

Cape Air changes weekend flights



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A plane takes off Monday afternoon from the Kirksville Regional Airport. The company switched one flight from Saturday to Sunday and also changed one weekday flight.

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Cape Air adjusted its weekend flight schedule last month to accommodate heavy travel between Kirksville and St. Louis.

The new weekend schedule moved one flight from Saturday, which now has only two flights, to Sunday, providing an additional flight during Kirksville's busiest travel day, said Stacey Ross, Cape Air Midwest marketing manager.

Ross said the schedule adjustment had been something the Kirksville Regional Airport had been considering for several months.

"The reason it didn't happen sooner was because, while it may sound really trivial just to move one flight from Saturday to Sunday, it really causes changes throughout our entire system as far as scheduling and aircraft availability goes," Ross said.

In addition to changing the schedule in Kirksville, the change affected the schedule for Cape Air's other six stations throughout the Midwest.

Ross said Cape Air moved a flight from the slowest travel day to the busiest travel day, but Kirksville still has the same number of flights during the week.

She said the additional flight seemed like the most plausible solution to accommodate the overflow traffic during Sundays.

The only change made to the weekday schedule was that one departure was moved forward by 15 minutes, Ross said.

Cape Air makes minor changes to the flight schedule occasionally, Ross said, usually only a few minutes either way. However, this schedule change will remain permanent for a while.

David Hall, Kirksville Regional Airport Director, said the Kirksville Regional Airport initially brought this suggestion to Cape Air to ask if there were any options for additional flights.



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Ashley Martens, left, a customer service agent for Cape Air, helps a traveler off of a plane Monday afternoon at the Kirksville Regional Airport. Cape Air is switching one of their Saturday flights from Kirksville to Sunday, which is their busiest travel day.

Hall said adding flights to the schedule was not feasible for Cape Air, so other options were sought to pull one of the mid-day Saturday flights.

"Fortunately, we were able to pull a crew from another destination at Cape Girardeau and they had enough time between their schedules to add that additional fourth flight," Hall said.

Hall said he noticed an increase in capacity the second weekend after the adjusted schedule change.

"We see most flights on Sunday at capacity, and it took only a couple weeks for people to learn that new schedule and see the availability of that fourth flight," Hall said.

Travelers might still need to buy tickets in advance, Hall said, however, the additional capacity to accommodate last minute changes might help.

"For those people that in the past were able to walk up and buy a ticket and last minute travel plans, that got to be a problem in the last year or so," Hall said. "You had to buy that

ticket and make that decision well in advance."

The weekend traffic mainly consists of a balance between students and business travelers, Hall said.

"We have a lot of students from Truman that live in St. Louis and are home for the weekend," Hall said. "We move their parents to Kirksville for the weekend, or even if they don't live in St. Louis they fly Cape Air from Kirksville then they connect in St. Louis to wherever they're going."

Overall, this adjustment works the best for everyone, Ross said. Advance bookings are up 13 percent to date compared to 2011, he said.

"I think this adjustment will help out tremendously over the upcoming holiday weekend because Sunday is such a huge day for travelers over Thanksgiving weekend," Ross said.

Senior Shelby Zink said the new schedule change provides more options and time for students to spend with their family.

Cape Air Weekend Schedule



Saturday

Kirksville to St. Louis		St. Louis to Kirksville	
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
7:00 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	12:20 p.m.
1:25 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:05 p.m.

Sunday

Kirksville to St. Louis		St. Louis to Kirksville	
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
9:35 a.m.	10:40 a.m.	11:05 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
1:05 p.m.	2:10 p.m.	2:35 p.m.	3:40 p.m.
4:35 p.m.	5:40 p.m.	5:15 p.m.	6:20 p.m.
7:15 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	6:35 p.m.	7:40 p.m.

*according to www.kirksvillecity.com

Trumascape to create development

Local company plans housing development to cater to Greek student interests

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Local landscaping company, Trumascape, LLC, is creating a housing development for college students.

Construction on the development, called "The Landing at Kirksville," will begin during the next few months, and the development will be located a half-block south of the intersection of Halliburton and La Harpe streets.

John Nolan, Trumascape president and Chief Operating Officer, said the development will be open to any student to rent, however his hope is to offer to rent the development out to Truman Greek Life to provide sororities and fraternities with a place to live close to campus.

The first block of the subdivision-like development will include six houses with four bedrooms each, for a total of 24 residents.

Once the final bank approval is processed during early December, excavation for the development will begin. The development will be built one block at a time, which is six to 10 houses. Each block will take about three months to complete and the first stage will be completed this spring. Nolan estimates that rent per house will be \$300-335 per bedroom.

Nolan said the price will increase slightly when new amenities are added during the future, but it will go back down again once more units are added.

Nolan said he has contacted at least one sorority about leasing the first block of houses to members for the upcoming school year, and plans to contact more organizations soon.

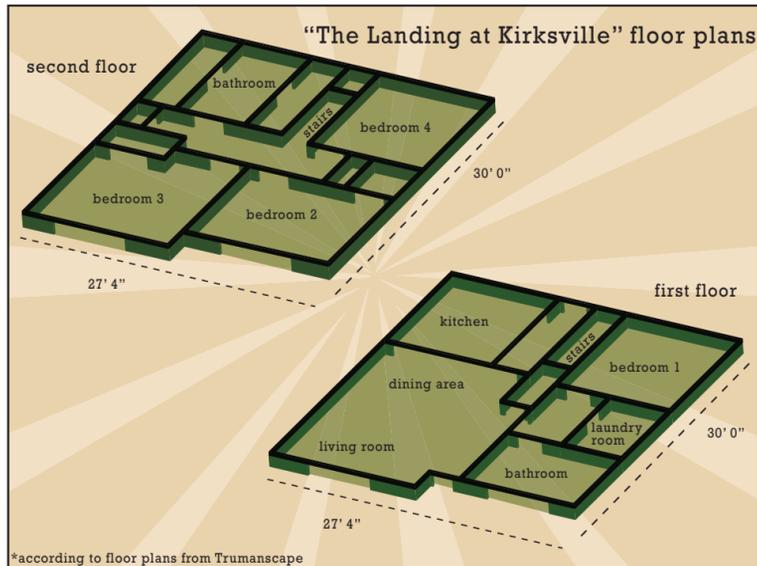
"So every year the sophomores at 'sorority X' all rent this block of houses, and then after they leave next year the next class comes into [the same houses]," Nolan said. "That's great because I can lower rent, because I won't have to spend time looking for tenants."

Nolan said he would like leases for next school year to be signed by the end of Jan. 2013.

Once the project is completed during the next several years, the development will house a total of 404 residents, with features possibly including beach volleyball courts, hot tubs, a swimming pool, fireplaces, fire pits, decks, patio areas and jogging trails around the six acre facility.

Nolan said he would like to build a club house with meeting rooms and study rooms, and maybe eventually make the development a gated community with access cards for each resident.

"Basically I'll build whatever amenities they want," Nolan said. "It's actually a big trend right now. A lot of developers are building upscale housing concepts just because the people who are going to college



right now, with their loan info and everything like that, they can afford that kind of stuff. And it actually has been shown to be a great investment."

Although senior Allyssa Dummerth, Alpha Sigma Alpha president, hasn't had an opportunity to discuss the matter in detail with Nolan, she said she thinks this housing opportunity might be something members of her sorority would be interested in pursuing during the future.

"A lot of our girls have already signed leases and already have places to live, so for this upcoming year I don't think it's something that we're maybe going to use," Dummerth said.

She said she likes the idea of sororities living close to each other, but she wants to

see how the development turns out.

Ken Read, real estate broker for Heritage House Realty, said he doesn't know how the development will turn out, but that there is a desire for higher-end housing in Kirksville.

"There's some need for higher-end [housing], and we've satisfied some of that demand," Read said.

During the last year, Heritage House built new higher-end housing units on Franklin Street just past the new Casey's General Store, three of which already are occupied. Read said they've gone over well with students.

If any students are interested in housing opportunities at "The Landing", they can contact John Nolan at john@trumascape.com.