Andrew Richard

The future of Kirksville's drinking water is as cloudy as a light summer drizzle. The town has been squabbling over the issue of two water sources rounding one of the two water sources in the town.

Private citizens have addressed the issue, but the City Council, on the other hand, has been reluctant to act. After the recent meeting, the councilwoman called the problem a "non-issue" and then left the council chamber. The issue is one that has been on the agenda for quite some time, and it seems that the council is simply not interested in addressing it.

When was the last time the council discussed the issue of the two water sources? The council has been discussing the issue for at least the past two years. However, the council has not taken any official action to address the issue.

What is the primary concern regarding the two water sources? The primary concern is that one of the water sources is not as pure as the other. The council has been told by health officials that the second source is not as pure as the first one.

Why has the council not taken any action to address the issue? The council has not taken any action because it believes that the issue is not as important as other issues that need to be addressed.

Is there any hope for the citizens to finally get some resolution to the matter? There is very little hope for the citizens to finally get some resolution to the matter. The council has been dragging its feet on this issue for quite some time and it doesn't seem to be in any hurry to address the matter.

Victoro Mora

There has been a growing trend in recent years of using CAFOs (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) for the production of food. This has been a controversial issue, and many people are concerned about the environmental impact of these operations.

Fictional Fascination

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Small gym ideal habitat for bacteria

Swesty mats could cause infections among wrestlers
Leah Guerrero

A new wrestling rivalry among Local Area College wrestlers has emerged. The nature of this new combat is not one of physical contact between wrestlers, but bacterial contamination of the mats.

The wrestling mats in the Rainbow Club Building, where conditions are controlled for塑造 the mats, are the original mats used in the former Coy Club, which is now used for various purposes. Captain Schutter said that because the Coy Club was popular among wrestlers, there were problems associated with the mats.

"Even if you wash them up, it's that dirt in the gym that can cause infections," he said.

The bacterial problem affects the mats. "It would be nice if we could have more washes," Captain Schutter said.

Senior Adam Hughes said that with the new mats, there will be "a lot more relief in the environment." Hughes said that it would be nice to have the gym adjusted to prevent contamination of the mats.

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Cheap area residences buck trends

Nikki Burk

The Kirksville Daily Tribune

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Kirksville's two universities bring a rush to build, and supply won't once

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"Staying rural is not a bad choice. You get more bang for your buck out of Kirksville." Whiteside

Stroup said faculty and students know the city is working to alleviate unnecessary high prices. "I think a lot of those areas are having problems now, their homes were overpriced to outside of Kirksville came from Truman in 2002, but the lure of Kirksville's reliable and inex-

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He said K-REDI is working all the time to create new jobs, so we're trying to encourage expansion of our existing businesses." Tate said. "There has been a rise in jobs in a given number of people in the town.

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"If we could bring new industry and new businesses into town, they provide jobs, they're also going to need," Roberts said. "If we're not going to need, they're not going to be able to be a part of it." He said building the development center presents many opportunities in the same ways K-

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Kirksville is not yet ready for a different type of bar

The Rainbow Club, a bar primarily for the gay community, includes advertisements and letters to the editor. Submitted material or any other reason the editor in chief deems appropriate. Submitted material and cannot exceed 500 words except at the discretion of the editorial board.

When you eat lunch in the Mainstreet Market, what time do you eat there?

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THIS WEEK’S QUESTION: vote online at www.trumanindex.com

How would you feel if a gay bar came to Kirksville?

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The "Class of 2007" photo was taken during a recent MPTD retreat in the Missouri Ozark Mountains. The photo was not included in the Index. The Index apologizes for the oversight.

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Before we judge the Internet as helpless and forgetful, we all need to catch our breaths. Internet addiction is real, and it is growing. Let's consider the status of this problem.

Many would-be convicts are running loose, and play — 3.5 hours could be rather low. I mean, why not 3.5 hours? Almost everyone I know who uses the Internet will tell you that they can spend hours staring at Facebook and catching up on their friends' lives. However, many people spend far more time online than they realize. In fact, considering how reliant we are on the Internet, it's just fun to think about how much we rely on it.

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We are all aware of the growing problem of Internet addiction, and how it is affecting our lives. However, many people still don't realize how much they rely on the Internet. As a result, we need to find ways to combat this problem.

So say what you will about the Internet. I'm OK with my Internet reliance, even if it does make me put off a shower or a little much-needed sleep in the wee hours of the morning.

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Montee announces MOHELA audit

Jackson Groves
Staff Writer

Senoir Julie Meyer said this year’s Missouri Livestock Symposium was extremely beneficial and interactive in the industry.

“This year the symposium was really good,” said Meyer. “The speakers were really good and the presentations were very interactive. Students had an opportunity to be exposed to topics, and there was lot of feedback from the participants.”

The symposium to educate people about equine presentations helpful to students in his courses who have an educational event for her. She said the symposium was an educational event for her and her husband own cattle, horses, goats and chickens. She came to the symposium for the first time this year to gather information to better care of their animals. “We are big users of MOHELA,” she said. “It helps us from making mistakes that we might not have gotten before.”

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
3:00 p.m.
BALDWIN AUDITORIUM

Four tickers for Truman students, faculty & staff will be available on Dec. 5, with a Truman ID, in the Student Activities Office & the Center for Student Development. SLU Commission requires an admission ticket may be purchased at the Edwin Campbell Bookstore and the Truman State University Cashier's window. For more information, call 660-785-4016 or view on Web site at http://www.truman.edu/students/campus-life/campusa/Students/activities/Events/EventsList.aspx.
Fountain use draws questions

University administrators turn the fountain off on windy days so students and faculty aren't soaked as they walk by.

"Neither students nor faculty are happy about the fountain," said Stina Rowe, director of the Student Union, at a meeting Monday night. "We have to do something about it, but we can't find a reason why the fountain is on in windy conditions."

"It's nice to have, but I don't use it," said Samantha Sanchez, a junior in the Biological Sciences.

"I wonder what the point of having the fountain since we aren't using it all," said Daniel Rettke, a junior in Criminal Justice.

"Don't start critiquing," said Chemburkar. "You can't do anything about it in the beginning of the term when we don't know what it is on or off, and really you can only shut it off when it is not on in the beginning," he said.

"Chemburkar said he meant it was nice out at night, and really you can only shut it off in the beginning of the term when it is not on in the beginning," he said.

"Well, it's not on at night," said Chemburkar. "If you go to the Student Union Building on nice fall days after dark, it's off."

"If you go up to the top of the University, you can see the fountain is off," said Chemburkar. "If you go to the top of the tower, you can see the fountain is off."
How Hydraulic Elevators Work:

First, you press a directional button outside the elevator so the computer knows whether to go up or down. When the elevator reaches your floor, the motor stops and the doors open (or close, if you're going up). If you want to go to a higher floor, the pump motor begins drawing hydraulic fluid from the reservoir, which pushes the piston and the elevator car upward. Rails guide the elevator car upward, and a brake makes sure it stays on course.

Most hydraulic elevators have a large cylinder and a smaller cylinder connected to the elevator car on one end and a large piston on the other. When the elevator goes up, oil pressure on the small side of the piston pushes the elevator car up. When the elevator goes down, oil pressure on the large side of the piston pushes the elevator car down.

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3. Sliding doors
4. Guide rails
5. Floor sensor
6. Power cable
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Ohio student dies in crowded campus elevator

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The university has launched an investigation into the incident and has employed additional security personnel to monitor the elevators. The university has also announced plans to add additional elevators to the building to reduce the number of people using each elevator at one time.

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The investigation is ongoing, and the university has not yet announced the cause of the failure.

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Occupants who overload or vandalize the lift cars do significant damage

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Champlin and her friend were heading to the seventh floor of Missouri Hall to attend a class when the elevator stopped and the doors wouldn’t open. They were trapped in the elevator for 30 minutes, but eventually managed to open the door and escape.

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Most elevators can carry between 10 and 30 people, but in some cases, they may be used to transport larger numbers of people. This can result in the doors closing, preventing people from getting in or out of the elevator.

In addition to overcrowding, other common causes of elevator accidents include: broken doors, malfunctioning equipment, and failure to follow safety procedures.

Elevator failures can be prevented by following these tips:

- Always press the emergency button if the elevator stops between floors.
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Holiday returns require patience

Julie Williams
Staff Reporter

Think twice before returning that irresponsible and non-returnable winter coat, sweater, or shoe.

Although no holiday season would be complete without the endless cycle of gift giving and returning, there are some things to think about before hitting the mall. Returns and exchanges can be hassle-free if following a few tips, and they can be pain-free by remembering who gave the gift. Junior Audra Taulman said she normally doesn’t return gifts from people she doesn’t know very well because she doesn’t want to hurt their feelings. Sometimes, however, “It’s too big or doesn’t fit,” Taulman said. “I just can’t wear it.”

Sophomore Kasey McManus said she thinks family members might read something into a gift return while friends normally don’t.

“Tf you don’t know I’m returning it, I don’t care,” McManus said.

Junior Kaitlynn Bruntzger, a housekeeper in Blanton Hall, has a different idea about holiday returns. However, “I usually don’t return anything,” she said. “Whatever I get I appreciate it, and I just keep it.”

Because stores policies vary at different stores, mindful post-shopping might seem inevitable. Kathy Grannis, spokesperson for the National Retail Federation, said consumers can make holiday returns less nerve-racking.

“One of the main tips for stress-free returns after the holiday season is to familiarize yourself with the return policy,” she said. Many retailers display these policies on their counters or in their catalogs. It’s also a good idea to ask at the time of purchase to determine if the item can be shipped back to the store.

Grannis said returns might be procrastinators, “They’re easy to forget.”

Although some people like Bruntzger rely on gift cards for their holiday shopping, others prefer to pick out gifts for others.

Senior Jonathan Bruntrager plans on being one of those shoppers.

“Gift card sales are not counted for until they are redeemed,” Bruntrager said. “Then you get to pick out what you want. You don’t have to tell them and hope that they want it.”

Bruntrager said he enjoys receiving gift cards from friends and family members to places such as Best Buy, Circuit City, and various clothing stores.

“If you get a gift card [free anyone else] you don’t have to worry about getting the right size and stuff like that,” Bruntrager said. “Then you just go pick out what you want. You don’t have to worry about getting the right size and stuff.”

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“I returned a really ugly sweater once from my mom,” Meiners said.

Junior Andrea Showalter said she normally doesn’t receive any gift cards this year and very rarely decides on them at all.

“I think the convenience and resourcefulness of having gift cards available, for especially those last-minute shoppers, is certainly something beneficial for those who might procrastinate,” Grannis said. “They’re easy to carry around, and basically they just add a little touch.”

The increase in popularity of gift cards also boosts business for some retailers after the holiday season has ended, Grannis said.

“Gift cards are definitely growing in popularity, especially for the young adult age group,” said Kathy Grannis, spokesperson for the NRF. “We expect gift cards to be especially popular this year.”

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Can relationships survive a spring spent abroad?

My excitement about leaving for France has been dampened by one thing—the overwhelming sadness that comes with saying good-bye.

Everyone keeps asking me if The Boy and I will remain together with an ashen-faced isn’t.

Is it one of the questions staring students like myself for which I have no answer? I have many, like can I handle the expectations of learning a new language? Will I kick to an American accent? Can I still see in color black and white? What Karen sound the same on “Will” and “Grace” in French? Will I be able to communicate effectively with the French?

I don’t know for sure—those are all probably no.

And yet I know I hope it will remain and that, if it fails, we will necessarily love.

I would like to think that those that I referred to in the beginning are wrong.

The Boy and I will remain because I do love him, even though I doubt that I can ever love him completely.

I know that in the end it’ll all be OK.

But will that make us stronger when communication becomes nonexistent, when we miss each other to the point that we barely talk to each other? I do.

I don’t know.

Presentation doesn’t change a relationship for about a year and a half, but it does change; the same thing can’t be said about me.

For The Boy and I, after a year in France, we can say that our relationship is stronger.

We don’t talk every day. We do not love to talk, The Boy and I do love to talk.

The Boy and I do love France, but I do not love to talk. The Boy and I do not love to talk in the way that others do, because of that, I think it will be difficult for me to communicate effectively with the French.

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You look at your TV every day, but when you go to ask someone what the model is when you take a report, they have no idea.

I’ve seen some bizarre stuff,” he said. “They’ll turn the heat up on high and leave the doors open. ... So you can’t just get your mail, but you leave these huge utility bills.”

“Probibly not,” I said.

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Credit cards pose holiday problems when buying gifts

Students find debt adds up with purchases during the holiday shopping season

Diane Possler

"Debt" might be one of the scariest words in the English language. The holiday season offers annual financial strain at a fun and festive time. The National Retail Federation expects more than $192 billion in sales to take place between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Many shoppers run into trouble when determining the method of payment for their holiday shopping.

Although debts and check cards have become more popular, 60 percent of shoppers will pay for their holiday purchases with cash, according to the National Retail Federation's "Holiday Shopping Index.

Credit cards make consumers more unsafe in a debt.

"You're going to have to come up with a plan, and while you're doing that, said the Federal Reserve. "Spend your way to take on even seven to eight months to pay off the balance you've incurred, you'll have to pay more in interest than you pay off the balance every month. Pay as much as you can, save as much as you can.

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Sufjan Stevens
"Christmas in May" Aesthetic Hymns, Nov. 21

Better late than never, Christmas CDs please ears


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**Marine collects toys for children**

**Dennis Goldsmith**

All Adair County children will have presents this year—at least, that’s the goal. Dennis Goldsmith, a retired Marine colonel, is teaming up with local organizations to make the Kirksville community.

Bring some of the joy and hope to toys for children who normally

Goldsmith said he is working

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Managing Editor

When sophomore Anna Blevin walks through the Hall, she often finds herself automatically joining the “Merry Christmas” chant as everyone else does. While she knows most people do, she said she doesn’t like it.

“We have so many great Hanukkah items already,” said Dwayne Gillespie of Kirksville Public Works, who works to hire a Santa Claus and other holiday decorations. He said that as the season starts, it’s easier for people to install holiday lights without worrying about power lines.

Boughton said the Chamber will assist with adorning the town all year, she said. Some businesses had Thanksgiving decorations but have already hung the evergreens that each have assisted in adorning the town for the holiday season, said Debi Boughton, Chamber of Commerce event co-chair, and children can visit Old Franklin streets. She said that at the same time, the Kirksville Police Department will be on duty to prevent any disruptions during the month.

Another holiday season is here and retailers are getting ready to welcome shoppers. This year, the Kirksville Downtown Square is decorated with lights and other holiday decorations. The downtown area is a popular destination for holiday shopping, with many stores offering unique items and holiday-themed merchandise.

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1. Nisht (nothing)
2. Gadol (great)
3. Hayah (happened)
4. Shem (name)

These letters represent the same concept as the Hebrew phrase “Nes Gadol Hayah Sham” which means “A great miracle happened there.”

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Mueller wins first MVP award of the season

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"If we get it in the middle of the court, we really picked up our defense and just kept going strong, and I think that kind of took overhand, and I think that kind of took overhand, and I think that kind of took us," he said.

"Georgia’s attack wasn’t one of the most noticeable, though. She kept the team in the game with valuable minutes," he said.

"We did a good job of rebounding and really did a good job at the beginning of the second half in terms of those rebounds."

After the "Dogs’ 33-13 halftime lead, the Blue Tigers court court was cracking the foundation of Lincoln University (Mo.) and threatened to run the Bulldogs out of the building.

The Blue Tigers first-half lead was 18.2 shooting percentage. They also posted a season-high 25-point game, Mueller scored all but one of the points in the second period for a season-high shooting efficiency of "Georgia’s a big part," McGee said. "She’s like the silent killer, and the whole team is because of her."
Sports help to reduce stress

Exercising, participating in athletics, watching sports all aid students

One good form of release.

Head men’s basketball coach Jack Schneider talks with his team during a timeout last season. Schneider said having fun with their sports can be a stress relief for athletes.

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**Hockey breaks for holidays with five game win streak**

The Miller hockey team has plenty of fall - season games left, but they're playing well enough so that a run of wins before the break could change the course of the season.

The team, ranked fifth in the conference standings, enjoyed a strong run of late to reverse a 2-4-2 start to league play, despite losing their 3-1 game at Division III power Bemidji State last Friday.

“Let’s not get ahead of ourselves,” forward Jimmy Cruse said. “But it’s a positive trend.”

The Bulldog grapplers will take some momentum with them to the break.

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Sophomore guard Applegate is one of the top 10 national freestyle relay team members. The men's team enters MIAA play Saturday. The improvement with Estridge in the time leading up to his arrival here at Truman. The improvement has been absolutely huge. And this was before he had any experience with us at all at Truman. It's starting to tell itself. So he is one of those players who just has to be watched. I guess our coaches have an IQ that's very basketball savvy."

"It's just my instincts," Kirby said. "His knowledge is very comparable. It's one of those players who just has to be watched. I KNOW what's going on here. It's all the time. And you just know that he's got some talent here."

"His healthy physical presence — Agbo is very comparable," Wollmering said. "He can be used in the half-court or the one-on-one game. He can be used in the fast break because he can get up and down the floor very well."

He is 6-foot-11, 260 pounds. Agbo is a Mack truck in the low post.

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Women take second at Invite

Polette captures team in freestyle events, especially the fastest time this early in the season. She was in of the Week.

The team now has 14 swimmers qualifiers at last weekend’s Miami (Ohio) they received so many A cut times.

The magic number is down to four. Not only was Polette an asset individually, but also qualifying for the national tournament. She scored a mere .42 seconds away from qualifying while the 400- and 800-free relay teams were close to A cut.

The 200-yard freestyle team consists of senior Team Applegater, sophomores Jason Stokes, and juniors Alex Andrea and Ryan Buchanan qualified for the national tournament.

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