

Middle schoolers fly "helicopters"



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Palmyra Middle School students Justice Hogan, left, and Grace Mullhatten, right, watch as their "helicopter" device floats down during the Regional Science Olympiad Feb. 22 in Kirk Gym. Olympiad competitors were competing for a place at the statewide science fair.

NEWS

IN BRIEF

United Way almost reaches fundraising goal

The United Way of Adair County raised \$245,000 during its 2014 fundraising campaign.

Josh Dungan, Adair County United Way Executive Director, said the charity was \$5,000 short of its \$250,000 fundraising goal, but was closer to reaching its goal than during past years. He said the charity will not have to make major cuts to their services this year.

Dungan said an anonymous donor offered to match any new donations up to \$25,000 total, which led to a \$50,000 donation at the end of the campaign.

Truman State donated \$58,000 to the campaign. The funds donated from the University came entirely from students and faculty.

Business fraternity donates \$1,400 to elementary schools

Truman State's chapter of Delta Sigma Pi donated \$1,400 to the Junior Achievement in Northern Missouri and West-Central Illinois Fund, which teaches children about financial responsibility.

DSP members raised funds by selling hot chocolate at football games and soliciting donations in exchange for members wear tiaras and tutus on campus.

Campus mail director receives Army Commendation Medal

Roger Marsh, director of campus mail services, was awarded the Army Commendation Medal Feb. 18 in the Student Union Building after leaving the armed forces more than 30 years ago.

Marsh was not awarded the medal earlier because the paperwork required to bestow the honor on him was misplaced. Rep. Sam Graves sponsored Marsh as he petitioned to relocate his award.

Military science professor Lt. Col. Steven Petersen awarded Marsh the medal.

STUDENT SENATE

IN BRIEF

Senate discussed the use of the athletic fee with University President Troy Paino and Athletic Director Jerry Wollmering.

Senate approved the Bear Creek restoration ordinance.

Senate approved the Gender-Neutral Housing ordinance.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

University Conference Day

Thursday, Feb. 27

Classes will not be in session Thursday while students present research across various academic fields throughout campus.

Dance Your Way to Heart Health

3:30 to 5:50 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 27

Student Recreation Center

Student fitness instructors invite students to learn about cardiovascular health and participate in a Dance Central fitness class. Free smoothies will be provided.

Alpha Chi Sigma Tie-Dye

3:30 to 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 28
MG 1027

Alpha Chi Sigma members will tie-dye T-shirts for students. Students can bring their own shirts to tie-dye as long as they are 100% cotton, or buy shirts for \$5 plus the cost of tie-dyeing.

Abraham Lincoln vs. Zombies In HeckleVision

8 to 9:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 28
Baldwin Hall Auditorium

Students are invited to watch self-proclaimed cheesy horror movie "Abraham Lincoln vs. Zombies" with the ability to text their comments onto the screen in real time. Admission is free.

National History Day Regional Competition

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, March 1
Violette Hall

Middle and high school students from Northeast Missouri will present historical research.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, March 1
VH 1424

Students and Kirksville residents with low to moderate incomes are invited to receive free tax preparation help from trained accounting students. Participants must bring identification, a copy of every tax form they have received from the government or employer and a social security card.

Thrift Shop Clothing Collection

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday, March 3
Tuesday, March 4
SUB

Local sorority Tau Lambda Sigma will collect new or gently used clothing to sell at their semi-annual thrift shop event. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

Mardi Gras Party

7 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday, March 4
SUB Hub

The Center for Student Involvement invites students to celebrate Mardi Gras with free food, games and live entertainment.

Networking Reception with Employers

8 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday, March 4
SUB Georgian Rooms

Hiring managers from companies in various industries will be available to network with students.

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CRIME REPORTS

DPS & KPD

2/23 Harassment reported at the 300 block of W. McPherson St.

2/23 Assault reported at the 100 block of Concord Rd.

2/23 Noise disturbance reported at the 600 block of S. Mulanix St.

2/22 Peace disturbance reported at the 300 block of S. High St.

2/22 Vandalism reported at the 700 block of Martha St.

2/22 Vandalism reported at the 1200 block of N. Main St.

2/22 Trespassing reported at the 1000 block of E. Jefferson St.

2/22 Andrew Newkirk arrested for trespassing and having an open warrant

2/21 Theft reported at the 2200 block of N. Baltimore St.

Years gone by

Check out what made headlines during years past

32 years ago

Instructor dies during cancer treatment

1982

Donna Crawford, former French professor, passed away from cancer March 3 in Rochester, Minn. She was 48. Crawford was diagnosed with cancer during 1981, but passed away after developing a blood infection from a chemotherapy treatment. Edwin Carpenter, former head of the language and literature division, said chemotherapy patients are at risk for infection during blood transfusions. A Truman Foundation scholarship for language students was created in her memory and exists today.

11 years ago

Teen pleads guilty in father's death

2003

Former Kirksville citizen David Yates pleaded guilty to murdering his father during a Feb. 20 hearing. Yates was named a suspect after authorities found his father, Dr. Herbert Young, shot to death in his home Oct. 22, 2002. David was charged as an adult, but his plea deal allowed him to serve his time with the Missouri Division of Youth Services until he turned 21.