

Executive Director: Sandra Williams

June 2010

## Business Spotlight

The Chamber has a business card drawing at the Business After Hours event most months. 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 675 people who receive this publication.

Experience Works is the nation's largest nonprofit training and employment organization for older workers. Formerly known as Green Thumb, Experience Works offers training services in 30 states and Puerto Rico through the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). The community-based program helps low-income, mature individuals age 55 and over re-enter the workforce, secure more challenging positions, move into new career areas or supplement their incomes.

Experience Works operates in 104 counties in Missouri. Marc McConnell is the Employment and Training coordinator for Adair, Clark, Daviess, Grundy, Harrison, Knox, Linn, Livingston, Mercer, Putnam, Scotland, Schuyler, and Sullivan Counties. Along with recruiting participants for the program, McConnell is interested in developing community partners and raising awareness about Experience works among current and prospective employers of older workers.

Experience Works, Inc. PO Box 334 Kirksville, MO 63501 Phone 660-665-6775 Fax 660-665-6773 [www.experienceworks.org](http://www.experienceworks.org)

95th Anniversary

1915-2010

Kirksville Area  
Chamber of Commerce

## Business After Hours 95th Anniversary Celebration

5-7 pm

Thursday June 17, 2010

NEMO Fairgrounds

Sponsored by Century 21, Whitney Harrison Insurance  
Atmos Energy, and Kraft Foods

## June 2010 Calendar of Events



- June 1- 30** **Wearable Art Exhibit** Kirksville Arts Center, Gallery Hrs 1-5 pm Thurs-Sat.
- June 2** **Tourism Advisory Board.** 8:00 am; Chamber Office
- June 3** **Chamber Ambassador Mtg.** 3:00 pm; Chamber office
- June 4** **25th Annual Hands of Friendship Quilt Show** 4-8 pm; **Ribbon Cutting at 3:30 pm**, Rehoboth Baptist Church
- June 4** **Kirksville Arts Assoc. Annual Mtg. & Membership Kickoff** 5-7 pm; Kirksville Arts Center
- June 5** **25th Annual Hands of Friendship Quilt Show** 9 am – 4 pm; Rehoboth Baptist Church, 100 Pfeiffer
- June 8** **Governmental Affairs Comm. Mtg.** 7:30 am; Chamber Office
- June 14** **Executive Committee Meeting** 8:00 am; Chamber Office
- June 11** **July 4th Planning Mtg.** 1:15 pm; Chamber Office
- June 14-18** **Chamber BLITZ** - see below
- June 16** **Economic & Community Develop. Comm. Mtg.** 4:00 pm; Chamber Office
- June 17** **Chamber Business After Hours, 95th Birthday Celebration** 5-7 pm; NEMO Fairgrounds,.
- June 18** **Kirksville Young Professionals (KVYP) Kick-off Event** 5:30-7 pm ; West Winery at Jackson Stables.
- June 23** **Service Clubs Pancake Committee,** 12 Noon; Chamber Office
- June 24** **AT Still Museum Annual Tea Party** 11:45 am - 1 pm; AT Still Museum
- June 27** **Kirksville Garden Tour** 1-5 pm; tour of local gardens includes historic Capt. Thomas Harris House on Franklin St.
- June 28** **Chamber Board of Directors** 12:00 noon-1 pm; Chamber Office
- June 29** **Heritage House Realty's 2nd Annual Fireworks Fundraiser BBQ,** 11 am – 1pm; 2805 N. Baltimore
- ALL SUMMER LONG:**  
**Every Friday** **Summer on the Square** 7 pm; various talent sponsored by Kirksville Arts Asso. [www.kirksvillearts.com](http://www.kirksvillearts.com)  
**Every Saturday** **Kiwanis Farmers Market,** 7:00 am-Noon; Downtown Kirksville

### Chamber Blitz

Don't be surprised if you receive a call or visit from a Chamber staff member, Board Member or one of our Ambassadors this week! Our goal is to contact every local member this week!



## TOURISM TIDBITS

May 19<sup>th</sup> was a busy day for the tourism office. A bus tour from Iowa came to spend the day in Kirksville. Their itinerary included lunch at Thousand Hills Dining Lodge with Missouri Conservation Agent Marsha Jones speaking about the flora and fauna of north Missouri. Then the group took pontoon boat rides chauffeured around the lake by the park ranger, Roger Moore and the Concessionaire, Steve Kolb. The group then visited Admire Evergreen to shop before they headed back to Iowa.

The Kirksville Leadership Institute (KLI) met on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The theme for their day was tourism in Kirksville. We asked the members of this year's class to be tourists in their own town for a day. Their agenda included: a visit to the Ruth Towne Museum and tour of the Truman State University campus; lunch at the Greek Corner; walking tour of downtown, including the historic signs on the courthouse lawn and the buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. The KLI group also visited the Kirksville Arts Center where LaRoyce Allemang of Curtain Call Theatre performed. They wrapped up their day with a tour of Lawson Hill Antiques, Spur Pond and Jackson Stables West Winery.

This summer enjoy being a tourist in your own town of Kirksville. Invite your family and friends to come to town and see all the attractions our community has to offer.

### A Big Thank You !

Thank you to the following businesses who provided coupons or services for our **Chamber of Commerce Executives of Missouri Spring Conference** in April.  
**You were great Tourism Ambassadors!**

**Days Inn, West Winery at Jackson Stables, The Dukum Inn, Wooden Nickel, Steve's Garden Deli, Bonzai Steak, Teriyaki and Sushi House, Salon Nouveau, Truman University Bookstore, Orscheln Farm & Home, Kirksville TCRC, Lawson Hill Antique Mall, JC Penney, Grease Lightning, Hidden Treasures, Kirlin's Hallmark, Tranquil Seasons, Vintage Book Shoppe, The Green Door, Blink of An Eye, Gardner Collier Jewelry, Edna Campbell's, Cook's Jewelry, and Western's Smokehouse**

## Happy Anniversary!

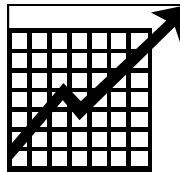
The Chamber wishes to thank the following businesses for reaffirming their belief in their Chamber of Commerce

Bob & Leola Daniels  
Crown Family Medicine  
Daniels & Taggart, CPA's PC  
Downtown Cinema 8  
Dukum Inn & Wrongdaddy's  
Ed & Nettie Carpenter  
Eldon & Jeanne Coy  
Farmers Mutual Insurance Company  
of Adair County  
Lila Farr Accounting  
First Choice Orthotics & Prosthetics  
Gaylene Jacobs  
Harold & Rebecca Osborn  
James & Jean Nevins  
John & Martha Rowe  
Kelley & Dorothy Snipes  
Kirksville Gardens  
Kirksville Lumber  
Lakeroad Village Park  
Life Church of Kirksville  
Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company  
Moberly Area Community College  
NEMO Surgical Specialties  
Northeast Missouri State Bank  
Northeast Regional Medical Center  
Pat Pulis  
PSR Construction  
Rebecca McClanahan  
Robert & Sharon Ruble  
Sydenstricker Farm & Lawn  
TH & N Electric

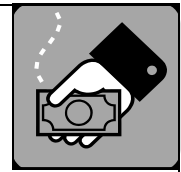
### NEMO Job Fair Update

By Andrea B. Darwin, Project Manager

The April NEMO Job Fair was most successful, drawing in 331 job seekers and over 40 area employers. According to our survey results, 87 attendees were able to secure immediate employment as a result of attending the fair; a true testament to how vital this event is for the morale and economic welfare of our community. Colorful balloon displays were generously donated by Balloontique, adding a cheerful ambiance for everyone in attendance. Many thanks to KREDI, WIB, MEC and Missouri Career Center for making this event possible!



## 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

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April New City Business Licenses	21
- April New County Business Licenses	5
- New Residential Building Permits	1
- New Commercial Building Permits	2

Source: City of Kirksville

April Births at NRMC 40  
Source: Northeast Regional Medical Center

March '10 most updated

-Missouri Unemployment Rate	10.2%
-Adair County Unemployment Rate	7.8%
-Adair County # of Unemployed	1,051

Source: MERIC

[www.missourieconomy.org](http://www.missourieconomy.org)

Gasoline prices	Last month
\$ 2.57	\$ 2.65
Essential Air Service/April	227
(local commercial passengers)	

Source: Kirksville

### Community Strategic Plan

The Economic and Community Development Committee is working on updating the **Kirksville Community Strategic Plan**. The committee invites Chamber members to tell us their **top three** priorities for the Kirksville area. Please e-mail your ideas to Andrea Darwin at: [projmgr@cableone.net](mailto:projmgr@cableone.net) or mail them to: Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce 304 S. Franklin, Kirksville, MO 63501. You may also fax them to: 660-665-3767

