

Executive Director: Alisa R. Kigar

March 2009



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.

Graphic Impressions

908 N. Franklin St. ♦ 660-627-6255

Graphic Impressions, operated by Pam Harrelson and Lacey Scheurer, is a full service graphic business providing vehicle graphics, business lettering, magnetic signs, lighted signs, business signs of all sizes, banners, and window lettering. They also print apparel of all kinds including t-shirts, hoodies, sports apparel, ball shirts, hats and more. They also offer trophies, plaques, awards, and a full line of photo gifts that you can put any photo, logo or text on including apparel, mugs, jewelry boxes, pillows, purses, quilts, and much more.

Graphic Impressions is a DBA of Harrelson Enterprises Inc. Businesses also included in the corporation are Budget Truck Rental, Harrelson Storage Rentals and opening on March 7th is Harrelson Radiator and Auto Repair, formerly Harrelson Radiator Repair, introducing Bryan Scheurer, Lacey's husband to these family owned and operated businesses.

Please join them for a Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony on March 6th at 10:00 a.m. celebrating the re-opening of Graphic Impressions and the grand opening of Harrelson Radiator and Auto Repair at 908 N. Franklin St. in Kirksville.



MARCH BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Friday, March 27, 2009

5-7 p.m. at NEMO Fairgrounds Multi-Purpose Building

Sponsored by Hy-Vee Food & Drug and Peters Heating and Air Conditioning

Sneak Peek at the Spring Expo Exhibits



March 2009 Calendar of Events



Mar. 3	Governmental Affairs Comm. Mtg. 7:30 a.m.; Chamber Office
Mar. 5	July 4th Committee Meeting 1:15 p.m.; Chamber office
Mar. 5	Adair Co. Public Library Open House
Mar. 6	Tourism Advisory Board Meeting 8 a.m.; Chamber Office
Mar. 6	Ribbon Cutting; 10 a.m.; Graphic Impressions, Harrelson Radiator and Auto Repair; 908 N. Franklin
Mar. 9—13	Truman & Kirksville RIII Mid-Term Break
Mar. 9	Chamber Executive Committee Mtg. 8 a.m. Chamber Office
Mar. 16-20	KCOM Spring Break
Mar. 16	Chamber Board Meeting; 11:30 a.m. Chamber Office
Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day Parade and 5K Run 5:15 p.m., Downtown-Elson Street
Mar. 17	Truman Lyceum Duke Ellington Orchestra; 7:30 p.m. Truman Baldwin Auditorium
Mar. 19	Global Issues Colloquium; 7 p.m. Truman's Magruder Hall
Mar. 20	Ribbon Cutting; 11 a.m.; NE Regional Family Wellness Clinic-Dr. Ciesemier 504 Rosewood Drive
Mar. 20	New Harmonies Opening Reception 5—7 p.m.; Kirksville Arts Association
Mar. 21—May 2	New Harmonies Exhibit Kirksville Arts Association
Mar. 24	Candidates Forum; 6:30 p.m. El Kadir Shrine Club
Mar. 25	Kirksville Leadership Institute travels to Jefferson City; 6:30 a.m.
Mar. 27	TGIF—State of the District Address 7:30 a.m. coffee/donuts; 8 a.m. address Wooden Nickel Journal Building, Elson St.; Shoemyer and McClanahan invited
Mar. 27	Business After Hours; 5—7 p.m. NEMO Fairgrounds
Mar. 27	Kirksville Comm. Chorus Concert 7 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church A New Harmonies performance
Mar. 28	Spring Expo; 8 a.m.—4 p.m. NEMO Fairgrounds
Mar. 29	Gospel Sing-A-Long with Vee Sults 2 p.m.; First Baptist Church A New Harmonies performance



TICKETS ON SALE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st
Hy-Vee Parking Lot 6 a.m.—9 a.m.
\$20 cushioned seat/\$15 folding chair

Happy Anniversary!

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

Amtrak
AAA Insurance
Adair-Schuyler County Farm Bureau
C & I Home Service
City of Kirksville
Depot Inn & Suites
The Green Door
Highland Crest Assisted Living by Americare
Hollister, Inc.
J. W. Pickett Construction
Missouri Career Center
Northeast MO Regional Planning
Commission & Rural Development
Peters Heating & Air Conditioning
Rider Drug Inc.
Servpro of Kirksville
Sparks Constructors
US Bank
Wal-Mart Super Center



TOURISM TIDBITS!

BY DEBI BOUGHTON

The Tourism office just completed the 2009 photo contest in partnership with 2nd District State Representative Rebecca McClanahan. Special thanks to Sharon Pritchard and James Jereb for hanging the 76 entries in the gallery at the Kirksville Arts Center. The judges were: Aaron Fine, Barbara Berendzen, Kate McIntire, and James Lange. The winners are listed below:

2009 Photo Contest Winners- adult category

1st – Fishing Forest Lake by Brooke Goans

2nd – Transportation by Carrol Davenport

3rd – Fence by Erin Givarz

Honorable Mention:

Ghostly Whistle Stop by Pam Sylvara

Children in Hats by Shelby Wells

Stained Glass Saint by Monarch Viceroy

Wind by George Barlow

Polar Bear Plunge by Maureen McHale

Hot Fun in the Summer Time by Larry and Carol Byars

Winding Road by Carrol Davenport

Past, Present and Future by Brooke Goans

The Wonder of Autumn by Larry and Carol Byars

Storms Come and Storms Go by JoAnn Boatman

2009 Photo Contest Winners – children's category

1st – Learning Circle by Shelby Wells

2nd - Waiting For Mom by Trevor Snyder

3rd – The Two of Us by Shelby Wells

Honorable Mention:

Peaceful Waters by Caitlin Pennington

Cullor by Shanga Kinzler

Candidates Forum

Sponsored by the
Governmental Affairs Committee of the
Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce

Tuesday, March 24, 2009
El Kadir Shrine Club—Kirksville

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m. for mingling with
candidates. Formal forum begins at 6:30 p.m.

Questions will be addressed to
four city council candidates.

STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS

Friday, March 27, 2009

Wooden Nickel Journal Building

(note the change of location from the Annex Bldg.)

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 28th

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 28, 2009. Plans are now being made for the annual event that is expected to be bigger and better than ever. Please call the Chamber office (665-3766) and talk with Sandra to reserve your booth.

8' x 12' booth space
Chamber members - \$250
Non-Chamber members - \$350

Friday, March 27th— Business After Hours

Sponsored by
Hy-Vee Food and Drug
Peters Heating and Air Conditioning

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.

Welcome New Members!

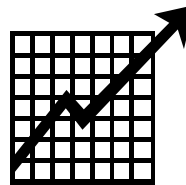
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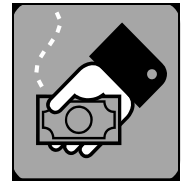
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Kirksville

660-665-5100



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.

March 2009

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Source: City of Kirksville

-Highway 63 Sales Tax Receipts

Recorded, February 2009

\$97,351.19

-January New City Business

Licenses

9

-Jan. New County Business

Licenses

2

-New Residential

Building Permits

0

-New Commercial

Building Permits

0

Source: MERIC

www.missourieconomy.org

December 08' most updated

-Missouri

Unemployment Rate

7%

-Adair County

Unemployment Rate

5.7%

-Adair County

of Unemployed

700

Source: Northeast Regional

Medical Center

January Births at NRMC

38

Source: Kirksville

Gasoline prices

Last month

\$1.60

\$1.48

Essential Air Service/January

(local commercial passengers) 112

