

Chamber Chatter

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Thank You – Teacher’s Luncheon

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Ribbon Cutting Pictures!

On Wednesday, January 11, at 11:00, we held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Little Johnny’s Pizza. The food was great as always and here are some pictures to enjoy!



The Kearney Chamber would like to thank all those who helped serve our hardworking teachers at the January 3 Teacher’s Luncheon. Gino’s Italian made up a delicious lunch box for everyone and all of us were fortunate to sample some very delicious leftovers! Thank you to these people who helped out our deserving teachers:

John Rutz
Scott Smith
Kathy Canterbury
Gail Schrivener
Pat Gauger
Rue Lovett
Phyllis Strobel

We couldn’t do it without you!

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Business of the Month – Cook & Associates

- 1). *Tell us about Cook & Associates and what your company does.*
Cook & Associates specializes in financial and tax services, partnerships, trusts, estates and consulting for a broad range of clients. I am also a partner in a company that provides owner-centered business exit planning.
- 2). *Where are you located?*
My main office is in Seaport in Liberty at 18 Westwoods Drive.
- 3). *It’s time for us to start thinking about filing our tax returns. Please tell us the scope of services you provide.*

My office is able to do the most simple returns to the most complicated. I handle estates, trusts, individuals,

corporations and partnerships.

We also are a QuickBooks Advisor. No job is too big!

4). *What made you decide to become a CPA and start your own business?*

I started out majoring in Math at St. Mary’s College and switched to accounting when I went to Rockhurst College my sophomore year and then decided to sit for the CPA exam.

I started my CPA firm about three years ago after working more than 25 years in the private companies and CPA firms. I was tired of driving to the Plaza everyday from Kearney and wanted a better quality of life.

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

I am married to Brian Cook who is a Regional Operations Manager for Clopay Building Products. My husband and I are very active with Ararat Shrine. We are in the old car unit. We have a 25 year old daughter. I am on the Board of National Advisors Trust Company. I have just started taking some classes on massage therapy just because I thought it would be interesting and relaxing, especially during tax season.

6). *Other than help with our taxes, what other services do you provide?*

I have experience from simple returns to multiple business/partnership entities, oil & gas and multiple foreign jurisdictions.

7). *What would you say makes your company unique?*

I help clients coordinate their attorneys, financial advisors and any other professional needed to get their goals achieved and make their personal and business dreams come true.

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News from InfoKwik

InfoKwik Web Design, Marketing & Hosting is proud to welcome two new Kearney business web sites.

Platte-Clay Electric Coop
<http://www.pceec.coop>



and Carnival Times
<http://www.carnivaltimes.com>.



Register To Win!
"Let us do the work so you enjoy the moment!"
Home



You can reach InfoKwik at
<http://www.infokwik.com> or
415-0776.

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New Chamber Member Receives Award

Elizabeth Hall, a Kansas City-based freelance graphic designer and owner of nRg Design, took home five FREEBÉ awards at The Freelance Exchange of Kansas City’s inaugural FREEBÉ Awards showcase.

The FREEBÉ Awards, held on December 8th, were

New Members!

The Kearney Chamber of Commerce welcomes the following new members:

Meyer Accounting & Tax LLC

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nRg design

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WELCOME!!!

DO YOU have something you'd like to share with the Kearney business community? Chamber Chatter is the place to do it! Hardcopies of the Chatter are available at our monthly General Meetings, and available on our website, kearneychamber.org. To submit an article or picture, simply contact Siouxsan Eisen through email, kearneychamber@exop.net, or fax, 902-1234 or you may send a hard copy to PO Box 242, Kearney, MO, 64060. This is a great way to keep the community up to date with what is new with your business!

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geared exclusively to recognize the best advertising, marketing and collateral work produced by local freelance professionals within the past 18 months. Gold and silver trophies, along with Best-of-Show honors, were awarded in six categories: elements of print advertising, design/art direction, illustration, photography, copywriting and multi-media. Awards were independently judged by a panel of advertising professionals in Atlanta, Georgia. Hall, who founded nRg Design (nrg-design.com) over five years ago, received the following gold and silver FREEBÉ statuettes:

Gold (design/art direction) Campaign Art Direction: Tejano Jam Card – Latin Pointe, Inc.

Silver (elements of advertising + multi-media) Logo/Trademark: Tejano Jam Logo Direct Mail Campaign: West Nile Virus Mailers Publication Design: Argus Healthcare Brochure Video: Grand Opening of Education Resource Center (Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art)

"It was an honor to be recognized and rewarded by my peers," said Hall, "I share this honor with the many great clients that continue to make nRg design possible." For further information regarding FREEBÉ awards or to view Elizabeth Hall's portfolio, please visit: www.kcfreelanceexchange.com.

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February 3 is Wear Red to Work Day



The Clay County Public Health Center is asking all businesses and organizations to show their support for Women's Heart Health Awareness by wearing **red** to work on February 3. Please take snapshots (4 x 6") of employees wearing red and submit them to the Clay County Public Health Center by February 8. We hope to receive enough pictures to fill an entire wall of our health center showing community support for prevention services. The *unveiling* of the "Women's Heart Health Wall" will be on February 14 at 3:00 pm. We invite all participating organizations to attend the unveiling and receive a small token of our appreciation.

Business Organization/Agency Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact person: _____

Telephone: _____
Email: _____

Go Red For Women Day is



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2006

[Affix picture of your employees here or email by 2/8/06](#)

Identify those in the picture

Submit to Clay County Public Health Center by February 8, 2006
1940 W. Kansas St.
Liberty, MO 64068
Or email picture to jfredrick@clayhealth.com

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New Headquarters for Kearney Commercial Bank

Kearney Commercial Bank is excited to inform us that their new Headquarters, located on the corner of Highway 92 and Sam Barr Drive, will be opening on February 21, 2006. This is a significant milestone in the history of Kearney Commercial Bank and is a true testament to the support they have received from their customers and the community. Please mark your calendars and if you get the chance, stop by and congratulate them on beautiful new building!

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