

April 2007

# Chamber Chatter

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## Calendar of Events

### April

**5** – 4:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting, Prudential Carter-Duffey, Realtors 178 W. 92 Highway, followed by Business After Hours.

**6** – 11:00 – Ribbon Cutting – Critter-Wise, 119 E. Washington Street.

**13** – Hawthorne Elementary School's 3rd annual Beach Bash 2007, 5:30 p.m.

**21** – 1870's Spring on the Farm, 11:00am – 4:00 p.m., Watkins Woolen Mill

**22** – Earth Day Celebration, 12:00-3:00 p.m. Oakbrook Community, located at 136<sup>th</sup> St. and Oakbrook Drive.

### May

**19** – Taste of Kearney, 4:00 p.m., Downtown

## Taste of Kearney – Saturday, May 19

The third annual Taste of Kearney will be held Saturday, May 19, 2007 in downtown Kearney. It will begin at 4:00 that afternoon, at the conclusion of the Kruisin Kearney car show. We have several restaurants and businesses on board but we still want more! Ticket sales will be \$5.00 in advance, and 6.00 day of. We will be using a punch card system to keep people from over-helping themselves and a map will be provided so they can walk about downtown and visit all the storefronts and booths. Stores and restaurants not downtown are invited to join too! There are openings at The Boardwalk and we will scatter the booths throughout the breezeway between Old Church Plaza and Washington street. Please let the Chamber know as soon as possible if you would like to participate. We hope to make it bigger each year and are very excited about this newer, bigger venue!

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### Business of the Month – Brian & Cassie Burton, 136<sup>th</sup> Street Properties, Oakbrook Subdivision

1). *What is the name of your business?*  
136th Street Properties, LLC - Developers of Oakbrook - A Community Built Around Nature.  
2). *Where is your main office located?*  
136th Street and Oakbrook Dr., Kearney, MO



3). *When was your business founded?*

August 2004.

4). *I hear you have a new subdivision. Please tell us about it!*

Oakbrook is truly a Community Built Around Nature. Nestled in the rolling hills surrounding the Fishing River is Oakbrook, a community of 1-2 acre lots that features a nature preserve with walking trails, butterfly and wildflower gardens. Surrounded by natural landscapes, prairie grasses, and wildflowers, homeowners in Oakbrook are able to take advantage of and enjoy what nature has provided, but still have all of the conveniences that homeowners have come to expect, like high speed internet, and private sewers. The design of the community reflects a commitment to preserving the natural beauty of the site and providing home owners with a breathtaking setting to call home.

5). *What would you say is unique about your company?*

We are an environmentally conscious, family owned business.

6). *Please tell us a bit about yourself.*

Cassie and Brian Burton are life long area residents with two children, Jake age 16 and Kelli age 13. Cassie is a realtor with Reece and Nichols and developer

of Oakbrook. In addition to being a developer, Brian has been an Investment Advisor for 23 years, and manages and owns Premier Capital Advisors, Inc., a fee based Investment Advisor located in Smithville.

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

We would like to invite everyone out to Oakbrook to participate with us in celebrating Earth Day on April 22nd from Noon to 3:00pm.

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### Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!



On Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 we had a ribbon cutting ceremony for our newest member The Ice Cream Shop! Thank you to all who turned out to support our new business in Kearney!

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### More Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies!

Join us on Thursday, April 5 as we celebrate the grand opening of the newest addition to Prudential Carter-Duffey, Realtors. The ribbon cutting will be at

## NEW MEMBERS!

The Kearney Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome the following new members:

### **Five Star Business & Event Center**

Stacy Musgrove  
100 N. Jefferson  
Kearney, MO 64060  
816-903-0068

### **BRK Construction Consulting**

Tina Koontz, Brent R. Kuhnhehn  
103 N. Jefferson St., Ste A  
Kearney, MO 64060  
816-519-7219 Fax: 816-903-2223  
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web:  
[www.BRKconstruction.com](http://www.BRKconstruction.com)

### **Katherine Ousley**

Prudential Carter-Duffey,  
Realtors Associate  
178 W. 92 Highway  
Kearney, MO 64060  
816-628-2233 Fax: 816-628-2755

### **Darlyn's Signs LLC**

Tina Koontz, Daryl Krause  
103 N. Jefferson St.  
Kearney, MO 64060  
816-903-7446 Fax: 816-903-2223  
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or [darlynssigns@uniteone.net](mailto:darlynssigns@uniteone.net)  
web: [www.darlynssigns.com](http://www.darlynssigns.com)

### **Logan's Lawn Care**

Michael J. Holmes  
2103 Joe lane  
Kearney, MO 64060  
816-903-4455  
email:  
[mikeholmes@uniteone.net](mailto:mikeholmes@uniteone.net)

### **The Ice Cream Shop**

Willima & Cyretta Holbrook  
100 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Ste. 11  
Kearney, MO 64060  
816-628-1913

### **Country Club Financial Services, Inc.**

Ryan Sloan  
4328 Madison  
Kansas City, MO 64111  
816-751-9346 Fax: 816-751-9397  
email:  
[rsloan@countryclubbank.com](mailto:rsloan@countryclubbank.com)

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4pm with refreshments to follow, and Maggie's Attic will be conducting wine tasting and beer sampling until 6pm. The office is located at 178 W. 92 Hwy, right next to Country Mart. Hope to see all of you there!!

Then, on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 we will be cutting the ribbon for Critter-Wise, located at 119 E. Washington Street. We're very excited about this new business so come on down and give them a big welcome!

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### **Kruisin Kearney 2007 Schedule**

4/15 – Season Opener  
4/29 – Kruisin Kearney Swap Meet  
5-19 – Taste of Kearney  
5/20 – Kruisin Kearney  
6-17 – Kruisin Kearney  
7/15 – Kruisin Kearney  
7/22 – Kruisin Kearney Swap Meet  
8-19 – Kruisin Kearney  
8/26 – Kruisin Kearney Swap Meet  
9/16 – Kruisin Kearney  
10/21 Kruisin Kearney  
10/28 – Kruisin Kearney  
Halloween Season Finale  
Kruisin Kearney starts at 1:00 until Dark. All swap meet registration is 6:00 am. Gates open at 8:00 am until dark. Anyone wanting to sponsor one of these Sunday events please contact Mike Rabich at A-1 Wheels & Performance 903-3603. This is a terrific form of advertising. Also donations are being accepted for the purchase of shirts for Kearney For Katie. For a \$25.00 donation your company name will be placed on the back of the shirts. We are fighting a deadline issue, to participate we must have everything completed no later than April 6 2007. Bobbie Jamison from Ad P'zazz has donated the screen printing. Anything your company can do would be greatly

appreciated. For more information contact Mike or Debbie at 903-3600. Thanks for helping Katie's dream come true.

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### **Community 2000**

Kearney-Holt Community 2000 and the Northland Coalition would like to thank the Chamber for its support of the program "Project Respect" which was held at the Junior High last Thursday. Our next Community Campaign is "Those Who Host Lose the Most". We will be bringing our posters around to the businesses for help in this important campaign.

We invite you to join this group to the betterment of our Community. Our next meeting is April 10th at the Beanery in the Old Church Plaza at 6:00PM. There are no dues and we meet for an hour. Please join us.

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### **Farmers Insurance Coming to Kearney**

Chamber member Mike Dillon (Farmers Insurance Group) has acquired a lease in Kearney! His new office will open Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, on 186 "C" W. 92 Highway, which is next to Big V Country Mart. His new phone number – 816-903-9292 – will become effective on that day as well. Stay tuned for a ribbon cutting once he gets settled in!

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### **Earth Day Celebrations**

From noon until 3:00 on Sunday, April 22, Oakbrook Community (136<sup>th</sup> St. and Oakbrook Drive in Kearney) will have their Earth Day Celebration. Admission is free and open to the public. Activities are a coloring contest for kids aged K-5<sup>th</sup>

grade. The theme for their entry is Be Good to the Earth. Each child that submits an entry will receive a seedling from the Missouri Department of Conservations. Savings bonds will be awarded to three winners on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Missouri Department of Conservation will also have hands-on activities for children of all ages. There will be information on wise energy use, planning a rain garden, a demonstration on rain barrels, bird conservation and much more! Many sponsors have donated gifts so please join us and celebrate Earth Day and get valuable information which can impact our daily lives. For further information, please contact Terri J. Hamilton at 816-516-0919.

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### **1870's Spring on the Farm**

Watkins Woolen Mill is having Spring on the Farm on Saturday, April 21, from 11:00 am to 4:00 p.m. Kids can try their hand at making their own tops, and there's plenty to come see – their smithy showing his blacksmith craft, wool spinning, dyeing and lacers making handmade lace. For more information you can call 816-580-3387 or visit their website at [www.mostatoparks.com/wmill](http://www.mostatoparks.com/wmill).

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