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PAY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CITY OFFICIALS

City councilmen's current salary: \$50/month, \$600/year

New salary for councilmen, effective after April 2015 City Council elections: \$200/month, \$2,400/year

New salary for mayor, effective after April 2015 City Council elections: \$300/month, \$3,600/year

Current annual city payroll for all councilmen: \$3,000

New annual city payroll for all councilmen: \$13,200

Source: City Council Bill 2014-70

City Council approves salary raises for 2015

BY DAN MIKA
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The Kirksville City Council voted 3-2 to quadruple wages for councilmen and increase pay for the mayor by six times Monday.

The pay raise will go into effect after the April 2015 City Council elections because a clause in the Missouri Constitution prohibits municipal leaders from changing their pay while in office. Councilmen will receive \$200 per month and the mayor will receive \$300 per month instead of the \$50 per month wage during previous years according to the ordinance. If a councilman misses one or more meetings in the span of a month, they will not be paid for the month, according to the ordinance.

Mayor Glen Moritz, who voted in favor of the ordinance, said councilman Robert Russell introduced the bill during the summer. Moritz said many cities similar in size to Kirksville

pay their City Council members more than what Kirksville's City Council members are paid. He said he thinks the councilmen deserve to be paid more for their work.

"I respect the other four councilmen for the effort they put in, but it's just a lot of untold hours that we have to contribute," Moritz said.

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you're paying right now and in the future, we're going to give ourselves a raise?" Detweiler said.

Detweiler said he intends to donate his extra pay to local charities like the Adair County Humane Society or give it back to the community in other ways.

Kraft bacon line to close spring 2015

BY JOHANNA BURNS
Staff Reporter

Kraft announced its decision to consolidate all bacon production to its Coshocton, Ohio, manufacturing site Nov. 12.

This consolidation means the end of all bacon production at the Kirksville plant and the loss of 275 jobs by the end of 2015.

Joyce Hodel, Kraft Corporate Affairs spokesperson, said all bacon production will begin consolidation during spring 2015. She said Kraft decided to announce the consolidation now to give its Kirksville employees time to explore their options. Hodel said the move is not a reflection of the Kirksville employees.

"We are committed to treating our employees with respect and we are telling them now to give them time to consider their options," Hodel said.

Hodel said this will not affect ham production at the Kirksville plant, and she said Kraft is looking into other production opportunities in Kirksville.

Carolyn Chrisman, Director of Kirksville Regional Economic Development Inc., said her office had no prior knowledge of the move of bacon production to Ohio and learned of Kraft's intent to consolidate when the decision was announced to Kraft employees and the media.

Chrisman said her office's first concern was for the workers and their families. She said they have to look at what K-REDI can do to bring in a new production line.

Chrisman said the main task for K-REDI is to see what they can do to help Kraft, at the state and local level. See BACON, page 3



Submitted photo

Kirksville resident Kayn Fry was arrested last Thursday. Fry stabbed 52-year-old Joseph Fees.

Kirksville resident charged with murder

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A Kirksville resident has been charged with first degree murder and armed criminal action following a stabbing incident Nov. 27.

The Kirksville Police Department, Kirksville Fire Department and Adair County Ambulance District responded to a call from the 1300 block of E. Scott St. in Kirksville last Thursday night. Upon their arrival, they discovered 52-year-old Kirksville resident Joseph Fees suffering from a knife

wound. Fees had been stabbed in the chest by 20-year-old Kirksville resident Kayn Fry, who fled the scene after the incident but later was arrested.

Fees was transported to Northeast Regional Medical Center after KPD arrived on the scene but later was pronounced dead, according to a series of press releases from the KPD. Fry was taken into custody shortly after 1 a.m. Nov. 28 and currently is being detained at the Adair County Detention Center on a \$1 million bond, according to the releases. Fry was arraigned in the Adair County Court Dec. 1 and appeared for his first pre-

liminary hearing Wednesday at the Adair County Associate Circuit Court.

According to the press releases from the KPD, this is an active investigation and no other information will be released at this time. The Adair County Sheriff's Office, Truman State's Department of Public Safety and the Coroner's Office assisted KPD with the investigation.

Anyone with information regarding the case can contact the KPD by phone or email at (660) 785-6945 or police@kirksvillecity.com, the Adair County Sheriff's Office at (660) 665-4644 or anonymously at (660) 627-2878.

Peace Corps offers internship alternative

BY PAIGE YUNGERMANN
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Masters of Arts in Leadership students at Truman State now can serve in the Peace Corps as part of their graduate school program.

This Masters International program is part of the Masters of Arts in Leadership program. Participating students will take courses at Truman, serve in the Peace Corps and return to Truman to complete their graduate degree program.

Maria Di Stefano, Dean of Graduate Studies, said the Graduate Studies office currently is taking applications for this program. She said students could begin taking Truman courses as early as spring 2015.

Students who complete the Masters International program at Truman can fulfill the internship requirement for the master's degree in leadership with service in the Peace Corps, Di Stefano said.

For students starting the Masters International program during the fall, Di Stefano said they will take courses at Truman for a year, serve in the Peace Corps for two years, then return to Truman for one semester to complete a capstone experience course.

"The capstone experience is a way of bringing together all the different pieces that have formed the Masters of Arts in Leadership for that student

and bringing it to a closure," Di Stefano said.

For the Masters of Arts in Leadership, Di Stefano said students must choose a specialization. She said the Peace Corps is encouraging students who are completing the program to specialize in health, education or sustainability and agriculture.

Di Stefano said Truman had to apply to offer this program in partnership with the Peace Corps. She said the Peace Corps offers the Masters International program at different universities across the U.S., including Boston University, Illinois State University and University of the Pacific.

The Masters of Arts in Leadership program works well with the Masters International program because Peace Corps volunteers must serve as leaders, Di Stefano said. She said Peace Corps volunteers often are given a project they are in charge of leading to completion.

"Quite often, the Peace Corps volunteers will have specific roles," Di Stefano said. "They always have a project that's their own to develop and implement. They are ultimately responsible for making it work, and that's what a leader does."

One advantage to completing the Masters International program is the Peace Corps is more likely to accept those students than students with only a bachelor's degree, Di Stefano said.

Masters International Program

Requirements for the Masters of Arts in Leadership degree

- One year of graduate coursework at Truman State
- Two years of service in the Peace Corps
- One semester capstone experience at Truman: after returning from Peace Corps service

1 year

2 years

Truman State

She said another advantage is Truman waives the graduate program application fee and the internship fee for students participating in the Masters International program.

Candy Young, Masters of Arts in Leadership Director, said the Masters International program takes longer for students to complete than the basic

Masters of Arts in Leadership because the internship component for the basic program is 15 weeks, while the Peace Corps component is two years.

Young said there are about 20 students in the Masters of Arts in Leadership program. She said so far, two students have been admitted to complete See MASTERS, page 3