TAILGATE PARTY, OCTOBER 1: Social Committee Chair Ruth Bowers called a short meeting to follow today’s meeting to discuss this event. Ruth also said raffle committees are being formed.

YOUTH EXCHANGE: Bill Lovegreen said the young lady from India is adjusting well to life in Kirksville. Her current hosts are Steve and Jolene Peterson.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR BLOOD DRIVE, 9/22, Noon-6 p.m.: President Jacob circulated a signup sheet for volunteers to help at the Blood Drive. Cookies are also sought. Contact Chair Ron Brand <rbrand66@hotmail.com> if you can help. President Jacob had “Rapid Pass” information for us.

CLASSIFICATION TALKS
YOHEI NORIMATSU AND JOE VINCENT

Wes Roper introduced today’s speakers, beginning with Yohei, then Joe.

YOHEI NORIMATSU, born in Kyushu, Japan, has been an ATSU Assistant Professor in the fields of Physiology, Pharmacology, Electrophysiology and related scientific areas since 2013. In his senior year of high school, he moved to Adelaide, Australia and earned a B.S. degree in Biology, and BSc (Honors) First Class from Flinders University. He was able to bypass a Masters degree and earned his Ph.D. on an Australian Commonwealth Scholarship. In 2005 he began a five-year Post-doctoral Fellowship at the Oregon Health & Science University in its Department of Physiology and Pharmacology where he was involved in an electrophysiological study of CFTR (Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane Conductance Regulator). Yohei said he was privileged to work with several Nobel Laureates. While in Oregon he volunteered for five years on community projects for the United Way of Columbia-Willamette, chairing its Health and Wellness Vision Council for a time. In his current position at ATSU, through a collaborative effort, he works with 30 Truman students, studying various illnesses including Alzheimer’s. They work on a super computer and have been using experimental drugs from Roche Pharmaceuticals which have been shown to boost cognitive performance in monkeys.

JOE VINCENT, a Political Science major at West Virginia University, worked as a legislative intern and, at age 23, had a $2 million budget on the St. Louis County Council campaign. He thanks Elsie Gaber for his beginning career and his current ATSU career. He said he sat patiently outside her Advancement Office until he was hired! He has spent eight years building up The Crossing Church. For the last two years (after Elsie Gaber’s retirement), he has been in charge of federal regulations training which all employees must go through. This includes Title IX Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault. He said he is the most well known and reviled ATSU employee! Joe, who is 37 years old, says Civil Rights are his passion. He is a runner and owes his weight control to exercise and good eating habits (not eating when he is not hungry just because everyone else is eating!). Pictured above from left are Joe Vincent, Yohei Norimatsu, and President Jacob Condon.

 Guests:  
Katie Lovegreen (guest of Bill Lovegreen)  
Jake Braxton (guest of Nate Walker)

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.)

Upcoming Programs:
Sept. 14: Deane Valkenaar/Missionary Work in Sudan
Sept. 21: TBA
Sept. 28: Distinguished Service Award Banquet/Thousand Hills Dining Lodge/6 p.m. NO NOON MEETING

50-50 Drawing: Randy Smith did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to $1,663.