

April 2005

Chamber Chatter

Kearney Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 242, Kearney, MO (816) 628-4229

Kearney Chamber To Have Election

The Chamber Board:

President:

Phyllis Strobel

President Elect:

Scott Smith

Directors:

Randy Smith

Joan Updike

Jared Wolters

Joe Wilmes

Beverly Taylor

Dennis Devoy

Treasurer:

Joe Wilmes

Ex. Officio:

Kent Scheible

Calendar Of Events

April

10 – First Christian Church Building Dedication, 1:00 – p.m. with Reception to follow.

22 – 7:00 p.m. – Brian Free and Assurance in Concert at First Baptist Church in Kearney.. A love offering will be received.

It's that time of year again, when the Kearney Chamber of Commerce is holding elections for officers and Board Members. We will be giving all April 6th attendees at our General meeting a ballot, and the results will be announced at our May meeting. If you cannot attend, you may fill out the ballot at the end of this article and mail to:

Kearney Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 242

Kearney, MO 64060

___Joe Wilmes - Board of Directors

___Lisa Bowman - Board of Directors

___Rue Lovett - President Elect

___Scott Smith - President

___Write in

As always, thank you for your support of Kearney Chamber of Commerce!

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Business of the Month – Central States Mortgage, Carey Hiatt

1). *Tell us about Central States Mortgage and the services your company provides.*

Our mission: To help people, fulfill the American Dream of homeownership, and maintain harmony between work, fun, friends, family and the community in which we live.

We meet the mortgage needs of our customers "For Every Step In Life," from first time homebuyers, FHA, VA, Challenged Credit, 100% loans, to Reverse Mortgage clients.

2). *Where are you located?*

We are located at the corner of Highway 33 and 92, in the Kearney Center Square, next door to Demints Cool Cravings Ice Cream Store.

3). *How long has your business been in Kearney?*

We opened in March of 2002.

4). *What made you decide to bring your business here?*

We purchased some land in 1998 south of town prior to moving to Des Moines, IA. We knew this was where we wanted our kids to attend school. Our decision to work and live in the same community was very appealing, so we moved our business here to one of the fastest-growing communities in the state.

5). *Tell us a bit about yourself.*

My name is Carey Hiatt. I am married to a wonderful woman, Traci. She loves to meet people and promote our business. Our true love is our two boys, Ashton who is 13 and attends Summit Ridge. He runs track, plays football, loves his cell phone and races motocross. Chandler, who attends Southview, plays football, basketball, soccer, but most of all loves to race his motorcycle.

6). *How many employees do you have?*

In our Kearney location we have eight employees including myself and Traci, our Credit Union Liaison. Our Sales Manager is Roy Pointer who manages our Loan Officer staff consisting of Bryan Johnson, Sheila Moss, Nick Berry and Nancy McHone. Dawn Pointer is our Mortgage

Processor. Someone once said you are only as good as the people who work for you, and I am grateful to have a staff like ours!

7). *Anything else you'd like to tell us?*

We offer a wide range of mortgage products. With our free pre-approvals and knowledgeable staff we can meet your mortgage needs "For Every Step In Life."

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Kearney C2000 Reading Program

Who is Blossoming Readers for? Parents and Care Givers of Ages 3-8 Years Old.

What is Blossoming Readers?

Blossoming Readers is a series of workshops offered to community members at no cost.

Where is the Blossoming Readers Series?

The workshops will be held at the Kearney Mid-Continent Public Library .

When will the Blossoming Readers Series be offered?

From 6:00 – 7:30 PM on the following evenings:
Tuesday, March 15, 2005, Tuesday, March 29, 2005, Tuesday, April 12, Tuesday, April 19, 2005.

Why do you need to attend the Blossoming Readers Series?

Kearney – Holt Community 2000 is working on fostering Developmental Assets. Research shows that the more "assets" our children have the more likely they are to succeed and less likely to engage in "at - risk" behavior. Kearney students scored the lowest on asset # 25 - Only 24% of the Kearney – Holt

New Members!

The Kearney Chamber of Commerce welcomes its newest members:

Amy Swanson
Coldwell Banker-Glennon
Weber Real Estate
Associate
102 Washington St.
PO Box 167
Kearney, MO 64060
(816)628-6060 Fax: 816-628-6751
email:
amyswanson@centurytel.net
web: www.nicehut.com

Rutz Construction LLC
John and Ina Rutz
17308 Endicott Road
Kearney, MO 64060
(816) 628-6544

J-Squared Homes LLC, an Associate of Rutz Construction
John and Ina Rutz
17308 Endicott Road
Kearney, MO 64060
(816)628-6544

WELCOME!!!!

On the Move

Please note the new office location of Reece and Nichols Realtors, Kearney (Rue and Cecil Lovett): 307 S. Jefferson
Phone, fax and email addresses remain the same.
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area students read for pleasure more than 3 hours a week. Help us to foster the love of reading in your child.

Even Better: Each of the workshops will include dinner and babysitting at no cost.

Seating is limited – To make reservations or questions call (816) 628-5055 or go to www.mcpl.lib.mo.us

This program is sponsored by the Kearney – Holt Community 2000 Team. Funding provided by Missouri Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Blossoming Readers Sessions

Session One:

The first workshop will focus on building the background experiences necessary to set the stage for children to become confident readers and writers.

We will discuss the importance of developing phonemic awareness (this is different than phonics) in young children. This ability to hear sound pieces in spoken languages is one of the most powerful predictors of whether a child will learn to read with little difficulty. Many fun and easy activities will be presented that will strengthen phonemic awareness in children.

Developing language and teaching basic concepts about print through bedtime stories will also be discussed.

Session Two:

In this workshop many ways to develop alphabet knowledge and / or sight words will be presented. Lots of everyday items are perfect for turning learning letters and sight words into fun and engaging games. We will also begin talking about the reading process and the developmental stages a new reader will go through as they move toward becoming an independent reader.

Session Three:

A more detailed discussion of the reading process will be presented. We will look at the task of learning to read through the eyes of a child. Prompts and techniques that parents can use to encourage the child to use effective strategies will be presented in this session. We will also look a

choosing appropriate material that is “just right” for the reader. This session will also help parents to recognize patterns in the type of reading errors that their child makes and ways to meet his or her individual needs as a reader.

Session Four:

In the last workshop we will talk about the writing process and how it is partnered with reading. We will look at the stages of writing development and view examples of what can be expected in each stage. Easy and fun activities that help with fine motor skills, letter formation, spelling suggestions and sentence construction will be presented.

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First Christian Church Building Dedication

First Christian Church is pleased to announce its building dedication and everyone is invited. The big day is April 10, 2005, and here is the schedule:
April 10, 2005
Worship services 8:30 and 10:30 am.
9:30 am – Sunday School
Noon – Lunch
1:00 pm – Dedication Service, with reception to follow.
First Christian Church is located at 2151 S. Jefferson Street in Kearney. If you'd like more information or have any questions you may call them at 816-628-5583.

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Introducing Pathfinder Project Resources

This in from Chamber member Rich Groves – congratulations! I wanted you to know that I have decided to set up a new business – **Pathfinder Project Resources, LLC**. **Pathfinder Project Resources** enables me to offer services to multiple organizations based on insights gained from my experiences as a manager, project manager, director and executive in Fortune 500 companies, small businesses

and the non-profit sector as well as my on-going self-education and renewal. This new business provides two beneficial services: temporary executive resources where the needs exist and the services of exploring, recommending and implementing solutions for business technology and business management. In addition to the professional services offered, Pathfinder Project Resources is able to search the market for alternative resources for developing and implementing internet web sites and other business technology solutions. We help clients by filling leadership and resource gaps for critical short-term projects. We clarify needs, find the path and manage projects to completion. The personal contributions we stress are alert listening skills, sensitivity to business needs, managerial expertise, technology awareness, creativity, resourcefulness, detailed planning, clear communication and a sincere interest in the clients who choose to use our services. The cost of using Pathfinder Project Resources is within the parameters of normal business expense. The net benefits are management expertise and completed projects without on-going payroll expense.

If you have these needs or if you know anyone else who has these needs, please contact me or suggest to them that they contact me. *Rich Groves' email address is rich.groves@pathfinderprojectresources.com.*

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