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February 2007

Annual Banquet Highlights

Retiring Rita!

Awards

For more than twenty-two years, **Rita Williams** has been the office manager for the Chamber of Commerce. Rita is pictured with her family at the Annual Banquet.

Left to Right: **Hall of Fame—Becky Osborn**, retired; **Ambassador of the Year—Nancy Pennington**, United Way of Adair County; **Employee of the Year—Terrill Roberts**, Hospice of Northeast Missouri.



February Business After Hours

Friday, February 2nd

NEMO Fairgrounds

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2007 NEMO Ag Show



February 2007 Calendar of Events



- Feb. 1 **Ribbon Cutting;** Il Spazio,
Breath Easy/Smoke Free; 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 2 **Kirksville Leadership Institute**
Retreat; Meadowlands Lodge; 8:15 a.m.
- Feb. 2 **Ribbon Cutting;** Missouri Department
of Conservation; 3500 S. Baltimore; 10 a.m.
- Feb. 2-3 **Missouri Department of Conservation**
Commission Mtg., 3500 S. Baltimore
- Feb. 2 **Business After Hours**
NEMO Fairgrounds
Sponsored by KIRX/KRXL/KTUF
- Feb. 3 **Miss Kirksville Scholarship Pageant**
7:30 p.m.; Baldwin Hall, Truman State
- Feb. 3 **KIRX/KRXL/KTUF Ag Show**
NEMO Fairgrounds
- Feb. 6 **Governmental Affairs Committee**
Chamber Office; 7:30 a.m.
- Feb. 8 **United Way Annual Banquet**
6:30 p.m.; SUB Truman Lounge
- Feb. 9 **Ribbon Cutting;** 2nd District Office
Rep. Rebecca McClanahan
1220 N. Baltimore; 11 a.m.
- Feb. 12 **Executive Committee Meeting and**
Twin Pines Corporate Survey
7:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.; Chamber Office
- Feb. 16 **TGIF State of the County,** 8:00 a.m.;;
Adair County Annex
- Feb. 16-17 **Curtain Call Theater**
“The Lion in Winter”
7:30 p.m.; Kirksville Arts Center
- Feb. 19 **Chamber Office Closed**
- Feb. 20 **Kohlenberg Lyceum; The Elders**
7:30 p.m.; Baldwin Hall
- Feb. 22-24 **Curtain Call Theater**
“The Lion in Winter”
7:30 p.m.; Kirksville Arts Center
- Feb. 22 **KREDI Annual Meeting**
7 a.m.; El Kadir Shrine Club
- Feb. 22 **Kirksville Youth Leadership Institute**
8 a.m.; “The Growing of a City”
- Feb. 24 **Jazz Festival,** 7:30 p.m.; Baldwin Hall,
Truman State
- Feb. 25 **Curtain Call Theater**
“The Lion in Winter”
1:30 p.m.; Kirksville Arts Center
- Feb. 26 **Chamber Board Meeting**
11:30 a.m.—1p.m.



Looking Ahead

- March 14—KLI/KYLI Trip
to Jefferson City
- March 22—Candidates Forum
El Kadir Shrine Club
- March 23—Business After Hours/
March 24—Spring Expo

Happy Anniversary!

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



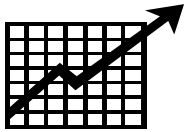
- A.T. Still University
AAA
Adair County Public Library
Ameren
Atmos Energy
Beards Decorating Center
Bill & Myra Baiotto
Cable One
Chariton Valley Handicap Association
Collins Rents and Events
El Kadir Shrine
Elliott Pharmacy
EmbroidMe—John Rhein
Enterprise Rent A Car
First Financial Planners
Golden Eagle Distributing
Harding and Associates
Hereford Hills
International Eyecare
J C Penney
Jim Robertson’s
Kirksville Daily Express
Kirksville Gardens
Kirksville Mini Storage
Kirlin’s
KIRX/KRXL/KTUF Radio
KTVO
Larry Gardner Accounting
Oswald, Cottey, Templeton,
Barrow & Swedberg
Peters Heating & Air Conditioning
Pickell Abstract
Shelter Insurance-Jerry & Betty Thomas
Simpson Printing
St. Andrew’s Apartments at Kirksville
State Farm Insurance - Lisa Williams
Troester’s
Truman State University
Twin Pines Adult Care Center
Wal-Mart

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

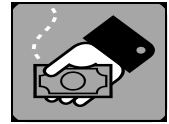


“Timeless” Permanent Cosmetics

Wendy Glidewell
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Kirksville, MO 63501
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Local Economic Trends\$



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.

January 2007 REPORTS

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Source: City of Kirksville

-Highway 63 Sales Tax Receipts
Recorded, Jan. '07 \$95,768.27

-Dec. New City Business
Licenses 7

-Dec. New County Business
Licenses 3

-New Residential
Building Permits 3

-New Commercial
Building Permits 1

Source: MERIC

www.missourieconomy.org

-Nov. '06 Missouri
Unemployment Rate 4.8%

-Adair County
Unemployment Rate 4.7%

-Adair County
of Unemployed 501

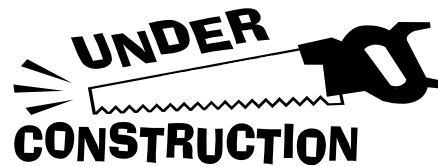
Source: Northeast Regional
Medical Center
November Births at NRMC 47

Source: Kirksville
Gasoline prices Last month
\$1.94 \$2.12
New Essential Air Service
Dec. '06 348 passengers

Kirksville Ranks High in Quality of Life

Kirksville was recently ranked 41st out of 577 "micropolitan" cities. The national publication, Bizjournal surveyed 577 small cities for quality of life. Bizjournal measured cost of living, education system, medical facilities, amount of traffic, number of management and professional jobs, number of adults with bachelor's and master's degrees and per capita income. Based on these measurements Kirksville is a wonderful place to live.

Cities of 10,000 to 50,000 were included in the survey. In the region, Quincy, Illinois ranked 128th. Hannibal, Missouri ranked 144th. Ottumwa, Iowa ranked 196th. The top three micropolitan areas in the country were: Bozeman, Montana; Jackson Wyoming; and Durango Colorado.



The Chamber Office will be undergoing a major remodeling project in the very near future. The staff plan to move out of the current office during the construction period and temporarily relocate, with limited services, to a vacant storefront/building within the Franklin St./Jefferson St. block. Chamber staff will try to keep all members abreast of any temporary changes that may take place during this construction period. Beginning and ending dates for the construction are still to be determined. Thanks in advance for your patience with your Chamber staff during this transition.



Chamber Welcomes New OFFICE MANAGER



We are pleased to welcome Sandra Williams to the Chamber staff. Sandra has many years of experience as an office manager as well as a public school teacher. Sandra and her husband, John, live in Greentop and they have three grown daughters, and one granddaughter. The next time you call the office, please welcome Sandra, or send her a note at kvacoc@cablone.net.

ATTENTION...



Schedule your Chamber newsletter insert for any month in 2007. The fee is only \$50 and you need to provide 650 copies of your insert to the Chamber office.

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Buy the Chamber mailing list, on labels, for only \$50. A great idea for sending invitations and announcements about your product or service.

Call the office for more details on both services; 660-665-3766.