

# Students pedal on The Mall for disability cause



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Right: Junior Bryan O'Leary and Senior Erica Nolan participate in The Ability Experience Tuesday. Above: A banner hangs outside Pickler Memorial Library promoting the fundraiser. The Ability Experience, partnered with fraternity Pi Kappa Phi, raises awareness for people with disabilities. The organization hosts fundraisers year-round, as well as races, marathons, bike challenges and other outdoor activities.



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## NEWS

IN BRIEF

### Flags flown at half-mast to honor state trooper killed in crash

Gov. Jay Nixon ordered all U.S. and Missouri state flags flown at state government buildings to be lowered to half-mast Sept. 4, in honor of state trooper James M. Bava.

Bava was killed in a single vehicle car crash Aug. 28 while performing a traffic stop of a motorcycle. Brava was assigned to Troop F and had served as a trooper for two years.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol has had a total of 31 line of duty deaths, eight of which were caused by motor vehicle accidents, according to the Officer Down Memorial website.

### Kraft food layoffs delayed until spring 2016

Kraft Foods announced the scheduled layoffs of 275 workers in Adair County has been postponed until spring 2016.

The layoffs, expected to eliminate 2,500 jobs nationally, were announced last fall following a decision to consolidate all bacon manufacturing to a production plant in Ohio.

The layoffs were scheduled to take place during 2015, but the timeline has been pushed back after Heinz purchased a majority interest in the company during March. No layoffs are expected to take place until at least the end of the first quarter of 2016.

Carolyn Chrisman, Kirksville Regional Economic Development director, said local officials continue to work with Kraft Foods as Kraft pursues the possibility of bringing in new production lines.

## STORMS | Summer storms cause problems with agriculture and flooding, residents now looking to repair and replenish the Kirksville area

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"I did 18-plus loads of laundry," Utter said. "I had to throw away my mattress and my box spring ... and I had to throw away a couch because it had visible mold on it. I had to throw away shoes."

Utter said the storms were sporadic and would come out of nowhere every week, but the only tornado touched down an hour away. Although the tornado was not in Kirksville, Utter said she was worried about an emergency plan.

"I was at a friend's house, and we went into her bathroom because she didn't have a basement," Utter said. "It's interesting because here in Kirksville, there's a lot of places that don't have basements."

Utter said as a student off campus, she wouldn't know where to go if a tornado hit. Utter said she wants a system of safe places for people without basements to go in the event of a tornado. She said she wants

residents to know safe places nearby with basements where they can go if they have time to make it there safely.

Utter said another problem brought on by the excessive rain was flooding.

"The intersection of Normal and Franklin [streets] would get flooded really quickly, and so would in front of [Centennial Hall]," Utter said.

Utter said she has friends who witnessed a truck get stuck on a flooded street. She said her friends watched the driver open the door, and the interior of the truck flooded immediately.

University Farm manager Bill Kuntz said people in town weren't the only ones affected by the storms.

"It was a very challenging summer," Kuntz said. "Here on the farm, we had our basements at the duplex flooded because it rained one night about five inches and the power went off."

Kuntz said the total rainfall for the summer was much higher than past years and it really affected the crops. Kuntz said just getting the crops

planted was difficult and many didn't get planted. He said the ones that did get planted were flooded out because of the excessive rain and lack of sun.

Kuntz said one crop most people don't think about is hay.

"It has to be dry in order to cut hay and bale it, so the hay didn't dry and you couldn't get in to cut it," Kuntz said. "It wasn't a very good quality hay."

Kuntz said the effect on crops is a problem that will continue, because a lack of quality hay will negatively affect the animals during the winter.

"With the constant rain and lack of sun, it also was a little bit depressing because you didn't have good sunny days to liven you up," Kuntz said.

While the storms made for a rough summer, Kuntz said the storms stopping hasn't fixed everything. Kirksville's landscape and its residents are still dealing with the aftermath of a rainy season, and some of the effects on crops could resonate during the coming months, he said.

## STUDENT SENATE

IN BRIEF

The senate passed the 2015-2016 fiscal budget following a second read-through.

The senate discussed the possibility of amending the Student Government constitution. The senate reviewed changes including implementation of a 2/3 vote in regard to changes, and amendments to directing and inclusion of the subcommittee chair in the Health and Wellness committee while maintaining its specifically guaranteed budget.

The senate considered a proposal to create a stand-alone sexual assault prevention committee.

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## CRIME REPORTS

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- 9/7 Runaways reported at Michigan Street.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### YMCA Paint Party Run

9 a.m.  
 Sept. 12  
 Adair County YMCA

The YMCA will host its annual 5K fun run and walk paint party. The family event will cost \$10, or \$20 with the purchase of a T-shirt. There is a limited number of shirts available, so pre-registration is encouraged. Registration forms are available at the Paint Party Run! Facebook page. Post-run beverages and snacks will be provided.

### New Student Welcome

5-7 p.m.  
 Sept. 13  
 Courthouse Lawn

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual new student welcome. Area businesses will offer Truman State, A.T. Still University and Moberly Area Community College students coupons, information, promotional items and snacks. Students who present a student ID. will receive a free hot dog, chips and a drink.