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## MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

### Chiefs Training Camp Coming to St. Joseph



The Missouri Development Finance Board (MDFB) has approved a revised agreement for \$25 million in tax credits to the Kansas City Chiefs in exchange for improvements at the Truman Sports Complex and construction of a training camp at Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph. Bringing the three-week annual training camp back to Missouri,

which may happen as soon as 2010, is expected to create an economic boom for St. Joseph and the state. [Read more...](#)

### Roller Coaster Convention Visits Silver Dollar City

About 350 members of the American Coaster Enthusiasts were at Silver Dollar City in Branson this week for the 32nd annual "Coaster Con" convention. Attendees were allowed exclusive ride time - early morning and late evening hours when the park is closed to the public - to enjoy the thrill of the PowderKeg, WildFire, Thunderation and Fire in the Hole roller coasters. (Photo courtesy of Silver Dollar City) [Read more...](#)



### St. Patrick Center's GO! Green Receives \$550K Training Grant



The St. Patrick Center in St. Louis recently received a \$550,000 grant from the U.S. Conference of Mayors as part of a green jobs training program funded by the Wal-Mart Foundation. Six nonprofit organizations were selected to receive grants totaling \$3.27 million to support and expand

training programs for green jobs. [Read more...](#)

### Innovation Conference, July 9: "Innovation in Turbulent Times"

The 2009 Innovation Conference: "Innovation in Turbulent Times," will feature Sprint CEO Dan Hesse and other Kansas City-area executives who will share their experiences in developing effective strategies, managing and delivering innovative change in their business culture, and leading their companies to global success. Conference attendees have a chance to win two sets of round-trip tickets to anywhere Southwest Airlines flies. [Read more...](#)

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

June, July, August  
[Outstanding Missouri Women Traveling History Exhibit at Arrow Rock State Historic Site](#)

June 29, 2009  
["Economic Development and Grant Training Workshop"](#)

June 30, 2009  
[Missouri Women's Council Award of Distinction - deadline for nominees](#)

July 1, 2009  
[Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission Meeting](#)

July 7, 2009  
[Southwest Missouri Wind Energy Supply Chain Workshop](#)

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July 9, 2009  
[Innovation Conference: "Innovation in Turbulent Times"](#)

July 16, 2009  
[NAP Workshop](#)

## FOCUS ON MISSOURI

### Gov. Nixon Announces Targeted Tax Cut for Small Businesses



Earlier this month, Gov. Jay Nixon visited small businesses around the state to detail legislation that provides a targeted tax cut for Missouri's small businesses. Nixon met with employees, toured facilities and highlighted the importance of helping small businesses create jobs during these difficult economic times. Gov. Nixon also discussed a key provision in House Bill 191, the bipartisan jobs bill, that eliminates the franchise tax for more than 16,500 Missouri small businesses, or 82 percent of all businesses that owed or paid this tax last year. [Read](#)

[more...](#)

### Missouri Ranks 22nd for Clean Energy Jobs

According to the new "Clean Energy Economy" report from the Pew Charitable Trusts, Missouri ranks No. 22 for its number of clean energy jobs and No. 23 for its number of clean energy businesses. The first-of-its-kind study shows Missouri had 11,714 clean energy jobs and 1,062 clean energy businesses in 2007. [Read more...](#)



### Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission to Meet



The Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1, at Pershing Community Center, Building 4109 Piney Hills Drive, Fort Leonard Wood. The meeting is open to the public; however, portions of the meeting may be closed pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes, Section 610.021. For more information or a copy of the agenda contact [Marcy Mealy](#),

boards and commissions coordinator, (573) 526-3606. [Read more...](#)



### Missouri Gas Price Report



According to the AAA Daily Fuel Gauge Report, as of June 22, 2009, the retail price for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline in Missouri averaged \$2.51 per gallon, 18 cents lower than the national average of \$2.69. Missouri pump prices were tied for lowest in the nation with South Carolina. [Read more...](#)

### Ozark Workforce Investment Area Population Projected to Grow

The Ozark region will experience the largest proportion of population growth in Missouri. It is projected to increase in population by almost 8 percent in the next five years, double the national average. This area also has an extremely educated population with over 86 percent of residents having at least a high school diploma. [Read more...](#)



July 26 - 29, 2009

[Summers @ Mizzou "Build-a-Business" Camp](#)

July 30 - 31, 2009

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August 18 - 21, 2009

[Missouri Main Street Conference: Get Plugged In...Downtown](#)

September 9 - 11, 2009

[Governor's Conference on Economic Development](#)

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](#)

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**DED Announces \$6.4M in Additional CDBG Recovery Funding; Public Comment Period ends Today**

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that the Substantial Amendment to the FY08 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan is available to the public. The amendment is posted on the [BCS Web site](#), and the public comment period ends at 5 p.m. today, June 26. [Read more...](#)

**DED Awards \$481,037 in Brownfield Redevelopment Tax Credits to Kansas City Organization**

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that a Kansas City organization has been approved for remediation tax credits through the Brownfield Redevelopment Program. Power House Properties KC, LLC has been approved for up to \$481,037 in remediation tax credits for the redevelopment of the Union Station Power House Building. [Read more...](#)

**Nodaway County Continues Improvements with Revolving Loan Fund**

Nodaway County is seeing the successful beautification of properties, such as The Bookstop and the Maryville Public Library, thanks to a zero percent interest loan for businesses to improve and remodel their facade and pay back the amount in up to five years. "We just want to encourage our local businesses to invest into the Nodaway County community," Nodaway County Economic Development Executive Director Lee Langerock said. [Read more...](#)

**Missouri to Receive Stimulus Funds for Jobs, Housing**

On June 22, the U.S. Treasury Department announced that Missouri would be one of four states to receive a share of a \$268 million grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) to fund the development of affordable housing units. Citing plummeting housing construction numbers and soaring job losses in housing sectors, the funding will, in the words of a treasury deputy secretary, "help spur construction and development, create much needed jobs, and increase the availability of affordable housing for families around the country." Missouri's share of the grant will be \$17 million. [Read more...](#)

**Central Region Youth "Outstanding" in New Career**

A customer of the Central Workforce Region's Next-Generation Jobs Team (NGJT) program has embarked on a new career that will utilize her skills and experience. Lucy Flaim (shown in this [photo](#)) entered the program after graduating from Truman State University and was able to land a job with the [Meramec Regional Planning Commission](#) as a Community Development Specialist. On the job, Lucy will work with city managers and county commissioners in writing grants for the local governments and municipalities. Lucy is already "doing an outstanding job," according to her supervisor. NGJT and other workforce development programs are delivered in mid-Missouri by the Central Ozarks Private Industry Council (COPIC). Executive Director of the Central Region's workforce board, Janet Vaughn said,

**Associated Electric Secures \$200M in Government Loans for Plant Upgrades**

Springfield-based Associated Electric Cooperative Inc. (AECI) has received \$200 million in two federally-backed, low-interest loans for upgrades to two power plants in Missouri and Arkansas. AECI was among 37 utilities in 29 states that received more than \$1 billion in loans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development loan and grant program. [Read more...](#)

**Wind Energy Company Eyeing NE Missouri**

Kansas-based TradeWind Energy is working with Adair and Sullivan county officials to bring wind power to the northeast region of Missouri. The company's Shuteye Creek Wind Project would channel Missouri's wind power into energy for homes. The project is looking to place wind turbines on 30,000 acres of private land in the two counties if the deal is finalized. [Read more...](#)

**Plans Advance for \$673M Nuclear Parts Plant**

Kansas City's Planned Industrial Expansion Authority adopted four resolutions last week to advance the development of a \$673 million, 1.5 million-square-foot replacement plant for the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). By moving from 3.2 million square feet at the current plant to 1.5 million of modern space at the new plant, NNSA Site Manager Mark Holecek said that the NNSA expects to save \$100 million a year in operating costs. [Read more...](#)

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"We are proud of Lucy and the other members of our summer youth program and have complete faith they will succeed in the workforce."

### Missouri Companies Make "Best Places to Work in IT" List

Several Missouri firms were recently named in *ComputerWorld* magazine's "100 Best Places to Work in IT 2009". In the St. Louis area, Monsanto, Edward Jones, Scotttrade and MasterCard all made the list. Kansas City's Cerner Corp. and Monett's Jack Henry and Associates also made the list. *ComputerWorld* compiled the list by collecting workplace data from employers and gathering satisfaction ratings from more than 27,000 IT workers to rank the top 100 organizations. [Read more...](#)

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## GLOBAL NEWS

### Deadline Extended for Participation in BioJapan 2009



The Missouri Department of Economic Development is actively recruiting a limited number of Missouri biotech/life sciences companies to make up a Japan Trade Mission Delegation to participate in the BioJapan 2009 World Business Forum in Yokohama, October 6-9. This event also represents an opportunity to network and develop conversations with Japanese companies, potentially leading to investment prospects within your communities. Registration deadline has been extended until July 15.

Those interested should contact [Krista Zurkamer](#) at (573) 751-6728, or [Jessica Eads](#) at (573) 751-4982. [Read more...](#)

### Economic Indicators Rise in May – Largest Increase in Five Years

The Conference Board's index of leading economic indicators, which is designed to forecast activity in the next three to six months, rose 1.2 percent in May, the largest increase since March 2004. Seven of the index's 10 components grew in May, including money supply, building permits, consumer expectations, stock prices and vendors' deliveries of supplies to companies. [Read more...](#)



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