

Executive Director: Alisa R. Kigar

September 2008



**SCOOTER RAFFLE WINNER
MARK WHITNEY**

**14th Annual Chamber
Golf Outing**

Alisa Kigar, Chamber Director; Mark Whitney; and
Jon Broce of Hy-Vee and Chamber President.

At the Chamber's August 8th Business After Hours at the
Golf Tournament, Mark Whitney's name was drawn as the
winner of the Scooter. Thanks to Hy-Vee for helping the
Chamber purchase the scooter.

**2008 GOLF CHAMPS
GOLDEN EAGLE DISTRIBUTING**

Mike Beets, Craig Shorten, Bill Hannant & Dave Ball



**SEPTEMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
SILENT AUCTION**

Thursday, September 25th

5—7 p.m. at the El Kadir Shrine Club

**Sponsored KTVO TV 3, Heritage House Realty,
Jim Robertson's Chevrolet and The El Kadir Shrine Club**



September 2008 Calendar of Events



Sept. 1	Labor Day —Chamber Office closed
Sept. 2	Downtown Improvement Comm., Inc. Meeting; 5:30 p.m. Chamber Office
Sept. 3	Tourism Advisory Board Meeting 8 a.m. Chamber Office
Sept. 4	MODoT Public Meeting , 4:30—7:30 p.m. Kirksville High School Cafeteria
Sept. 7	24th NEMO Triathlon 8 a.m. Thousand Hills State Park
Sept. 8	Executive Committee Meeting 8 a.m. Chamber Office
Sept. 9	Governmental Affairs Committee 7:30 a.m. Chamber Office
Sept. 9	Retail Merchants Committee Meeting 9 a.m. Chamber Office
Sept. 11	United Way Kick-Off/Small Busi. Blitz 7:30 a.m.—5 p.m.
Sept. 11	New Student Welcome , 5—9 p.m. Downtown Kirksville
Sept. 11	NEMO Friends of NRA Banquet 6 p.m. NEMO Fairgrounds
Sept. 12	Kirksville Air Festival , Hangar Picnic/Dance 6—10 p.m., Kirksville Airport
Sept. 13	Kirksville Air Festival , 7 a.m.—4 p.m. Kirksville Airport
Sept. 13	8th Annual NEMO Food Fest 9 a.m.—12 noon Downtown Kirksville
Sept. 15	Chamber Board Meeting 11:30—1 p.m. Chamber Office
Sept. 17	Kirksville Leadership Institute 8:15 a.m., Meet at Health & Fit. Ctr.
Sept. 17	Economic & Community Development Committee Mtg. ; 4 p.m. Chamber Office
Sept. 20	Red Barn Arts & Crafts Festival 9 a.m.—4 p.m. Downtown Square Antique Show , Kirksville Arts Assoc. 9a.m.— 4 p.m.
Sept. 20	Truman Family Day
Sept. 22	Truman Lyceum—Capitol Steps 7:30 p.m. Baldwin Hall
Sept. 23	Agri-Tourism Lunch & Learn 12 noon - 2 p.m. Chamber Office
Sept. 25	Mother Son Stampede , 4—7 p.m. Juvenile Justice Center, Boundary St.
Sept. 25	Business After Hours —Silent Auction 5—7 p.m. El Kadir Shrine Club
Sept. 27	United Way Door-to-Door Blitz 7:30 a.m.—12 noon
Sept. 27	Round Barn Blues , 4 p.m.

Candidates Forum

Sponsored by the Governmental Affairs Committee of the
Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce
Tuesday, October 21, 2008
El Kadir Shrine Club—Doors Open at 6 p.m.

Happy Anniversary!

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

Adair County Veterinary Clinic
Alliant
AT & T
Boston Chase Mediation Group
Century Developers
Chariton Laboratory Services
Community Opportunities, Inc.
James & Jean Elliott
Faith United Methodist Church
Fitzgerald & Floyd, CPA
Graphic Impressions
Great Rivers Council—Boy Scouts of America
Hastings—Your Entertainment Store
Hawkins Insurance Group
Heartland Wildlife Ranches
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
Kirksville Vacuum Center
Lakeroad Village Park
Lone Pine Embroidery & Design
MFA—Oil & Propane
Bill & Karen Morrow
NEMO Senior Citizens
Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone
Oakwood Industries
Joyce Otten
Pancake City
Pepsi Cola Memphis Bottling
Pickell Abstract
Shafer, Kline & Warren, Inc.
Russell Steele
Gene & Ginny Schneider
Sodexo
Taylor Flowers

TOURISM TIDBITS!

BY DEBI BOUGHTON

During September a combination of major festivals and travel groups will bring many visitors to Kirksville. The groups visiting in September are:

Sept. 3-4, 2008 - The Greater Southeast Iowa Tractor Ride will bring 180 participants arriving on antique tractors. The antique tractors can be admired in the hotel parking lots on the south side of town;

Sept. 18, 2008 - Southeast Iowa AARP will be in town for a meeting; **continued on next page** ☞

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Sept. 17-19, 2008 - Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge class of 36 women will be here again this year for their meeting;

Sept. 18-21, 2008 - The Missouri State Air Stream Rally will be in town with 90-100 participants. The public will have a chance to view vintage air stream campers at the NEMO Fair grounds during that week; and

Sept. 18-19, 2008 - The Caught in the Gap Conference will be in Kirksville with 125 participants.

In addition to travel groups and conferences four major events and festivals will occur in September:

Sept. 7, 2008 - The 24th Annual NEMO Triathlon;

Sept. 13, 2008 - The Kirksville Air Festival;

Sept. 20, 2008 - The Red Barn Arts and Crafts Festival; and **Sept. 27, 2008** -The Round Barn Blues Festival.

“We really appreciate the tourism office for bringing meetings to town that put heads in beds during the week and it is great to have the festivals that fill up beds on weekends,” states Mac McCord, vice chair of the Tourism Advisory Board and owner of Cottage Grove Bed and Breakfast.

NEMO JOB FAIR
 ♦ **Tuesday, October 2, 2008** ♦
11 a.m.—5 p.m.
NEMO Fairgrounds ♦ Hwy. 11 East

If you are a business that would like to attend the Job Fair to seek out potential employees, contact the Chamber office (665-3766) or Missouri Career Center (785-2400).

Welcome New Members!

LaPlata Nursing Home

100 Old Stagecoach Road
 LaPlata, MO 63549
 Rebekah Lucas, Adm.
 660-332-4315
 Fax 660-332-7436
laplataadmin@missvalley.com

Studio 1004

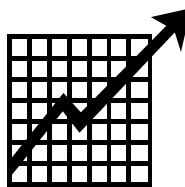
28837 State Hwy KK
 Kirksville, MO 63501
 Hector Contreras
 660-627-4442
www.Studio1004.net
finephotos@studio1004.net

Tranquil Seasons

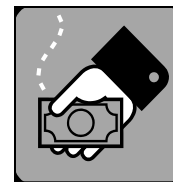
108 W. Harrison Street
 Kirksville, MO 63501
 Julie Ousterhout
 660-627-2841
jousterhout@att.net

Travis Noe Funeral Home

1008 W. Potter Avenue
 Kirksville, MO 63501
 Neil & Sherry Travis, Brian Noe
 660-665-1300
stravis@socket.net



**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.

September 2008 REPORTS

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Source: City of Kirksville
-Highway 63 Sales Tax Receipts
Recorded, Aug. '08 \$ 73,007.59

-July New City Business Licenses 17
-July New County Business Licenses 3
- New Residential Building Permits 4
- New Commercial Building Permits 0

Source: MERIC
www.missourieconomy.org
 July 08'most updated
-Missouri Unemployment Rate 5.3%
-Adair County Unemployment Rate 6.7%
-Adair County # of Unemployed 868

Source: Northeast Regional Medical Center
July Births at NRMC 39

Source: Kirksville
Gasoline prices Last month
\$3.40 \$3.95

Essential Air Service (local commercial passengers)
July '08 24 passengers

NEW STUDENT WELCOME

September 11, 2008

Area businesses and organizations are encouraged to set up a table on the Courthouse lawn and display your products and services and meet and greet the new college students in town from Truman, ATSU and MACC. The event is from 5—9 p.m. Call the Chamber for more information at 660-665-3766.