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photos: amanda vanderheyden

Tom Thumb XIV was held April 9-10 at the former Aquadome, a pair of unused storefronts behind the downtown movie theater. The theme of the night was “The Bamboozlement of Franklin Pierce,” in memory of our nation’s oft-forgotten fourteenth president. Mr. Pierce himself made a condiment-drenched appearance-- but one of many memorable performances showcased at the gallery Friday night. A number of musical acts (including our own Brie Vuagniaux, bottom left) revealed our town’s underground talents. The art on display showcased every imaginable medium. The keynote speaker was Shaun Gaynor. This year’s event was organized by Allison Sissom and Matt Johns. Thanks to their hard work and that of their many partners-in-crime, Kirksville woke up after this weekend with the very best kind of hangover. We eagerly anticipate the next installment in this absurd saga.



photo: aaron roberts

In other exciting news, we want to congratulate George Barlow, local photographer and friend of the Monitor, who won Rebecca McClanahan’s 4th annual photography contest at the Kirksville Arts Association on March 4th. We are proud to have him as part of the Monitor team. These are a few of our favorite Barlow shots.

