

Apocalyptic art exhibit opens



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Professor James Jereb looks at a display of apocalyptic art Jan. 26 at the Truman art gallery. The display runs through Feb. 21 and is titled "Apocalyptic: Artwork, poetry, and thought about the end."

City looks to add glass recycling

BY PAIGE YUNGERMANN
Staff Reporter

The City of Kirksville is considering starting a glass recycling program.

The decision hinges on whether the City receives a grant to build a facility to store the glass, said Brad Selby, Codes and Planning Director. The City will find out if they received a grant from the Northeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission after about six to nine months, he said.

"It's not a done deal," Selby said. "We're still working out details."

If Kirksville receives the grant, Selby said Advanced Waste Services tentatively will do curbside pickups of glass without additional cost to customers. Advanced Waste Services would take the glass to the storage facility, where Ripple Glass would transport it to Kansas City, Selby said.

If Kirksville starts a glass recycling program, Selby said Truman State will be included in the program, and recyclable glass will be picked up from the University.

Sue Morton, Northeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission Solid Waste Program Coordinator, said these grants are for projects that will reduce waste going into landfills. She said the grant is worth \$100,000, which will be split up and granted to various organizations in the six counties the Northeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission serves. Morton said currently no glass recycling programs exist in any of these six counties.

In the meantime, Student Government is working to start a campus glass recycling program this semester, Student Senator sophomore Molly Turner said. Turner said once the program starts, students will be able to recycle glass in the residence halls in the same containers as the paper, plastic and aluminum recycling and in the Student Union Building.

Currently, Turner said she is working on assembling groups of five students to remove the glass once a week from the bins and take it to a storage area near Magruder Hall. Student volunteers will then take the glass to recycling larger cities such as Columbia, Mo., and St. Louis when the students leave Kirksville for breaks.

"We are working extremely hard on this," Turner said. "We really want this to work, but it would be a lot simpler if Kirksville could do it. If everyone does their part, though, it will work."

Turner said even though Kirksville might start a glass recycling program, Student Government plans to continue with this program because the city has not made a firm decision about the program.

If Kirksville does start a glass recycling program, Turner said she will discuss merging the two programs with the City.

A committee first discussed starting a glass recycling program in Kirksville about three weeks ago, Selby said.

The City is considering starting a glass recycling program because of the environmental benefits, Selby said.

"It's a lesser amount that goes into landfills," Selby said. "That's the right thing to do."

Selby said he does not know at this time how much a glass recycling program would cost the City.

City council candidates set

Four candidates running for two seats for April 8 election

BY ROSALIE SWINGLE
Staff Reporter

The time to file for a City Council position has come to an end, and Kirksville has four candidates for its two open city council seats.

The local municipal elections for Kirksville will be April 8, and the ballot will include four different candidates as the voters' choices.

Kirksville city manager Mari Macomber said city clerk Vickie Brumbaugh reviewed five candidates for the open seats, and four candidates have been deemed eligible. Since the filing deadline was 5 p.m. Jan. 22, the city office no longer will be involved with the campaigns until the election itself, Macomber said. She said the office will provide information

to local citizens and other voters about another issue on the ballot — renewing a local sales tax.

"We can't tell people how to vote, we can only educate them about the issues," Macomber said.

Macomber said the county clerk's office will be in charge of preparing the ballots. After the election, the City Council will have about a week to certify the results and accept the winners, she said.

The election still is a few months away, but the candidates have already begun their campaigns for the seats. The candidates include two incumbents, Jerry Mills and Roger Edge, Sr., and two new candidates, Michael Ambrosia and Richard "Rick" Steele.

As an incumbent, Edge said he is running for re-election because of the experience he can bring to the council. He said one of the best successes from his previous term is the council's achievement with the

completion of the complete sewer replacement. This time, Edge said he plans to push for more economic improvements for the city.

"I want to demolish the dilapidated houses that are eye-sores for Kirksville so that we can allow retailers to move into the area and bring more business," Edge said.

Ambrosia said he is running for a city council spot because he wants to see the Kirksville community prosper. He said he has been in contact with Sheriff Robert Hardwick about the methamphetamine problem to protect citizens, local religious leaders to keep communication channels open and Sherri Palmer to stay informed about equality issues for Kirksville.

"If you want to do what is best for everyone, then you need to listen to everyone," Ambrosia said, "And everyone should have a voice."

Candidates Jerry Mills and Richard "Rick" Steele could not be reached for comment for this story.

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