

December 2007

# Chamber Chatter

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

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Rue Lovett

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## Calendar of Events

### December

7 – 11:00 – Ribbon Cutting/Open House for And Sew Bee It!

7 – 11:00-3:00 Christmas Open House at Kearney Trust Company

### January

19 – Chamber Formal – Annunciation Community Center. Tickets \$25/person. You may purchase them at the Chamber.

## Thank You!

Kearney Chamber members did it once again – adopting trees & donating ornaments to our Chamber Christmas tree for the Mayor's Tree walk.

This was well-attended and a huge success!

Then, the following week the weather cooperated and we had many helping hands for the Chamber Christmas Lighting Ceremony. Thanks to Jared Wolters, Jennifer Grossl, Randy Smith, Phyllis Strobel, Rue Lovett, Darin Henderson, Patsy Gauger, Jeanne Saylor, Tina Koontz, Barney Hatfield, Alan Altis, Kearney Fire & Rescue, and everyone at Kearney City Hall for making this event successful. If I missed anyone, my apologies, many folks jumped in and helped out as needed – THANK YOU!

Last but not least, we adopted a family – a single mom & daughter – and helped make their Christmas a brighter one. Thanks to Robert & Amy Looper, Stacy Dannar, Gene Baker, Phyllis Strobel, Randy Smith, JoAnn Lawson, Lucinda Butler, Jeanne Saylor, Deb & Stan Kienast, Tammy Smith, Brian Short, Tara Meinart, Marlo Howard and Darrell McClung. I'm proud to say I'm from Kearney!

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## Business of the Month – Kearney Trust Company

1). *Kearney Trust Company recently celebrated a milestone – please share that with us!*

The Kearney Trust company

has been in business since 1882. Oddly enough, it was the same year that Jesse James was killed. Our first bank building was located on the southwest corner of Washington Street and Jefferson Street. In 1976, the bank relocated to the opposite corner downtown, which is now City Hall. We built our current building on 92 Highway and Platte Clay Way in 1993. This year we celebrated our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In our 125-year history, Kearney Trust Company has been under the direction of only eleven different bank presidents. The stability of our banking practices and the continuity of our customer service is what we attribute the loyalty of our customer base.



2). *How many branches do you have and where are they located?* We currently have two locations: the main Bank is on the corner of 92 Hwy. and Platte Clay Way, and our branch Bank is west of I-35 on 92 Hwy. at N. Country Ave.  
3). *What would you say is unique about Kearney Trust Company?* Kearney Trust is unique in that we have a 125-year history of friendly hometown service in the Kearney Community, yet we continue to offer banking services, which utilize the most cutting-edge technology. Our conveniences include: e-checking with real-time online banking, online bill pay, 24 hour phone bank, identity theft assistance, and a wide variety of

loan products.



4). *Please tell us a bit about your staff.*

Our employees are very active in Chamber and community events. At work our staff emphasizes courteous and prompt customer service. The levels of experience and seniority range from nearly 40 years to recent college graduates – old-fashioned values and service alongside progressive ideas and technology create an atmosphere in which almost any problem can be solved as well as any goal be attained.

5). *I know Kearney Trust Company is very involved in our community – please tell us some of the things you do.*

We are proud of the fact that we are a community-based company. Kearney is a great community and has been very good for our bank and we are thankful to be a part of its progress. It is only fitting that we give back to the community and help with community

## NEW MEMBER!

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

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## Welcome!

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**DO YOU** have something you'd like to share with the community? This is the place to do it – the newsletter is available in hard copy and also on our website and is a great way to let others know what's new with your business! For more information you can call the Chamber at 816-628-4229, email us at [kearneychamber@exop.net](mailto:kearneychamber@exop.net), mail us at PO box 242, Kearney, MO 64060 or fax us at 816-902-1234. We always like to hear from you!

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projects and events such as: Jesse James Festival, the Kearney Amphitheater, the Downtown Cruising Car shows, Mack Porter Park, the Chamber, KHRA, and a wide variety of events in the Kearney school district.  
6). *Anything else you'd like to tell us?*

This Friday, December 7, is our annual Christmas Open House. Please join us at either of our locations between 11:00 am and 3:00 p.m. for food and refreshments to kick off the Holidays.

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### It's Flu Season

Excelsior Springs Medical Center Infection Control Department  
It is that time of year again! INFLUENZA SEASON. I thought I would try to give you a brief description of the most common influenzas.

**Seasonal Influenza:** This is what we have all known as the flu. The kind that seems to go around each fall and winter. The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccination each year.

**Bird Flu (or Avian Flu):** Avian influenza is an infection caused by avian (bird) influenza (flu) viruses. "AI" is common in birds and causes few problems. One type of Bird flu, is called avian influenza A (H5N1). It has caused infections in birds and in humans. The H5N1 virus does not infect humans easily and if a person is infected, it is very difficult for the virus to spread to another person. Nonetheless, because all influenza viruses have the ability to change, scientists are concerned that H5N1 virus one day could be able to infect humans and spread easily from one person to another. Because these viruses do not commonly infect humans, there is little or

no immune protection against them in the human population. If H5N1 virus were to gain the capacity to spread easily from person to person, an influenza pandemic (worldwide outbreak of disease) could begin.

**Pandemic Flu:** A worldwide outbreak of disease. Human flu that causes a global outbreak, or pandemic, of serious illness. Because there is little natural immunity, the disease can spread easily from person to person. Currently, there is no pandemic flu.

All influenzas can cause serious illness or even death. But, the good news is that we can help prevent the spread of disease. For preventing seasonal flu, vaccination is highly recommended. Illnesses like the flu (influenza) and colds are caused by viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs. The flu and colds usually spread from person to person when an infected person coughs or sneezes. **So take care to:**

Cough or sneeze into a tissue and then throw it away. Cover your cough or sneeze if you do not have a tissue. Then, clean your hands and do so every time you cough or sneeze. Clean your hands often. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Stay home when you are sick and check with a health care provider when needed. Practice other good health habits. Remember, germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs can live for a long time (some can live for 2 hours or more) on surfaces like doorknobs, desks, phones and tables. So think about how you open doors at home and at work.

Every year in the United States, on average:

5% to 20% of the population gets the flu.

More than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications.

About 36,000 people die from the flu.

Stay healthy and as always help prevent illness by washing your hands the appropriate way and time. Julia Adams, RN Infection Control Nurse Excelsior Springs Medical Center (816) 629-3528 or [jadams@esmc.org](mailto:jadams@esmc.org)

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### Holiday Gift Wrapping Station

Three KHS groups will be running a Holiday Gift Wrap Station this season. The Book Club, Library Club and the Girls Swim Team will be staffing the station. The location is the International Beanery in Old Church Plaza. The days of operation are Thursdays, December 6, 13, 20 from 3-6 pm and Saturdays, December 8, 15, 22 from noon-4 pm. Proceeds from the gift wrapping will be split between the clubs and Toys for Tots. Sponsored by The UPS Store and International Beanery. Support KHS students and Toys for Tots this season.

Sharon & Bob Tate, owners

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### Mayor's Christmas Tree Walk Picture

Here's a picture of the Prudential Carter-Duffey, Realtors team in front of their Christmas tree!



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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!**

