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**March 2007**



*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.

## **Jamey Morton, First Financial Planners**

**P.O. Box 265, Kirksville, MO 63501**

Jamey Morton became involved in the financial services industry in 1987 serving clients as a representative and manager for a major financial services company. In 1994, Jamey elected to become affiliated with First Financial Planners, which has enabled him to round out twenty years of experience to provide personal financial services and develop relationships with his clients.

To better serve his clients with sound advice and planning, Jamey has strived to become educated in multiple aspects of Financial Services Education by completing courses with The American College and obtaining the designations of Registered Financial Consultant (RFC) and Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow (LUTCF).

Jamey meets with individuals, professionals, business owners, families, and retirees by appointment at his or their location. If you would like to know more about the services that Jamey offers and how they can apply to you call 660-665 8882 or email [jameymorton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jameymorton@sbcglobal.net).



**March Business After Hours**

**Friday, March 23rd**

**5-7 p.m.**

**Spring Expo NEMO Fairgrounds**

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# March 2007 Calendar of Events



- Mar. 1 **Fourth of July Planning Committee**  
1:15 p.m.; Chamber Office
- Mar. 3 **National Turkey Federation Banquet**  
NEMO Fairgrounds
- Mar. 5-9 **Midterm/Spring Break**  
Truman State University/Kirksville R-III  
School District
- Mar. 6 **Governmental Affairs Committee**  
7:30 a.m.; Chamber Office
- Mar. 10 **St. Louis Stompers Jazz Band**  
7—9 p.m.; Kirksville Arts Center
- Mar. 12-16 **KCOM Spring Break**
- Mar. 12 **Executive Board Meeting**  
8 a.m.; Chamber Office
- Mar. 15 **Ribbon Cutting; Collins Rents and  
Events; 2 p.m.—New Ownership**
- Mar. 16 **State of the District Address**  
8 a.m.; Adair County Annex
- Mar. 17 **Visit Event**  
Truman State University
- Mar. 17 **St. Patrick's Day Run & Parade**  
DuKum Inn
- Mar. 19 **Board of Directors Meeting**  
11:30 a.m.; Location TBA
- Mar. 20 **Retail Merchants Committee**  
8:30 a.m.; Chamber Office
- Mar. 20 **Lyceum Series: Some Enchanted  
Evening; 7:30 p.m.** Truman State  
Baldwin Hall
- Mar. 23 **Business After Hours**  
5—7 p.m. NEMO Fairgrounds
- Mar. 23 **Photography Contest Reception**  
7—9 p.m. Kirksville Arts Association  
Building (117 S. Franklin)
- Mar. 24 **Chamber of Commerce Spring Expo**  
8—4 p.m.; NEMO Fairgrounds
- Mar. 30 **Hospice of NEMO Spring Gala  
and Silent Auction**  
8—11 p.m. El Kadir Shrine Club
- Mar. 31 **Shrine Turkey Day & Calling Contest**  
El Kadir Shrine Club

*The Chamber of Commerce Office will be temporarily relocated sometime in the month of March during an office remodel. There will be signage at their current location, directing office visitors to their new temporary location which is directly to the west of the current office in the former "Jayne Attorney Office" (111 W. Jefferson). Chamber office phone numbers, physical mail address and email addresses will remain the same during this temporary relocation. If you plan to attend a meeting at the Chamber Office over the course of the next few months, Chamber staff will try and notify you as to the location of the meeting, as the temporary location will not have a conference room for large meetings. Please call the Chamber Office if you have questions about meeting locations.*

## Happy Anniversary!

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

Amazing Relief Massage Therapy  
Amtrak  
Bank of Kirksville  
Century 21 – Whitney Agency  
City of Kirksville  
Edna Campbell's  
Grossnickle Insurance  
Highland Crest Assisted Living  
Hollister, Inc.  
J.W. Pickett Construction  
KHGN Radio  
Kirksville Arts Association  
Kirksville Housing Authority  
Kirksville Plumbing Supply  
Lifeline Pregnancy Resource Center  
Missouri Career Center  
Onshore Technology Services  
Wallace Trosen Attorney  
Van's Nursery Inc.



**Welcome!**

## New Members!



**Aflac—Adam Stites**

**PO Box 122**

**Kirksville \* 342-1841**

**Adam\_stites@us.aflac.com**

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**All Seasons Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning and  
My Computer Hates Me—Repairs**

**Craig Perkins**

**21985 Forest Trail**

**Kirksville \* 785-0444/665-0304**

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**Lindquist Veterinary Care Center**

**Jenny Lindquist**

**1203 N. Baltimore**

**Kirksville \* 665-2719**

**lvcc2004@yahoo.com**

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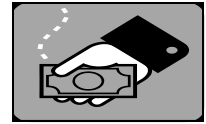
**Jim & Rita Williams**

**20803 Bullion Way**

**Kirksville \* 665-7098**



# 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 in the Kirksville area.

## February 2007 REPORTS

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Source: City of Kirksville

-Highway 63 Sales Tax Receipts  
Recorded, Feb. '07 \$89,716.26

-Jan. New City Business  
Licenses 11

-Jan. New County Business  
Licenses 3

- New Residential  
Building Permits 0

- New Commercial  
Building Permits 0

Source: MERIC

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

Dec. '06

-Missouri

Unemployment Rate 4.6%

-Adair County

Unemployment Rate 4.3%

-Adair County

# of Unemployed 553

Source: Northeast Regional

Medical Center

January Births at NRMC 39

Source: Kirksville

Gasoline prices Last month  
\$2.09 \$1.99

Essential Air Service

(local commercial passengers)

Jan. '07 277 passengers



## ANNOUNCING Candidates Forum

★ Thursday, March 22nd ★

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The Governmental Affairs Committee of the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to offer to the voting citizens of the community, an opportunity to meet candidates running for the Kirksville City Council.

Candidates running for public office with the Kirksville City Council have been invited to participate in a public forum at the Shrine Club on March 22nd. Candidates will be available for open discussion with the public at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., the formal forum will begin and will be moderated by media representatives.

Other local issues that will appear on the April ballot will have representatives available to answer questions, as well.

This event is free of charge and open to the public.

### STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS

Friday, March 16th

Adair County Annex Building

7:30 a.m.—Donuts

8 a.m.—Address

Senator Shoemyer and Representative McClanahan have been invited to speak.

This event is free of charge and open to the public.



## SPRING EXPO

Saturday, March 24th

8 a.m.—4 p.m.

NEMO Fairgrounds

There is still exhibit space available. Make plans now to exhibit at the Chamber's Spring Expo on Saturday, March 24, 2007. Please call the Chamber office (665-3766) and talk with Sandra to reserve your booth.

8' x 12' booth space

Chamber members - \$200

Non-Chamber members - \$350

Annex Building—\$100

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This is a great opportunity for businesses, services, and organizations to showcase your products and services to well over 1,300 potential customers in less than 24-hours.