any student that goes abroad has to have international insurance. If we don't offer insurance then another program will."

TRIAL | Rodgerson pled not guilty to charges

Continued from Page 1
 the community regarding Rodgerson's indictment in June.

"At this point he's innocent until proven guilty," she said.

Councilmembers Richard Detweiler and Rodgerson will finish the last year of their three-year terms April 6.

Those positions will be up for re-election.

SEARCH | Meetings begin to review applications and interview candidates for Truman's new President.

Continued from Page 1
 Cheryl Cozette, chair of the Board of Governors, said the Board approved an extension to Krueger's contract during its Aug. 15 meeting. The extension runs until at least June 30.

During the June 20 meeting the committee also approved the qualifications and attributes of the ideal candidate, according to the presidential search Web site.

"We need someone with very high academic credentials and also some outstanding business qualities and experiences," Read said. "It's a combination. We need really high ends on both sides of that equation."

Read said the committee already has received some nominations and applications. The committee will accept applications through Oct. 30 and then narrow the applicant pool to six to eight candidates.

The committee will conduct phone reference checks on those candidates during

November and then interview candidates at neutral sites during December.

After the initial interview process, the committee will select two or three final candidates and visit their home campuses. Read said these candidates also will visit Truman, giving students, faculty and staff an opportunity to meet the candidates, ask questions and give feedback.

He said this will take place during January.

After the campus visits, the committee will analyze and discuss University feedback, and the final decision will be made during February.

Read said that although the time frame for the search has been established, it is subject to change and is dependent on committee members' schedules and potential holiday conflicts.

He said that at this point, the search is going as planned.

"I think everything is on schedule," Read said. "In this process, anything can change. We can stop in the middle of

this if we're not happy with what's going on. Or if we're particularly happy with one candidate we can cut it off early. Right now, it looks like we're going to go through with the whole interview process."

Senior Cody Sumter, student representative to the Board of Governors and member of the presidential search committee, said this is the waiting portion of the search process.

"The big thing now is just for people to really start thinking about what qualities they want to see in the next president," Sumter said. "In a few short months we'll begin the interviewing process and begin bringing candidates to campus. And before that if [students] have any thoughts they should contact me."

Students, faculty, and staff can contact the committee by e-mail. The e-mail addresses are listed on the Board of Governors Web site, governors.truman.edu.

"I'd love to speak with any students about what qualities they'd like to see in the next president," Sumter said.

Sumter said the position has been advertised in The Chronicle of Higher Education, The Wall Street Journal, The Economist and Inside Higher Ed, as well as several other publications.

Schedule for Presidential Search 2009-2010

MEETING: Saturday, Aug. 15

MEETING: Suggested date: Saturday, Sept. 12
 Committee's individual calendar update. Planning schedule for neutral site and campus visits. All other committee business.

APPLICATIONS DUE: Friday, Oct. 30
 Committee will review applications Oct. 30 - Nov. 14.

MEETING: Suggested date: Saturday, Nov. 14
 Cut down list of candidates (Suggested target: 6-8)

Monday, Nov. 16 - Wednesday, November 25
 Search committee will conduct phone reference checks on final list of candidates.

MEETING: Saturday, Dec. 5
 Committee will review reports on phone reference checks and narrow the list to candidates who will be invited to neutral site interviews (Suggested target: 4-6)

DECEMBER: Neutral site interviews with candidates
 After: Committee will reduce list to finalists whose campuses they will visit. These finalists will also visit Truman. (Suggested target: 2-3)

JANUARY: Visits to candidates' campuses
 Candidates visit Truman

MEETING: Saturday, Feb. 6
 Begin analysis of campus feedback.

Closed Board of Governors meeting for final decision (additional Board-only meeting if needed in February)

Read the **Index** online

www.trumanindex.com