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Business Spotlight



The Chamber has a business card drawing at the Business After Hours event 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.

Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home, 2100 E. Shepherd, 665-3744

Vern and Mary Playle came to Kirksville in 1975 to go into partnership with Bob Davis of Davis Funeral Home. The Davis Funeral Home was established in 1914. In 1980 Vern and Mary purchased the other half from Bob Davis and changed the name to Davis-Playle Funeral Home. In 1991 they purchased the Fohn Funeral Home and added a family center to better serve the community. In 1999 they purchased Hudson Rimer Funeral Home and moved from downtown to Highway 6 East and changed the name of the business to Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home. In 2003 the funeral home was remodeled and added onto, to better serve local families. In 2006 a crematory was built, being the first crematory in northeast Missouri. Vern and Mary are the owners of five funeral homes, two cemeteries and a crematory.

Vern and Mary thank the community for the friendship and support through the years. Vern explains, "Kirksville has been good to us and we have our son, Kevin and his wife, Tanya, in business with us to continue our family owned and operated business. We are proud to be part of the Kirksville community and we care about the individuals and families in the area." Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home is available 24 hours a day at 660-665-2233.



July Business After Hours Thursday, July 12, 2007

5-7 p.m.

NEMO Fairgrounds

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NEMO Fair Association



July 2007 Calendar of Events



July 1	Community Patriotic Service Rotary Park; 6 p.m.
July 2	Kids Health and Safety, & Fitness Expo , Kirksville Middle School 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
July 2-3	Cemetery Theater , Forrest-Lewellyn Cemetery; 5:30-7:30 p.m.
July 4	Splash Bash , Aquatic Center; 12-2 p.m.
July 4	Parade , Downtown Kirksville, 4 p.m.
July 4	Chamber BBQ , Rotary Park; 5 p.m.
	Chautauqua and Live Music Rotary Park; 6:30-8:15 p.m.
July 4	Fireworks , South of Kirksville R III Schools and YMCA; 9:30 p.m.
July 6	Summer on the Square ; Pumptown Downtown; 7 p.m.
July 9	Ribbon Cutting Adair County Red Cross; 10 a.m.
July 12	Executive Committee Chamber Office; 8 a.m.
July 12	Business After Hours NEMO Fairgrounds, 5-7 p.m.
July 13	Summer on the Square ; Deadwood Downtown; 7 p.m.
July 16-21	NEMO Fair , NEMO Fairgrounds
July 16	Ribbon Cutting , NEMO Fair Opening Ceremony NEMO Fairgrounds, 8 a.m.
July 16	Chamber Board Meeting Chamber Office; 11:30 a.m.
July 18	Economic Development Committee Chamber Office; 4 p.m.
July 19	ATSU/YMCA Twilight 5K Thompson Center; 7 p.m.
July 20	TP's Shoot-Out for United Way Kirksville Country Club tee time—12:30 p.m.
July 26	Children's Renaissance Fair Adair County Library; 10:30 a.m.
July 27	Kirksville Leadership Institute
July 27	Summer on the Square , Redwing Downtown; 7 p.m.
July 28-29	Sidewalk Sales , Kirksville

August 16th, 17th & 18th DOWNTOWN CARNIVAL and NEW STUDENT WELCOME

The Kirksville Parks and Rec Department along with the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting carnival rides. There will also be concessions by area organizations. On Saturday, August 18th from 4—7 p.m. businesses and organizations are invited to set up tables around the courthouse lawn and welcome new students to town. For more information, contact the Chamber at 660-665-3766.

Your Chamber Office

Celebrating a Face Lift!



More than ten years ago I participated in Kirksville Leadership Institute. It was an exciting journey as I learned more about the community which led me to join the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Chamber. Who knew that one day I would be a second term Chamber

A Message From President Linda

President holding Chamber meetings in a newly remodeled facility. I am so proud of Alisa and her staff for enduring the inconvenience of doing business from temporary headquarters. I'm also proud of the Board for supporting the vision.

As everyone knows, a building project can create adversaries. I'm pleased to tell you that this project caused the board little dispute as we moved through the planning and construction events. That's the epitome of a well-functioning board with a vision...one that many Chamber Executive Directors envy!

I'm also grateful to the Beard's for allowing us to negotiate a long-term lease that will protect the investment of the Chamber for years to come. And last, I want to thank Joyce Turner with Alliant Bank for the many hours that she worked with our accounting firm to ensure the accuracy of the expenses throughout this project.

Serving as President has been a delightful experience. I've enjoyed the opportunity to dream with Alisa and watch that dream become a reality! If you haven't toured the new facility, please stop by...the staff will gladly show you around. And if you are a Chamber member, you might want to book the meeting room for your next meeting.

Warmest regards,
Linda Grgurich

SAVE THE DATE
AUGUST 10, 2007

Chamber Golf Tournament
Kirksville Country Club



Corporate Fee: \$220.00

*includes green fees for 4 people
*includes all food and drink on the course

Golf Cart Rental Fee: \$36.00 per cart
Entry Deadline is Friday, August 3, 2007

See Newsletter Insert for Registration Form.

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

Membership Renewals

- Ayers Oil Company (Ayerco)
- Dover Rentals
- Eldon & Jeanne Coy
- Farmers Mutual Insurance
- Galloway Lumber Do It Center
- Gary & Claire Lloyd
- Gaylene Jacobs
- Heritage House Realty-Tise Frazier
- Jodie L. Gordon, DDS
- John & Martha Rowe
- Kirksville Lumber
- Kirksville Vacuum Center
- Marino, Phillips, & Early Clinic, LLC
- Mark Twain Area Counseling
- Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company
- Meadowlands, Inc.
- NEMO Beer Wholesalers, Inc.
- NEMO Surgical Specialties
- Northeast Missouri Health Council, Inc
- Northeast Missouri State Bank
- Northeast Regional Medical Center
- OE Medical
- Pat Pulis
- PE Jepsen Lumber
- PSR Construction
- RSC Equipment Rental, Inc
- Shafer, Kline & Warren, Inc.
- Shirley Gillum
- Subway
- TH & N Electric Service, Inc
- The Green Door
- Tri-Rivers Planned Parenthood
- US Bank
- Vic Cleaners
- Victim Support Services



Welcome!

New Members!

Originals

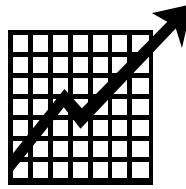
Allen and Brooke Goans
 15718 Fountain Road-Kirksville
 660-349-0950
www.originalspaperart.com

Tailormade Events

Donna Brown
 111 E. Patterson St.-Kirksville
 660-341-9993
www.tailor-made-events.com

KMEM FM

Carmen Duncan, Judy Shepherd
 650 N. Clay St.-Memphis
 660-465-7225
www.kmemfm.com



**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.

June 2007 REPORTS

Source: City of Kirksville
-Highway 63 Sales Tax Receipts
 Recorded, June '07 \$154,990.37
-May New City Business Licenses 17
-May New County Business Licenses 4
-May New Residential Building Permits 5
-New Commercial Building Permits 0

Source: MERIC
www.missourieconomy.org
April '07
-Missouri Unemployment Rate 4.4%
-Adair County Unemployment Rate 3.2%
-Adair County # of Unemployed 497

Source: Northeast Regional Medical Center
-May Births at NRMC 35

Source: Kirksville
Gasoline prices Last month
 \$2.84 \$3.29

Essential Air Service (local commercial passengers)
May '07 259 passengers

-- MORE NEW MEMBERS --

Life Church of Kirksville

Tom Bedford
 112 W. Potter Ave.-Kirksville
 660-665-2323
www.lifechurch.typepad.com

Boston Chase Mediation Group

Chandrika Collins
 110 S. Franklin-Kirksville
 660-665-3622

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