

## Ice storm hits Kirksville



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Students awoke to find hail on the ground after an ice storm struck Kirksville early Wednesday morning. Freezing rain fell throughout the rest of the day.



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Pickler's Famous is under construction while the Covert Cupboard is waiting to move into the space.

### Pickler | After more than one year of renovation, Pickler's Famous on the Square is still not open for business.

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and fun to do in Pickler's Famous," Kuhns said.

Contractor Jerry Kellum began working on Pickler's Famous in the beginning of December. "Right now we're building walls, dry walling," Kellum said.

Kellum said there aren't any major projects left that will take

a long time, and the pace should pick up. Seating still needs to be built on the first floor, he said.

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Owner

Jerry and Michelle Jones own the Covert Cupboard and they are patiently waiting to move their business into Pickler's Famous. The Jones said they didn't expect the renovation to take as long

as it has, but it hasn't been a problem. They will continue baking out of their home until the building is open.

"We just had a few meetings with him [Kuhns] and he thought it would be beneficial for both of our businesses to work together," Jerry Jones said.

"We're excited for it to open. We think it should be really beneficial."

The Jones said they aren't sure when they will move in to Pickler's Famous.

Jerry Jones said he thinks Pickler's Famous will be the place to take Kirksville visitors and a new local hotspot.

### Council | Three new candidates file for two open seats, incumbents Detweiler and Rodgerson also file

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left] is only a misdemeanor charge. It carries a \$100 fine or less. Most people in this town have probably gotten a traffic ticket for more than a hundred bucks. ... My name's been cleared."

Rodgerson said many college students don't care about city council elections because they figure they are only living in Kirksville temporarily. Students do have influence though, he said, for instance, bringing new businesses to Kirksville, which could provide more jobs in the community.

"I think certain students should really go out to get involved in the political scene, and who knows what it will develop into in the future," he said.

Rodgerson was first elected in April 2007.

Detweiler graduated from Truman in 1982 before working for Kraft Foods in Kirksville for 17 years. His daughters also graduated from Truman.

"I've really enjoyed doing this for the first two years," Detweiler said. "I loved Kirksville. I'm from Kirksville. I grew up here. And I've always wanted to do something, sounds a little corny, but ... return what Kirksville's done for me."

Detweiler said being a city councilmember was not as easy as he first anticipated because of the workload and heavy involvement, but he has enjoyed it immensely.

Detweiler said he hopes water and sewer projects will be underway before April, because of heavy rainfall. Some work will also be done on the wastewater treatment plant, he said.

Detweiler said his background is his biggest advantage.

"It's a lot of fun, and I appreciate the opportunity," Detweiler said. "I work very hard, learn fast and am careful."

Detweiler said he tries to balance residents'

needs and wants with the funds Kirksville has, which can be challenging with limited resources. Not everyone can always be happy, he said. Detweiler is satisfied with what he's done thus far as a member of city council, and he does not have a specific agenda.

"Ninety-nine percent of the job is fun," Detweiler said. "We are so lucky as a town this size to have ... access to such young people that have so much energy and so much knowledge," Detweiler said.

Detweiler said the election is a good way for students to volunteer and improve the community. Detweiler encouraged all students to get involved, even if they aren't members of an on-campus political club, because their input is important.

"We try hard to build consensus," Detweiler said. "We try hard to prioritize all of the various problems, issues [and]

### DEBT | Because of a clerical error, Truman failed to pay the Missouri Division of Employment Security more than \$7,000.

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tor said Truman does not always have to pay the Division of Employment Security.

"Lots of times several quarters go by before we make any payments," he

said. "That's my understanding, it kind of fell through the cracks because we hadn't had to do one in a while."

Rector said he didn't know who was filing for

unemployment from the University.

"The consequences are that the folks in charge of this sort of thing will be watching it more carefully," he said.

### TWEET | Sophomore Rachel Oetting tweeted anti-Semitic posts, Truman has no speech code to punish her

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Tweeted it to a specific person."

Daniel Mandell, adviser to the on-campus Jewish organization Hillel, said the students of Hillel felt a little threatened by the Tweets,

but "no one thought she was actually going to grab a gun and shoot someone."

"What bothered me most, besides simply wondering about a person who would put this out there in a format that would be

picked up and become permanent, was that someone would say something like that considering what happened at Virginia Tech a couple years ago," he said. "It's not just joking about killing Jews. It's about kill-

ing students at the University."

Mandell said that he has never encountered anti-Semitic remarks from the Truman community before. "There was the part that said, 'Jews make [worthy]

targets' — that part made me cringe," he said.

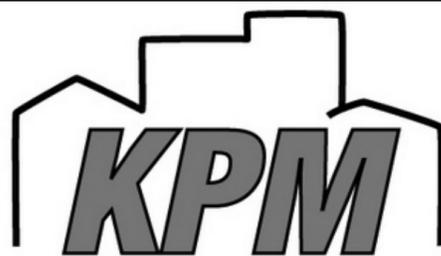
Oetting wrote in a statement Sunday, "I made a bad decision. I intended my Tweet to be funny, and looking back there is nothing funny about what I said. It was

a very inappropriate joke. I apologize to anyone who has felt threatened or hurt by my actions. This situation has been a huge life lesson for me. I hope others can look at my actions and not make the same mistake I did."

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