

Dog Days of Spring



Krista Goodman/Index

Social sorority Alpha Sigma Alpha brought puppies to the Quad this week for its annual philanthropy event, Puppy Love for Tally, in remembrance of a former member who died. The organization accepts donations, which will go to the Kirksville Humane Society. The puppies will visit through the end of the week, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Drugs stolen from clinic

BY CHRIS BONING
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The Kirksville Police Department currently is investigating a theft at the Kirksville Small Animal Hospital, located at 1220 N. Green St. The theft took place April 6 when an unknown suspect took a safe that contained cash and narcotics from the hospital.

Lisa Athon, office manager of the Kirksville Small Animal Hospital, said the thief appeared to have entered the building via a broken window. The thief then went through the hospital's cabinets before finally taking the small safe, she added.

"I don't know if they were after the cash or the drugs or what," Athon said.

The hospital staff is concerned because the safe contained controlled drugs, which could be fatal if taken in the wrong dosage, she added. Athon also said the drugs are used to anesthetize animals during surgery and to euthanize them.

She said she's uncertain of what use the drugs could be to a human, although this is not the first time someone has stolen something from the hospital.

The hospital was back up and running the Monday following the theft, Athon said. To prevent more thefts, the hospital plans to install a larger, more secure safe and door, she added.

Tim King, Kirksville Police Department deputy chief, said there have been no leads in the incident at the animal hospital. He said those involved with the case are most concerned about the stolen drugs that are used for euthanasia.

"If people didn't really realize what they were and tried to use them, we were afraid someone might have some serious problems with that," King said.

He also said some of the drugs in the safe were narcotics, which produce a numbing effect on those who consume them. King declined to list which ones.

He added that there have been break-ins at other veterinarian clinics in town. He also said that although the amount of drugs taken at the Kirksville Small Animal Hospital was somewhat unusual, it's not unheard of.

"It's not uncommon across the country for veterinarian places to be broken into for their drug supply," King said.

Innovative housing development to hit Kirksville

BY RENÉE CELLA
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Kirksville might be landlocked, but its distance from the beach hasn't deterred a St.-Louis-based company from bringing what it calls "resort-style" living to the city.

PKS Development, a subsidiary of MLP investments, is planning to begin construction on The Cove, a new luxury housing complex that will be located on Halliburton Street. Upon completion, it will have 60 units, each with four bedrooms and several amenities not offered anywhere else in Kirksville.

Eric Kaemmerer, president of PKS Development, said that after the initial planning of the project, the company sent out a Harvard-based survey to Truman students to see what the students wanted in an apartment. It was important to PKS to let the students of Kirks-

ville decide what went into the final design of The Cove, he said.

"Almost 400 Truman students filled out our survey," Kaemmerer said. "[The survey] was really the key to the whole development. We really took what they wanted into consideration, and I think that will reflect in the finished project."

Kaemmerer said he thinks The Cove at Kirksville's amenities will be beneficial. Each four-person, cottage-style home will be fully furnished, have hardwood floors, state-of-the-art appliances and finished counters and cabinets. There also will be a swimming pool, hot tub, study lounge, fitness center and game room complete with video games, a big screen TV and a pool table. All facilities will be open 24 hours a day.

"We are also planning to have individual leases for each of the bedrooms," Kaemmerer said. "I

know there is always that one guy who never wants to pay for anything, and this should eliminate that problem. This way you only have to pay your share, and everyone can worry about themselves."

Another student- and parent-friendly feature The Cove will offer is the option to pay rent online, Kaemmerer said. Parents and students will have the option of paying from their account with automatic bill pay.

Kaemmerer said he thinks the key to having such an inclusive apartment complex and marketing to college students is to keep the rent at an affordable price.

Kaemmerer has set the rent at \$325 a month, which includes the amenities, plus all utilities except electricity.

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apartments every year, and this is one factor that allows him to set rent so low for The Cove. He said that when a company builds as many apartments a year as MLP Investments does, it can buy its

commodities for wholesale prices. "This type of development has been a hit around the country, especially around larger schools," Kaemmerer said. "Now it's working its way into the smaller markets. These complexes are around almost any big campus. We are trying to provide a community that larger schools have so that students at universities like Truman can get the same experience. I would be so bold as to say that this is the future of student housing, and you will continue to see it move around the country."

PKS Developments is planning to have at least 10 units along with all of the facilities completed by the start of the fall 2008 semester, Kaemmerer said. However, The Cove still is in its design stage because construction has not yet begun.

Leila Price, an administrative assistant at City Hall, said PKS Developments has not yet

applied for a business license, so City Hall has no knowledge of their building plans.

Price also said that construction could start without a business license.

Both MLP Investments and PKS Development are licensed in the state, according to the Secretary of State's Web site. PKS received its certificate of organization last June, according to the site.

But Kaemmerer said he hopes to have 10 units completed by the beginning of July and 60 finished by August 2009.

Kaemmerer also said that at least 50 students have called for more information on the development.

"The Cove sounds amazing," freshman Monica Hatch said. "If I could live somewhere that would be more like an actual home than my dorm room, then I am there."

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