Highway 63 Ribbon Cutting to Take Place for Four-Lane Highway

For many, what used to be a dream is now reality. Ceremonies to celebrate the four-laning of 22 miles of Highway 63 between Macon and Kirksville will take place at 2 p.m., Oct. 18, at the Northeast Regional Health and Fitness Center.

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce, Highway 63 Transportation Corporation and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) are working with the cities of Macon, Atlanta, LaPlata and Kirksville to organize the festivities. Celebrations at each location will include entertainment, brief comments by invited guests, refreshments, and cutting a ceremonial ribbon.

Festivities will commence at 11 a.m. in Macon, noon in Atlanta, 1 p.m. in LaPlata, and 2 p.m. in Kirksville, where Truman’s True Men will be performing the national anthem. The format is designed to celebrate all communities along the new highway.

The project is nearing completion and the additional lanes are expected to open to traffic within the next few weeks.

Plans to four-lane U.S. Highway 63 between Kirksville and Macon date back to the late 1960s and early 1970s. In 1992, the U.S. Highway 63 corridor was identified for expansion to a four-lane highway. However, in 1998, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission came to the conclusion that MoDOT did not have sufficient funding to complete the project as planned.

When the project’s deferral was announced, the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce organized a community task force to consider the communities options. The ultimate goal of the task force was to work in partnership with MoDOT to solve the problem. With support from the City of Kirksville and MoDOT’s District 2 office in Macon, plans were put in place to form the Highway 63 Transportation Corporation. The Corporation, chaired by Truman alumnus David Clithero, included representatives from Adair, Macon and Schuyler counties and the cities of Kirksville, Macon, LaPlata and Atlanta.

After developing a strategy to move the project forward, the Corporation members accepted a proposal submitted by Koch Performance Roads Inc., of Wichita, Kan. This proposal offered design and construction management services that greatly condensed the time frame of the project to save time and money. The proposal also included a pledge that the Corporation would seek a one-half cent sales tax from the citizens of Kirksville to provide up to 30 percent of the project’s total cost.

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission unanimously endorsed the proposal to accelerate the expansion of Highway 63, after which the City of Kirksville had to seek voter approval. On April 2, 2002, an overwhelming 78 percent of Kirksville voters gave their approval of the one-half cent sales tax increase. This sales tax will generate $11.5 million during a 10-year period.

Another Truman alumna, Elsie Gaber, currently chairs the Highway 63 Transportation Corporation and welcomed citizens to the groundbreaking ceremony that took place on May 2, 2003, and marked the beginning of the construction on Highway 63 between Macon and Kirksville. This ceremony served as a testament to the fact that when a community or group of people come together to solve a problem, great things can happen. More than 600 citizens participated in this groundbreaking activity.

For more information about the ceremonies, contact MoDOT’s D2 Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636).
New Art Exhibit Open Until Nov. 22

The University Art Gallery at Truman State University presents “Dimensions Variable: An exhibition of expandable sculpture.” The sculptures ship small but expand, unfold, inflate, or assemble big. The exhibit opened with a public reception Oct. 10.

The show features work by artists from across the country including a 45 foot inflatable mouse, a sculpture assembled from open umbrellas, and a large cardboard insect. Aaron Fine, associate professor of art, and Jim Pauls, professor of art, are curating the exhibit.

“The show is inspired by the challenge of filling a large gallery in Kirksville with sculpture from all across the country,” Fine said. “Artists were challenged to propose works that could ship by standard UPS weights and measurements but would expand to install at a much larger scale.”

The University Art Gallery programs are presented by the Division of Fine Arts, and include national, regional, and student and faculty exhibits. The Gallery also relies on support from numerous other organizations and individuals in the Kirksville community.

Financial assistance for this project was supplied by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday; and noon-4:30 p.m., Saturday.
Doug Berry, a senior business administration major from Florissant, Mo., was ranked as the top Financial Representative Intern out of 1,100 Northwestern Mutual Financial Network interns. He will be named in an advertising promotion for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in the October issue of Time Magazine. Berry completed his internship during the summer and will work full-time at Northwestern Mutual Financial Network upon his graduation in December.


Janet Gooch, associate professor and director of communication disorders, attended the annual meeting of the National Association for Student Recruitment. Students met with top female professionals and attended the Young Entrepreneurs Experience: Student Produced Short Film Contest Winners.

First Place: “A Day in the Life” Submitted by: Brian Rose
Second Place: “Late Work” Submitted by: Gabriel Baker and Tyler Phillippi
Third Place: “Sidewalks” Submitted by: Adam Vogt
Audience Award Winner: “Late Work” (Baker and Phillippi)
Also premiered: “Goggles, a Cape, and a Dream” submitted by Marty Meyer, “Brian Goes to College” submitted by Kate Lawrence and Jimmy Moore, “Another Dimension-The Doors Truman Opens” submitted by Travis Turco, “Long Distance” submitted by Brycen Marner, and “College Transition” submitted by Andrew Richmond.

Prize winning films can be seen from the RCP Web site http://rcp.truman.edu.

Scholarship Opportunities Available

Glamour magazine is sponsoring a 2006 Top 10 College Women competition. Winners receive a $2,000 cash prize, a trip to New York City, opportunities to meet with top female professionals and national recognition in Glamour’s October 2006 issue. Applicants must be full-time juniors for the 2005-2006 academic year and have leadership experience, involvement on campus and in the community, and academic excellence.

Applications must be received by Feb. 10 and may be obtained in the Truman State University Public Relations Office or by e-mailing ttcw@glamour.com.

The Financial Aid office has received notification of The Young Entrepreneurs Scholarship provided by the Drink for Health Online Foundation. This scholarship is available to college students 18 years old or older or college-bound students, who qualify by achieving minimum performance requirements within the scholarship program. For more information, go to http://www.drinkforhealthonline.ws.

Truman Reaches 50 Percent of Goal

The Truman United Way campaign has collected $25,575.54, 50 percent of their goal. The United Way campus campaign committee members (pictured left to right) include President Barbara Dixon, co-chair Lesa Ketterlinus, student drive chair Rachel See and co-chair David Conner.
While the fence surrounding the parking lot west of Magruder Hall has been removed, the lot is not open for parking. The lot is still being used by the Magruder Hall construction crew and will remain closed as it will be used for the SUB construction crew.

There will be a Quick Grants 60-minute Workshop at 3:30 p.m., Oct. 11, in Pickler Memorial Library 205. This will be a chance to explore funding opportunities from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), and the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). For more information, contact Judy Lundberg at 785.7459.

The Center for Teaching and Learning and Student Senate are co-sponsoring an Advising Dessert at 7 p.m., Oct. 11, in the SUB Spanish Room. Students and faculty are encouraged to come eat and discuss how to improve advising at Truman. For more information, contact Angela Crawford at AngelaC@truman.edu.

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The Hurricane Katrina Charity Poker Tournament final table will be from 7-10 p.m., Oct. 12, in the SUB Georgian Room. A $2 donation is requested at each event. Final prizes will be awarded. Sponsors for this tournament include the SUB, Phi Lambda Phi and SAB. For more information, e-mail bbraks@gmail.com.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will meet at 9 a.m., Oct. 13, at the University Club. Contact Marc Becker at 785.6036 for more information.

“Confidences Trop Intimes,” the third film in the five French film series, will be shown from 8-10:30 p.m., Oct. 13, in Violette Hall 1000. Admission is free. Contact Rachel Berrey at 785.5359 or rlb938@truman.edu for more information.

The north portion of the Kennels parking lot will be closed with a tent for Homecoming activities Oct. 17-Oct. 20. The parking lot at the Kennels will be closed with tents for Homecoming activities Oct. 21-24. In addition, the parking lot between McClain Hall and the SUB will be closed for Homecoming activities Oct. 21-22.

The Truman Forensics Union public debate series will continue at 8 p.m., Oct. 19, in the Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. The topic will be “The United Nations Should Have a Standing Army.” The format will be in the National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA) style. Students, faculty, staff and members of the Kirkville community are encouraged to attend. The Observatory will be open to the public, weather permitting, from 8:30-10:30 p.m., Oct. 20, at the University Farm. Go to http://observatory.truman.edu for additional information.

For more information, contact Angela Crawford at AngelaC@truman.edu.

Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award applications are available in the Dean of Student Affairs Office, Kirk Building 112. Completed applications need to be returned by Oct. 21.

For more information, visit http://saffairs.truman.edu, stop by Kirk Building 112, or call 785.4111.

The Biology Seminar Series will continue with “Pericentric Cytogenetics in the Brassicaceae” from 12:30-1:20 p.m., Oct. 21, in Magruder Hall 2050. Anne Hall, postdoctoral associate in the department of molecular genetics and cell biology from the University of Chicago and Truman alumna, will be delivering the presentation.

Students Exhorting & Evangelizing Campus (SEEeC) is sponsoring a DVD presentation of “Intelligent Design: A Christian Perspective: Unlocking the Mystery of Life” at 7 p.m., Oct. 24, in the SUB Alumni Room. Contact Charles Leiter at dleiter@swbell.net for more information.

Members of the University community are cordially invited to participate in the first survey of campus member satisfaction with Physical Plant services. The survey has six to seven questions for each type of service, and a section to provide written comments. All survey responses are anonymous. Physical Plant will use the results of the survey to guide their improvement efforts. Their objective is to provide the best possible service. The survey is available online and must be completed by Oct. 28. To take the survey, go to http://survey.truman.edu/takeSurvey.asp?surveyID=185 and log-in with your network username and password.

Additional information:

These events are subject to editing for clarity and style.

ON CAMPUS

11 TUESDAY
3:30 p.m. • Quick Grants 60-Minute Workshop, Pickler Memorial Library 205; see Notes
4-6 p.m. • “The Career Doctor is In,” Career Center; see Page 2
7 p.m. • Advising Dessert, SUB Spanish Room; see Notes

12 WEDNESDAY
12:30-1:30 p.m. • Weekly Lunch Series, SUB Spanish Room; see Notes
1-5 p.m. • Majors and Minors Fair, SUB Activities Room; see Page 2
6:30-9:30 p.m. • Herpetology Open House, Herpetology Lab (Magruder Hall 3071); see Notes

13 THURSDAY
9 a.m. • AAUP meeting, University Club; see Notes
4 p.m. • Women’s tennis vs. Central College (Iowa), Tennis Courts 8-10:30 p.m. • “Confidences Trop Intimes,” Violette Hall 1000; see Notes

14 FRIDAY
Midterm break, no classes
7 p.m. • Volleyball vs. Emporia State (Kan.), Pershing Arena

15 SATURDAY
noon • Women’s soccer vs. Washburn (Kan.), Soccer Field 2 p.m. • Volleyball vs. Washburn (Kan.), Pershing Arena

16 SUNDAY
noon • Men’s soccer vs. University of Missouri-St. Louis, Soccer Field

17 MONDAY
Homecoming activities begin

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