



The Serving Tray

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BENCHES: Thanks Rotary Park committee for installing two more benches at the amphitheater! Ron and Elsie donated the funds for the benches. Pictured from left are Mason Garbs, Mark Burger, Marty Jayne and Taylor Mullinix. Not pictured is Ron Brand (who took the photo).

AUGUST FOOD DONATION: Debi said 135 boxes of cornbread mix were donated.

EXCHANGE STUDENT LYNN FROM GERMANY arrived on August 11. Her first host family is Jeff and Angie Maggart. She is already playing soccer on Kirksville's team.

FLATS TRAILHEAD parking lot, pavilion and 255 feet of 6-foot wide sidewalk will be up, hopefully, by the end of October. They are still short \$25,000 for the parking lot but board members will put up \$5,000 each with promissory notes.



CLASSIFICATION TALKS - ARON BARWICK AND CATHY STINSON

ARON BARWICK, born in Des Moines, Iowa, graduated from Lamoni (IA) High School and Graceland University, also in Lamoni, with some scholarship help. He began working at Hy-Vee there in 1996 and was employed by Hy-Vee throughout high school and college. He began working for Hy-Vee full time in 2004 and accepted advanced training opportunities. He worked in West Des Moines in 2006, Ames, Iowa for a short time, then in 2014 held a director position at Cedar Rapids and back to Des Moines in 2016. He bought his first house in Pleasant Hill in 2006 and married in 2007. He came to Kirksville in October 2020 and manages the Kirksville and Unionville stores. He and his wife have two sons, Nolan and Reed. **CATHY STINSON** had an interactive talk about her life. Born in California, she lived in nine states. She has two brothers and five sisters. Cathy was in a marching band in high school and hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back in one day. She and Tom raised five sons and they have four beautiful grand-daughters. Her favorite animal is the elephant, she likes chocolate, puzzles and word games. She loves nature and loves living in Kirksville! On page 2, Cathy provides an interesting explanation for why she and Tom ended up in Kirksville, along with their extended family.

50-50 Drawing: Aron Barwick did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$347. Happy Bucks: \$43

Guests:

Zach Moore (guest of Randy Smith)

Dr. Osas (guest of Dr. Uyi)

Upcoming Programs:

Aug. 30: Ralph, Others/Service Recognition Program

Sept 6: Off Site Meeting/ATSU

Sept 13: Ryan Persinger/State Park Update

Sept. 20: TBA

Many people have asked us why did you move to Kirksville? Before we moved here, we were living in Arizona. We loved living in Arizona. It had been our home for several years. However, for the few years proceeding our move, we felt like we just weren't settled. Tom and I considered moving to different places in Arizona or to another state. For a few years, off and on we would spend time searching for homes or properties on-line, talking with realtors, and visiting different places to move. It was a frustrating process. Nothing felt right.

A few days before January 2021, I was enjoying breakfast with my mom, brother, and 2 of my sisters. I asked them if they had any New Year's resolutions they were making. After they shared what their goals were. I shared mine. I remember saying - "I feel stuck. My New Year's resolution is to get unstuck. I don't know what that means. I don't know how I am going to do it; but I need to get unstuck."

A month or two later, I was talking with my sister; and she said that her son was considering moving to Missouri. Missouri - huh? I mentioned this to Tom and to our sons and daughters-in-law. We all started looking into Missouri. It didn't take Tom and I long to find a couple of homes that seemed very promising. Since my mom was considering moving with us, I wanted to get her input. I grabbed my laptop and went to her home and showed her the two homes Tom and I were considering. After viewing the home in Kirksville, we both had tears in our eyes. We both agreed that this was home. I felt unstuck!

I received such a strong, unquestioning feeling of peace. Tom and I are faithful people. We believe that God loves us, He is mindful of us all and He directs our paths. We feel so blessed to here. We are grateful to associate with good people who are looking to serve others and to be a light to bring hope in the world today.