

Wi-Fi behind on taxes and loan payments

BY JACKIE KINEALY
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The Kirksville company Wi-Fi Sensors is delinquent on its 2010 personal property and missed the first payment of a \$1 million loan through the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

Adair County Collector David Erwin said Wi-Fi Sensors is up to date on all its state taxes from 2010 except for its personal property taxes amounting to \$8,000.

The company missed the first payment to the state on its Community Development Block Grant, which was due Nov. 1, said John Fougere, Communications Director for the DED.

David Fuhr, chief operating officer of Wi-Fi Sensors, said the company has been in contact with the city and state about the delinquent payments.

He said the company requested an extension on the loan payment prior to the due date, and is still in the process of working with the Department of Economic Development.

"Everyone that needs to be in the know is in the know,"

Fuhr said. He said the company had meetings last week with Mayor Todd Kuhns and Phil Tate, director of job creation for Kirksville Regional Economic Development Inc.

Tate confirmed the meeting with Wi-Fi Sensors. Tate said the minutes of the meeting are public information, but at the time of the interview he said he preferred to wait to discuss the topics of the meeting until after he presented the information to the K-REDI board.

Wi-Fi sensors was supposed to create 125 new jobs in Kirksville within 5 years of opening, according to a 2009 report published by the DED.

Tate said that when the loan was granted to Wi-Fi Sensors in July 2009, the company promised to create 40 new jobs at its facility, which it has not done.

Thirty-one employees is the most the company had employed at one time since it opened in Kirksville in 2009 and the company currently is in a period of lay-offs, Fuhr said.

Tate said he thinks lay-offs began a few months after the business opened, and the company currently employs approximately three workers.



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Wi-Fi Sensors failed to make the first payment on a loan from the state of Missouri. Wi-Fi is located on South Baltimore Street.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Three arrested on felony drug charges

The Adair County Sheriff's office arrested three Kirksville residents on felony charges of manufacturing and possession of methamphetamines. On Jan. 8, Adair County sheriff deputies and Kirksville police officers responded to a complaint of illegal drug activity at a trailer in the Woodland Village Trailer Court in Kirksville. Law enforcement received permission from the residents to enter the trailer home in question where they discovered the illegal activity and arrested James Scott, 45, Sharon Provance, 21, and Heath Cary, 26.

Library re-opens Special Collections

Pickler Memorial Library staff announced that the Special Collections room in the library reopened Jan. 10 after closing last semester due to a mold bloom. The mold infestation was caused by humid weather and a problem with the library's heating and air conditioning system. A reception for the re-opening is scheduled for 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 20 in the Special Collections room on the third floor of the Library.

Truman hosts local food event

Truman will host a "Missouri Farm to School" workshop to promote locally grown food from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 21 in the SUB Activities Room. The goal of the workshop is to create markets for locally grown fruits and vegetables by building relationships between farmers and schools.

Renaissance printmaking on display

An exhibition of Renaissance printmaking will open in the Ophelia Parrish Art Gallery Tuesday and will continue through Feb. 18. Art history professor Julia DeLancey is the curator of the exhibit. Admission is free.

Government internships available

The Washington Center is accepting applications for 10-week summer internships at government agencies including the Department of Defense, the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Treasury. To be eligible, students must be U.S. citizens, have junior standing and a 2.5 GPA or higher. Applications are due Feb. 4, and internships begin May 25. For more information, contact Diane Johnson at djohnson@truman.edu.

CRIME REPORTS DPS & KPD

12/16 A theft of \$500 to \$2500 from Pickler Memorial Library was reported.

12/17 Kirksville resident Matthew Fletcher, 19, was arrested for theft.

12/18 Austin Williams received a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Alcohol and was arrested for possession of up to 35 grams of marijuana.

12/18 Christopher Chinn was arrested for driving while intoxicated, received a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Alcohol and was arrested for possession of up to 35 grams of marijuana.

01/09 Sophomore Benjamin Weger received a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Alcohol and was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

1/11 Freshman Jeffery Pinkley was arrested for possession of up to 35 grams of marijuana.

1/11 Freshman Derrick Potter was arrested for possession of up to 35 grams marijuana and for driving while intoxicated and he received a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

1/11 Freshman Michael McGauley was arrested for possession of up to 35 grams of marijuana and for possession of drug paraphernalia and received a Missouri Uniform Complaint and Summons for Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

Truman ranks in top 100

BY ELIZABETH KOCH
Staff Reporter

Truman was ranked No. 31 on the in state list in Kiplinger 100: Best Values in Public Colleges list in Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine, which hit newsstands last Wednesday, down from last year's No. 26 ranking.

Kiplinger's examines more than 500 four-year public schools and ranks the top 100 based on academics and affordability, according to its website. The University was also ranked No. 16 for out of state.

The list included three Missouri institutions with Truman in the lead, the University of Missouri-Columbia at 75 and Missouri University of Science and Technology-Rolla at 86. Truman has been ranked several times on the Kiplinger 100 list in the past.

"It's great for Truman, but when something like this happens and Missouri is mentioned, then it's great for the whole state of Missouri," said Heidi Templeton, director of public relations.

The list can be viewed online and is interactive, allowing viewers to see the list based on different aspects including by tuition costs, by average student debt, by state and more, she said.

Truman stands out because it is the only public liberal arts and sciences school in Missouri, which probably contributed to Kiplinger's rating, Templeton said.

"We are not doing what we do at Truman to ever be in a ranking," she said. "We're not striving for that, but I can guarantee you that we will certainly continue on the path of putting students first and making sure that the academics are first and foremost at Truman, and that will not change."

Templeton said that when Truman receives a positive ranking, such as Kiplinger's, it is publicized throughout Missouri and to the state legislature.

"We work with Admissions hand-in-hand on the different admission-related activities, making sure that potential students, potential parents are aware," Templeton said. "Also, the other category we

work really hard with are our alumni because they are a tremendous resource in helping us with student recruitment."

Templeton said Truman also has been ranked in the U.S. News and World Report, Washington Monthly and Forbes Magazine. In U.S. News and World Report's 2011 edition of "America's Best Colleges," Truman was recognized as the No. 1 public university in the Midwest.

Regina Morin, associate vice president for enrollment management, said Truman's Kiplinger ranking affects enrollment positively, but it varies from case to case. When parents or potential students see Truman's ranking and discover there is no application fee, she said, it could encourage Midwest students to apply.

Morin said many guidance counselors and parents look at the Kiplinger 100 list because of the publication's reliability. She said students and parents often mention Truman's rankings in different publications as a reason for applying.

"The fact that [Kiplinger's] just select a hundred public institutions across the country, I think that's notable as well," Morin said. "This is a fairly small pool when you consider how many colleges and universities are across the country."

"If we can maintain this course that we've been on, where we are really committed to high-quality education and to serving students well, we will continue to get recognition in our own right," she said.

Rankings show Missouri taxpayers and the Missouri Department of Higher Education that federal money is being spent wisely, Morin said.

She said rankings, like Kiplinger's, are

being used as resources by parents of prospective students now more than in the past because it's becoming more difficult to afford a high-quality college education.

"All the influencers are looking for every tool they can find to narrow down the possibilities and to choose an institution where they will get their money's worth — where they believe that they will get a quality education and they will come out with some reasonable chance that they will be able to find employment or they will be able to go on to graduate school," Morin said.

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Raeber said she also compared Truman's rankings to other similarly sized schools and looked at rankings in U.S. World and News Report as well as several other publications.

"More than anything [the rankings] made me feel far more confident in the choice, more comfortable with where [Hannah] was going, why she made the decision she liked the school — those types of things," she said.

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The Joseph Baldwin Academy is currently taking applications for the position of Video Producer. The Academy's Video Producer is responsible for recording the activities of the Academy's June and July sessions and for producing two 90-minute DVDs and two short preview programs.

Experience in video production and editing required. Candidates for the position will be asked to provide a sample of previous video work produced.

JBA is in session June 11-July 2, and July 9-30. The successful applicant will receive room and board and will be expected to reside in Centennial Hall with the students and staff. Accommodations between sessions are available. Students may not be enrolled in classes during employment.

To inquire about the position, please contact Jana Morton at 660-785-5406 or e-mail jmorton@truman.edu.

Review of applications will begin January 31 and will continue until the position is filled.