

November 2005



Learning Opportunities Quality Works, Inc.

Employment and Community Services

Wendy Hays, Executive Director

Learning Opportunities was incorporated as a non-for-profit organization in 1983 opening the first office in Monroe City. The Kirksville office opened in 1996 following the Hannibal and Macon locations. Learning Opportunities serves individuals facing challenges in one or more areas of everyday life through community and employment services. A summer program (YES), focusing on directing individuals toward employment and community inclusion is also offered. Funding for services are provided through contracts with Vocational Rehabilitation and the Department of Mental Health. Additional funding may be received through United Way, Senate Bill 40 Boards, private donations, corporate grants, and other avenues as developed by the agency.

Individuals in supported employment programs are assessed for appropriate placement in competitive employment followed by job development (to find the right job) and job coaching to insure that every aspect of the job is thoroughly learned. It is the goal of staff to train individuals in a manner that will enhance their ability to gain and maintain employment while building independent in the workplace.

Community services are provide to assist individuals in aspects of daily living. Training is geared toward success in the home and community. Some of the goals consumers and staff work toward may include developing home management skills and community integration skills in a manner fostering independence.

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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Wooden Nickel Restaurant - 114 S. Elson

Sponsored by: Wooden Nickel Restaurant, Dan & Judy Vogt

Wine Tasting and Chocolate Fountain

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Calendar of Events



- November 1** **Governmental Affairs Meeting**
Chamber office, 7:30 a.m.
- November 3** **Budget Committee Meeting**
Chamber office, 2 p.m.
Tourism Committee Meeting
Cottage Grove B & B, 3:30 p.m.
Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament
Patterson's, 7 p.m. (Chamber Fundraiser)
- November 4-5** **Old Town Kirksville Holiday Open House**
- November 4** **Ribbon Cutting**, Lawson Hill Antiques
11 a.m., Hwy. 63 N
- November 7** **Executive Committee Meeting**
Chamber Office 12 noon—12:30
12:30—2 p.m. **Membership Survey Committee Meeting**
- November 11** **Veterans' Day Program**
Rieger Armory, 11 a.m.
Chamber Office Closed
Truman Observatory Open House
8:30—10:30 p.m. weather permitting
- November 14** **Chamber Board RETREAT**
Adair County Annex Building
8 a.m.—1 p.m.
- November 15** **Kirksville Downtown Improvement Comm. Mtg.**, Adair County Annex Building, 5:30 p.m.
- November 15-19** **"White as Snow, Red as Blood"**
Truman Ophelia Parrish Courtyard Thtr.
8:00 p.m. (children's play)
- November 16** **Ribbon Cutting**, Skin Enhancement
109 W. Pierce, 9:30 a.m.
Chamber Community & Ec. Develop. Committee Meeting
Chamber Office, 4 p.m.
- November 17** **Business After Hours**
Wooden Nickel Restaurant, 5—7 p.m.
- November 18** **Ribbon Cutting**, Premier Home Health
113 W. Potter Ave., 11 a.m.
- November 18** **El Kadir Jewels Luncheon & Bazaar**
Shrine Club (bazaar 8 a.m.—2 p.m./
lunch 10 a.m.—1:30 p.m.)
- November 19-20** **Novinger Country Christmas**
Craft Festival, Novinger School
- November 25** **Santa Arrives in Downtown Kirksville**

Welcome New Members!

American Trust Bank
David Rouner
2817 N. Baltimore
P.O. Box 1077
Kirksville, MO 63501
660-665-7703

Pine Tree R V Park
Larry and Joyce Hurley
Highway 63
Greentop, MO 63546
660-933-4959

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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- Adair County Historical Society
- Adair County University of Missouri Extension
- American Family Insurance-Mangini
- Casey's General Store
- John's Precision Cycle
- Kirksville Rotary Club
- Learning Opportunities, Inc.
- Loren Hatfield Body & Frame
- NEMO Fair Association
- Pattys University Book Store
- Sonic Drive In
- Taco Bell
- Tri County Electric
- Wall 2 Wall Flooring



2006 Spring Expo

Bigger and Better Than Before!

Saturday, March 24, 2006

**NEMO Fairgrounds
Multipurpose Building and
4-H/FFA Building**

If you exhibited last year, you will have already received 2006 exhibitor information. If you are interested in being a new exhibitor, please contact Rita at the Chamber office at 660-665-3766 or kvacoc@cableone.net. Exhibitor fees are: \$200 Chamber Members; \$350 Non-members.

2006

Chamber Directories Arriving SOON!

The Chamber's full color Kirksville magazine, which includes the Chamber Directory will be arriving at the Chamber office by the end of the month. Make plans to pick up a copy at the December Business After Hours.

Graduation 2005

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce 2005 Kirksville Leadership Institute students recently graduated from the nine-month program. The purpose of the Kirksville Leadership Institute is to build strong, competent leadership for the Kirksville area, motivate emerging and existing leaders, and develop each participant's potential for community leadership and decision-making by exposing them to the realities, opportunities and challenges in our community. The class is required to complete a project. This year the class completed a "Clean Sweep Project" in Kirksville's Downtown District on Saturday, September 24th. The project included trash pick up, flower planting, weed removal, and sidewalk sweeping.

2005 Graduates, front row, L-R: Polly Matteson, Truman; Rhonda Digman, Hollister, Inc.; Joe Vincent, ATSU; Dave Lusk, Truman. Second row, L-R: Steve Pennington, Truman University Bookstore; Ruby Doss, St. Andrews Apartments; Barb Valentine, University of Missouri Extension. Third row, L-R: Tammy Kriegshauser, ATSU; Teri Mason, KTVO; Mary Giovannini, retired; Leota Rummerfield, Bank Midwest. Back row, L-R: Lesa Ketterlinus, KLI Chairperson; Matt Holt, 2nd Circuit Juvenile Office; Julie Mikolajczak, Kirksville RIII Schools; and Hank Walkley, NRMC. (not pictured Marjorie Hughes and Rhonda Bailey)

Buy Kirksville—Fly Kirksville \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ It Just Makes Cents! \$ \$ \$ \$ \$

AmericanConnection® is now offering instant purchase fares for flights from Kirksville to St. Louis for as low as \$99 roundtrip. After taxes, the total is \$108.50. Call the Kirksville Regional Airport at 660-627-0100 to make reservations. A great idea for holiday travel!

If you invite them, they will come . . .
If they feel welcomed, they will stay!

2006 Community Calendar Dates

The deadline to turn in your 2006 dates for the Chamber's Calendar of Events is quickly approaching. In addition to being available to everyone who visits the Chamber of Commerce, it is mailed to everyone who expresses interest in visiting our community and is given to many hundreds of people who come to our community and attend conferences or stay in motels. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to promote your event!

The Chamber needs to know your 2006 event dates by Monday, November 14. You can call (660-665-3766), fax (660-665-3767), or email (kvacoc@cableone.com) your dates.

Planning Ahead



*Missouri Livestock Symposium
December 2-3, 2005
www.missourilivestock.com
Kirksville Middle School*



*Kohlenberg Lyceum
Nebraska Theater Caravan "A Christmas Carol"
December 6, 2005, 7:30 pm
Truman—Baldwin Hall
<http://lyceum.truman.edu>*



*Holiday Home Tour
December 4, 2005
Kirksville Sr. Living Campus, 1-4 pm*



*Community Chorus Holiday Concert
December 12, 2005
First Christian Church, 7:30 pm*



*December Business After Hours
December 15, 2005
St. Andrews, 500 S. Osteopathy
Sponsored by St. Andrews Apartments*

*For the most up-to-date information, check out the
Community Calendar on our website,
www.kirksvillechamber.com!*