Glenn Balliew, a native of Calhoun, Georgia, served in U.S. Army for 21 years in the field of aviation and spent another 7 years with the Army in a civilian capacity. He came to Kirksville to fulfill a promise made to his wife, a ten-year military veteran, that they would someday leave Fort Rucker, Alabama and return to her roots in Brashear, Missouri! After serving as Kirksville’s airport director since 2013, he also became the City’s public works director in 2015. In this additional position, he is responsible for the central garage (which maintains 120 pieces of “rolling equipment” and another 104 pieces of other equipment), the waste water treatment plant, water treatment plant, utility maintenance, as well as street maintenance. Repairs, construction and maintenance of new and existing local streets and storm drainage are important issues needing attention. There is an Economic Development Sales Tax Renewal measure on the April 5 ballot which Glenn and Ashley Young spoke about with us today. If approved, 75% of the funds will be available to fund local street and storm water improvements estimated to cost $900,000. The remainder will be used for a revolving loan program, grant match funding, and City funded economic development projects. Unused funds from the sales tax earmarked for use solely by the Highway 63 Alternate Route project, estimated at $600,000, will be reallocated for local streets and infrastructure. If this new tax measure is not approved, those funds will be returned to the state for its use and all the aforementioned improvement projects would remain funded at current levels. Glenn and Ashley said it is important to note that the proposed tax, which has no sunset provision, replaces an existing tax and is not an increase. Glenn also spoke today about airport ramp reconstruction and repairs. Pictured from left are President Tim Peters, Rotarian Harriet Beard (who introduced the speaker), Glenn Balliew and Assistant City Manager Ashley Young.

50-50 Drawing: Michael McManis did not pull the ace of spades today so the pot will grow.

Guests:
- Travis Grey (guest of David Erwin)
- Glenn Balliew and Ashley Young (speakers/guests of club)

Make Up Meetings at 1000 Hills club - NE Regional Medical Center cafe (Thursdays at 7 a.m.) or North Star club - Wooden Nickel (Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m.)