

January 2006



Business After Hours
Business Spotlight



The Chamber has a business card drawing at the Business After Hours events each month. If your card is drawn, you will be invited to submit an article to this newsletter profiling your business. This is an excellent opportunity to get your message out to more than 650 people who receive this publication.

Northeast Missouri Health Council, Inc. ♦ 902 East LaHarpe ♦ Kirksville
Congratulations to Deb Wheeler from Northeast Missouri Health Council, Inc. She is the Director of Human Resources at NMHC and her business card was drawn at the December Business After Hours.

From pediatrics to geriatrics, NMHC offers a wide variety of medical and dental services and programs to area residents. Patients pay based on their personal circumstances, and for those who need payment assistance, the Council offers a “sliding fee” schedule for which qualifications are determined by income level and family size. An independent board of directors whose members reside in counties served by the Council oversees the program.

In addition to family practice clinics in Kirksville, Edina, Memphis, Milan, and Princeton, NMHC manages five other clinics in Kirksville: Northeast Missouri Dental Clinic, Northeast Missouri Pediatrics, the OB/Gyn Specialty Group, the Women’s and Family Health Clinic, and the Veterans Clinic. The organization maintains a Behavioral Health Department and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program for Adair County is also affiliated with the Council.

NMHC became one of the first community health centers in the nation to be funded by the Office of Women’s Health as a Community Center of Excellence in Women’s Health. The Women’s Care Connection (WCC) addresses women’s health from a women-centered, multidisciplinary, cultural and community-based perspective and assists women in eight counties.

A not-for-profit corporation, NMHC was established in 1968 to develop and maintain a network of regional, primary, and preventive health care clinics and providers, and to improve clinic accessibility and utilization. The Council was originally affiliated with Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, but split into a separate corporation in 2002 and has since more than tripled in size, currently employing more than 140 employees in Northeast Missouri. The organization still maintains close ties with A.T. Still University/KCOM, as well as a strong working relationship with Northeast Regional Medical Center, especially in the areas of education and resident training.



Annual Banquet ♦ Thursday, January 26th ♦ Days Inn ♦ 6 p.m.



January 2006 Calendar of Events

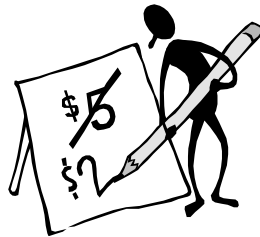


January 3	A. T. Still University Classes Begin
January 4	Harlem Globetrotters Truman's Pershing Arena; 7 p.m.
January 7	Industry Appreciation Truman Basketball—Women's game 1:30 p.m.; Men's game 3:30 p.m.
January 9	Ribbon Cutting, First Health LLC 520 N. Baltimore, 10 a.m.
January 16	City Wide Unity Festival Kirksville Arts Center; 3-7 p.m.
January 16	Chamber Office closed—MLK Day
January 17	Executive Committee Chamber Office, 8 a.m.
January 17	Truman State Classes Begin
January 18	Community Unity Luncheon Georgian Room, 11:30 a.m.
January 18	Chamber Economic Development Committee Meeting Chamber Office; 4 p.m.
January 19	Fine Art Exhibit, Il Spazio 5-7 p.m.
January 20	TGIF "State of the City Address" Adair Co. Annex Bldg.; 8 a.m.
January 20	NEMO Job Fair 810 Shepherd Ave.; 12 noon– 7 p.m.
January 20	United Way Annual Celebration El Kadir Shrine Club; 6 p.m.
January 21	Community Celebration 810 Shepard Ave.; 7-10 p.m.
January 21	Truman Visit Event
January 23	Chamber Board Meeting Preferred Family Conference Room 900 E. LaHarpe; 11:30 a.m.
January 26	Chamber Annual Banquet Days Inn; 6 p.m.

SPECIAL THANKS!

Please take a moment to note the sponsors of the *Community Pride Newsletter* this year. By advertising, it is possible for your Chamber to print a monthly newsletter that keeps all of our members informed. Let's thank them all for choosing to support the Chamber and sponsor the 2006 newsletter:

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Days Inn ♦ Northeast Regional Medical Center
Heritage House Realty—Vicki Benson
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Adair County Family YMCA



Retail Merchants Committee Forming

RETAILERS INVITED

The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors have voted to form a Retail Merchants Committee. The purpose of the committee is to organize promotional programs and events designed to increase retail business throughout Kirksville and keep retail shopping dollars within the community. This committee will develop programs that bring business to the retailers in the Kirksville area. The committee coordinates seasonal and annual shopping events, including Sidewalk Sales and Holiday shopping promotions. The first meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 24 at 8:30 a.m. at the Chamber office.** If you are a retailer—**YOU ARE INVITED!** Please call the Chamber office for further details; 665-3766 or execdirector@cableone.net.



As a thank you to the taxpayers of the area, Kirksville will be celebrating the successes of the opening of the four-lanes of Hwy. 63 as well as the many new businesses that have made Kirksville their home this year. You are invited to the celebration, which is open to the public and free of charge, on Saturday, January 21st from 7 – 10 p.m. at the former shoe factory building (810 Shepherd Avenue) on the south side of Kirksville. There will be food, fun, and music for the whole family to celebrate Kirksville's accomplishments.



Community Unity Luncheon

Wednesday, January 18th

The local planning committee for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 16th) is planning the annual Community Unity Lunch on the Truman State University Campus in the Georgian Room on Wednesday, January 18th. The buffet lunch cost is \$7.50 per person. Serving begins at 11:30 a.m. Call Truman Public Relations at 785-4016 to make reservations.

Financial assistance for this luncheon provided by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Statewide Committee, Truman's Multicultural Affairs Center, and Sodexho.

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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 Area Mailing & Shipping
 A.T. Still University of Health Sciences
 Baker Outdoor Advertising
 Century 21-Whitney Agency
 Chariton Valley Handicap Association
 Days Inn
 El Kadir Shrine Club
 Elliott Pharmacy, Inc.
 First Financial Planners
 Gardner Accounting
 Hanson Directory Service, Inc.
 Herefordale Ranch
 Hightower Wholesale
 Hy-Vee Food & Drug Store
 J.D. Smiser, Attorney At Law
 Jim Robertson's
 KHGN Radio
 Kirksville Country Club
 Kirksville Daily Express & Kirksville Crier
 Kirksville Mini Storage
 KYOU Fox Channel 15-TV
 Lloyd Distributing
 Nelson Maytag Home Appliance Center
 Oswald, Cottey, Templeton, Barrow, Swedberg
 Peters Heating & Air Conditioning
 Pickell Abstract
 Region Air
 Rider Drug Inc.
 Sieren's Palace
 Sparks Cleaners
 State Farm Insurance- Lisa Williams
 Sun Brite Laundry & Linen Service Inc.
 The 'Ville" Resale Clothing
 Tomorrow's Video Productions
 United Way of Adair County
 Vertical Market Systems
 Watkins Products-Betty Sue Bennett

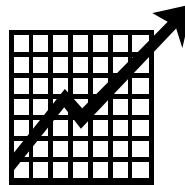
Welcome New Members!

First Health	Envoy
Dr. Joseph Markiewicz	Janet Drummond
520 N. Baltimore	2815 N. Baltimore
Kirksville, MO 63501	Kirksville, MO 63501
660-665-3370	660-627-2558

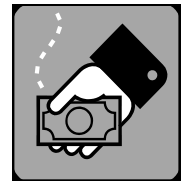
Welcome New Members!

Jeffrey & Patricia Kurtzeman
 22245 Hedgepath Lane
 Kirksville, MO 63501
 660-665-0428

Bruce Normile Juvenile Justice Center
Matthew Holt
 1400 S. Boundary
 Kirksville, MO 63501
 660-665-4224



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.

December 2005 Reports

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Source: City of Kirksville

Actual Sales Tax Receipts
 Recorded, Dec. '05 \$121,834.66

Nov. New Business Licenses 13

Nov. New Residential Building Permits 4

Nov. New Commercial Building Permits 2

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Source: MERIC

www.missourieconomy.org

October

Adair County average hourly wage \$11.76

Missouri Unemployment Rate 5%

Adair County Unemployment Rate 3.5%

Adair County # of Unemployed 544

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Source: Northeast Regional Medical Center

Nov. Births at NRMC 41