

February 2008

Chamber Chatter

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Calendar of Events

February

7, 14, 21, 28 - "Growing with your Child" seminar, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Smithville Upper Elementary.

12, 19, 26 - "Growing with your Child" seminar, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Clay County Public Health Center.

29 - 12:00 - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Fairpoint, 303 N. Jefferson. Refreshments and Door prizes!

29 - 7:00 p.m. Competition Kickoff Show by Studio 320 Dance & Acrobats, located at Kearney High School. Cost is \$5.00

2008 Begins In Style

The Chamber of Commerce Formal on Saturday, January 19th, went off without a hitch. We have over 100 attendees and everyone had a great time. There are so many people to thank for their generous contributions to the Silent Auction – we are very grateful to each and every one of you as it was extremely successful. Biggest thanks goes to Jason Hoyt of First Missouri Bank as he was the driving force behind this event – it simply wouldn't have happened without all his efforts. We do think we'll be making this an annual event as the feedback we got was very positive. If you didn't make it this year mark your calendar for January of next year – you won't want to miss it!

##

Business of the Month – Midwest Game Supply



1). *Please tell us what Midwest Game Supply Manufactures.* We manufacture dice and layouts for the casino industry. We distribute gaming accessories and furniture, and also buy

and sell used slot machines.

2). *Where are you located?* 1119 North Jefferson Street.

3). *How long have you had your business?*

We have owned the business for 22 years, taking over the existing business in 1986.

4). *What made you decide to pursue this line of business?*

This business just happened to come along at the time we were pursuing the purchase of any business. We had no intent to enter the casino industry!

5). *I heard your products were featured in a very successful movie recently. Please tell us all about that!*

Yes! Our daughter, Kim Adkins, worked closely with Warner Brothers on "Oceans 13." Kim, along with two of our salesmen were counted as extras in the movie. We will have a display of some of the items we sold to them.

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

Chuck and I are very proud of the fact we took a small company that only manufactured dice and expanded into other areas of the industry. Our success far surpasses our greatest expectations!

7). *What do you see in the future for your company?*

To continue to grow as the casino industry continues to grow on a yearly basis.

8). *Anything else you'd like to share?*

We are happy to be a business in Kearney. We feel that the city has worked with us very well as we continue to grow.

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And Sew Bee It! Owner Attends Seminars

Darla Ebenroth of And Sew Bee It! in Kearney recently attended six intensive days of business training at Husqvarna Viking Sewing Machine Company's national headquarters in Westlake, OH.

Darla Ebenroth joined several Husqvarna Viking dealers from across the United States and attended seminars conducted by Husqvarna Viking retail pros and sewing exports. While there she received hands-on product training, business and advertising tips, plus plenty of unique sewing techniques and projects. "The real focus of this training was the end-users, my customers. It has given me the tools necessary to better educate my customers as to the benefits of Husqvarna Viking ownership, ensure their complete satisfaction and to provide my customers with the best possible customer service, before and after the sale." said Ebenroth. And Sew Bee It! at 108 West Washington in Kearney carries a complete line of Husqvarna Viking sewing machines and Huskylock

NEW MEMBER!

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

O'Reilly Auto Parts

Ken Omland, Manager
675 W. 92 Highway
Kearney, MO 64060
816-903-3043
www.oreillyauto.com

Gracies Chocolate, LLC

Grace Terry
101 W. Washington St.
Kearney, MO 64060
816-903-9001
email: grace@unitone.net
www.gracieschocolate.com

The Bentsen Team, Prudential Carter- Duffey Realtors

Tony & Misty Bentsen
178 W. 92 Highway
Kearney, MO 64060
816-628-2233 Fax: 816-
628-2755
email:
tbentsen@pcdhomes.com
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www.TheBentsenTeam.com

Cole Printing

Tim Cole
200 N. Jefferson St.
Kearney, MO 64060
816-628-6200

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, 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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overlocks, including the Simply Excellent top-of-the-line Designer SE sewing machine, and many mid-range models for every sewer, as well as Huskylock sergers. The Husqvarna Viking product line is a real business plus according to Ebenroth. She said "Quality Swedish craftsmanship ensures excellent stitching as well as the ultimate in sewing ease, convenience and innovations." To find out more about And Sew Bee It!'s schedule of sewing classes as well as the Husqvarna Viking product line, stop at And Sew Bee It! Or call 816-903-2739.



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Classes Offered Through Clay County Health Center

"Growing With Your Child" for parents and youth (ages 9-12) at **Clay County Public Health Center**, 800 Haines Drive, meets on Tuesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 6:30-8:30 PM. "Parents only" orientation is Jan. 29. Register with Liberty Community Ed. at 736-7117. \$30 per family.

"Growing With Your Child" (ages 9-12) at **Smithville Upper Elementary** meets on Thursdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 6:30-8:30 PM. "Parents only"

orientation is Jan. 31. Register with Health Center at 595-4240. \$30 per family.

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Competition Kickoff Show

Studio 320 Dance & Acrobats competitive dance team (ages 6+) will be holding a Competition Kickoff show at the Kearney High School theater on Friday, February 29th. The show will start at 7:00 p.m. and there is a \$5 cover charge at the door. All funds will go to the dance team to assist in paying for their trip to Branson this summer for the Nationals. These kids will show all their routines as they take part in a costume fashion show. They've been working on these numbers since September and there will be some truly awesome young talent for you to see! Please invite anyone and everyone to come out for a great evening of dance, singing and fashion!!!

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Ribbon Cutting Pictures!



Our newest member, O'Reilly Auto Parts, had a ribbon cutting ceremony in early January. We had a great turnout, delicious treats and some really fun door prizes. Thanks to all who came and welcome O'Reilly Auto Parts!



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Congratulations To The Animal Clinic of Kearney, LLC on 20 years of business! An Open House was held on Friday, February 1st between 8:00 and 5:30 p.m. and was a wonderful event!

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