

Visitor kiosk a winner

To the Greater Mankato Convention and Visitors Bureau and Greater Mankato Growth for their new visitor center at River Hills Mall.

The kiosk is a highly visible center amid the most visited facility in the city.

Visitor center staff and some volunteers are on hand to provide information for local residents or visitors to Mankato.

The concept is a good one. Helping local residents discover new things in the community exposes people to things they haven't experienced before. But it will be especially valuable for visitors, giving them information on everything from local restaurants and businesses to bike trails and parks. Such contacts can do more than just help out a visitor and maybe a local business; it can plant a positive experience to people who may someday move to Mankato or do business here.