

Executive Director: Alisa R. Kigar

October 2009

Sandra Williams picture

New Chamber Executive Hired

The Board of Directors of the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce the hiring of Sandra Williams as the new Executive Director of the organization, effective October 1, 2009. Ms. Williams has served as the Chamber's Office Manager for the past two and one half years and prior to that she was manager of a local restaurant. Her previous careers have included teaching home economics at Kirksville R-III Schools and the office manager at the Adair County Health Department for several years. She holds a bachelors degree from Truman State University (formerly Northeast Missouri State University) and a Master of Business Administration from William Woods University.

Ms. Williams brings a great deal of loyalty and passion to the organization as well as a strong knowledge of the Kirksville area and the organizational management of a Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Williams is a native of Novinger and she and her husband, John, now reside in Greentop. They have three daughters and four grandchildren that all live in Kirksville.

Sandra G. Williams

----- NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE -----

OCTOBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Thursday, October 22nd from 5—7 p.m.

Health & Fitness Center—Hwy. 63 South

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Northeast Regional Medical Center



October 2009 Calendar of Events



Oct. 1	United Way of Adair County Campaign Kick-Off Ribbon Cutting 9 a.m. Southside Courthouse lawn
Oct. 1	Alliant Bank 5th Anniversary 4—7 p.m.; Alliant Bank
Oct. 2	Ribbon Cutting—Baltimore Street Banners 10 a.m.; park at The Home Depot parking lot
Oct. 2	Ribbon Cutting—Lifeline Pregnancy Resource Center; 12 noon 306 W. Washington
Oct. 2	Kirksville R-III Homecoming 4 p.m. parade; 7 p.m. game
Oct. 2—3	“You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown” Musical; 7 p.m. Rotary Park Amphitheater
Oct. 3	Adair Co. Historical Soc. Annual Mtg.; 5 p.m.; Adair Co. Annex Bldg.
Oct. 6	Governmental Affairs Comm. Mtg. 7:30 a.m.; Chamber Office
Oct. 7	Tourism Advisory Board Meeting 8 a.m.; Chamber Office
Oct. 10	Truman Homecoming 9 a.m. parade; 2 p.m. game
Oct. 10	Ribbon Cutting; 10:30 a.m. Truman’s Dr. Ruth W. Towne Museum and Visitors Center
Oct. 12	Chamber Office Closed Columbus Day
Oct. 13	Kirksville Leadership Institute Graduation; 8:00 a.m. Truman SUB Conference Room
Oct. 13	Retail Merchants Committee Mtg. 8:30 a.m.; Chamber Office
Oct. 14	Executive Committee Meeting 8 a.m.; Chamber Office
Oct. 16	TGIF—State of Education Address 8 a.m.; County Annex Building
Oct. 16	ATSU Founders Day
Oct. 17	Healthy Woman 3rd Anniversary 4—8 p.m.; Truman State University
Oct. 19	Chamber Board Meeting 11:30 a.m.; Chamber Office
Oct. 20	NEMO Job Fair; 11 a.m.—4 p.m. NEMO Fairgrounds
Oct. 21	Economic & Community Develop. Comm. Mtg.; 4 p.m.; Chamber Off.
Oct. 21	Truman Lyceum—Jean Michel Cousteau; 7:30 a.m.; Baldwin Hall
Oct. 22	Business After Hours; 5—7 p.m. Health & Fitness Center
<i>(note the change of date from last month’s newsletter)</i>	
Oct. 22—25	“The Importance of Being Earnest” Curtain Call Theatre Co. Kirksville Arts Center
Oct. 31	Halloween Carnival; 2—4 p.m. Adair Co. Family YMCA
Oct. 31	Halloween Fun Fest; Downtown 5:30 p.m. Costume Parade

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Dear Chamber members and friends:

So long, farewell, it’s time to say goodbye . . . As I have expressed to so many of you the last few months, my Chamber work has been a fun and rewarding job, but being a mommy has made me realize that parenthood is **THE MOST** fun and rewarding job and for that reason, I just have to step down from the Chamber post and commit my evenings and weekends to my family. Little Eli started school in August and Little Elsie starts school next year and we are in the Memphis school district, an hour away from Kirksville.

Having been solicited for the position at the Memphis hospital for several years, this ‘season’ in my life simply made this last offer, undeniable. I’m sure you understand.

You are in very good hands with Sandra, Debi and Andrea. Please continue to support your Chamber staff in the manner that you have supported me the last eight years.

A quote, I believe, wraps up my farewell thoughts exactly: *How lucky I am to have something, that makes saying goodbye so hard.*

~Alisa

Welcome New Members

----- Kirksville Brake & Muffler

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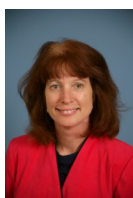
660-346-0840

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Happy Anniversary!

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

Air Choice One
Air Evac Lifeteam
American Trust Bank
Community Link
Tise Frazier—Heritage House Realty
Jackson Stables
Kirksville Super 8
LaPlata Nursing Home
Rosie's Northtown Cafe



TOURISM TIDBITS!

BY DEBI BOUGHTON

“THE RIBBON CUTTING of a LIFETIME!”

“Would you do a ribbon cutting at 2:30?” Randy Smith, Kirksville Air Festival chairman, asked me while I was collecting tickets the morning of the air show.

“Sure,” I answered. “The Chamber is always willing to do a ribbon cutting.”

Randy said, “Great! You need to go to the pilot briefing.” Pilot briefing?

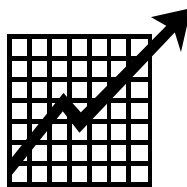
At 2:30, in the middle of the Air Festival performance Becky Smith, Paul “Harv” Applegate, Shalyn Applegate, Alvin Musser and I stood on the runway holding two 30 foot poles across the runway with two ribbons tied to the poles.

Stunt pilot, Skip Stewart flew his plane under the ribbons almost touching the ground right beside us. Then, Skip made another pass inverted (yes, he flew upside down), and cut the top ribbon with the propeller of his plane. On a third pass Skip flew right toward us, flying his plane sideways, defying the laws of physics, and clipped the last ribbon with the propeller.

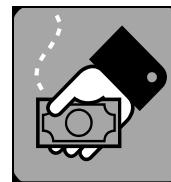
Skip Stewart flew back to Memphis, Tennessee, where his day job is piloting planes for Federal Express. The five of us scurried off the runway to watch the rest of the amazing air performances.

Randy Smith, David Hall, Craig Shorten, Steven Peeler and 140 volunteers and over 100 sponsors helped make Kirksville's Second Annual Air Festival a great success.

Next time a Chamber member asks for a ribbon cutting, I will remember to ask, “Is there a pilot briefing?”



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 2009

-August New City Business Licenses	17
-August New County Business Licenses	2
-New Residential Building Permits	1
-New Commercial Building Permits	0

Source: MERIC

www.missourieconomy.org

Source: Northeast Regional Medical Center

August Births at NRMC 58

August '09 most updated

-Missouri Unemployment Rate	9.5%
-Adair County Unemployment Rate	7.8%
-Adair County # of Unemployed	980

Source: Kirksville

Gasoline prices	Last month
\$2.39	\$2.45

Essential Air Service/July 170
(local commercial passengers)

2010

Community Calendar

www.kirksvillechamber.com/calendar

Annually, your Chamber prints a calendar of events that take place in the area. If you or your organization have a date set for an event in 2010, please call the Chamber office to place that event on our **2010 Calendar of Events**. This calendar will go to print in December. Please call the Chamber Office at 660-665-3766 with the details or fax the information to the Office at 660-665-3767. Or you can email your event to projmgr@cableone.net. Not only will these events be printed in the calendar publication, they will also be listed on the www.kirksvillechamber.com and www.visitkirksville.com websites.