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MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

Spirit of St. Louis Gives \$195,000 in Donations to Nonprofits

The Spirit of St. Louis (SOS) Women's Fund has granted a total of \$195,000 to 13 local nonprofit organizations in the St. Louis area. The SOS, a component of the Greater St. Louis Community Foundation, reached the \$500,000 milestone for charitable giving in 2009. Read more...

Boys & Girls Town of Missouri Receives Darr Family Donation

The Springfield campus of the Boys & Girls Town of Missouri has received a \$10,000 donation from the local Darr Family Foundation to help support the Darr Cottage, which houses the Ozarks Family Resource Center emergency shelter. In 2008, the Darr Cottage provided food and shelter to 176 children. Read more...



Columbia Builds Youth Program Receives Stimulus Funding

The Columbia Builds Youth program, a branch of the national YouthBuild program, will receive \$1.1 million in stimulus funds over the next two years to assist with program operations. The program teaches construction skills to young people, ages 16-24, while helping them earn their GED, and has recently partnered with the Missouri Department of Transportation to allow students to work on state highway projects. (Photo courtesy of Columbia Missourian) Read more...



Hannibal Downtown Group Works to Form Community Improvement District

Directors of the Downtown Hannibal Development Corporation are developing a strategic plan and working to form a Community Improvement District (CID) to secure the future of the downtown area, as well as Hannibal in general. The strategic plan was created as part of the Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missouri (DREAM) Initiative and will help identify priorities for the economic development and beautification of Hannibal. Read more...



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Missouri Receives \$23M Stimulus Funding for Energy Programs

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has announced more than \$154 million in Recovery Act funding to support energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in four states. With DOE's State Energy Program (SEP) funding, Missouri will expand its existing Energy Center



UPCOMING EVENTS

June, July, August Outstanding Missouri Women Traveling History Exhibit at Arrow Rock State Historic Site

July 7, 2009 Southwest Missouri Wind Energy Supply Chain Workshop Neosho

July 9, 2009 Innovation Conference: "Innovation in Turbulent Times"

July 16, 2009 NAP Workshop

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July 30 - 31, 2009 Environmental Conference at the Lake

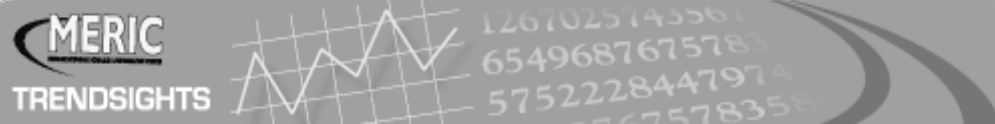
August 18 - 21, 2009 Missouri Main Street Conference: Get Plugged In...Downtown

September 9 - 11, 2009 Governor's Conference on Economic Development

program, which includes a variety of home efficiency programs, building energy codes, and education and training initiatives. [Read more...](#)

Changes to SBA 504 Loan Program Will Allow Businesses to Refinance Existing Debt, Expand, Create New Jobs

Small businesses seeking to expand will be able to refinance existing loans used to purchase real estate and other fixed assets as a result of permanent changes to the U.S. Small Business Administration's 504 Certified Development Company loan program. The changes were authorized in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. [Read more...](#)



2008 Missouri Job Vacancy Survey



The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced the release of the Missouri Job Vacancy Survey 2008 (JVS). The survey, developed by DED's Division of Workforce Development (DWD), Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC), and in conjunction with the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL), provides information about the quantity and quality of job vacancies in the state and at 10 regional levels. [Read more...](#)

Home Loan Situation : Missouri Information Brief

The condition of the housing market, both nationally and in Missouri, is an important bellwether of the overall economy and eventual recovery from the current recession. Mass delinquent loans and foreclosures can be an indicator of marketwide housing problems. [Read more...](#)



DED Awards Wayne County \$120,200 Emergency Community Development Block Grant for Flooding Repairs

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that Wayne County has been approved for a \$120,200 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The grant is on behalf of Wayne County PWSD #2 and will be utilized for emergency repairs to two waterlines washed out by flooding in 2008. [Read more...](#)

DED Awards \$996,995 in



ABC News Focuses on Missouri's Next-Generation Jobs Team

Word of Missouri's outstanding Next-Generation Jobs Team summer youth program may soon spread to a national audience. This week, ABC News' [Bret Hovell](#) traveled to three Next-Gen job sites around the state - in Kansas City, Sedalia and Columbia - to interview businesses and youth customers about how the program is working to meet their career exploration needs. Local workforce staff also described how they were able to facilitate the



Business Spotlight: Southwest Missouri's **A.M. Pyrotechnics LLC** Aaron Mayfield's childhood vision has become a reality as his entrepreneurial spirit has driven him to develop a successful fireworks manufacturing company near Buffalo. With the assistance of the Small Business and Technology Development Center and experts at Missouri State University, Mayfield's expertise has gained him recognition as one of the top pyro-musical choreographers in the world. [Read more...](#)

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YOP Tax Credits to 10 Missouri Service Organizations

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that 10 Missouri organizations that offer various services to Missouri children have been approved for a total of \$996,995 in Youth Opportunities Program (YOP) tax credits. [Read more...](#)

DED Awards Neighborhood Assistance Program Tax Credits to Bridgeton Non-profit Organization

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that a St. Louis County not-for-profit organization has been approved for tax credits of \$141,775 under the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). [Read more...](#)

DED Awards NAP Tax Credits to Kennett Non-profit Organization

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that a Kennett not-for-profit organization has been approved for \$109,755 in tax credits under the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). [Read more...](#)

benefits to both parties. The segment is currently projected to air on the *Weekend World News* or *Good Morning America* shows later in the summer.

Mo. Senator Touts Workforce Services

When Sen. Luann Ridgeway of District 17 offered career search resources to her constituents in a recent op-ed article in the *Kansas City Sun Tribune*, the items she mentioned were virtually all from Missouri's publicly-funded workforce system. In "Finding a job in a difficult economy," Sen. Ridgeway pointed to the "personalized career assistance" of Missouri Career Centers; the "consummate site for available jobs," [MissouriCareerSource.com](#); the "excellent resource for tips and advice on looking for a job" in the 2009-2010 Missouri Career Guide; and the job fairs listed on DWD's [WorkSmart Missouri](#) website. She also advocated Governor Nixon's Next-Generation Jobs Team for youth interested in gaining work experience in growing fields such as technology and health care, concluding with sound advice on networking for job leads, specifically on social networking websites such as Facebook. [Read more...](#)

Bio-Research Park Opens in Creve Coeur

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held June 16 for the opening of the new Bio-Research and Development Growth Park (BRDG-pronounced "Bridge") in Creve Coeur. The science and technology park is on the campus of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center and is expected to generate 350 permanent jobs. [Read more...](#)

Blue Springs Officials Tour MU Incubator

City officials and members of the Blue Springs Economic Development Corporation recently toured the University of Missouri-Columbia's Life Science Business Incubator at Monsanto Place. During the "City for a Day" program, the Blue Springs delegation got to experience what the planned Missouri Innovation Park in Blue Springs could become. [Read more...](#)

Ford's K.C. Plant will Benefit from Federal Loan

Kansas City's Ford assembly plant will benefit from a federal loan of \$5.9 billion to the Ford Motor Company to transform plants in five states to produce more fuel efficient vehicle models. The Ford Escape and the F-150 truck, both produced at the Kansas City plant, are among 13 models that will undergo changes to increase fuel efficiency. [Read more...](#)

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Personal Income, Household Savings Increase in May; Spending Moderate

The Commerce Department announced last week that consumer



spending rose slightly in May, along with the biggest gain in personal income in a year, due mostly to payments from government stimulus programs. The savings rate surged to 6.9 percent, the highest level since December 1993, indicating that American households are saving more and spending only modestly. [Read more...](#)

Nissan Announces Mass Production of Electric Vehicles

Nissan Motor Co. announced last week that it will unveil its first electric vehicle in Japan on August 2 and begin sales next year. Japan's No. 3 automaker claims its electric vehicles will be affordable, and plans to mass produce zero-emission cars globally beginning in 2012. Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn says, "The U.S. is going to be a very important market." [Read more...](#)



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