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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1,551,143 incidents of family violence were reported to NIBRS between 1996 and 2001. Of the 1,551,143 incidents of family violence, the most prevalent relationship was boyfriend/girlfriend (29.6%) followed by spouse (24.4%).

During the years 2000-2005, it was found that 87,422 incidents involved a single victim and a single perpetrator. Among the perpetrators, 24% were children of the victim, 20% were spouses, and 12% were other family members.

In October of 2009, 9.8% of children reported witnessing a family assault within the past year. 10.2% reported suffering some form of maltreatment (including physical abuse other than sexual assault, psychological or emotional abuse, child neglect, and custodial interference) during the past year.

One in three women (35.6%) and more than one in four men (28.5%) in the United States have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime (2011). Approximately 81% of victims were maltreated by a parent either acting alone or with someone else (2012).



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Former Provost reassigned

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Provost Joan Poor will be assigned other duties for the remainder of the academic year effective this semester. University President Troy Paino announced his decision to make a change at the provost position in an e-mail sent to faculty members Dec. 1. He currently is determining how the University will begin its search for a new provost, according to the e-mail.

Ralph Cupelli, Assistant to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, said Maria Di Stefano will assume interim provost duties for the spring semester. Di Stefano was Dean of Graduate Studies at the time of her promotion.

Paino declined to comment further about the decision during a phone interview, but said he will provide a public statement at a later date. He said he plans to find a permanent provost by the end of the academic year. Poor did not respond to requests for comment.

Poor currently is one of three finalists to become the next president of Lake Superior State University in Michigan. LSSU Public Relations Director Tom Pink said Lake Superior State will announce their decision during their Jan. 24 Board of Trustees meeting, or earlier if possible.

Murder brings focus to domestic violence

Wide array of resources available for victims of domestic violence

BY CALIE HOLDEN Staff Reporter

A murder-suicide occurred Jan. 5 in Kirkville, resulting in the death of a Kirkville attorney and her husband.

KTVO released information from the Adair County Sheriff and Coroner Jan. 5 and Jan 7. According to the articles, Kirkville resident Riley Johnson shot his wife Kristen "Kadie" Campbell Johnson seven times in the garage of their home. Riley Johnson then allegedly shot himself with another gun in an adjoining hallway. The case still is being investigated and a final autopsy is not expected to be complete for a couple months, according to KTVO.

While the circumstances surrounding this crime remain uncertain, it does raise awareness of the problem of domestic violence. Lt. Mark Wellman of the Kirkville Police Department said the definition for domestic crimes is broad, and this specific case would seem to be one example of domestic violence. Any crime that takes place between people who live together, have lived together at one time, are in a romantic relationship

or have children together can be considered domestic violence, Wellman said.

Domestic incidents are not uncommon throughout Kirkville, Wellman said. He said while they often are not serious and might result in a misdemeanor or no charge, about half of reported domestic incidents result in a felony charge.

Sgt. J. Crouse of the Kirkville Police Department said it often is not up to the victim whether charges are brought in a case of domestic violence.

"[The state] has taken it out of the victim's hands because a lot of times they think they are going to lose their [family's] support," Crouse said. "By giving it to us they are safe. We're not worried about our livelihood like they are, so [the victims] can say 'I didn't want to do it, they did it.'"

He said when the police are called to the scene of a domestic dispute, their first action is to separate the parties. During a domestic case, at least two, and preferably three, officers will be at the scene, Crouse said. After separating the parties, the officers will check for injuries, take statements and proceed with the necessary action, which can include arrest or detention, he said. Crouse said throughout each case, both parties are given information about resources available to them.

Victim Support Services, a private

non-profit organization that works with victims of all types of violent or sexual crimes, is a resource available in the community. Executive Director Kim LeBaron said her organization offers services such as a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence, a 24-hour crisis line, case workers to help victims find work or housing, legal advocacy and therapy. About 75 people use Victim Support Services per month.

"[Domestic violence] erodes a person's self confidence," LeBaron said. "Their choices are so clouded by that fear of 'if I leave or if I do something wrong, something is going to happen to me.' That person's world becomes very small."

LeBaron said the community can help prevent domestic violence by talking about it and educating people about the services and options available to victims. She said the most important thing anyone can do when dealing with a victim of domestic abuse is support them.

"Frequently families and friends get frustrated with someone in an abusive relationship," LeBaron said. "To motivate her they will say, 'If you go back this time we are not going to have anything to do with this.' This just feeds into the abusive person's hands. It escalates the isolation factor."

Kirkville enacts 2014 budget

BY AUSTIN HORNBOSTEL Staff Reporter

The city of Kirkville enacted their budget for the 2014 fiscal year Jan. 1.

According to the budget, the city plans to receive more than \$24 million of revenue, while the budget predicts a little more than \$37.5 million of expenditures. Though the city's main revenue sources are far less than expected expenditures, the city's other financing transfers and surplus revenue will allow the city to maintain a positive balance at the end of the year.

The most substantial of these financing transfers is the city's loan and bond proceeds, which bring in an extra \$10,874,384, according to the budget.

According to the budget, the 2014 year-end fund balance, or the amount of money the city is required to have remaining at the end of the fiscal year, is \$1,389,350. According to the documentation, this amount is based on a requirement to retain 17 percent of budgeted expenditures for the year. Past

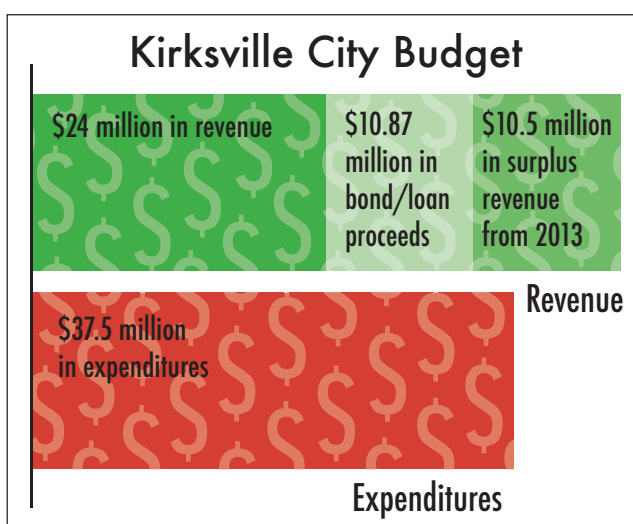
budgeting attempts have left the city with too little left over.

According to the budget, money will be spread to various areas of expenditures, such as an almost \$13 million utility fund for various city improvements, constructions and repairs.

"The budget covers everything, really," said Angie Whisnant, Kirkville Assistant City Manager. "It's a detailed plan for allocating the city's resources."

Whisnant said the city began preparing the budget during August 2013 and continued until the end of the year. The City Council was briefed twice during December to prepare for the Jan. 1 budget enactment.

Whisnant said this process is about the same each year, with work for the yearly



budget beginning during the second half of the year and continuing until the end of the year.

Whisnant said there are 24 active funds throughout this year's budget, such as community development block grants and capital expenditure funds. She said the budget was developed with input from front-line city personnel, supervisors, the city's department heads and the city council. Whisnant said the departments determine what they will need for the

year and present them to city officials, typically in the form of a long-term plan.

"Some of the budgeting is based on a capital improvement plan, a five-year plan," Whisnant said. "You would, of course, be looking at where you're at in that five-year period as to the type of funds that need to be dedicated toward that capital project. Infrastructure, for example. In terms of operating funds, it's primarily department heads and their staff who tend to sit down and look at what their needs are."

The budget refers to a "General Fund" of capital expenditures, including equipment replacement costs for departments like information systems and fire and police services.

"Our general fund provides us with the most flexibility,"

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City council reviews ordinance

Ordinance would require prescription to purchase some over-the-counter medications

BY AUSTIN HORNBOSTEL Staff Reporter

The Kirkville City Council reviewed an ordinance draft during December intended to regulate the purchase of over-the-counter medications containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine without a prescription.

According to the draft, pseudoephedrine is an essential chemical in the production of methamphetamine. The ordinance states methamphetamine production and abuse are serious problems throughout Missouri, including Adair County.

"We have seen a resurgence in the number of meth-related incidents that we've been involved with [handling]," said Kirkville Chief of Police Jim Hughes. "[We've seen] a huge increase in the number of laboratories that we've dealt with, not only the city but also the county, and then all of the associated activities that occur related to the production of methamphetamine."

Hughes said these associated activities refer to other crimes that can be directly related to methamphetamine and people who perform crimes in support of the drug-using habit. He said these crimes account for a significant percentage of the police department's workload. Hughes said the ordinance aims to prevent criminals from buying pseudoephedrine and subsequently curb methamphetamine-related activity.

Hughes said the ordinance does not apply to all products containing pseudoephedrine, just those in which the chemicals easily can be isolated and used for methamphetamine production.

Products such as Zephrex-D, a common cold and sinus medicine containing pseudoephedrine, will not require a prescription because the chemicals in the medication do not seem to be as easily exploited as others at this time, Hughes said.

"We tried to find, if we possibly could, ways to allow people to still obtain amounts of the product to be helpful to them while still fulfilling our intent to decrease the amount of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine being purchased and used to make methamphetamine," Hughes said.

The finalized ordinance could be ready for the city council meeting on Feb. 3, according to the city council study session transcript from Jan. 6.