



The Serving Tray

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ROTARY BINGO AT THE NEMO FAIR 7/17-19/25:

Thanks to everyone who helped!



LACI COOK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MAIN STREET KIRKSVILLE

(MSK): Rotarian Ryan Ratliff introduced Laci, a TSU grad, owner of SIP Downtown, member of Tourism Advisory Board and previous Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce board member. She is the recipient of many recognitions including Entrepreneur of the Year, Top 5 under 40 award, and nominee for Ruby Green-Frank Baldwin Free Enterprise Award. Laci said she serves 10 hours a week as Main Street Kirksville's part-time Executive Director. She said that from hanging flower baskets on the square to lighting the Courthouse for the holidays, Main Street Kirksville is the vehicle for rebuilding pride in our

downtown and the community as a whole. They are seeking partnerships at various levels (see flyer attached to cover email). President Elizabeth is treasurer of MSK. Ryan Ratliff, also active in MSK, spoke about the upcoming Fifth Annual Whiskey and Turkey Festival, September 6 (see flyer) with groups like the Kirksville Circus performing. He said the event was attended by 6,400 last year! Ryan thanked the 592 people who responded about what they would like to see in Kirksville. The findings will be reported at an August 27, 1 pm meeting at EDA Conference Room, 315 S. Franklin Street.



AWARDS! Matt Eichor (left) won best attendance for the 2024-2025 year with attending 46 meetings, only missing two the entire year! Jeff Romine won most volunteer hours for the 2024-2025 year with 225 volunteer hours and Elizabeth Gregory won for sponsoring the most new members!



50-50 Drawing: Ralph Cupelli did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$169. Happy Bucks \$56.

Guests:

Elsie Gaber (Thousand Hills club)

Laci Cook (speaker)

Upcoming Programs:

Aug. 6: Shrivats Manikandan/Experiences at Speech Contest

Aug. 13: RYLA Director Tracy Vincent/True Colors

Aug. 20: Kellen Nesbitt & Greg Nesbitt/Football at TSU & KHS

Aug. 27: Chief Scott Williamson; **Sept. 3:** Club Assembly;

Sept. 10: TBA; **Sept. 17:** Jonna Lovenduski/Financial Report

Sept. 24: Ralph Cupelli/Service Recognition Program