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## Parent helps intercept child enticement

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Kirksville resident David Calhoun was charged with attempted second degree statutory rape Feb. 28 after a Kirksville parent helped intercept his child enticement plan by contacting the police.

The parent called Kirksville authorities to report a suspected prowler out-

side her home on South Riggen Street at about 12:30 a.m. Feb. 28, according to a press release from the Kirksville Police Department. Detective Steve Feeney said the mother then found her minor daughter in the family's garage preparing to leave the house to meet the man. After talking to the girl, the woman discovered that a man had contacted her daughter via text message offering to meet her and

engage in sexual activity.

Feeney said the mother immediately phoned KPD a second time with additional information from her daughter regarding the electronic exchange and the nature of the man's intentions. He said the information the woman provided allowed the officers on duty at the time to have a better idea what to look for once they arrived at the scene.

Feeney said the officers found the suspect's footprints in the snow leading to the back door of the woman's home and away through the back yard. He said another responding officer encountered an individual on foot about a block away from the home who, after answering the officer's questions, was identified as David Kale Calhoun and taken into custody.

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## Body found at Sugar Creek

Hikers found a body at the Sugar Creek Conservation Area on Feb. 16

BY DAN ROMINE  
Staff Reporter

The body of Michael Ryan, 55, was found at the Sugar Creek Conservation Area Saturday afternoon.

Adair County Sheriff Robert Hardwick said several people hiking on Foghorn Trail found the body at about 12:15 p.m. Foghorn Trail leads to a parking lot and the body was discovered about 100 yards down the hill from the parking lot, he said.

"The Conservation Department, myself — the Sheriff's Department — and the Adair County Coroner were all investigating the situation," Hardwick said. "[We] are confident that there were no weapons there and that it was a suicide."

Brian Noe, the Adair County Coroner, said the body had been there for less than 24 hours and the death had been a result of asphyxiation. He said the family had the body cremated.

## Area drainage systems undergo update

Updates have been made to storm drainage systems in the Kirksville area

BY DAN MIKA  
Staff Reporter

Kirksville and Truman State have made updates to their storm drain systems in hopes of preventing spring flooding.

The combined snowfall from Winter Storms Q and Rocky left 14 inches of snow on Kirksville, according to the National Weather Service. However, Kirksville Public Works Director John Buckwalter said the large amount of snow shouldn't cause any worries about flooding. Buckwalter said 10 inches of snow roughly is equal to one inch of rainwater, and the snow will melt slowly enough that it won't cause problems for the city's drain systems.

"We've got that snow on the ground and it's going to melt," Buckwalter said. "But unlike the rain, it's going to melt gradually."

Regardless of the low risk of flooding this year, the City recently has taken steps to update their storm drain system. During April 2010, Kirksville voters passed a bond worth \$2.27 million for storm drain upgrades, according to the city's Stormwater Substantial Plan Report. Buckwalter said Public Works has completed upgrading drain systems at seven intersections around the city during early 2012 and plan to upgrade others this year. These upgrades include adding new storm inlets on streets, adding safeguards against erosion and improving the channels by which storm water flows into local creeks, Buckwalter said.

The storm drain systems on Truman's campus are designed to divert runoff water into Bear Creek, Physical Plant Director Karl Schneider said. If the creek overflows, Truman's policy is to allow it to drain until it reaches

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The bedroom, like the rest of the house, in senior Audrey Lane's home was left ransacked after it was broken into during Midterm Break. Lane's home was one of three Truman State student homes broken into during break.

## Student home broken into

A home of Truman State students was broken into during Midterm Break

BY DAN MIKA, Staff Reporter

Thieves broke in and stole approximately \$3,000 worth of valuables from a student-rented house during Midterm Break.

Senior Audrey Lane said the thieves broke a window and opened another one and stole televisions, computers, sound systems, video games and jewelry from the house. Lane said the thieves left the house in a mess, but didn't damage anything else on the

property. Junior Tess Osborne said that the metal piping underneath the kitchen sink was stolen as well.

Police said the incident probably occurred Friday because a truck had been parked on the lawn and left imprints, Lane said.

"The police found muddy footprints and tire tracks where they were parked," Lane said. "So it must've happened during the thaw."

Police currently are investigating the matter further but haven't found any suspects yet, KPD Deputy Police Chief Tim King said.

King said while break-ins to students' homes are common when students leave for school breaks, only three burglaries were committed during Midterm Break. King said although it's unfortunate students lost

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## Humane Society works to prevent homeless animals

The Adair County Humane Society, local vet clinics spay and neuter animals

BY NATASHA MCCALLISTER  
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The Adair County Humane Society and vet clinics are participating in the "Prevent a Litter" program throughout March to promote responsible pet ownership and spay and neuter programs to reduce the number of homeless animals.

Bridget Thomas, Adair County Humane Society Board Member, said this is the fourth year the shelter has participated in the program. She said during late February the shelter hands out certificates to reduce the cost of getting a pet spayed or neutered. The money for the certificates comes from grants and donations and not the shelter funds, Thomas said.

Thomas said in addition to the certificate, participating vet clinics reduce their spay and neuter rates during March.

Thomas said the Prevent a Litter program started because of the number of pregnant animals or puppies brought to the shelter.

"In 2009, [the shelter] had seven pregnant dogs and nine pregnant cats," Thomas said. "That was the moment we realized that this is



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A puppy at the Adair County Humane Society Wednesday. The Adair County Humane Society participated in a program called "Prevent a Litter," during March.

a crisis and we need to do something about it." Thomas said Prevent a Litter occurs during March because it is when the animals start looking for mates.

Thomas said since the program began four years ago, the shelter has seen a re-

duction in the number of animals taken in. Before Prevent a Litter started, Thomas said the shelter housed an average of 1,150 dogs every year, but now they house an average of 750, which is 35 percent less.

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