

Executive Director: Alisa R. Kigar

December 2008



Dan McCarty, Ameren UE installing a wreath on Baltimore. (NEMO Photography)

WREATHS ON BALTIMORE –

Thanks Dr. Laurence Miller and local businesses

Thanks to Dr. Laurence Miller's idea some 10 months ago, Kirksville's main thoroughfare has beautiful Christmas wreaths decorating the Baltimore Strip. The following businesses purchased one or more wreaths for this project: Alliant Bank, Band Midwest, Jay Benson, Brown Shoe Fit, Ed Campbell, Century 21-Whitney Agency, Dr. Lary Ciesemier, Elliott Pharmacy, Heritage House Realty, Hy-Vee Food and Drug,, International Eye Care, Jim Robertson Chevrolet, Kelly's Furniture, Kirksville Dental Group, KIRX/KRXL/KTUF, Lovegreen Ford, Dr. Laurence Miller, Mug Shotz, NEMO State Bank, Northeast Regional Medical Center, Pawsitive Animal Works, Ponderosa, Rider

Drug, Show Me Realty, Sydenstricker, Weber Bus, Dr. Harry B. Young. The City of Kirksville crews along with the Ameren crews are to be thanked for placing the wreaths on the poles and providing electricity. These same folks will be replacing the wreaths with the banners after the first of the year – this project, along with so many others in town, is a perfect example of teamwork and good partnerships – THANK YOU.

BALTIMORE STREET BANNERS – along with these beautiful holiday decorations, the Chamber's Class of 2008 Kirksville Leadership Institute is raising money to purchase "Welcome to Kirksville/Thank You For Visiting Kirksville" banners to replace the wreaths after the Holidays (call the Chamber if you'd like to purchase a banner which is approximately \$300).



DECEMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Thursday, December 11th

5-7 p.m. at Bank Midwest, 201 N. Elson

Downtown Kirksville



December 2008 Calendar of Events



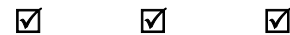
Dec. 2	Governmental Affairs Comm. Mtg. 7:30 a.m.; Chamber Office
Dec. 3	Tourism Advisory Board Meeting 8 a.m.; Chamber Office
Dec. 4	Kirksville Community String Orchestra Holiday Concert 7 p.m.; Life Church
Dec. 5	Bioenergy Conference , 8 a.m. Truman State Univ, SUB Alumni Rm. www.bioenergyconference.truman.edu
Dec. 5	Kirksville Leadership Institute 2009 Recruitment Luncheon 11 a.m.; Kirksville Country Club
Dec. 5-6	Livestock Symposium , Kirksville Middle School, for details & times see www.missourilivestock.com
Dec. 6	25th Annual Reindeer Romp 4 mile Run and 1.5 mile Walk , 10 a.m.; ATSU
Dec. 6	Santa in Kirksville & City of Kirks- ville Hayrides 2-5 p.m.; Adair County Courthouse
Dec. 7	Holiday Home Tours , 2-6 p.m.
Dec. 8	Exec. Committee Meeting 8 a.m.; Chamber office
Dec. 8	Community Chorus Concert 7:30 p.m.; First Christian Church
Dec. 9	Retail Merchants , 8:30 a.m.; Chamber
Dec. 11	Business After Hours , 5-7 p.m. Bank Midwest
Dec. 11-13	"Christmas on Stage" Curtain Call Theatre Co. , 7 p.m. Christ's Family Church, Matinee on Sat. 13th, 2 p.m.
Dec. 13	Truman Graduation , 11 a.m.; Pershing
Dec. 13	Santa in Kirksville & City of Kirks- ville Hayrides ; 2-5 p.m. Adair County Courthouse
Dec. 14	Community Chorus Concert ; 2 p.m. Kirksville Arts Association
Dec. 15	Chamber Board of Directors 11:30-1 p.m.; Location TBA
Dec. 17	Econ. & Comm. Dev. , 4 p.m.; Chamber
Dec. 20	Santa in Kirksville & City of Kirks- ville Hayrides ; 2-5 p.m. Adair County Courthouse Rotunda
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Chamber office closed at noon
Dec. 25	Christmas Holiday Chamber Office Closed
Dec. 25	Community Christmas Dinner First United Methodist Church; 2 p.m.
Dec. 26	Chamber Office closed in a.m. Open 12-5 p.m.
Jan. 1	New Year's Day Chamber Office closed

For more information on these events and many more, visit
www.kirksvillechamber.com/calendar

Happy Anniversary!

The Chamber wishes to thank the
following businesses for reaffirming
their belief in the
Kirksville Area
Chamber of Commerce

Adair County Historical Society
Air Evac Lifeteam
American Trust Bank
Comfort Inn
Custom Complete Automotive
Hidden Treasures
James Conner
Kirksville Noon Rotary Club
Lawson Hill Antiques
LEK Jewelry
Lewellen's Professional Cleaning System
NEMO Fair Association
Ortech Company
Pro-Tech Company
Robert Sparks, D.O.
Taco Bell
The Golden Ruler
The Willows Lake House
Tri-County Electric
WireCo World Group



2009 Chamber Board Officers

Mac McCord—President
Cottage Grove Bed & Breakfast
Tim Peters—Vice President
Peters Heating & Air Conditioning
Joyce Turner—Treasurer
Alliant Bank
Jon Broce—Past President
Hy-Vee Food & Drug

2009 Dues Increase

The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors recently evaluated the Chamber dues structure for 2009 and took action to increase all member's dues by \$10 in 2009. This dues increase will be effective with the January dues statements. Retiree dues will not increase at this time, as their dues were increased in 2006.

SAVE THESE DATES

Spring Expo—March 28, 2009
Taste of Home Cooking School—May 5, 2009

Welcome New Members!

Admire Evergreen

24644 US Hwy 63 S.
Kirksville, MO 63501
Ph. 660-665-2230

Matt & Kayla Belt

www.admireevergreen.net

Blossom Shop Flowers & Gifts

1103 N. Green
Kirksville, MO 63501
Ph. 660-665-1505
Melodie Sevits

The Crossing

810 E. Shepherd
Kirksville, MO 63501
Ph. 660-665-6000

Joe Belzer, Pastor

job@thecrossing.com

www.thecrossing.net/Kirksville.shtml

Steve Taylor Team

PO Box 445
Kirksville, MO 63501
Ph. 660-342-2889

Steve & Judy Taylor

www.stevetaylorsteam.com



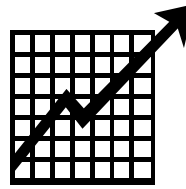
TOURISM TIDBITS!

BY DEBI BOUGHTON

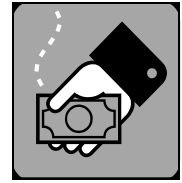
Fall is a busy season for the Kirksville Tourism Division. Several groups and conferences visited our community: State Young Farmers Conference; Greater Southeast Iowa Tractor Ride; Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge; Southeast Central Iowa AARP; State Air Stream Rally; MO School of Religion; Missouri Conservation Federation; Missouri Association of Family and Community Education; and the LAE Criminal Justice Conference.

In addition to conferences, Kirksville has many festivals during autumn that bring visitors to town. Every weekend of September was busy: the NEMO Triathlon; the Kirksville Air Festival; Red Barn Arts & Craft Festival and Truman Family Weekend; and Round Barn Blues. In October, the SPBGMA Bluegrass Festival and the Scottish Highland Games, Truman State University's Homecoming and ATSU Founders Day filled hotel and bed & breakfast rooms in town.

Chamber members can help bring visitors to town by inviting your state and regional professional associations, hobby groups, and service organizations to have meetings and conferences in Kirksville.



Local Economic Trend\$



This year in the *Community Pride Newsletter*, the Chamber of Commerce will share with Chamber members information and trends from the local economy that may be of interest to you in business in the Kirksville area.

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Source: City of Kirksville
-Highway 63 Sales Tax Receipts
Recorded, October 2008

\$68,385.21

-October New City Business Licenses 18

-Oct. New County Business Licenses 2

- New Residential Building Permits 2

- New Commercial Building Permits 1

Source: MERIC

www.missourieconomy.org
September 08'most updated

-Missouri Unemployment Rate 6.2%

-Adair County Unemployment Rate 5.7%

-Adair County # of Unemployed 715

Source: Northeast Regional Medical Center

October Births at NRMC 43

Source: Kirksville

Gasoline prices Last month
\$1.88 \$2.50

Essential Air Service/ October
(local commercial passengers) 165

Happy Holidays from Your Chamber Staff!



Alisa Kigar
Executive Director—7 yrs.

Debi Boughton
Tourism Director—4 yrs.

Donna Brown
Project Manager—1 1/2 yrs.

Sandra Williams
Office Manager—2 yrs.