

# KIRKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER . . .

Mari E. Macomber, City Manager *MEM*

Copies to: City Attorney  
Media

September 5, 2008

### SUBJECTS:

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

September 9 – KREDI at 4:00 p.m.  
September 11 – United Way Kick-off at Rotary Park Amphitheater 7:30 a.m.  
September 12 – Air Show Event  
September 13 – Air Show Event  
September 15 – City Council Meeting  
September 16 – Meeting with Adair County Commission at 8:30 at Court House  
September 18 – Planning Retreat – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
September 18 – Regional Planning Commission Meeting in Memphis  
September 19 – First Historic Preservation Commission Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

### STUDY SESSION

Mayor Rowe will be attending the Missouri Municipal League Fall Conference and will not be in attendance at the Study Session on Monday evening.

### COUNCIL RETREAT

Based upon the responses received from each of you, the Planning Retreat will be on Thursday, September 18 in the morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If necessary, we may need to go to 1:00 p.m., but that will be determined on that day and based upon where you are and what you have left to discuss.

### MML ELECTED OFFICIALS CONFERENCE

Most of the sessions at the Elected Officials Training Conference held in June are now on the MML's web site. [www.mocities.com](http://www.mocities.com) – MML Conferences – Elected officials Conference, and click on audio

from the conference. Attached is one of the handouts from the conference on "Serving as an Effective Local Official".

### **BRASHEAR HOUSE B&B**

On Monday, September 15, the Council intended to remove the tabled agenda item concerning the Brashear House Bed and Breakfast. The Council has not discussed how you wish to proceed with this item. The reason to table the item was to allow Ms. Platte the opportunity to meet the deadline given to her by the Planning and Zoning Administrator. Ms. Platte has not taken any steps toward paving any portion of her driveway.

### **AIRPORT UPDATE**

The Kirksville Airport Association, Kirksville Rotary and City Staff have been working on the first annual Kirksville Air Show to be held September 13<sup>th</sup>. The event includes: tandem skydiving, picnic and hangar dance featuring Ramblin' Fever, fly-in pancake breakfast, helicopter rides, kid's fun zone with inflatables, static displays (*Chinook Helicopter, Beech 18, 1932 Waco*), STARLAB, a car show, radio controlled airplanes, The Heart of America Show Club with the Dave Darcy Airshow and Concessions. Tickets are \$10.00 per car load in advance and \$15.00 the day of the show and can be purchased at the Chamber Office, area Ice House locations, the Airport, on-line, and the Quincy Computer Land office. The Kirksville Airport Association has raised \$20,000 for the project. Donations have come from airport vendors, local businesses and individuals. Proceeds will benefit Rotary Park and Habitat for Humanity. Many groups are working together on this event including the City, County and State agencies to coordinate events in what is hoped to be a large crowd coming to see the show. MO DOT, the State Highway Patrol, Sheriff, ACAD, Air Evac and Kirksville Police and Fire are all working together to ensure good traffic control and safety for the event. Marketing efforts have been underway and include a web site – [kvaifest.com](http://kvaifest.com), advertisements on the radio, TV, 6 billboards, two ¼ page ads in the Index. The organization even has a Facebook group online (65 members so far).

### **WIRELESS NETWORK**

The Telecommunications Commission and the newly formed Kirksville Wireless Group has requested the opinions and perspectives of the Kirksville City Council regarding a city wide wireless network or a downtown wireless network. With the approval from the City Council to move forward on a wireless solution for the city, we would 1) meet separately with local telecommunication providers to discuss potential partnerships, 2) distribute a survey to local business owners to evaluate business community support for wireless access. This is something that the City Council may wish to discuss during your planning retreat.

### **FEMA UPDATE**

Gov. Matt Blunt announced President Bush approved his request to extend the timeframe for the summer's severe weather and flooding disasters. Originally declared a major disaster for events between June 1 and July 18th, the new timeframe includes events through August 13, 2008. The governor's success in securing the extended disaster time frame allows him to formally request that seven new counties be approved for Individual Assistance and nine counties for Public Assistance. For the City of Kirksville this means that with the extension of the original Disaster Date from earlier floods in the state, that now the City of Kirksville is being considered for help in recovering from the flood. This will impact not only the City of Kirksville but residents as well as business owners in recovering costs associated with the flood. The Fire Chief and Public Works Director attended a meeting with Adair County Commissioners and a representative from FEMA and SEMA on July 29. The first step in having a Federal Declaration is for FEMA and SEMA to come and survey damage and get damage estimates. From this meeting with reports of damage that were given to the Governor who forwarded his request to the President to have City of Kirksville and Adair County declared. We had estimated the cost to the City at around \$60,000 and another \$6,000 for work preformed during

the flood. Their initially was at least 40 homes impacted with more that probably not reporting and will report damage once they can. Several businesses have also reported damage. There are three types of assistance when a City or County is declared a disaster. They is Individual Assistance (Assistance to individuals and households), Public Assistance (Assistance to State and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations for emergency work and the repair and replacement of disaster-damaged facilities), the Final program is Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (Assistance to State and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations for actions taken to prevent or reduce long term risk to life and property from natural hazards).

Missouri has been under a State of Emergency continuously for numerous natural disasters since December 2007 with the sole exception of three days in March 2008.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT**

The City applied for a historic preservation grant at the request of the Historic Preservation staff. We have been told that our proposed project will not be funded, but Historic Preservation will allow us to submit another grant. We are submitting a grant that would conduct a city-wide assessment /inventory to catalog and identify potential historic sites in Kirksville.

### **TOURISM**

The Tourism office reports several activities and conferences going on in Kirksville during the month of September. Antique tractors, brought here by the Greater Southeast Iowa Tractor Ride participants, will be on display from September 3 through 4, at the south end of town. The annual NEMO Triathlon is scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. A meeting of the Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge class will be held on September 17 – 19. From the 18<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>, the Missouri State Air Stream Rally will bring 90 to 100 participants, with a chance to view vintage air stream campers at the NEMO fairgrounds. The Caught in the Gap Conference will be held the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, with 125 participants. Downtown will be full of crafters and artists for the Annual Red Barn Arts and Crafts Festival on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The Round Barn Blues Festival is scheduled on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Lodging receipts for the second quarter of 2008 totaled \$38,985.42 including a penalty of \$3.75 due to late payment from Brashear House Bed and Breakfast.

### **CHAMBER EVENTS**

Businesses and organizations will provide an opportunity to meet and greet new college students on the Courthouse lawn from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on **September 11**. The eighth annual NEMO Food Fest is scheduled downtown from 9:00 a.m. to noon on **September 13**. The Chamber Business After Hours Silent Auction is scheduled for **September 25** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Shrine Club. On **October 2**, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the NEMO Job Fair will be set up at the NEMO Fairgrounds. The Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee will hold the annual Candidates Forum on Tuesday, **October 21**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Shrine Club.

### **WATERSHED EVENT**

The Watershed Management Commission is planning an event for Hazel Creek watershed stakeholders. The Commission is hoping to provide information to anyone interested in this watershed and water source. The event will take place on Saturday, September 27 starting at 10:00 a.m. There will be some brief presentations and an information table at the US Army Reserve Center just off of Highway 63 north of town. Interested individuals will be given an opportunity to take a boat tour of the lake, provided the City Council is support of the Missouri Department of Conservation offering this opportunity. Currently the Department of Conservation can operate a boat on the lake as part of their enforcement activities, but a tour of the lake is beyond that scope. A request asking for permission will be on the September 15 agenda.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

The Thousand Hills Rotary Club has written and received a \$5,000 grant to construct a Sand Volleyball Court in Rotary Park. The court will be constructed to tournament standards with an adjustable net, gravel and sand base with drainage, concrete perimeter and benches. Public Works will provide the labor for construction which will begin this month. We are working on another grant to provide lighting for the court. The court will be located next to the playground so that it can also be used as a sand play area for children when not in use for games.

### Attachments

- Budget Calendar
- Airline Ridership Report
- Building Permit Report
- Press Release from Governor Blunt

- Rodeo Flyer
- Kirk Tran Ridership

# Budget Calendar

July 28	Budget schedule distributed to department heads.
August 8	Templates for temporary/overtime payroll projections for current and upcoming year distributed.
August 15	Temporary/overtime payroll requests due to City Manager.
August 29	Budget templates distributed to departments.
September 4	Upcoming year revenue projections and items for Council retreat due.
September 18	Review of following topics at Council retreat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Status of Budget Goals</li><li>• General Fund revenue projections</li><li>• Utility Fund revenue projections</li><li>• Multi-year capital plans-transportation program, utilities, rolling stock; capital improvements, etc.</li><li>• Establish City Council goals for budget year</li></ul>
September 19	Central Garage budget proposal* due to City Manager.
September 22	Review results of Council retreat with department heads.
September 24	City Manager budget review meeting with Central Garage.
September 30	All other Fund/departmental budget proposals* due to City Manager.
October 7-10	City Manager budget review meetings with departments.
October 14-17	Follow-up meetings with departments as necessary.
November 10	Preliminary budget submittal to City Council.
November 17-18	City Council review of budget.
November 20- December 15	Preliminary budget available for public inspection.
December 1	Public hearing on budget and first reading. Adoption of current year amendment ordinance.
December 15	City Council adoption of budget.
January 1	New year begins.
January 31	Budget document distributed.

\*Budget proposal includes:  
Program description  
Summary of significant changes  
Budget templates  
Budget detail  
Capital submittal  
Projects summary

Month	Scheduled Flights	Actual Flights	Deplaned Passengers	Enplaned Passengers	Number of Passengers per Day	Passenger Per Flight
Nov-06	88	82	145	174	10.68	2.78
Dec-06	100	98	140	208	7.32	2.61
Jan-07	108	96	132	135	8.35	2.49
Feb-07	92	87	112	115	9.36	2.73
Mar-07	106	104	123	136	8.35	2.49
Apr-07	102	96	140	122	8.13	2.44
May-07	108	104	114	145	10.29	2.75
Jun-07	102	100	113	131	9.87	2.77
Jul-07	116	116	156	163	7.23	2.07
Aug-07	108	107	157	139	10.74	3.14
Sep-07	110	108	108	116	12.50	3.68
Oct-07	108	106	161	172	10.74	3.14
Nov-07	104	102	187	188	12.50	3.68
Dec-07	104	84	107	135	7.81	2.88
Jan-08	108	94	104	130	7.55	2.49
Feb-08	100	91	48	64	3.61	1.23
Mar-08	100	92	82	75	5.06	1.71
Apr-08	96	92	77	88	5.32	1.79
May-08	110	105	64	87	4.87	1.44
Jun-08	96	86	61	45	3.42	1.23
Jul-08	8	6	12	12	0.77	4.00
Aug-08	94	85	30	41	2.29	0.84

September 2, 2008

Mike Ayers  
Manager-Eng. Des.  
AT&T/Southwestern Bell Telephone  
225 W. Coates  
Moberly, Missouri 65270

Dear Mike,

The following is a listing of new construction in Kirksville for the period of August 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008:

Date: August 1, 2008	Date: August 12, 2008
Owner: Adam Read	Owner: Shane Watkins
Use: Single-Family	Use: Single-Family
Address: 806 Cleaver Dr.	Address: 2708 Weatherstone
Permit No.: 7006	Permit No.: 7014
Const. Co.: Self	Const. Co.: Self
Date: August 5, 2008	Date: August 19, 2008
Owner: Lynn Wagner	Owner: Kirksville RIII
Use: Duplex	Use: Single-Family
Address: 504 A/B W. Wall	Address: 2903 Weatherbrooke
Permit No.: 7008	Permit No.: 7017
Const. Co.: Self	Const.Co. Gooch Construction
Date: August 5, 2008	
Owner: Brent Motter	
Use: Single-Family	
Address: 1004 W Monroe	
Permit No.: 7011	
Const. Co.: Self	

Sincerely,

Laila Price  
City of Kirksville  
Administrative Assistant

cc: **Mari E. Macomber, City Manager**

# Serving as an Effective Local Official

Presented by  
T. R. Carr, Mayor, City of Hazelwood  
MML Seminar  
Jefferson City, MO  
June 13, 2008

## Foundational Elements

### 1. Honesty - Integrity

Democracy is grounded in the requirement that elected officials are honest. Honest in their dealings with the public, honest in their dealings with employees, honest in their dealings with the public, and honest with their dealings with each other.

The Honesty of elected officials is challenged in the mind of the public due to scandals in various levels of government. This is reinforced by the media in their efforts to attract viewers by discrediting elected officials. As you begin your term in elective office you should assume that some of your constituents believe that you are at least a little dishonest.

This means that you will find it necessary to be deliberate in conveying honesty. Remember, just because you have never lied, does not mean that residents and the media will assume that you are honest.

Issue: Be honest in handling mistakes. Elected officials can make mistakes in decisions involving public money for building projects, creating programs, and handling complaints. Hiding mistakes or refusing to acknowledge problems, strengthens public perceptions concerning the lack of integrity in public officials.

Issue: Be honest with fellow council members. Once their confidence in you is broken, it may take years to restore (if ever) to restore trust. The absence of trust hinders effective public policy making

### 2. Forward Looking - Vision

In the Book of Ecclesiastes we find the words: "Where there is no vision, the people perish."  
An effective local official faces the challenge of determining:

- 1) Where the city is now (financial, service delivery, economic condition)
- 2) Where the city should seek to move (continue the status quo, adopt new and innovative programs)
- 3) Adoption of that "Vision" by the entire Council, and
- 4) Effectively communicating the "Vision" to
  - a. City Staff
  - b. Constituents
  - c. Business and the Larger Civic Community

There are two issues or obstacles that sometimes face local officials.

1. The official lacks a vision for the city – too “present regarding” not “future regarding”  
Take time to plan, to develop a strategy for the Council and the City
2. The official is afraid to share the vision with others  
“Fear” is a great paralyzing agent.

### 3. **Competent**

Competency is somewhat different from expertise. The ability to make informed decisions when tough and routine policy decisions are encountered.

Routine decisions are sometimes the most difficult to make.

Effective Council members demonstrate competency by:

- Seeking expert opinion
- Seeking to Build Consensus on the Council
- Acknowledging the importance of insights by others
- Strive to acknowledge the “Team”
  1. Council – Council and
  2. Council - Staff

### 4. **Inspiring**

Much of what we do is routine and therefore may be somewhat uninteresting.....even boring and dull.  
The result is that the City can move forward in the absence of conflict.

Yet there are times when the effective official needs to be inspiring.

Staff are in the trenches daily, their effectiveness is enhanced when YOU inspire them  
Constituents need to be inspired when faced with tough choices: tax for streets, parks,  
decisions concerning growth and change

Work on this trait. Develop the ability to communicate with stories about challenges and triumphs of others.

### 5. **Intelligence – Informed Knowledge**

A commitment to what we refer to in higher education is “life-long learning”.

Read several sources for news.

Take classes such as those offered by the MML and the National League of Cities

Spend time each day reading to be informed.

This is demonstrated when we can communicate to others our level of understanding of complex issues

A Pitfall to avoid is arrogance:

Respect the knowledge of others (Staff, Council, Constituents)

Seek opportunities to learn together (with Staff and Council and Citizen groups)

### **Other Elements of Effective Elected Officials**

#### **1. Use the chain of command.**

Do NOT undercut the authority of Professional Staff. Once the authority of the chain of command is broken, it is difficult to restore, and everyone...and I mean everyone will feel free to break the chain of command. The result will be administrative chaos for the city.

#### **2. Understand the Importance of Place.**

Complaints with staff should be done as privately as possible, such as in someone's office, not in the lunch room or in the workplace. Place is important for expressing complaints with / about other elected officials as well.

#### **3. Understand the Importance of Time.**

Quick, unscheduled meetings do not allow for informed discussion. Schedule times for "formal" meetings to discuss complex issues. Remember to consider the time constraints of others when seeking to discuss policy or management issues.

#### **4. Understand the Importance of Accurate Information.**

Check and double check your facts. Do not become inflamed over false or incomplete information.

Be objective. Credible information reduces the prospect of personal attacks.

#### **5. Understand the Importance of Alternative Solutions.**

There are typically more than one solution to problems. Be open to solutions proposed by others and from unexpected sources.

#### **6. Understand That Government Moves Slowly.**

We are tempted to be impatient, but public trust often dictates that we move with deliberation. We have multiple constituencies to serve. Obtaining input and developing an appropriate course of action typically takes time.

## Why Wireless?

The following list illustrates ways that cities and businesses may benefit from a city wireless network:

- ❖ Police officers and firefighters with wireless access to critical information would help better protect citizens, such as: criminal photographs, building schematics, hazardous materials, and medical information
- ❖ Provide an economic development tool to attract and retain business
- ❖ Building inspectors could access blueprints, forms, and data while working out of the office
- ❖ Service and delivery trucks could obtain real-time access to work orders and corporate data
- ❖ Emergency workers could obtain immediate access to data, enabling them to make important decisions and call in teams while patient is enroute to the hospital
- ❖ Construction projects with better communication would potentially eliminate costly delays so that projects are completed on schedule
- ❖ Grandparents in another city or country could enjoy a live video feed of their grandchild's soccer game
- ❖ Home or business owners could have the ability to monitor heating, cooling, and security systems anytime, from anywhere
- ❖ Students could research and access homework assignments from anywhere in the city

**WIRELESS** - A survey example is listed below:

The City of Kirksville is considering a (city wide/downtown) wireless solution. This solution will be cost effective and self-funded (not tax-funded).

This survey is an effort to evaluate business community support and the potential economic impact of a wireless network. Your input will be utilized as the city establishes best practices, seeks funding opportunities, and determines specifications for the potential network. Your answers will be kept confidential.

1. Where do you live?
  - City of Kirksville
  - Adair County
  - Outside Adair County
  
2. Where do you primarily work? (Please select all that apply.)
  - City of Kirksville
  - Adair County
  - Outside Adair County
  
3. Do you own a business in any of the following locations? (Please select all that apply.)
  - City of Kirksville
  - Adair County
  - Outside Adair County
  - No, I don't own a business
  
4. Do you currently subscribe to a wireless service for personal or work use?
  - Yes, for both personal and work use
  - Yes, for personal use only
  - Yes, for work use only
  - No, I do not subscribe to a wireless service
  - Not sure
  
5. If cost were equal to or less than current wireless service, would you purchase wireless service for business purposes at some point in the future?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Not sure

➤ Why or Why Not?
  
6. Do you feel that a wireless network would help your company or employer provide better service to customers?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Not sure

➤ Why or Why Not?

7. In which of the following ways might your company or employer use a wireless network when it is available? (Please select all that apply.)

- E-commerce
- Inside vehicles
- Video surveillance and transfer
- Remote monitoring and control of critical infrastructure system (i.e. HVAC)
- Asset management and tracking
- Wireless kiosks
- High-speed data and voice communications
- Real-time field reporting
- Internet access
- GIS mapping data
- Will not use a wireless network
- Other (please specify)

8. Do you feel that a wireless network might negatively affect your company or employer in any way?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

9. How much money do you think your company (or employer) could save annually by using a wireless network?

- \$1-\$10,000
- \$10,001-\$50,000
- \$50,001-\$100,000
- \$100,001-\$500,000
- More than \$500,000
- None
- Not sure

10. How much additional revenue do you think your company or employer could generate annually by using a wireless network?

- \$1-\$10,000
- \$10,001-\$50,000
- \$50,001-\$100,000
- \$100,001-\$500,000
- More than \$500,000
- None
- Not sure

11. What do you see as the city's biggest challenges and potential successes in deploying a wireless network?

12. Please provide any additional comments and suggestions below.

**The City of Grand Rapids, Michigan**  
**An Example of a Municipality Going Wireless**  
**A Four Year Process**

***Taken from [http://www.grand-rapids.mi.us/index.pl?page\\_id=4456](http://www.grand-rapids.mi.us/index.pl?page_id=4456)***

The City of Grand Rapids began researching wireless technology, what other cities were doing, best practices, funding models, applications, types of technology available, and how each type worked the summer of 2004.

In February 2005, the City issued a request for proposals for wireless demonstration networks to be installed and operated at the vendors' expense. Eight cutting-edge innovative companies participated in the demonstration project, each installing a wireless "hot zone" network in an assigned location. Wireless network use was free during the demonstration period and all demonstration networks were open more than the minimum eight weeks.

During the summer of 2005, Excelsio Communications, an Atlanta-based wireless engineering and consulting firm, was hired to evaluate the networks and report their findings to the City's WiFi Tech Team, the City's partners, and the City Commission. All participating vendors passed the test, proving that they have the type of technology that would be required for a citywide network. The [full report](#) and an [Executive Summary](#) are available on the City's wireless Web site: <http://www.wirelessgr.com/>.

[Excelsio Communications](#) also helped City staff define priority applications, select the preferred business or partnership model, and to define requirements for the Request for Proposals. On January 27, 2006 the City issued a [Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#). The City was seeking a vendor to construct a privately owned and operated outdoor wireless broadband network that would provide wireless service throughout the City's 45 square miles. A [Letter of Intent to Bid](#) on the City's Wireless Broadband Network RFP was submitted by 21 companies. Nine companies actually submitted proposals by the April 25 deadline.

City staff, our consultant and our community partners engaged in a lengthy and comprehensive review and evaluation of all nine wireless broad band proposals. As part of the due diligence process questions were asked, interviews conducted, and site visits made. With the assistance of our consultant and community partners Clearwire was unanimously selected as the company best suited to meet our requirements.

Clearwire clearly possesses the expertise and verifiable experience in the design, development, and implementation of wireless broadband according to City requirements.

Clearwire is led by Craig McCaw, one of the pioneers in providing cellular phone service in the United States. In the early 1980s, his company, McCaw Cellular, grew to be the largest cellular service provider in the United States and was later acquired by AT&T. Mr. McCaw was the director of Nextel Communications Inc. Clearwire's leadership team has over 60 years of combined experience in the design, deployment, operation, and maintenance of large-scale, urban wireless networks nationwide.

Clearwire has developed over thirty-three wireless broadband networks covering more than 370 cities and towns in twelve states. Clearwire is a carrier class company with over \$ 1 billion dollars in investment from Intel and Motorola. Clearwire possesses the financial veracity to build and sustain a network of this magnitude.

With this agreement, we are making history! Clearwire is an industry leader in wireless broadband technology, providing next generation mobile WiMAX wireless Internet services. Service will enable fast, simple, portable, and reliable communications anytime and anywhere within the coverage area for the City, its businesses, residents, and visitors.

This is the first **partnership** of this type between Clearwire and a municipality.

This is also the first truly **cost-neutral** arrangement between a municipality and a wireless provider.

We expect that this will also be the first large-scale, municipal **mobile** WiMAX deployment in the country.

And, this will be the first WiMAX/WiFi **hybrid** network deployment that involves the placement of numerous WiFi hotspots throughout the City.

As promised, we have accomplished all of this at no burden to the taxpayer. The mobile WiMAX network will be privately funded, built, owned, and operated. Clearwire will pay all established lease fees for towers. Clearwire will reimburse the City for the \$100,000 spent on due diligence research and on securing bids for the project. Together we have crafted a truly cost-neutral arrangement whereby the cost of public safety and other municipal wireless broadband services will be offset by asset lease payments and additional partnership fees granted by Clearwire to the City.

Clearwire WiMAX service is not currently available in the Grand Rapids area.

The agreement between the City of Grand Rapids and Clearwire was executed on January 8, 2007. Since that time Clearwire has been working aggressively to build a world-class mobile WiMAX network covering the Grand Rapids area.

Clearwire is working diligently to build a high-speed wireless broadband network that is simple, affordable, portable, and reliable. WiMAX will be available at home, at work, or on-the-go. The City expects that the network will be available by the end of 2008.

The City and Clearwire look forward to a state of the art WiMAX network that will serve our communities businesses, residents, students, and visitors for a long time.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Thursday, September 4, 2008

Contact: Jessica Robinson  
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## **At Gov. Blunt's Request President Extends Major Disaster Declaration, Potentially Qualifies More Missourians for Assistance**

**JEFFERSON CITY** - Gov. Matt Blunt today announced President Bush approved his request to extend the timeframe for the summer's severe weather and flooding disasters. Originally declared a major disaster for events between June 1 and July 18th, the new timeframe includes events through August 13, 2008. The governor's success in securing the extended disaster time frame allows him to formally request that seven new counties be approved for Individual Assistance and nine counties for Public Assistance.

"In Missouri, we have battled back-to-back natural disasters from ice storms to wind storms to tornadoes to floods," Gov. Blunt said. "This extension recognizes that the ongoing natural disaster challenges our state has faced have expanded past the initial disaster timeframe previously approved by the President. This action will allow us to formally request that more areas of our state and more Missouri families be eligible for federal assistance."

Gov. Blunt is requesting Individual Assistance for Adair, Callaway, Chariton, Harrison, Macon, Monroe, and Putnam Counties. Individual Assistance helps citizens and businesses begin the recovery process.

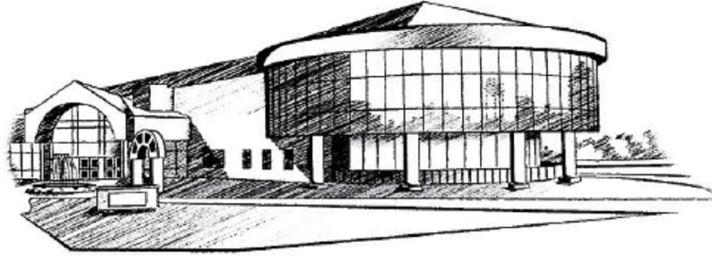
Residents of Andrew, Cass, Clark, Gentry, Greene, Holt, Johnson, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Livingston, Marion, Nodaway, Pike, Ralls, St. Charles, Stone, Taney, Vernon, and Webster are currently eligible to register for FEMA assistance if they have not done so already. People who have already registered for FEMA assistance and who suffered damage during the additional time period (July 19 through Aug. 13) should contact FEMA to update their information the number is 1-800-621-FEMA (TTY 1-800-462-7585 for the speech- or hearing-impaired)

Gov. Blunt is requesting Public Assistance for Adair, Knox, Monroe, Putnam, Randolph, Saline, Schuyler, Scotland, and Worth Counties. Public Assistance reimburses local governments for their emergency protective actions, debris management and public infrastructure repair.

Eligible counties named in the original disaster declaration are automatically included in the extension.

This June, Gov. Blunt acted quickly to proactively respond to the disaster and flooding. He directed the State Emergency Operation Center to coordinate state resources assisting local governments with their emergency protective actions ranging from sandbagging, drinking and water quality issues, security, mass feeding, sheltering operations, monitoring road closures, crisis counseling and helping locations with their vulnerable populations. In addition, the governor mobilized 800 members of the Missouri National Guard to help secure communities and roads, stabilize levies, and prepare for and manage flood waters. Missouri has been under a State of Emergency continuously for numerous natural disasters since December 2007 with the sole exception of three days in March 2008.

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A.T. STILL UNIVERSITY | ATSU

Robin,

Thanks so much for taking time to come to ATSU to inform our employees of the great benefits to the Aquatic Center.

There are some great programs available that many employees were not aware of. We are happy to have this wonderful benefit & appreciate what you & the staff do for us.

Thanks again,

Jamie McMillan

*THANK YOU*

*Thank you for participating in the Food 4 Kids Program. Without volunteers, publicity, facilities, donations, and lots of prayer this program would not be possible. We truly made a difference for many children and families this summer. This year we served 9,455 lunches in the parks.*

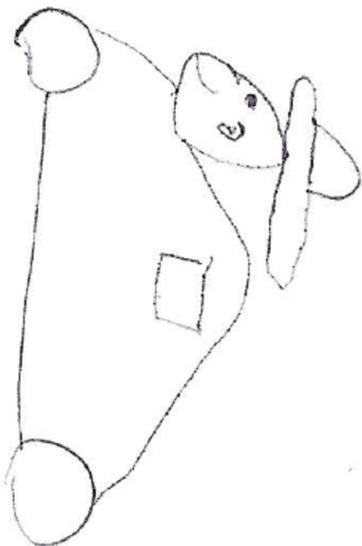
*Thank you for your part in this awesome program. Everything was greatly appreciated.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Denise Comstock  
Food 4 Kids Coordinator  
1st United Methodist Church*



Thank  
you.

Kody



Do the good that worked the every  
hours of June 25.

We don't say thank you  
for everything that you did  
for us when our house was

struck by lightning in the early  
hours of June 25. I also don't  
to thank you for your thoughts,

prayers, kind words, and  
donations. We really appreciate

it! I respect and admire you  
and that you do! Thank you  
for not giving up until you

found the loss of our much  
loved pet! That means a lot  
to us! Thank you and stay

safe!  
For Jennifer  
Bushman



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STUDENT RECREATION CENTER

Kirkville Fire Dept, C Shift

Thank you for the fire  
extinguisher training!

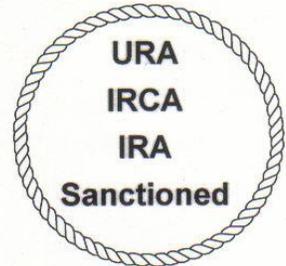
Thanks!  
 Shannon Jump  
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 Kristen  
 Cummins  
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 Jake Cushing  
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 Steven  
 Thank you!  
 Arianah Wertz  
 THANK YOU  
 KFD!  
 Sue  
 Thank you for the training  
 it was fun!  
 Thank you!  
 Ken Gattuso  
 Thank you!  
 Arianah Wertz



# Heartland Rodeo Co. Presents

# 2008 Rodeo

Sept 12th & 13th  
7:30 Pm



## Nemo Fairgrounds Kirksville Mo

approx, 500 contestants will compete for  
an estimated \$30,000

### Events to include:

BAREBACK RIDING

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## Kirk-Tran Units July-08

Day/Date	6AM-6PM(KTA)	KTH (High Hope)	Fixed Route	TOTAL
	Units	Units	Units	Units
Tuesday 07/01	14	14	18	46
Wednesday 07/02	22	12	9	43
Thursday 07/03	19	12	20	51
Monday 07/07	16	12	20	48
Tuesday 07/08	15	12	19	46
Wednesday 07/09	14	12	10	36
Thursday 07/10	17	10	10	37
Friday 07/11	17	12	11	40
Monday 07/14	16	10	6	32
Tuesday 07/15	17	10	15	42
Wednesday 07/16	14	8	9	31
Thursday 07/17	15	10	17	42
Friday 07/18	18	10	11	39
Monday 07/21	18	8	13	39
Tuesday 07/22	13	14	9	36
Wednesday 07/23	16	12	8	36
Thursday 07/24	19	8	16	43
Friday 07/25	22	14	14	50
Monday 07/28	17	14	8	39
Tuesday 07/29	17	14	14	45
Wednesday 07/30	19	10	10	39
Thursday 07/31	17	12	9	38
<b>TOTAL UNITS</b>	372	250	276	898

**CASH COLLECTED**

\$956.00

### Average Hours

**KTA 11**  
**KTH 4**  
**KFA 6**  
**KFP 7**

### Trip Purposes

Employment	418
Business	338
Nutrition	63
Medical	48
Shopping	30
Education	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>898</b>

# NEWS ON LIBRARY LANE

## September 2008

Adair County Public Library



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### BESTSELLER BOOKS

09/01/2008

#### Fiction

1. Star Wars: The Force Unleashed—Williams #
2. Smoke Screen—Brown 3
3. The Host—Meyer #
4. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society—Shafer & Barrows #
5. Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Sanction—Van Lustbader \*

#### Non-Fiction

1. The Last Lecture—Pausch #
2. The Obama Nation—Corsi
3. Stori Telling—Spelling #
4. The Secret—Byrne #
5. Are You There, Vodka?...—Handler

Source: Publishers Weekly

# Have \* On Order

### LAUGHLIN APPOINTED TO LIBRARY BOARD

Mark Laughlin was appointed to the Adair County Public Library Board of Trustees beginning July 1, 2008.



"I am a life long patron of public libraries," said Laughlin. "During my research of various historical figures and genealogy, I have visited many public libraries all across the U.S.," he continued. Laughlin's name appears in the Pickler Memorial Library catalog at Truman State University as an author under both Mark Laughlin and Mark R. Laughlin. One of his papers is on John R. Musick, a local Kirksville author.

A retired physician and Kirksville native, Laughlin currently serves on the YMCA Board, sings in the community chorus and serves on the Kirksville Watershed Management Commission. "Living in Kirksville, it is easier and more interesting to get involved in community issues," said Laughlin. "I also grow tomatoes and love to travel," he said. One memorable trip was bicycling across northern England along the route of Hadrian's Wall. A travel book from the Adair County Public Library also accompanied Laughlin on a trip to Rome.

"If I have a goal for the Adair County Public Library, it would be for more children to enjoy and experience the library. It is the place to use and get information. The internet is a compliment, not a substitute to libraries," said Laughlin.

Laughlin was appointed to replace Dwight Hart who retired from the Library Board after serving two terms from 2000-2008.

Appointments to the Library Board are made by the Adair County Commissioners according to Missouri Statutes 182.050.

### Director's Notes

**Discover, Explore, Experience your Library** is the Library's slogan and a perfect slogan for this time of year.

September in Kirksville is centered on education. The public schools are back in session and both Truman State University and A.T. Still University students are back in classes. The Adair County Public Library is the general public's classroom for life long learning for those not enrolled in a formal setting.

**Discover** new ideas, such as ways to conserve energy or the history of Islam. **Explore** your family genealogy or new places to vacation in the travel section. **Experience** a new recipe from one of the many cookbooks or dream about how to decorate a new home in the home plan books and decorating section and continue learning throughout your entire life. Think of your Library as your favorite teacher and your Library as a place to discover, explore, and experience life.

*Glenda Hunt*

### REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

Question: Which President had the most unusual job before taking the Presidency?

Answer: Prior to being President and on Grover Cleveland's first appointed day of being sheriff, he had to take the additional job of executioner. A deputy of the county had handled the executions for many years, even though it was the sheriff's duty. This deputy had performed so many hangings he was being shunned by the town. Cleveland did not feel it was morally right to make this deputy continue, so he performed the execution himself. This and other information about presidents can be found on aisle 10 B in the non-fiction area titled *The Greatest Presidential Stories Never Told* 973.099 Bey.

### Library Statistics

Largest Circulation Day:  
Tue., Aug. 5—1,869

Smallest Circulation Day:  
Sat., Aug. 9—362

# Board Line



ADAIR COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Steve Barteau—Kathy Erwin—Pat Borrok  
Rita Henderson—Mark Laughlin

Welcome to your connection to your Adair County Library Board of Trustees.  
If you have questions, contact your Board members or leave your questions at the Library.

Have you ever stared at a blank page or screen and just couldn't find the words to fill the page or convey your message? It happens to all of us whether it's writing an essay, offering condolences, straightening out business problems, or composing a resume. Sometimes we just need a little jump start to get the creative juices flowing.

Knowing that I do a lot of writing, my daughter gave me *How To Say It* by Rosalie Maggio for my birthday. This is an excellent writing resource with 50 chapters each devoted to a different type of writing. Some examples are letters of apology, contract, fundraising, invitation, welcome, refusal, goodwill, and even love letters. Also included are reports and proposals, requests and inquires, references and recommendations. If you need to write it, this book has suggestions and examples of how to say it!

Now here is the good part: you don't have to wait for someone to give you a writing resource; your Adair County Public Library has this book and many more books to help you become a more efficient and successful writer. So stop in your Library, save some money, and borrow some books to help you use the right words in the right circumstance.

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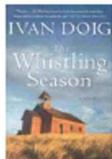


## Among Friends

The Friends of Adair County Public Library

Friends of the Library  
**Annual Fall  
Used Book Sale**

Saturday, September 6, 2008  
9 a.m.—3 p.m.  
@ the Adair County Public Library



"Whistling Season"  
by Ivan Doig  
will be discussed  
Tue., Sep. 23 @ 6 pm  
at the Library  
Mary Craig-Discussion Leader

—Book sets (6 books) are still available for \$60  
for the Adult Book Discussion at the Library.



Amy Bromley, a 15 year Library volunteer, will be moving to Massachusetts in September. Amy was known as the 'Cover Girl' due to covering thousands of library books with plastic covers.

Adair County Public Library  
One Library Lane, Kirksville, MO 63501  
<http://www.vousemore.com/adaircpl>

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## Mrs. B's "Bit of News"

### STORY TIMES START IN SEPTEMBER



*"It's early in the morning, my dog is by my side — We jump into the wagon and we all take a ride."* This is from a very, very, very old song that my granny sang to me when I was little. Now she claimed that her granny's granny sang that very tune with none other than Johnny Appleseed. I can't say if that is truly true but we will be learning this song and listening to Tall Tales about the first American super heroes: John Appleseed; Davy Crockett; Annie Oakley; and Paul Bunyan, this September at Story Times.

### Summer Fun Sponsored By Carol's Corner



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Searching for Sea Turtle Eggs



Hula Hoops

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Down, Down , Oops, Off We Go!

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