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### MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Springfield Health Center Receives \$1.4M Grant



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded Jordan Valley Community Health Center more than \$1.4 million in a federal grant. The funds will be used to finish basement facilities for a new women's clinic at the health center, and allow the center to

expand its services for women, which already include a program specifically for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program. [Read more...](#)

#### Katy Trail Traffic Helps Small Towns Prosper

For small towns like Defiance and Augusta in St. Charles County, business is booming, thanks to bikers, hikers and runners along the Katy Trail. With a 50 percent increase in trail traffic for this year, wineries, eateries, bike shops and other small businesses are seeing major benefits. [Read more...](#)



#### Kansas City Announces American Basketball Association Team



Kansas City Mayor Mark Funkhouser has announced that the city's American Basketball Association (ABA) team will be called the Kansas City Stars. The Stars will play their first game Nov. 23rd against the St. Louis Stunners at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City. David Francis, founder and CEO of Fame Sports & Entertainment in Kansas City is the team's owner. [Read more...](#)

### FOCUS ON MISSOURI

#### Missouri Biomass Conversion Company First in Nation to Receive Federal Funds



Gov. Jay Nixon last week praised the selection of the Show Me Energy Cooperative as the first biomass conversion facility in the nation to qualify for matching payments to its suppliers under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's new Biomass Crop Assistance Program. "I am committed to Missouri being a leader in green technology and in alternative fuels, so I am

delighted that a Missouri company was the first in the nation to receive these federal funds to encourage biomass conversion," Gov. Nixon said. [Read more...](#)

#### MSU, UMKC Announce Partnership for Pharmacy Degree

Missouri State University (MSU) and the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) have announced a new partnership that will use distance learning and satellite technology to link classrooms at UMKC to specially equipped classrooms on MSU's Springfield campus, allowing MSU students to have the opportunity to earn a Doctor of Pharmacy



#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Missouri Partnership Events: Sept. - Nov. 2009

[Schedule of Missouri Partnership Marketing Events](#)

September 17 - 18, 2009

["Economic Development Marketing and Attraction"](#)

September 22 - 23, 2009

[Canada's Oil Sands Trade Show and Conference](#)

October 4 - 7, 2009

[IEDC Annual Conference: Renewable Communities - Leveraging Your Competitive Resources](#)

October 4 - 7, 2009

[AFCOM Data Center World® Conference](#)

October 6 - 9, 2009

[BioJapan 2009 World Business Forum](#)

October 8 - 9, 2009

[Missouri Economic Development Financing Association \(MEDFA\) Annual Conference](#)

October 12 - 14, 2009

[CoreNet Global Fall Summit](#)

degree. The Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC) estimates that Missouri will have a shortage of 700 pharmacists by 2012. MSU President Michael Nietzel said, "The University of Missouri and Missouri State will be great partners in helping address this need with a high-quality program at a great value." [Read more...](#)

### Electric Car Production Could be Coming to Mid-Missouri



Augusta, Ga.-based Tomberlin Automotive Group last week demonstrated its newest model of electric car, the Anvil. Parts for Tomberlin vehicles are being manufactured in Mexico, Mo., and the company would like to locate an assembly plant there. Chris Miller of M&M Golf Cars and the Mexico distributor for Tomberlin, said, "It runs very inexpensively, somewhere around a cent and a half to two cents a mile, compared to your gasoline car." [Read more...](#)

### Redevelopment of Former St. Louis Coke Plant Property Moves Forward

Gov. Jay Nixon joined St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay last week to announce a massive cleanup and development plan for the former Carondelet Coke Corp. property, which has been vacant for decades and contains contaminated soil. The Missouri Department of Economic Development estimates that this project, funded in part under the state's Brownfield Redevelopment Program, will create at least 363 jobs in the city, following cleanup and redevelopment of the 42 acres near the Mississippi River in deep South St. Louis. [Read more...](#)



### Economic Conditions Spark Increase in Community College Enrollment



Community college enrollment has increased at all of Missouri's community colleges. Recent statistics also indicate that students who graduate from community colleges are less likely to experience unemployment compared to those who have only earned high school diplomas. [Read more...](#)

### Productivity Grows at Fastest Pace in 6 Years

Nationally, worker productivity grew at the fastest pace in nearly six years, while labor costs fell by the most in nine years, as companies cut costs to ride out the recession. The U.S. Department of Labor reported that productivity, the amount of output per hour of work, rose at an annual rate of 6.6 percent in the April-June quarter, the largest advance since the summer of 2003. [Read more...](#)



### Lawson Awarded \$120,000 Public Needs CDBG for Street and Drainage Improvement Projects

The city of Lawson has been approved for a \$120,000 public needs



### Gibson, Nunn Talk Jobs on St Louis Radio Show

With recent unemployment news and continued innovations in Missouri's workforce services capturing the public's attention, Division of



### Rio National Insurance Brings 100 Jobs to Lee's Summit

Colorado-based car insurance firm Rio National Insurance Group has announced plans to lease 3,000 square feet of space

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**October 18 - 19, 2009**  
[46th Annual MCB Conference](#)  
Capitol Plaza,  
Jefferson City

**October 21 - 24, 2009**  
[Taiwan International Green Industry Show \(TiGiS\) 2009](#)

**October 22 - 23, 2009**  
[AIM's 2009 Missouri Tax Conference](#)

**October 28 - 30, 2009**  
[MEDC Fall Conference](#)  
Columbia

**November 3 - 4, 2009**  
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grant under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). The CDBG will be utilized for a drainage improvement project. [Read more...](#)

### **Bowling Green Awarded \$63,400 Public Needs CDBG for Demolition of Structures**

Sixteen vacant, dilapidated structures scattered through residential areas of Bowling Green, identified by city officials as creating health and safety threats to the city's residents, will be demolished, utilizing a \$63,400 public needs grant under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program awarded by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). [Read more...](#)

### **Madison County Awarded \$500,000 CDBG for Water System Improvement Project**

Residents served by Public Water Supply District (PWSD) No. 1 in Madison County will soon see a water improvement project get underway. The county was recently approved for a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) on behalf of the water district by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). [Read more...](#)

### **DED Awards Neighborhood Assistance Program Tax Credits to four Missouri Non-profit Organizations**

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that

Workforce Development Director Julie Gibson and St. Louis Community College Vice Chancellor of Workforce and Community Development Rod Nunn hosted the "St. Louis on the Air" program on KWMU public radio on Sept. 9. They discussed the new Regional Collaboration Center in Fenton, established to provide reemployment services to Chrysler workers, as well as new accelerated training programs to meet the needs of dislocated workers. They also educated listeners on the latest unemployment data from [MERIC](#) and the recent "[State of the St. Louis Workforce Report](#)", focusing on economic development strategies like the Governor's jobs bill that helps keep Missouri companies and jobs in-state and in lure of out-of-state businesses creating jobs here.

### **South Central Youth Skill Up for Green Manufacturing**

An internship program through the Next-Generation Jobs Team has helped 38 south central Missouri and Kansas City-area young people learn the skills needed for careers in "green" manufacturing. The eight-week program called Greening Missouri Youth (GMY) is sponsored by the South Central Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and the Full Employment Council and included classroom training on principles such as Lean Enterprise and Green building techniques, coupled with an energy

on Blue Parkway and hire 20-25 workers during the first year of operation in Lee's Summit. The company expects to employ 100 people within five years. [Read more...](#)

### **Arch Coal Donates \$116,000 to Missouri S&T**

The Arch Coal Foundation has made a \$116,000 donation to Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T) in Rolla to update its mine rescue and safety laboratory. Dr. Samuel Frimpong, chair of mining and nuclear engineering at Missouri S&T said, "This gift from Arch Coal will help us continue to attract the best and brightest engineering students to Missouri S&T." [Read more...](#)

### **KCP&L Makes \$14M Commitment for Smart-grid Technology**

As part of an application for \$48 million in federal stimulus funds for smart-grid technology in Kansas City's Green Impact Zone, Kansas City Power & Light Co. (KCPL) has committed \$14 million over five years. Other corporate partners have committed another \$10 million, for a combined commitment of \$24 million and hopes of receiving a \$24 million matching grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. [Read more...](#)

### **MGE, KCPL Offer Energy Bill Credits for Home Efficiency Upgrades**

Through a joint agreement to offer mutual customers as much as \$1,200 in credits in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency's Home Performance with Energy Star program, Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) and

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four Missouri not-for-profit organizations have been approved for a total of \$659,843 in tax credits under the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). [Read more...](#)

**DREAM Community  
Kirksville Awarded  
\$100,000 CDBG to  
Assist with Downtown  
Revitalization Efforts**

A \$100,000 grant under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, on behalf of the Kirksville Downtown Improvement Committee (KDIC), Inc., has been approved by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). The CDBG will be utilized to assist in the hiring of a downtown manager for DREAM community Kirksville. [Read more...](#)

**Audrain County Awarded  
\$215,190 Public Needs  
CDBG for ADA  
Improvements**

A \$215,190 public needs grant under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program will be utilized for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements and an elevator replacement in the Audrain County Courthouse, the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced. [Read more...](#)

use assessment project with a manufacturing company. Tana Holder, executive director of the South Central WIB stated, "It was great that the participants were able to suggest thousands of dollars in cost-saving measures for our region's manufacturers while developing their work skills and abilities." Read more in the August edition of *Impact!* from [Missouri Enterprise](#).

**Mexico Career Center  
Hiring Seminar Nets  
Kudo**

Moved with gratitude, job seeker Sam Vaughan recently wrote [Mexico Career Center](#) workforce specialist Carol Fischer to thank her for her "time and expertise" in the hiring seminar she conducted. "The seminar helped build my confidence and self-esteem and I came away with some new skills and useful materials," Sam said. "I really appreciate the efforts of the Missouri Career Center and its personnel." Carol stated, "This is just part of my job, but it's nice to know that participants are taking the information with them!"

Kansas City Power & Light Co. (KCPL) are offering bill credits to customers who make energy-efficient upgrades to their homes. The program is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and is part of the government's ENERGY STAR program. [Read more...](#)

**Tacony Manufacturing's  
Vacuum Museum  
Highlighted on Channel 2  
News**

Tacony Manufacturing's extensive collection of 500 vacuums spanning a century of progress has triggered quite the media stir - the latest being Tim Ezell who stars in Tim's Travels on the Channel 2 morning news. The museum displays vacuums from the 1910s to modern times in decade-themed vignettes complete with period furniture and memorabilia from that era. [Read more...](#)

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GLOBAL NEWS

**Monsanto to Partner with French Biotech Company**



Monsanto Co. and French biotechnology firm Collectis S.A. have signed a research and commercial license agreement to allow Monsanto broad use of Collectis' plant technology. Collectis will receive an upfront payment of nearly \$4.3 million. Once approved by Collectis shareholders, Monsanto will make an equity investment of \$1.4 million to allow the French firm to scale its technology for agriculture. [Read more...](#)

### **Boeing Teams up with DONG Energy of Denmark**

The Boeing Company signed an agreement last month with DONG Energy of Denmark to carry out combined innovation on energy-related technology and business quests. Jan Närlinge, president of Boeing Northern Europe said, "Working together in a global business environment to address the key societal challenges of today requires forging relationships that know no borders." [Read more...](#)



### **Boeing Partners with Polish Company**

The Boeing Co. and Poland-based WB Electronics have announced that the two companies will partner on ground combat vehicle battle management and command, control and communications systems. WB Electronics is a privately-held Polish company that employs more than 100 engineers, specializing in the development of complex electronics, mechanics and software. [Read more...](#)

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