

August 2007

Chamber Chatter

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Jesse James Festival is Coming!

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Calendar of Events

August

2 9:00 a.m. October
Festival Planning
Meeting, International
Beanery

3 – 11:00 a.m. – Ribbon
Cutting Ceremony,
James Henry's Salon

7-5:00 p.m. -Kearney-
Holt Community 2000
Meeting, International
Beanery

13 – 6:30 p.m. First Time
Home Buyer Seminar,
911 W. 92 Highway
(Scrappy Café former
location)

September

14-16 – Jesse James
Festival – too many
events to go into here!
Just visit the website
www.jessejamesfestival.com

Yes, it's that time of year again – the Jesse James Festival will be here the third weekend of September! You can view all the events and activities on the website www.jessejamesfestival.com. The Chamber will not be having the Kids Corral this year; rather we will be making a donation to the Festival to help defray the costs. There are other events that will be coming, too – a Fall Festival is in the works. Please stay tuned as we will help promote this event here and in other media, and we will also be looking into having a Chamber Formal at some point in the fall.

As we continue to grow we are very excited by all the new events and ideas the Chamber can sponsor and participate in. Thank you for helping us be active in our community!

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Business of the Month – Excelsior Springs Medical Center



1). *I know you just had a groundbreaking ceremony. Would you like to fill us in on that?*

The Excelsior Springs Medical Center's groundbreaking ceremony for the new Outpatient Clinic and

Wellness Center was held July 3, 2007. USDA Rural Development provided \$8 million in loan funds for the almost \$9 million dollar project. Additional funding will be provided by a HRSA grant of \$750,000, a Hospital Foundation grant of \$100,000 and Hospital operations. When the project is completed, ESMC will have a new two-story building, which includes an additional 28,000 sq. ft. of space-bringing the total campus to over 150,000 sq. ft. The expansion will more than double the size of the Emergency Room, provide space for more specialists in the Outpatient Clinics, and house Rehabilitation Services, Wellness Clinic Pharmacy, Human Resources, administrative and medical staff offices and a Community Outreach meeting area. The Hospital will also have a renovated lab, admitting and business office and a new gift shop. ACI/Boland, Inc., Grandview, Mo., has been selected as the architect and Straub Construction Company, of Shawnee, Kan., is the general contractor.



Pictured above: Sally Nance, ESMC CEO, Robert Craven, Vice-President Board of Trustees, Congressman Sam Graves, Neil Miller, USDA District Director and Rich Andrew, President Board of Trustees.

2). *ESMC is much more than a hospital - please let us know what*

other services you also provide.

In addition to providing routine hospital and outpatient services, ESMC provides a continuum of care on the hospital campus including a 60 bed convalescent center, a 20 residential care facility and a 34 unit independent living center. Our goal is to provide the best care possible in the most appropriate setting. Additionally, home health and hospice services are available, a full range of specialist, and a 24-Hour Physician Staffed Emergency Room. There are times when you need special health care services that aren't available at many hospitals. At ESMC, you can be assured that we have all the necessary facilities and services to meet your changing needs.

HOSPITAL SERVICES:

- 24-Hour Physician Staffed Emergency Room
- Acute Care Hospital Services
- Outpatient Specialty Clinics
- Rehabilitation Department
- Radiological Services
- Cardiopulmonary
- Surgical Services
- Sleep Lab
- Home Health and Hospice
- Pharmacy
- Independent Living Center
- Residential Care Facility
- Skilled Nursing and Intermediate Care Facility

NEW MEMBERS!

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

Outlaws BBQ & Saloon
Kathie & Ron Murrell

Splish Splash Laundry, LLC
Fielding Staton –
Owner/Tina Koontz –
contact

Design, Change & Re-Arrange LLC
Debra Walters

The Stables
Shawn Barber

Darin Henderson
Prudential Carter-Duffey,
Realtors Associate

**Farmers Insurance –
Brooke Bowman
Agency**
Brooke Bowman

Steve Mesa
Prudential Carter-Duffey,
Realtors Associate

Ad P'zazz
Bobbie & Brad Jamison

**Kearney Historic
Museum**
Gerri Spencer

Cheryl Spangler
Prudential Carter-Duffey,
Realtors Associate

James Henry's Salon
Fielding Staton – owner/
Melanie Post - Manager

Welcome!

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3). *What is unique about ESMC?*
ESMC began over 100 years ago as the first hospital north of the river. We are one of a few independent Critical Access Hospitals in the state. The hospital is a city-owned hospital and its board is made up of community members with an interest in ensuring quality healthcare for the communities we serve. We are also one of the few Joint Commission accredited Critical Access Hospitals in the state.

4). *Please tell us a bit about yourself and your staff.*
ESMC has over 260 employees. I have been the hospital's CEO for almost 17 years and seen the hospital and the industry go under tremendous changes. I am extremely proud of our staff and our physicians for their professionalism and expertise. I believe we also give that personal touch that is missing from many hospitals today.

5). *You are really growing rapidly! What are your future plans?*
With the expansion of the hospital, we will be able to not only increase the number of specialist that currently have clinics at the facility but also start a meaningful wellness program for Excelsior Springs and surrounding communities. We will also double the size of the emergency room to better meet the needs of our patients.

6). *What is your vision for the hospital?*
Our vision is to not only meet the healthcare needs of our community but also improve the health status of our citizens. There is much work to be done and we are looking forward to the challenge.

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Ribbon Cutting Announcement and Pictures!

We have another ribbon cutting you won't want to

miss! It will be this Friday, August 3rd, 11:00 a.m. at James Henry's Salon on Washington Street. After the ceremony there will be food provided by Updike BBQ and treats from Fielding Staton's own Classy Chocolates! The fun continues on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at James Henry's with an Open House – lots of door prizes, back to school specials and of course MORE food! Please make sure to come by and welcome this new business into Kearney! June was a busy month for Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies. First was Five Star Business & Event Center on Thursday, June 14th. After the ceremony they hosted a Business After Hours with delicious food and live music. We all enjoyed their lovely new facility and thank them for a wonderful event!



Then, on Friday June 15th, 8:00 a.m. we had a ribbon cutting ceremony for Curves' new owner Tammy Smith! Despite a power outage and an early hour Chamber members showed up to congratulate Tammy and wish her luck on her new venture as you can see in the below picture!



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First Time Home Buyer Seminar

This seminar is presented by First Missouri National Bank, and will be at 911 W. 92 Highway in Kearney (where

the Scrappy Café was located) on Monday, August 13, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and learn about mortgages – first time buyers, or 100 time buyers!



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Learn Tax Preparation

H&R Block Income Tax Course starting soon. *Enrollment restrictions may apply. Enrollment in, or completion of, the H&R Block Income Tax Course is neither an offer nor a guarantee of employment. ©2007 H&R Block Tax Services, Inc.

H&R Block, a leader in tax preparation services, is currently encouraging people to enroll in the H&R Block Income Tax Course. The course is designed with times and locations convenient for busy people with jobs, school, and family commitments. Upon successful completion, some students may have the opportunity to earn extra income as H&R Block tax professionals.* H&R Block has experienced instructors that use the most up-to-date teaching materials. Students will learn to complete individual and business returns for both federal and state returns, as well as the ramifications of the latest tax laws, through hands-on experience with actual case studies. If you would like more information about the H&R Block Income Tax Course, visit hrblock.com/taxcourses or call 1-800-HRBLOCK. Bilingual students are encouraged to enroll!

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