

June 2008

Chamber Chatter

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Calendar of Events

June

5 – 12:00 – Kearney/Smithville Chamber Golf Tournament. Outlaw Course at Paradise Pointe. Start time is 1:00 p.m. with dinner to follow. Please contact Jim Smith at 816-628-6666 or Kearney Chamber of Commerce at 816-628-4229 for more details.

6 – Excelsior Springs Hospital Golf Tournament, Excelsior Springs. 12:30 shotgun start.

7 – National Trails Day and Concert in the Park (Kearney Amphitheater). Performer: Kychn Synk.

14 – Concert in the Park, Hotel California (Eagles Tribute Band) Scott Duncan

27 – Movie in the Park – Bee Movie

July

3 – Kearney Fireworks Celebration, Moonlight Serenade Orchestra will play before Fireworks Display. Sponsored by Kearney Chamber of Commerce

Thank You, City of Kearney



On Thursday, May 29, 5:00 at the Amphitheater the City of Kearney hosted a Chamber After Hours. It was simply wonderful with great food and a live band from Blues Fest playing. We had a little over 100 Chamber members attend this function and it was a perfect way to kick off the summer concert season.



Free tickets for the upcoming Blues Fest were given away as well as free tickets to an upcoming concert. We are very grateful to the City for giving us the opportunity to see our wonderful amphitheater and get a taste of the concert

experience.



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Business of the Month – Updike BBQ & Catering

1. *Most of us are quite familiar with Updike BBQ & Catering, so I'll ask you this - what is your favorite dish to prepare?*

Beef is my favorite food; therefore, brisket is my favorite dish to prepare and perhaps the most difficult because no two briskets cook the same way. One might cook quickly and easily and another one may take several more hours to get the desired result. There are many "tricks" of the trade that I have learned over the 45 years of cooking and from Randall's eight years of competing in local, state and national bbq contests. Several of the key factors are:

- Start with a good piece of meat---do not attempt to short cut this step! (The old saying is true that you can't make a silk purse from a sow's ear).
- Cook at low temperatures and slowly--be patient.
- Keep the temperature constant ---do not let the temperature get too high, drop back down and then get too high again. (If that happens, the meat will be as tough as a boot.

2. *What is the largest group you've catered to?* The largest group for which we have catered

was over 2000. The size of the group (within reason) really doesn't give us a problem. We have the equipment, expertise and experience to handle any size group. Every thing that we do is based upon lead times for cooking; ie, it takes 12 to 15 hours to properly smoke the heavy cuts of meat such as brisket and pork shoulders.



3. *We also know you're very versatile with your menu. What was your biggest challenge with regards to an unusual menu and what was your solution?* We have not had any "unusual" requests for bbq'd foods. We can make just about anything that is normally bbq'd. We do get requests from time to time for a bbq'd whole hog, which we can provide; however, we normally try to talk the customer out of doing that because of the extremely high amount of waste. The total amount of waste is nearly 80% and the other problem is that when many guests get up close to the table, their response is, "there is a dead hog laying on the table" and they lose their appetite.

4. *Please tell us all the things you do for the community.* Joan, Randall,

New Member!

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WELCOME!

Volunteers Needed

Kearney Home delivered meals has been a service to the Kearney area for approximately ten years for senior citizens who need meals delivered to their home by caring volunteers. We need more people to help out with this very important program! If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Teresa Reckrodt, Kearney Senior Service Coordinator, at 816-903-4031. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated!

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Brian and I moved to Kearney 35 years ago and have been on the "volunteer" circuit ever since. I have worked with KHRA for years as a coach, grounds keeper (using my own farm equipment to prepare the fields prior to the city taking over), umpire, umpire trainer and supervisor, Jesse James volunteer work for about 30 years, "official" chuck wagon cook for the JJ volunteers for the last 11 years and willing participate with various charities; ie, Relay for Life and youth sports teams. We will try our best to help anyone or group that needs and asks for help.

5. *How long have you had your business?* We officially started Updike BBQ & Catering about two and one half years ago; however, I had cooked for friends/groups for many years.

6. *Your passion for your work is very inspiring. What advice would you have for people who want to start their own business?* My advice to anyone wanting to start a new business is to do the proper planning, know your target customer, know your competition better than they know themselves, provide what the customer wants, not what you like, be prepared to work harder than you have ever worked before (we only work a little over one-half days, normally 12-18 hours), seven days a week. You must enjoy and take pride in what you do; otherwise, it will not be worth the effort and customers will see your lack of commitment.



7. *Anything else you'd like to share?* I want to thank my many advertisers who believed in my plan and stepped forward to be part of this effort. None of this would

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have been possible without Keith Doss of Kearney Trust Company taking the lead and being the first community leader and business to participate. Keith recognized the need/opportunity for my business within the community and did not hesitate. Once Kearney Trust Company stepped forward, Kearney Commercial Bank, Big V, First Missouri National Bank, Gary Shanks, Platte Clay Elect. Coop, Thorne Business Systems, Wade Maupin (Shelter Ins.), Kwik Lube, American Pride, Pence Heating and Cooling, North Country Ford, West Brook Care Center, Harmon Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, Chris's Lawn Care, Porter's Building Centers, Remington Steele Ready Mix and Cole Printing all joined the effort. Since then we have had several new advertisers, such as Bennett Concrete, Tryst Foundations, Cabana Tanery, and Autoworks. We get several requests per month from businesses wanting to advertise with us. We try our best to represent our sponsors in a professional manner and get their name into the public's view in various locations.



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HALO/Lee Wayne Acquires Goldman Promotions

Cindi Jordan is pleased to share the good news of the acquisition of Goldman Promotions by Lee Wayne Corporation, the leading sales organization in the promotional products industry. Much like Goldman, Lee Wayne is built on a solid foundation of integrity,

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creativity and a dedication to building business one order, and one satisfied customer at a time. She is excited about this new partnership and is looking forward to putting these new resources to work for you! You can contact Cindi at 913-469-5533 or email her at cjordan@goldmanpromotions.com.

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Northern Hills Baptist Church News

Praise & Worship with song and testimony on **Sunday June 1 at 6:30 p.m.**
Missionary update/message by Doug Rawdon on **Sunday, May 8** during our **8:45 a.m.** and **10:45 a.m.** Services.
Children's Wednesday Night Summer Program - Extra Editions **meets weekly at 6:30 p.m.** for ages K-6th Grade through July. Children will investigate the character of God through fun-filled activities.
Women, please join us for a Wednesday night Bible Study "Secrets of the Vine" by Bruce Wilkinson - This study **meets weekly at 6:30 p.m.**
Vacation Bible School for Ages 4 yrs - 6th Grade - PowerZone Sports Camp will be held **June 9-13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Call the church office at 320-3301 to register. Vacation Bible School Program is on **Saturday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.**
Celebrate Father's Day with us on **Sunday June 15** at both morning services. Communion will be served.
Wheels for the World Sewing day **Saturday June 21 from 11:00am-3:00 p.m.**
Compassion Sunday to be held **Sunday June 22** during the **8:00 a.m.** and **10:45 a.m.** services to provide opportunity to aid in world hunger.
Christian Country Concert by Jonathon Noland to be held **Sunday June 22 at 6:30 p.m.** Unless otherwise indicated, all events will be held at the Church Facilities located 17211 NE 180th St, (between Holt & Kearney). Sunday Services are **8:00 a.m.** and **10:45 a.m.** Bible Study Hour is at **9:30 a.m.** For more information please call the church office at 320-3301 or

