

# City receives grant for bike lanes

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Kirksville has received a grant of approximately \$300,000 to build bike lanes and to educate citizens on healthy living.

Melanie Smith, director of community services for Kirksville, said the grant was awarded by the Missouri Foundation for Health through the Healthy and Active Communities program. Smith said the city initially submitted a concept paper for the grant in February and was notified that they had been awarded the grant Oct. 1.

Although there are no specific plans in place yet, Smith said the three-year grant program will work to create bike lanes and routes within the city and to educate people on bicycling and staying active.

Smith said the Kirksville Area Community Health Initiative brought the grant to the city's attention. She said KACHI will help the city promote the grant-funded program.

Andy Grimm, inaugural chair of KACHI and CEO of the Northeast Missouri Health

Council, said the group began approximately one and a half years ago but was officially incorporated as a nonprofit corporation this summer.

Grimm said there are 12 members of KACHI, including the city of Kirksville, Truman State University and the Northeast Missouri Health Council. He said KACHI was formed in order to pool the members' resources so they would be better able to take advantage of opportunities to improve health in Kirksville.

He said the coalition works to make its members aware of grant opportunities and to serve as a resource for them. He said recent health care reform also inspired the coalition's formation.

"We felt like it was important to have a group of people that had all the players — the major employers, the major academic institutions and the major public health folks — all at the table, so that we could ... apply for some of the major funding that comes down," Grimm said.

Grimm said KACHI strives to improve the overall health of the community through wellness programs, educational



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Senior Joe Eaton rides his bike in the bike lane on Franklin Street. Kirksville received a grant Oct. 1 to fund bike lanes on city streets and biker education.

programs and initiatives, like the bike grant to keep people active. He said KACHI assisted the city in writing the proposal for the recently awarded grant.

Grimm said KACHI suggested the grant to the city because it was community-oriented, which fits with the group's goals.

"You identify good opportunities and then pool your resources and go after them, and that's what we have to do in the community to try to achieve some gains in our overall health," Grimm said.

Grimm said there has been

a recent resurgence in biking in Kirksville. He said he hopes the new bike lanes will encourage even more people to bike rather than drive.

Senior Joe Eaton said he rides his bike twice each week to get to class. He said he probably would not ride more with the addition of bike lanes in Kirksville streets, but he said he does think they will bring greater safety for bikers.

"I know a lot of people bike in the middle of the road sometimes," Eaton said. "So I think [bike lanes] would be safer."

# City plans hazardous waste disposal

BY KAITLIN DAVIS  
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Kirksville residents will have an outlet through which to dispose of their hazardous waste.

In May, the Northeast Missouri Solid Waste Management District awarded the city of Kirksville with \$19,906 to establish a household hazardous waste disposal service in Adair County by February 2011. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources gave its permission to proceed on Aug. 31 and the city approved the company Oct. 4.

The city will be working with PSC Environmental Services to implement the program, which is based outside Kansas City, Mo. The city decided to obtain a household hazardous waste removal service because it is crucial to have the waste disposed of properly and to get the waste out of the landfills to protect water sources.

This service, which does not have a set date to be implemented, will allow residents of Adair County to come to the public works facility on select days of the month to drop off their household hazardous waste.

Cherie Bryant, assistant to City Manager Mari Macomber, said the household hazardous waste service will include free, safe disposal of aerosols, anti-freeze, batteries, bulbs, cleaners, cylindrical fire extinguishers, fertilizers, oil, paint, pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides and fungicides.

Bryant said the city of Kirksville plans to set up the service similar to the service in Mexico, Mo.

"The city manager and myself went down to the city of

Mexico because we heard they had a great household hazardous waste program," Bryant said. "The city of Mexico has been very successful and we want to replicate that."

After the trip, Macomber and Bryant decided to apply for a grant through the Northeast Missouri Solid Waste Management District, just as Mexico had done through its district.

Bryant said the grant will cover 75 percent of first-year costs, with the city of Kirksville funding the remaining 25 percent. If the city feels the first year is successful, it can either reapply for the grant or choose to fund the service on its own.

"The grant is going to provide the delivery, installation and setup of the household hazardous waste container," Bryant said. "It is also going to provide for a year's worth of handling and processing from PSC to come over, pick up and take the waste away."

The city of Kirksville will be paying a total of \$6,635, which will go toward training and paying personnel and advertising.

Bryant said that, in addition to the physical aspects of the household hazardous waste service, the grant stipulates that the city must conduct an educational component with the service.

"A lot of people don't understand household hazardous waste, and they don't realize they

shouldn't be putting it into the landfill," Bryant said.

She said there are currently no set dates for the educational component to begin, but a Truman State University program could be in the future.

"A Truman educational program would be great, but we simply just haven't gotten that far yet," Bryant said. "We hope to see the educational component coming into play early next year."

John Buckwalter, director of public works for Kirksville, will be handling the physical aspects of the service after the program is implemented.

"We've been very concerned about improving water quality and watershed management," Buckwalter said. "This is one of the things that can be done to help eliminate potential sources of pollution."

Buckwalter said the public works department will be responsible for running the service on a day-to-day basis. The containers that will house the hazardous materials until the PSC can retrieve them will be at the public works facility. This will be the official site for residents to drop off their household hazardous materials.

Buckwalter said he is working to establish a schedule for when residents will be able to drop off their waste.

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Kirksville

## NEWS | In Brief

### Alumnus to speak at math colloquium

Truman alumnus H. Chad Lane, research scientist at the USC Institute for Creative Technologies, will speak from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. today in Magruder Hall 1098. The topic of his discussion is "Learning with Virtual Humans: Using Simulated Role Players to Teach and Inspire."

### Homecoming dance tickets on sale

The Truman Homecoming dance will take place 8 to 11 p.m. Friday in the SUB Down Under. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 individually or \$20 for groups of five from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Student Union Building. Tickets are \$7 if purchased at the door. Students and alumni are welcome. The Association of Black Collegians is sponsoring the event.

### 5K race to run Saturday

A 5K race will start 8 a.m. Saturday in honor of Homecoming weekend. Runners can register beginning at 7 a.m. in the parking lot outside Barnett Hall. The entry fee for the race is \$15 and runners will receive a drawing backpack. Truman Alumni Association, Cardinal Key and Phi Epsilon Kappa are sponsoring the event.

### Stokes Stadium to hold pep rally

A Homecoming pep rally will be held 6 p.m. Friday in Stokes Stadium. The rain site for the event is Baldwin Auditorium.

### Truman to welcome alumni

Truman alumni can participate in their own Homecoming festivities from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday in the lower level of the Student Union Building. Alumni can purchase tickets for Homecoming events, register for door prizes, purchase Homecoming apparel and receive gifts.

### Step show to take place

The 2010 National Pan-Hellenic Council Homecoming Step Show will take place 8 to 10 p.m. Saturday in Baldwin Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Friday in the Student Union Building.

### Kirksville government forum to be held

The Governmental Affairs Committee of the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a "Government in Focus" forum at 7:30 a.m. Friday at the Adair County Annex Building. The forum will focus on "The State of Education" and is intended to aid in communication between government representatives and the public. The forum is free, and refreshments will be offered from 7:30 to 8 a.m.

### Alumna to lead biology discussion

Truman alumna Tiffany Lucas, of the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Missouri-Columbia, will speak from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. Friday in Magruder Hall 1000. The topic will be "Pull yourself together: An HIV-1 Accessory Gene Alters Retrovirus Assembly." Refreshments will be served beforehand at 12:15 p.m.

### Windfall holds writing workshop

Editors and staff for Windfall, Truman's literary and artistic journal, will host a creative writing workshop from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 25 in the SUB Georgian Room C. Faculty members James D'Agostino and Obi Nwakanma will be available to discuss the creative process. Windfall is currently accepting submissions at windfall.truman.edu.

## Student Senate | In Brief

• Student Senate appointed junior Emily Detert to the Activities Fee Committee.

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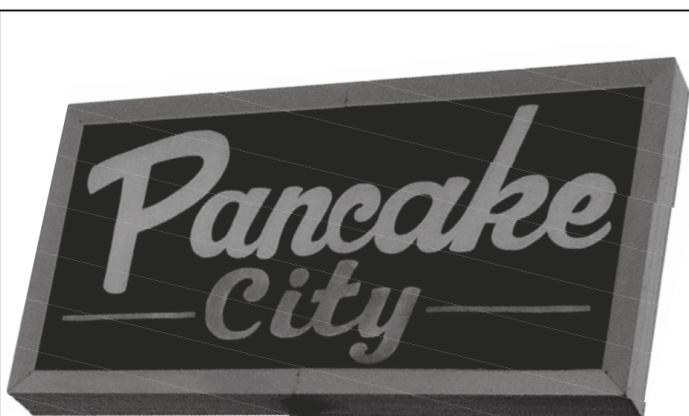
## Crime | Reports

10/9 Sophomore Michael Manougius was issued a Missouri Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Intoxicants.

10/9 Junior Alyssa Persons was issued a Missouri Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Intoxicants.

10/9 Senior Jared Young was charged with theft of under \$500.

10/11 A theft of under \$500 was reported in Centennial Hall.



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