Williams announces resignation

County prosecutor will step down March 5, will return to private practice

BY BLAISE HART/SCHMIDT

Less than two weeks after an-ouncing he will not re-run to re-election in November, Adair County Prosecutor Mark Williams announced he would resign from his elected position.

“It was a very well thought out decision,” Williams said. “I’ve been in a press release Tuesday that he would step down from his position effective March 5 and begin working in an associate at Benson Law Firm Kirksville.

“I would hope the people of Adair County would understand that this is something I did to do for myself and professionally and personally,” he said. “I’m not stepping down because I lost or I think something’s wrong.”

Williams said Sunday he could not keep the job going as his elected term ended March 5.

Greg Mark, co-owner of Benson Law Firm, confirmed he was told of Williams’ decision.

“I was surprised,” Mark said.

Scott Littken, press secretary for Gov. Jay Nixon, said he would be responsible for appointing another county prosecutor to serve the final 10 months of Williams’ term.

Stilde said the governor and his staff would work to fill the most qualified candidate in an expedit-ious manner.

The announcement appeared to end the beginning of several juris-diction battles that were part of the porson who is elected in November will be sworn in as the new prosecutor, whether it’s the person the governor appoints or someone else.

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Among the actions Monday the Board offered Paino the job as the 16th president of the University.

Paino said the last couple months have been crucible of success, but he is happy because he was able to hire the ideas and outcome from people throughout the community.

“We are going to hear the level of enthusiasm,” he said. “Despite the challenges, we’re filled with optimism, there’s still optimism.”

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Fire destroys a local home

Family’s home unsalvagable after fireFeb. 3

BY ANDREA HEWITT

A fire destroyed Mari-anna Gibson’s family home Feb. 5.

Gibson is a teacher at Kirksville Middle School.

The fire department brought a container where people could donate money to the family, said her sister, 706 S. Halliburton St. during his first year.

The house was located at 367 W. Center Street.

The fire department brought line to continue suppressing the fire in the extinguished northwest room while his crew ad-

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