

# Local arcade closes doors

**Student run business Angel Island Arcade shuts down, games on sale**

BY LISA HOLMES  
Staff Reporter

Catch you later, Pac Man. It's been lovely, Galaga. So long, Pong. May the quarters build in your absence.

Many students haven't even heard of the late Angel Island Arcade, but its absence has been felt among some citizens of Kirksville, mostly notably senior Will Stevens, the former owner of the arcade. The arcade only lasted four months, but Stevens said he isn't discouraged by its disappearance.

"Running this arcade was definitely the most fun thing I've ever done in my entire life," he said. "I have absolutely no regrets about any of it."

Professor of business Dr. Neil Gilchrist said starting a small business can be difficult and that the most important factor to consider is the audience.

"It all depends on how prepared you are for business," he said. "And those things are probably amplified in a small town like Kirksville."

Gilchrist said with regard to Stevens that there is likely not a large enough need for an arcade, especially in a small town. The building, located at 111 N. Franklin St., stands vacant and is available for rent by Century 21.

Stevens said he knew from the beginning that the arcade wouldn't last but that he went ahead anyway.

"It was just for me and for other people," he said. "I really don't mind

that it's going out of business now, but I knew that if I didn't take this opportunity, I always would regret it."

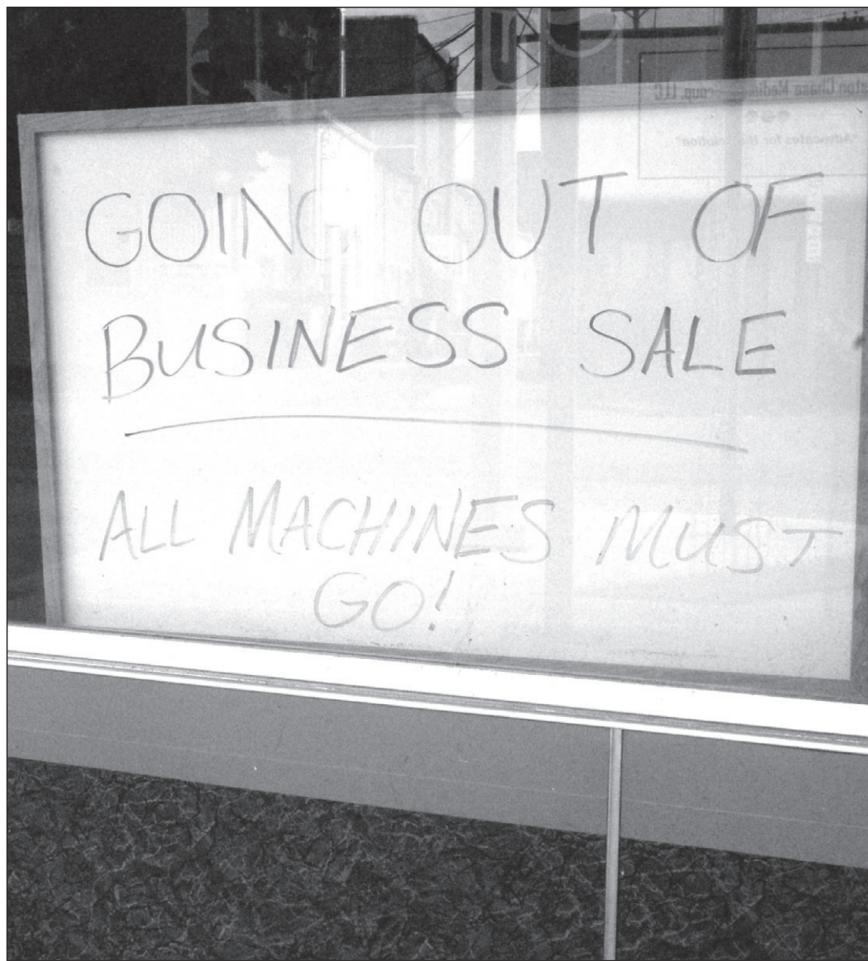
He said he's almost glad the arcade closed when it did because it gave him more time to work on his studies. Stevens is a computer science and psychology double major set to graduate this May, which, he said, would not have been possible had he been running the arcade during the school year.

The arcade may have fallen prey to a small-town market, but Stevens said he isn't bothered by it.

"I've achieved one of my life goals now," he said. "My next goal is to turn the basement of a house into a life-sized 'American Gladiators' battlefield."

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The Angel Island Arcade on the Square closed this summer after only a short run. Owner Will Stevens is a senior at Truman who started the business for fun. He said he's glad he opened the arcade but didn't expect to keep it running for the long term.

# Air festival makes landing at city airport

**Weekend-long event will expand Airport Day, starts September 13**

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The Kirksville Airport Association, US Cellular, the Dukum Inn and about 70 other local sponsors are putting on a weekend-long air festival to raise money for Habitat for Humanity and Rotary Park.

The event will take place Sept. 13 and will offer a variety of activities for \$10 per car load. The Air Festival is an expansion of Airport Day, an event put on by the Kirksville Airport Association.

The KAA is a group of aviation enthusiasts who promote aviation and look for ways to improve the airport.

In past years, Airport Day offered a kid zone, airplane rides and a pancake breakfast. This year, the weekend-long occasion will include a professional air show, tandem skydiving and live music, among other attractions, said Randy Smith, president of the KAA. He said KAA hired Dave Dacy Airshows to perform for the event.

"We chose a package with four airplanes," Smith said. "Dave Dacy and his sister Susan, along with Clyde Zellers and Jim 'Fang' Maroney will be the pilots for the Sept. 13th event. We also hired Tony Ka-

zian, a windwalker that walks on the wings of flying airplanes."

The pilots are all well-trained and work for major airlines during the week, according to the Dave Dacy Airshows Web site.

Earlier this year, the International Council of Air Shows put on a conference on how to run a successful air show, Smith said. Smith and David Hall, manager of Kirksville Regional Airport, took classes on safe air and ground operations and as well as the management of the business aspects of an air show.

The pair discovered that successful air shows are charitable, meaning a performer is hired and local businesses are asked to donate to pay for the event in exchange for advertising, Smith said.

Smith said 73 local businesses donated a total of \$20,000, and some have made additional contributions.

"Instead of just donating money, some businesses have decided to donate other things," he said. "... All of the local radio stations have given free commercials, A.T. Still has printed 4,000 programs for free, The Depot Inn in La Plata is providing a shuttle bus from parking to air show area and various car dealers are donating cars for the performers to use while in Kirksville."

As a recipient of a portion of the proceeds raised at the event, Rotary Park will see multiple improvements. Ron Gaber, co-chair of the Rotary Park Committee, said he is excited about the changes in the park.

"We are putting the finishing touches on the disc golf course, which is a nine-hole golf course in which Frisbees are used," Gaber said. "Also, we are putting pads on all of the benches, getting the amphitheater parking lot paved, lighting the amphitheater and putting in sand volleyball and basketball courts."

The Rotary Park Committee will meet next week to discuss further renovations that can be completed after the Air Festival, Gaber said.

"We are trying to change Rotary Park from a very passive park to an active one," Gaber said. "We have seen a huge increase in park usage in the last year and expect it to continue to increase with the improvements."



## AIR FESTIVAL






**FRIDAY NIGHT, SEPT. 12**  
**6 p.m. to 10 p.m.**  
Hangar picnic and dance  
Hy-Vee hot dogs, brats and hamburgers  
Truman State University Swingers Dance Exhibition

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 13**  
**7 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**SATURDAY AIR FESTIVAL**  
Parking and admission per car  
**\$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate**  
**Rain date - Sunday, Sept. 14**

7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Pancake breakfast \$5, Pilots eat free  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Car show - NEMO Car Club  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch food stand  
Noon - Radio-controlled air show  
1 p.m. Dave Dacy Air Show  
Missouri Highway Patrol Convincer  
Static Displays: Apache Helicopter, 1932 Waco, C-130 Transport  
Tandem skydiving - Craig Shorten 660.216.9764  
Kids Zone: Inflatables, STARLAB Planetarium, Helicopter rides, Frisbee demonstration, Wings of Hope

Bring a lawn chair  
No coolers  
**NO REFUNDS**

**Get your tickets at [www.kvairfest.com](http://www.kvairfest.com)**  
Sponsored by the City of Kirksville and Kirksville Air Association. Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity and help improvements at the Rotary Park.  
Kirksville Regional Airport is located seven miles south of Kirksville on Highway 63.

## Are You Interested in a Minor in Disability Studies?

The School of Health Sciences and Education (SHSE) is exploring the possibility of developing a minor in Disability Studies. The Disability Studies minor would be of interest to students from many different academic areas. Students interested in the arts, law, medicine, social work, health, nursing, architecture, education, communication disorders, and other liberal arts and sciences disciplines may have a special interest in applying their study to focusing on the needs of disabled populations.

A minor in Disability Studies would provide the opportunity to study the nature, meaning, and consequences of disability in global culture from an integrated perspective. Students interested in interdisciplinary academic work would be provided with rich avenues of new scholarship in fields throughout the arts, humanities, social sciences, and sciences.

If a minor in Disability Studies interests you, please attend an informal discussion on **Friday, September 5, at 12:30 p.m., in Violette Hall, room 1320.** The purpose of the discussion would be to generate ideas and gauge student interest.

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