

December 2006

Chamber Chatter

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Calendar of Events

December

9-10 The Music and Drama Ministry of First Baptist Church Kearney will present their annual *A Kearney Christmas* at the church at 6:30 p.m. both nights.

17 First Baptist Church Kearney will celebrate their 150th anniversary. There will be a special worship service at 10:45 am followed by a prime rib banquet. An anniversary celebration program will follow the meal. If you plan to attend the banquet, please make reservations at 628-5693. A \$5 –per person donation is suggested.

24 Annual Christmas Eve Worship Service, First Baptist Church Kearney, 5:00 p.m. The Lord's Supper will be observed. All are invited.

Thank You, Kearney Chamber



A special Thanks to fellow Chamber members for their support with the retirement party for Bill Forbis. Bill and Alice had a wonderful hour at the UPS Store. Alice got to meet and visit with Bill's customers. The cake, gifts, flowers and cards were definitely appreciated and he was totally surprised. I still have his poster at the store for those who would like to stop by and sign it.

Thanks again,
Sharon and Bob Tate



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Business of the Month – Jason Hoyt, First Missouri National Bank.

1). *Please tell us about First Missouri National Bank and what they do.*

First Missouri National Bank has a long history as a community bank

spanning over seven decades. First Missouri National Bank has built its reputation and its business as a small-town community bank to become one of the largest real estate lenders in Northern Missouri. However, we also make home loans, consumer loans, and agricultural or commercial operating and equipment loans. First Missouri National Bank also offers a wide variety of bank deposit products including checking, savings, and CD's. Personalized Customer Service is the key to our success – we are proud of our long history of responding to the financial needs of our customers and our community.

2). *Where are you located?*

We have two locations –

- First Missouri National Bank
Kearney – 455 Sam Barr
Drive, Kearney, MO 64060

- First Missouri National Bank
Brookfield – 300 West
Lockling, Brookfield, MO
64628

Plus, our customers have access to over 750 ATMs in a seven state area, MO, KS, OK, IA, IL, NE, & CO via the Ultra SF ATM Network

3). *What made First Missouri National Bank decide to open a branch in Kearney?*

Honestly, it would be the Kearney community and surrounding communities, not to mention the growth potential

in this area. Kearney has great potential for growth, yet our city is actively working to keep its small town feel. This is not so different than the community in Brookfield Missouri, where our home office is located. Both communities actively work on expansion and growth, but will not let go of the small town feel and openness to welcome visitors and newcomers. Plus, both Kearney and Brookfield share one other thing in common, our school mascots, Go Bulldogs!!!!

4). *What is your position within the bank?*

Business
Development/Loan
Officer

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

I spent most of my childhood in Brookfield, MO. After graduating from Brookfield R-3 High School I received BSBA degrees in Marketing and Economics from Missouri Western State University. I then spent a short time with H&R Block Financial as a Junior Stockbroker. I left H&R Block to join with Waddell & Reed and Ivy Funds in Kansas City. I held the positions of

NEW MEMBERS!

The Kearney Chamber of Commerce welcomes the following new members:

Rod Will

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Liberty, MO 64068
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web: www.fergprop.com

PartnerWealth, LLC

Gary Paulsen
PO Box 100
100 W. 92 Highway Suite #E
Kearney, MO 64060
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partnerwealth@auratrade.com

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Senior Problem Resolution Specialist & National Accounts Sales Specialist. While working at Waddell & Reed I received my Master's Degree (MBA) with emphasis in Marketing and Financial Management from Baker University. Almost two years ago I left Waddell & Reed/Ivy Funds to join First Missouri National Bank as the Business Development/Loan Officer for the Kearney area.

I have been living in Kearney for the past year and a half with my wife Allie, first grade teacher for the NKC School District, and we are expecting our first little bulldog in March of 2007.

6). *What would you say is unique about your bank?* I think it's our willingness to go that extra mile for our customers. Some like to say Customer Service is a position in a company; we like to think it's a state of mind. We are not here to grow because of our community; we are here to grow with our community. We want our customers to let us know when something needs to be done so we can fix it. We want our customers to talk about our bank with smiles on their faces. We want our customers to "Expect More" when they decide to do business with us. Because we will give them everything they expect and more.

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Holiday Packing & Shipping Tips
Ship Early - As soon after

Thanksgiving as possible. Don't wait until the last minute. The on-schedule delivery guarantee for ground packages shipped between Dec 11 and Dec 23 does not apply.

Guarantees on air packages may have an extended window.

Traveling - Don't schlep it. Ship it. Will your wrapped packages make it through airport security?

Addresses - Make sure both the receivers and senders address is on package. Put a copy inside the box also.

Call ahead - Make sure receiver knows a package is coming. Give them the tracking number so they can track it.

Protect items separately - Separate individual packages in your box.

Use 2" rule - All items need a minimum of 2 inches cushioning between item and the walls of the box.

Fragile Items - Use bubble around fragile items & surround in at least 2" cushioning of peanuts. Do not allow individually wrapped items to touch each other. Heavy items or fragile items may need to be double boxed.

New, clean boxes - Gift wrap, kraft (brown) paper, string, duct tape, or masking tape all cause problems with conveyor systems. Use packaging tape. Boxes lose some integrity and strength every time they are used. Avoid used boxes.

Or let the pros pack it for you - Bring it to The UPS Store.

Track your pack - Find out where your package is and when it arrives.

Save now, save later -

Keep all receipts for gifts. With UPS first \$100 declared value is free. If a package is lost or damaged you will need the receipts.

Remember mother earth - Recycle your clean peanuts with The UPS Store.

The UPS Store hours will be extended during the month of December to ease your holiday schedule. We will be open noon-4pm the first three Sundays and weekday hours will be extended to 8pm. Please call us if you have questions! **816.903.4877**
The UPS Store can handle all of your holiday packing and shipping needs.



