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- ★ **Ice Skating Rink Open** November 23 - 26
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- ★ **Kiwanis Christmas Parade with Grand Marshal Rhonda Vincent** 5:30 pm
- ★ **Tree Lighting** 6:00 pm

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The DuKum Inn

Kirksville's Oldest Bar

Owners Craig, Chade and Gina Shorten

THIS FAMILY OWNED BAR HAS SEEN GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS PASS THOROUGH

Like any good college town, Kirksville knows how to throw a party. With thousands of students flooding the city between September and June, the city's club scene offers a variety of venues to unwind and relax in. Whether it's to dance, watch a football game or to socialize with friends, Kirksville has something for everyone.

The king of the local club scene though, might just have to be the DuKum Inn, which has been entertaining guests at the same location since 1938, longer than any other nearby saloon. The club has been operated by the Shorten family (Craig, Gina and Chade — who grew up in the DuKum) since 1987 and it draws a clientele from an array of differing backgrounds and generations. It's a place,

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Kirksville's Nightlife Rivals the Best

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as the old-timers say, "where the rich man can rub elbows with the poor man" A place you can put everything aside and have a beer and a conversation.

"The history is the biggest attraction," said Craig Shorten. "There's been so many people pass through our doors and there's not a week goes by that somebody hadn't been here in at least 10 to 20, 30 and even 40 years. If they get back to Kirksville they're checking out their old haunt, you know, the places they used to go."

With a transient student population, many generations of families have attended Truman State or A.T. Still and have ate and/or drank at the DuKum Inn.

Once a man came in with some friends and told Chade, "My dad and grandpa drank at this bar." Chade told him, "no" and led him and his friends upstairs where the original bar from 1938 (that was decommissioned around 2002), is still being used

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Featuring the 2nd Best Cheeseburger in Kirksville

for special events. She let the man sit at the bar while she chatted with his friends and when they turned around, the man, who had already had a few drinks, was crying.

“He was overcome with emotion,” Chade said. “He’s at the same place and like, that’s cool. Like you should get to be able to do that — you should get to be able to go to med school the same place and get to go have those experiences.”

Craig talked about another emotional experience when on A.T. Still Founder’s Day in 1988, shortly after he had purchased the bar, a doctor from Indiana in town for his 50th reunion, sat at a table drinking a beer, sharing how he had sat at that same table 50 years earlier and had not been back since.

“Right then I went, now I know what I got,” Craig said. “Now, I understand what I have.”

With so many students having attended Truman State and A.T. Still since 1938, the DuKum Inn has provided a memorable experience to thousands and thousands of friends, families and visitors.

The DuKum offers its visitors the second best cheeseburger in town, though where the best cheeseburger is being served, no one knows. They just feel that being second best is very acceptable and it’s an honor they relish.

The DuKum features 24 draft beers from brewery’s both near and far that include Pale Ales, Stouts, Lagers and Pilsners. They have widescreen TVs surrounding the bar so visitors can catch all the sports action from football, basketball, baseball and more.

Thursday’s are college nights with different themes every week during the school semester and they have trivia nights where gift card prizes are given out.

The Dukum Inn is located at 111 S. Elson Street in downtown Kirksville. They are open on Sunday and Monday from 2 p.m. to 12 a.m., and Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 1:30 a.m. Daily grille hours are 5-8:30 p.m.



Where to Party When in Downtown Kirksville

Maxwells



Maxwell's (215 W Washington Street) is a bar and grill located in Downtown Kirksville. They offer a variety of burgers, salads, appetizers, sandwiches, beer, and whiskey. They have over 100 different beers (16 on draft) and Northeast Missouri's finest selection of whiskeys with over 300 different varieties to choose from. Whiskey Flights start at \$10. Tuesday is Trivia Night at 6 p.m. (Free to Play); Wednesday is \$10 Whiskey Flight Night and \$10 Craft Beer Night; Thursday is \$0.99 Margaritas All Day Starting At 11 a.m. Friday is \$5 Select House Wines All Day and Saturday is Select Draft Beer Specials. Hours of Operation are Tuesday and Wednesday (3-9 p.m.), Thursday, Friday, Saturday (11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.).

Wooden Nickel



The Wooden Nickel Restaurant opened in 1990 and has become a popular gathering place noted for fine food, an extensive wine list, drinks and entertainment. Located at 114 South Elson Street in Kirksville, they're open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday with daily lunch and dinner specials and noon until 9 p.m. on Sunday. Woody's Bar opens at 11 a.m. and serves both food and beverages until 1:30 a.m., Monday through Saturday and from noon until midnight on Sunday. The specialty of the house is Smoked Bar-B-Que Pork Ribs. Prepared in our Southern Pride Hickory Smoker. Served Kansas City or Cajun style, they're famous throughout the area.

Club One

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Local Bands That Are Out of This World



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Oct. 28: Black Diamond Jubilee, Macon
 November 4: VFW, Kirksville
 November 11: Black Diamond Jubilee
 November 25: Black Diamond Jubilee
 December 2: VFW, Kirksville
 December 9: Black Diamond Jubilee

Boot Cut

Oct 28 — The Bank, Greentop
 Nov 10 — The Gym Kahoka
 Nov 11 — Avalon's Playhouse, Avalon
 Dec 9 — The Bank, Greentop
 Dec 31 — Cecil P's, Labelle



Shakey Ground

October 21 LD's, Economy, Mo.
 November 4 Helm Street Inn, Brookfield
 Nov. 18 Avalon Playhouse, Chillicothe
 December 2 OK Tavern, Marceline
 December 6 Helm Street Inn, Brookfield



StoneHouse

10/27 LD's Economy Mo
 10/28 Redds BBQ & Saloon Laurie Mo
 11/11 The Bank Greentop Mo
 11/25 LD's Economy Mo
 12/23 The Bank Greentop Mo



Fully Loaded

October 28: Goose Festival, Sumner, Mo.
 November 11: The Hootin' Chicken, Paris, Mo.
 November 25: Helm Street Inn, Brookfield, Mo.
 December 9: Private Party (Macon)
 December 31 (Sunday): NEW YEARS EVE @ The Hootin' Chicken, Paris, Mo.



No Apology Band

Oct. 28 Hootin' Chicken, Paris, Mo.
 Nov. 4 Hale Hangout, Hale, Mo.
 Nov. 22 LD's Bar and Grill, Economy
 Dec. 16 Avalon Playhouse Bar and Grill, Avalon,
 Dec. 23 Hootin' Chicken, Paris, Mo.
 Dec. 30 LD's Bar and Grill, Economy, Mo.
 Dec. 31 VFW, Kirksville, Mo.

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November 10
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 November 18
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5th annual Halloween Town set for Oct. 31

Halloween Town is back! Join the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department, #For660 and more than 100 community partners for the 5th annual Halloween Town event. Halloween Town is a safe, fun and interactive trick-or-treat experience all in one location. Join them Oct. 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in front of Kirksville High School and William Matthew Middle School. This event is free for everyone. For more information, contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.



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Blessing of the Hunt

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that
continues
to grow
year
after
year



The Fifth Annual Blessing of the Hunt will be held on Thursday, Nov. 9 at the NEMO Fairgrounds, with doors opening at 5 p.m. and the first speaker taking the stage at 5:30 p.m.

According to Frank Miller, director of the Blessing of the Hunt, the event was started because they felt there was a need in the area as hunters began to gather in the fall.

“Hunting season is really explosive around here, this area,” said Miller. “And a lot of people come into town so we’re trying to reach people with a gospel message that don’t normally come to church.”

The idea came from his wife’s uncle in Mississippi, whose church started a Blessing of the Hunt some 20 years ago. Miller observed how they did things and brought what he learned back to Missouri. He said that while many hunters won’t come into a church setting, they might like to come to an event, like an expo, where they can win some prizes and find information about hunting safety. It’s then Miller and others involved in the “Blessing” present the Gospel message to them where they have an opportunity to “accept Christ” that night or just have a seed planted in their life.

Attendees can fill out a card and get a ticket at the door that will qualify them for door prizes and the grand prize, a giant tower blind and Ruger American 6.5 Creedmoor deer rifle (You must be present to win). There will also be a tree stand and a .22 rifle prize for

youth that attend the event. Miller said that many local businesses have helped the event by donating prizes and funds to make it happen. The city of Kirksville’s Tourism Department has also given them a grant to help fund the event.

By filling out the cards upon arrival to the event, hunters can make a profession of faith or maybe re-dedicate their life. They may just need information on finding a local church they feel comfortable attending or they might just need a prayer.

“We’ll follow up with them,” Miller said. “So it’s not over when the event is over. We go through those cards and we have a committee of guys that will call them directly.”

Miller said the event has been averaging 500-plus people each year and that as in years past, there will be vendors offering information to hunters about their products and wares. He added that anyone who might wish to be a vendor at the event, they can set up for free as they are trying to expand the vendor offerings for attendees.

This year’s main guest speaker is outdoorsman Jay Lowder of Harvest Ministries in Wichita Falls, Texas. There will also be local conservationists speaking about their support for older, disabled Missouri outdoorsmen.

Chili will be the main entree for the evening with chili Frito pies, chili nachos and just straight up chili on the menu along with tea, coffee and soft drinks.

Missouri Livestock Symposium

The Missouri Livestock Symposium, the premier educational event and trade show for livestock producers, will be held on Dec. 1-2, at William Matthew Middle School, 1515 S. Cottage Grove, in Kirksville.

If you're serious about livestock production, don't miss their lineup of nationally-known speakers covering timely topics, and their large agricultural trade show. There's no cost to attend and no pre-registration is required. Just show up and enjoy the educational programs, trade show, and free meals.

The trade show opens at 8 am. and educational programs begin at 9 am. There is a free Governor's Style Luncheon at noon hosted by Missouri's finest commodity groups and co-sponsored by the Missouri Department of Agriculture.



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