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# ***Kirksville Connection***

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## **BATTLE OF KIRKSVILLE COMMEMORATIVE PINS AND BOOKLETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT CITY HALL**

Commemorative Battle of Kirksville Booklet and Pin sets are available for \$1.00 each in the Administration Office of City Hall until the supply runs out!

The pin was designed to represent the Adair County Courthouse, which was used by the Confederates and riddled by Union guns during the Battle. This Courthouse burned in 1865. The date of the Battle, August 6, 1862, is inscribed on the pin. The commemorative booklet is a written account of the Battle of Kirksville.

One account reflected in this 38-page booklet of history contains the following: “At about 10 o’clock on the morning of August 6, 1862, Colonel Porter came to Kirksville with about 1,500 or 2,000 recruits which he had been gathering about him for two weeks or more. Many of them were unarmed and none of them had any uniforms or other equipment.... For some days before coming into Kirksville, he had been pursued by Federal forces under Colonel McNeil and others who were trying to break up his command and scatter his men. The pursuit became so close and hot as he came on towards Kirksville that he decided....”

Proceeds go toward the Friends of Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery Committee’s efforts to raise funds for the construction of a fence at the cemetery! For more information call 627-1225.

## **SAFETY TIPS FOR THANKSGIVING**

Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment. Our Fire Department would like to remind you of some safety tips while you prepare your Thanksgiving feasts this year.

- ◆ Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop, that way you can keep an eye on the food.
- ◆ Stay in the home when cooking your turkey, and check on it frequently.
- ◆ Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- ◆ Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy, or coffee can cause serious burns.
- ◆ Keep the floor clear so you don’t trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks, or bags.
- ◆ Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- ◆ Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer, or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- ◆ Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet is a great place!
- ◆ Never leave children alone in a room with a lit candle.
- ◆ Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.
- ◆ Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time. Games, puzzles, or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done outside the kitchen.

Following these tips just might prevent a fire, or prevent injuries to you and your family members. For more tips and information, contact the Fire Department at 665-3734.

## **HOLIDAY FLIGHTS ARE FILLING UP FAST AT THE KIRKSVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT**

It’s time to book your holiday flight! If you plan on flying during the holidays, you need to make your reservations as soon as possible. The Kirksville Regional Airport and Cape Air will fill the majority of their flights during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Those who wait until the last minute run the risk of not getting a ticket and having to drive to St. Louis, Kansas City, or Chicago to catch a flight. It is also important to note that Kirksville Regional Airport offers free long term parking. If you plan on being gone for over a week, the parking alone at a major airport will pay for your ticket from Kirksville to St. Louis. We hope you have a happy holiday season and safe travels!

## FLOWER PLACEMENT AT FOREST-LLEWELLYN CEMETERY

The City desires to preserve and respect the burial at Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery. This includes cooperation from loved ones who decorate the graves, adding to the beauty of the Cemetery's grounds. Everyone who visits the Cemetery is asked to follow the rules established for placement of flowers and decorations.

From November 1 to April 1, artificial flowers and wreaths on a stand are permitted on gravesites, but are subject to removal by City staff when they become soiled, weathered, or displaced by a storm event. Headstone sprays, as well as artificial and fresh flowers in a permanent vase attached to the marker, are permitted year around.

Prohibited decorations include, but are not limited to: solar lights, shepherd hooks of any size, statues, figurines, vases, pottery, ceramics, wind chimes, decorative rocks, wood chips, landscape timbers, furniture, Christmas trees, ornaments, trinkets, adornments, borders, flag poles, and banners. No plantings of any kind are allowed.

If you have further questions, all rules for Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery may be accessed on the City's web site: [www.kirkvillecity.com/council-policies](http://www.kirkvillecity.com/council-policies), Council Policy #32. For more information, contact the City Clerk at 627-1225.

## SANTA IS COMING TO DOWNTOWN KIRKSVILLE

The City of Kirksville, Kirksville Downtown Improvement Committee (KDIC), and the Office of Tourism are excited to announce that Santa Claus will be coming to Downtown Kirksville beginning Saturday, November 28! Santa will ride into the Downtown on a Fire Department fire engine at 2 pm. Santa will welcome the children at his house on the Second Floor of the Adair County Courthouse from 2 pm to 4 pm on November 28, and December 5, 12, and 19. Train rides will be available during every visit!

Throughout the month of December there are several fun activities planned to go along with Santa's visits. More info will be released about the activities you can expect, such as a coloring contest, caroling, tree ornament decorating contest, and window decorating contest, closer to time.

Additionally, you are probably familiar with Black Friday, but did you know that the following day, November 28, is called "Small Business Saturday"? This is a nationally recognized event encouraging you to shop local that day.

The Parks and Recreation Division's "Breakfast with Santa" will also be held the morning of December 5! Tickets will be on sale from November 1 through December 2 at <http://parks.kirkvillecity.com> or the Aquatic Center! Be sure to come out and join us for "Breakfast with Santa"!

## CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

In observance of Veterans Day, all City Offices, including the Aquatic Center, will be closed on Wednesday, November 11.

In observance of Thanksgiving, all City Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27. The Aquatic Center will be closed Thursday, November 26, through Saturday, November 28. All offices will reopen Monday, November 30, for regular business hours.

### **Important Dates :**

- 11/02—Council Meeting
- 11/03—LPRC Meeting
- 11/04—KHPC Special Meeting
- 11/10—ATC Meeting
- 11/11—CITY OFFICES CLOSED: Veteran's Day
- 11/16—Council Meeting
- 11/26 to 11/28—CITY OFFICES CLOSED: Thanksgiving Holiday
- 11/27—Monthly Warning Siren Test at 10 a.m.
- 11/28—Santa Arrives Downtown at 2pm

### **Contact Us:**

Airport	665-5020
Aquatic Center	627-7665
Business Licenses	627-1251
City Manager	627-1225
Codes/Inspections	627-1272
Econ Development	627-1224
Engineering	627-1272
Fire Department	665-3734
Human Resources	627-1458
Municipal Court	627-1237
Parks & Recreation	627-1485
Police Department	785-6945
Public Works	627-1291
Water/Sewer Bills	627-1251
Advanced Disposal	
Trash Service:	800-778-7652

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