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City Gets New Air Service

KIRKSVILLE HAS A NEW commercial air service. On November 5th, Mesa Air Group, flying as US Airways Express, began non-stop service from Kirksville Regional Airport to Kansas City International Airport.

An introductory roundtrip fare of \$98 is currently in effect, with an anticipated regular roundtrip fare of \$138.

"When you take into account the time it takes to drive to Kansas City, the cost of parking, and the price of gasoline, it just makes sense to fly," said City Manager, Mari Macomber.

"We want to get the word out that the parking at Kirksville's airport is only a few feet from the terminal building, it's free, and getting through security is quick and easy," Macomber said.

In order to keep the air service, which is subsidized by the US Department of Transportation through the Essential Air Service (EAS) program, citizens need to use it when they can. It takes about 311 passenger departures per month to allow us to meet the per passenger subsidy allowed through the EAS program.

Kirksville/Kansas City Flight Schedule

Kirksville Departures

Monday-Saturday
Depart: 8:55 a.m. Arrive: 9:35 a.m.

Sunday-Friday
Depart: 5:35 p.m. Arrive: 6:10 p.m.

Kansas City Departures

Monday-Saturday
Depart: 8 a.m. Arrive: 8:40 a.m.

Sunday-Friday
Depart: 4:45 p.m. Arrive: 5:25 p.m.

You can contact Mesa at 660-627-0100.
Book your flight today! ■

Kirksville to Celebrate 150 Years

2007 WILL MARK the City of Kirksville's sesquicentennial. On January 30, 1857 an act was passed granting a charter to Kirksville. This was the beginning of its municipal government, although the community was selected as the county seat for Adair County in 1841.

Several activities commemorating this milestone are being planned. An event will be held on January 30th, the City's official anniversary, and other events will be held throughout the year.

Potential events include a commemoration of the 1899 cyclone, a

commemoration of the Battle of Kirksville, and events centered around the Red, White, and Blue 4th of July Festival.

The City is planning a website with a timeline of Kirksville's history, highlighting significant dates and events. If you have photographs or other memorabilia that we could scan or photograph for our website, please let us know. Please contact Kris or Sarah at 660-627-1224.

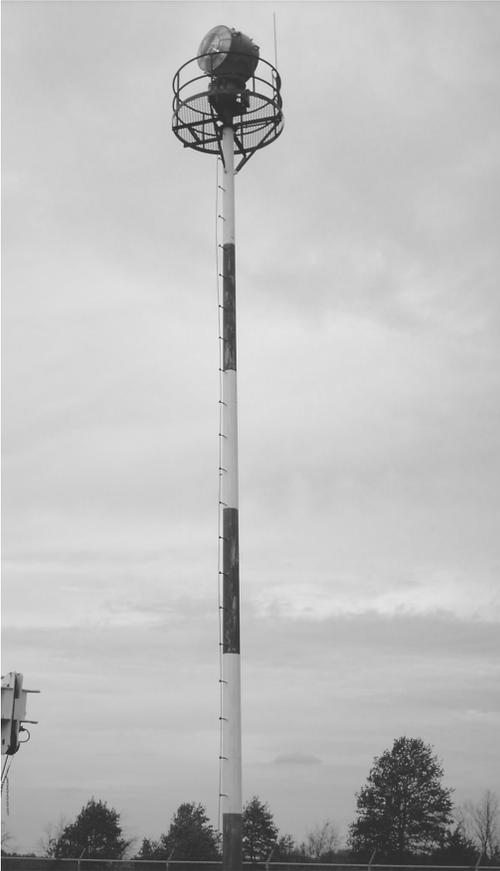
Be watching for details of events as they become available. ■



Department News

New Beacon Installed at Kirksville Regional

THE ROTATING BEACON at Kirksville Regional Airport has been out of service for some time. Efforts to repair or rebuild the beacon, which was more than 50 years old, had been unsuccessful. The beacon, a 36" rotating light that lets pilots know the location of the airport, was recently replaced as a part of airport improvements that were 95% funded through a MoDOT Aviation Block Grant. ■



The new airport beacon was installed October 30th.

Cable Channel 3 Can Promote Your Event

THE CITY'S CABLE CHANNEL 3 is available to promote your group's upcoming activity or event. Non-profit groups or organizations may submit information about their event to run on Channel 3 for up to two weeks. Events must be open to the public. Please submit your information in writing to the Department of Economic Development, 2nd Floor, City Hall, or call 660-627-1224 or fax 660-627-1026. ■



City Crews Ready for First Snowfall

THE LEAVES ARE NEARLY GONE, the clocks have been turned back to standard time, so the first snowfall can't be far behind. The employees at the City's Public Works Department began planning and preparing for this winter months ago. Each year the City spends over 1700 man hours, and nearly \$65,000 for snow and ice control. The street department will use between 800 and 1200 tons of salt and ice control agents on the 96 miles of city streets. Crews use truck mounted snow plows, salt spreaders, graders, and wheeled loaders to clear streets and the downtown parking areas. A full snow removal crew is 13 men plus a supervisor. The City is divided into 6 zones for snow removal operations. Streets are cleared in priority order, first are the emergency routes, followed by priority streets, which include the Central Business District, then secondary routes, including all the Kirksville R-III bus routes not included in the emergency category, and finally the remaining residential streets.

Snow removal involves all the citizens of Kirksville, however, and not just the Public Works Department. Property owners or tenants are required to keep the sidewalks along and in front of their property clear of snow, and must remove all snow from sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall.

Citizens can take a few simple steps to make snow removal much more efficient, effective, and safe. Snow emergency routes are marked. When a snow emergency is declared, citizens

have two hours to remove any parked vehicle before they will be towed. If you normally park on a designated snow emergency route, and the weather forecast says snow, move your vehicle before you retire for the evening. Vehicles parked on streets not designated as snow emergency routes will not be towed; however, crews will plow around parked vehicles, often leaving windrows that effectively block the vehicles against the curb. If at all possible, vehicles should be moved off the street and into driveways or legal parking areas before the snow begins to accumulate. When residents clear their driveways, snow should be pushed to the side in the direction of traffic, so that when the snow plow passes it will not push the snow right back into the drive. It is illegal to push snow and ice from private driveways into the street.

Drivers should not follow snow removal equipment too closely. The spreaders fling salt and ice removal agents both to the back and sides of the vehicle. Snow plows are wider than the trucks pushing them so drivers should exercise extreme caution any time they attempt to pass a snow plow.

City crews will work as quickly as possible to clear the streets, and will work as long as necessary to keep them clear during a storm. The patience and cooperation of the City's residents is needed and appreciated to keep winter storms a minor inconvenience, rather than a major disaster. ■

Kirksville Police Department Hosts Law Enforcement Fair

A LAW FAIR, to promote the recently developed law enforcement Explorer Post 660, was held September 22 at the Rieger Armory. The event was considered a big success and recruited several new members. Explorer Post is a program affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, for individuals between 14 and 21 years of age. Members participate in law enforcement related activities and experience different aspects of the career field. Many members of the Explorer Post have an interest in a career in law enforcement, and this type of program helps guide youth toward their goal.

The Law Fair was hosted by local law enforcement agencies. Food and

prizes were donated by area businesses and activities were conducted by participating law enforcement agencies. Some of the demonstrations available were an M-16 laser course set up by the National Guard; a K-9 demonstration by the Adair County Sheriff's Department; and SWAT tools and gear displayed by the Kirksville Police Department. Participants were given the opportunity to experience varying aspects of law enforcement.

Explorer Post 660 is sponsored by the Kirksville Police Department, Adair County Sheriff's Department, Schuyler County Sheriff's Department, Truman State University Department of Public Safety and Justice



Kirksville Police Chief, Jim Hughes, talks to students about some of the equipment used by the KPD SWAT Team. (Photo courtesy of NEMO Photography)

Systems Department, Missouri Department of Conservation, Adair County Prosecutor's Office, Adair County Juvenile Office, Missouri Probation and Parole, and the Boy Scouts of America. ■

Innovation Center Established in Kirksville

NEARLY TWO YEARS in the making, the Missouri Rural Enterprise and Innovation Center will soon be a reality. The new innovation center is a cooperative project of seven local organizations, including: the City of Kirksville; the Adair County Commission; A.T. Still University; Truman State University; Northeast Regional Medical Center; Kirksville Regional Economic Development, Inc.; and the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce.

At a recent press conference, held in the Kirksville City Council Chambers, local partners were

joined by Greg Steinhoff, director of the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED), as they announced the that a Center had been established in Kirksville.

The mission of the Kirksville center is to serve as an economic development agency, focused on the needs of rural communities and rural business enterprises across the state of Missouri with particular emphasis on the northern half of the state. In addition to addressing the statutory role of innovation centers to focus on businesses in the areas of life sciences, advanced manufacturing

technology, and information technology, the center will include in its activities such other economic interests that reflect the needs and opportunities of rural Missouri, including but not limited to healthy aging, clinical drug trials, value-added agriculture, and other information intensive product development opportunities that may emerge from the partners or potential clients. The center will seek to foster the growth and development of technology-based businesses for a 21st Century economy in rural Missouri.

The Missouri Rural Enterprise and

Innovation Center is incorporated as a nonprofit organization and will be governed by an 11-member board of directors representing the seven local partners plus an additional four members chosen from business, industry, and other agencies at large. ■

First Dog Luau a Success

ON SEPTEMBER 5TH the Kirksville Aquatic Center held its first Dog Luau in partnership with Pawsitive Animal Works. This is the first annual event of what we hope to be many more to come.

Twenty-five dogs and 34 owners came to swim in the outdoor pool. There were door prizes and treats for the participants.

Since the outdoor pool is drained right after Labor Day each year, this was the perfect opportunity to try an event like this. "Most dogs love to swim, and may not get the opportunity to do so

at any other time," said Community Services Director, Steve Bell. "In fact, for some dogs this event was the first time they had been in the water. This was also the first time many owners had been in the water with their pets," Bell said.

The center is a great place for this event because the different water levels and entries can accommodate different sized dogs and also accommodate all age groups of dog owners. Some dogs came in Luau costumes and everyone had a good time. The filtration system in the pool is turned off, and the pool is drained the following day, so there is no damage to the pool itself. ■



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Spur Pond Update

More than three years after it was drained, Spur Pond is filling up. This summer more than 2,761 dump truck loads of silt and sediment were removed from the bottom of the pond. The pond's floor and sides were reshaped, the overflow was installed, and the dam was repaired.

The work to Spur Pond is being accomplished through a partnership between the City of Kirksville and the Missouri Department of Conservation.



Construction
underway on Spur
Pond.
July 2006



Spur Pond as it
looks today.
November 2006

2007 City Council Goals

Each year the Kirksville City Council determines what the goals will be for the coming year. The following are the City Council goals for 2007:

Economic Development
Job Creation
Quality of Life

Fiscal Responsibility & Efficiency in Government
Long Range Planning
Staff Retention
Build Partnerships

Protect City Owned Assets
Community Pride