

February 2005

2005 Annual Chamber Banquet

Jill Williams, Joyce Darnell, Merle Snyder, Mary Playle and Crystal Amini-Rad

Incoming and Outgoing Chamber Leadership!

Crystal Amini-Rad,
KTVO Television, is the 2005
Chamber President.
Jill Williams,
Bank Midwest, was the 2004
Chamber President.

2004 Chamber Award Recipients

Mary Playle, former United Way Executive Director, was chosen as the Chamber's 2004 **HALL OF FAME** recipient. **Merle Snyder**, of KTVO-TV 3, was awarded the 2004 **EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR** award, and **Joyce Darnell** of Missouri Moments Photography was recognized as the **AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR**. Congratulations to all the winners!

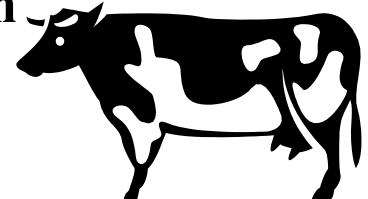
February Business After Hours

"A Sneak Peak into the Ag Show"

Friday, February 4, 5 - 7 pm
NEMO Fairgrounds

Sponsored by
KIRX/KRXL/KTUF Radio

NEMO Ag Show, Saturday, February 5, 9 am - 4 pm



February 2005 Calendar of Events



February 1	Governmental Affairs Meeting , 7:30 am, Chamber office
February 3	Ribbon Cutting-Todays Cellular LLC 119 W. Potter Ave., 11 am Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament 7 pm - Patterson's
February 4	Business After Hours , NEMO Fairgrounds, 5-7 pm
February 5	KIRX/KRXL/KTUF Ag Show , 9 am - 4 pm, NEMO Fairgrounds
February 8	KREDI - Board Meeting 4 pm - Ameren UE Conference Rm.
February 9	Kirksville Day at the Capitol , Jefferson City
February 11	Kirksville Leadership Institute Opening Session , 8:30 am, Truman State University Career Center
February 11	United Way of Adair County Annual Banquet & 50th Anniversary 6 pm - Wooden Nickel Journal Bldg.
February 14	Executive Committee Meeting , 12 pm, Chamber Office Kohlenberg Lyceum Series: The St. Louis Stompers , 7:30pm, Baldwin Auditorium, \$7 adults, \$4 children 18 and under
February 15	Downtown Improvement Committee Meeting , 5:30 pm, Adair Co. Annex Building
February 18	TGIF (The Government in Focus) , "State of the County Address" 8 am, Adair Co. Annex Bldg.
February 19	Blood Drive , 2:00pm - 6:00pm, NEMO Fairgrounds
February 21	Presidents' Day Chamber Office CLOSED
February 28	Chamber Board Meeting 11:30 am, Days Inn

Governor Blunt Announces 11 Appointments

by Steve Walsh

Governor-elect Matt Blunt is moving quickly to fill the vacancies in his administration—announcing two cabinet, five sub-cabinet, and four gubernatorial staff appointments. Former State Representative Larry Crawford of Centertown has been chosen to head up the Department of Corrections. St. Louis native Dale Finke has been picked to run the Department of Insurance. Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Ronald Reynolds is Blunt's choice to lead the State Emergency Management Agency. Keith Fuller has been re-appointed to serve as the Director of the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control in the Department of Public Safety. *(continued on page 3)*

Technical Difficulties

Due to some website problems, we have lost all information from the 2005 online Community Calendar. We have re-posted the information we have, but you should check out your group's events and let us know if there is more information that we can add, such as descriptions, times, and the appropriate contact people. Thank you for your help! You can email the information to us at kvacoc@cablone.net or submit it directly on the website.



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Texas Hold 'em Tournament

The Chamber is pairing up with Adair County United Way to hold a poker tournament on Thursday, February 3 at Patterson's, 1700 N. Baltimore, from 7 to midnight. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 winners overall. A consolation game will be offered to players who do not advance to the championship round.

Pre-register to ensure your spot - it's going to be a **full house**! So come **straight** to the Chamber with your payment and registration form as soon as possible! If you miss this one, don't **flush** the form down the toilet, there's another tournament on March third!



50th Anniversary

You are cordially invited to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the United Way of Adair County at the Annual Meeting and 2005 Campaign Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Friday, February 11, 2005 at the Wooden Nickel Journal Building, 119 South Elson Street, Kirksville, 6 p.m. Social; 6:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner. Cost is \$15 per person. Reservations are due by February 4th at the United Way Office at 665-1924.

Happy Anniversary!

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

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AAA Insurance
Adair County Public Library
Amtrak
Atmos Energy
Auto Villa
Bank Midwest
Bill & Myra Baiotto
Cable One
City of Kirksville
Corporate Airlines, Inc.
Davis Playle Hudson Rimer Funeral Home
Edna Campbells
Family Dollar
First Financial Planners
Gardner Collier Jewelry
Golden Eagle Distributing
Hightower Wholesale
Hollister, Inc.
J.C. Penney
KHGN Radio
Kirlin's
KTVO
Lifeline Pregnancy Resource Center
Nelson Maytag
Shelter Insurance-Jerry Thomas
Sparks Cleaners
State Farm Insurance-Lisa Williams
The Division of Workforce Development
Troesters Clothing
Truman State University
Twin Pines Adult Care Center

T.G.I.F.

The Government In Focus

The Governmental Affairs Committee of the Chamber is planning to host officials from Adair County in the "State of the County" address scheduled for Friday, February 18th at the Adair County Annex Building on North Franklin Street at 8 a.m. The Adair County Commission, along with officials from the Adair County Library, Twin Pines Adult Care Center, Adair County Health Department, Adair County Ambulance and the Adair County Public Water District will have reports prepared concerning their departments. Chamber members and county residents are encouraged to come prepared with questions for the officials.

Just another great opportunity your

Blunt's Appointments Continued

Former State Representative Pat Secrest of Manchester has been tapped to serve as Director of Workers' Compensation in the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Doug Ommen of Jefferson City will serve as Deputy Director and General Counsel in the Department of Insurance. Allison Craighhead has been selected to serve as Director of the Division of Professional Registration. Spence Jackson, who has served as Blunt's Communications Director in the Secretary of State's office, will hold the same post in the Governor's office. He'll be joined in the Governor's office by Terry Jarrett - who will serve as Blunt's General Counsel, Omar Davis - who will serve as Deputy General Counsel, and James Harris, who will serve as Director of Boards and Commissions. The appointments of Crawford, Finke, and Craighhead are all subject to Senate confirmation.

NOTE: Greg Steinhoff was appointed Director of Economic Development.

2005 Spring Business Expo

Saturday, March 19, 2005 ♦ 8 am to 4 pm ♦ NEMO Fairgrounds ♦ Highway 11 East, Kirksville

Would you like more publicity for your business? Of course you would! The 2005 Spring Expo is right around the corner and your Chamber is planning exciting events and door prizes for this exciting event!

The 2005 Spring Expo is an excellent opportunity for businesses and organizations to showcase their services and display their merchandise. The Expo can generate lots of new business for you and help get your name out to the public and to other merchants? It will also increase name recognition, consumer education, competitor analyses, and it's a great place to network with other business and community leaders!

Booths cost only \$200 for Chamber members and \$350 for non-Chamber members! Take advantage of this opportunity to show off your business. For more information and for a layout of both the Multi-Purpose Bldg. and Annex Bldg. contact the Chamber office at kvacoc@cableone.net or 665-3766.