

July 2006

Chamber Chatter

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY KEARNEY!

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Calendar of Events

July

8 – Co-ed Softball Tournament, Mack Porter Park, call 816-628-2165 to register your team!

22-25 – 10-year-old World Series Tournament, Mack Porter Park. Call Eric Marshall at 903-4724 for tickets and information.

It's hard to believe the Sesquicentennial celebrations are over with. We will recap a few of them here in the newsletter. The chamber is very proud of its new fountain which many Kearney residents enjoyed as they strolled back and forth between the various events downtown.



Happy Birthday, Kearney.
You are truly a great town.
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Business of the Month – Kearney Commercial Bank



1). *Congratulations on being Business of the Month. I understand you now have TWO locations – can you tell us your Headquarters and your Branch location addresses?* The addresses for our locations are:
Headquarters: 950 W. 92 Hwy.
Branch: 100 W. 92 Hwy.

2). *Do both locations offer the same services?* We offer all of our products and services at either location.

3). *A lot of us attended your Grand Opening at your new office. Please tell us more about it!* We are very proud of our new location, and our remodeled branch. The new building contains 25,000 sq. ft., and KCB uses approximately 18,000 sq. ft. We have a Community Room that is available for area residents. If you would like more information, please contact Janice at KCB. We currently have one tenant in our headquarters building, and have three additional lease spaces available. Two of the spaces are approximate 2,000 sq. ft. and one space is 1,000 sq. ft. Our newly remodeled branch location also has Shelter Insurance as a tenant, and three single office suites available for lease, and 1 two office suite available for lease. For more information on lease space at either location, please contact Kent Scheible or Craig Fischer.

4). *KCB is very involved in the community. Tell us about your upcoming Kidfest and other things you do here in Kearney.* KCB's 11th annual Kidfest will be held on Saturday, August 5 at Lion's Memorial Park from 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. The Kearney Fire and Police Departments are a big part of the event. We have between 500 – 600 kids register to enjoy the games, prizes and learn that safety can be fun. Ident-A-Kid will be a part of Kidfest again this year, and LifeFlight will land in the park at 11:30 a.m. Please **contact** Sandi Rogers at KCB for

more information. Our children are very important to KCB, and we continue to sponsor many school events, including Textcaster. Textcaster allows parents to be notified via text message or e-mail of school closings & schedules. We award a Kearney High School senior with the KCB Scholarship Award annually, and continue to sponsor sports teams, and area individuals in events.

Several of our employees are members of Kearney and K C area organizations and take part in their events and promotions.

5). *What is your position there at the bank? Also tell us a bit about yourself.* Kent Scheible is Senior Vice President/Chief Lending Officer. He is married to Tammy, and they have three children, Will, Josh and Zach. His hobbies include golf and being an avid MU fan.
6). *What would you say is unique about your bank?* We feel that KCB is unique in our personal friendly service, our product offerings and our convenient locations.



##

New Members!

Kearney Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the following new members:

DJL Properties, LLC, Old Church Plaza

David Scott Levaton
Two Pershing Square, 2300
Main Street, 9th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64108
105 S. Jefferson, Kearney,
MO 64060

816-903-1800 Fax: 816-443-2143

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david@levatonlaw.com

Web:

www.oldchurchplaza.com

Kearney Napa Auto Parts

600 N. Jefferson
Kearney, MO 64060
816-903-0400 Fax: 816-903-8081

email:

jlcompanies@uniteone.net

The Kiernan Companies Inc.

Bill Hardacre
3737 Elizabeth #200
Independence, MO 64057
816-795-1650 Fax: 816-795-0318

email:

bhardacre@kiernancompanies.com

web:

www.kiernancompanies.com

Farmers Insurance

Michael Dillon
Location coming soon!
816-517-9292

email:

mdillon@farmersagent.com

web:

www.farmersagent.com/mdillon

WELCOME!

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Kearney Route 33 Rededication



On June 27, 10:00 a.m., the City of Kearney and MoDOT held their ribbon-cutting ceremony for the finished Highway 33. Mayor Bill Dane, Kirsten Munck (MoDOT Engineer) and State Representative Doug Ervin were present to speak. The program said "It seems fitting that during Kearney's Sesquicentennial, we should gather along this important route to celebrate the reconstruction of route 33 and cite the partnership between the city and the state. All roads should lead back home, and the City of Kearney and the Missouri Department of Transportation have worked together to make the road home efficient, safe and beautiful". Congratulations and a job well done!

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Spirit of Louisiana Comes to Town



Another great event the Chamber helped promote was welcoming the steam train Spirit of Louisiana, which steamed into Kearney on Thursday, June 29th, at 3:00 p.m. Close to 900 people turned out to welcome the train, and a Dixieland Jazz band performed to entertain us. The train had a museum

on board to tour. Jesse James and his gang stopped by to "rob" the train and spectators.



If you look very closely at the picture of the train, you will see the Mayor peeking out between the two cars on the train!!

##

"Taste of Kearney" a Huge Success!



Kearney Chamber of Commerce and Jenny Hayes of At the Boardwalk co-hosted the second annual (first annual for the Chamber) Taste of Kearney. Seven restaurants participated and handed out samples of their wares to close to 1,000 people! I'd like to commend Gino's, K's Celebrations, Outlaws, Updike BBQ & Catering, Little Johnny's Italian, At Sarah's Table, and International Beanery for managing to handle the huge turnout. Special thanks to Theresa Heckadon, Sandi Rogers and Deb Brock for volunteering their time to help with crowd control, garbage patrol and lots of other things to help keep everything moving. I cannot say how impressed I was with everyone managing to keep a smile in spite of the heat! My hat is off to you all! And biggest thanks of all to everyone who turned out and made it the success it was!



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Bette's Hallmark Is Hiring!

If you enjoy shopping at our store, you'll love working here!

We offer: An exciting and creative place to work, flexible schedules, Associate discount. We're fun, we're casual, and we're looking for new employees. Come be a part of the Hallmark Gold Crown team. Visit our website at,

<http://www.bettes-cards-gifts.com>

and click on the Now Hiring tab or stop by Bette's Hallmark in Kearney, MO for an application.

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World Series Comes to Kearney

The 10-year-old World Series begins at Mack Porter Park on Saturday, July 22 and continues until Tuesday, July 25. Tickets are \$6/day for people 18 and over, and Child passes are \$5.00 Children under 5 are free. For more information please contact Eric Marshall of City Park and Recreation at 816-903-4724.

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Little Johnny's Launches Box Lunch Program

Ham, Turkey, or Roast Beef with cookie and chips! Minimum 20 Boxes/order. Call 903-5646 for more information!

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