

March 2004

Chamber Chatter

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New Classes at Clay County Health Center

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Calendar Of Events

March

19 - 11:00-1:00 – Teacher's Luncheon. We're always looking for an extra pair of hands to help us as we serve lunch as a "thank you" to our wonderful Kearney teachers. Please contact the Chamber for more information if you'd like to help.

19 – Moonlight Madness. Please check with the Courier for Store hours!

24 – 11:00 a.m. - Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, the UPS Store (Old Church Plaza). Door prizes and light refreshments following ceremony. Mark your calendar and thank you for your support!

If arthritis pain and stiffness trouble you, Clay County Public Health Center and Blue Cross Blue Shield think they can help. Free exercise classes (PACE) begin March 3 at the health center, 1940 W. 152 Hwy, Liberty MO. Everyone, no matter what their age can and should exercise. Exercise is vital to keeping healthy, maintaining your weight, independence, and much more. PACE stands for People with Arthritis Can Exercise.

This six week course meets twice per week on Wednesdays and Fridays, March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 23, 31 and April 2, 6, 14, 16 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM at the health center, 1940 W. 152 Hwy, Liberty, MO.

Individuals go through exercises targeting arms, hands, shoulders, legs and ankles. Exercises can be done standing or sitting. Special activities work with coordination, balance, memory, pain management and stress relief. Information about living with arthritis is included in each class.

Instructors are certified PACE instructors.

Classes are fun and can be used by anyone. Class size is limited and registration is required. If you have a medical condition, please check with your doctor before starting. For information on registration and classes, call Health Promotions at 816-781-1142.

Also, Clay County Public Health Center and University Outreach and Extension are offering a three part cooking class "Dining With Diabetes"

starting on March 24, 1 – 3 PM at the health center, 1940 W. 152 Hwy in Liberty, MO. There is a \$10 fee for adults and \$5 for seniors for each class or \$25 for series, call 816-781-1142 to register for class.

The classes cover healthy food choices as well as cooking techniques that use new and more healthful ingredients. Participants can learn healthy versions of familiar foods that are easy to prepare. Class topics are "Desserts" on March 24, "Main Dishes" on April 7 and "Side Dishes" on May 25.

Classes are approved as a Blue Cross/Blue Shield education program. Class size is limited and registration is required. For information call (816) 781-1142. Class scholarships available; services not denied for inability to pay.

Lastly, Clay County Public Health Center announces its seventh annual Public Health Week Art Contest for third graders in public, private and home schools. The theme is "Handwashing Keeps Me Healthy". Art forms are available at the health center, 1940 W. 152 Hwy, Liberty or by calling (816) 476-4166. Competed entries are due back to the health center by **March 5**.

Three prizewinners will be selected from each school. Three grand prize winners will be awarded from all school first place winners by the Board of Trustees on March 11.

All winners will be recognized on Wednesday, April 7 beginning at 3:30 PM at Metro North Mall, 400 NW Barry Rd, Kansas City, MO. The entries will be on display on upper level at the mall starting March. For more information on the Art Contest, contact Sharlene Hayat at 781-1600

Business of the Month – Steve Snook, Prudential Snook Realtors



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What services does Prudential Snook Realtors Provide?

We represent buyers and sellers in real estate transactions. Types of property that we specialize in are new construction, residential resale, acreage and farms. *Where are your offices located?* We have two offices – one in Kearney at 178 W. 92 Highway, and in Cameron at 500 Lana Drive.

How long have you been in Kearney?

The Kearney office opened their doors in July of 1999.

Tell us about yourself.

I am married to Sara, who works at American Century on the Plaza. I have two children, Andrea, who is 21 and attends Kansas School for the Blind and Tony, who is 19 and is the director of Admissions for the American College of IT in St. Joseph. I serve as the 2004 Treasurer for the Missouri Association of Realtors and am a former Mayor of Cameron.

How do you see Kearney five years from now, and how does your company fit into that picture? Kearney is a shining star in Missouri's economy. The residential growth in the next five years in and around Kearney will greatly outpace any previous time periods. I served as Mayor in

MEMBERS!

The Kearney Chamber of Commerce welcomes the following new members:

Bank Of America

Brad Crosser, Mike Nedrow
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fax: 816-979-8468
Email: Michael.P.Nedrow@bankofamerica.com
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Clay County Public Health Center

Gary Zaborac, Health Director
1940 W. 152 Highway
Liberty, Mo 64068
816-781-1600
Fax: 816-792-1285
email: gzaborac@clayhealth.com
Web: www.clayhealth.com

Welcome!

Cameron during one of their growth spurts, and I hope to offer that experience to the Kearney leadership. I also chair Cameron's Economic Development Organization. *Anything else you'd like to tell us?* We have a great team in Kearney. The Kearney office is enjoying a very exciting increase in sales production and we anticipate much more growth in the years to come. We plan to be not only leaders in real estate, but leaders in the communities we serve. Giving back has always been a focus of our company since 1984.

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UPS Store to Hold Open House

The UPS Store opened for business on February 9th. We have shipped packages every business day since then. We have done shipping, packaging, black & white and color copies, laminating, binding, sold office supplies, notarized documents, and ordered business cards. It's a good start and we would like more of you to challenge us to assist you with your business needs. We are pleased to announce our Grand Opening Celebration from 8-27 March. If you haven't done so yet, please stop by and visit with us. Meet our associates, Charla, Cheryl, and Mary Lou. Check out the services we have to offer and register for the door prizes to be given away following our ribbon cutting ceremony. Mark your calendar and plan to attend at 11AM on March 24th. Drawings for the door prizes and light refreshments will follow the ceremony. Thanks for your support. Sharon & Bob Tate



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Get Ready for the Relay!

It's time to start thinking about the Relay! The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is slated for June 4-5, 2004 from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. at the high school football field. There are several ways members of the community can participate in this exciting event. We need as many teams as possible for this event. You may have as many as 15 people on a team. Another way to participate is to buy a luminary in honor, memory, prayer, or appreciation of someone who is fighting, survived, or one we have lost to cancer. And, as always, we need the help of businesses in the form of monetary or in-kind donations. There are different levels for businesses to participate at. Any way you can help is always appreciated! Please call Kathie Ousley at 816-989-5124 or 816-628-2233 for more info.

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Exciting News from Carnival Times!

Beverly Hills-Taylor is named the Missouri State Representative for the Inflatable Industry by the International Inflatable Products & Games Association (IIPGA). As a state representative,

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Beverly is responsible for overseeing the issues and topics including regulation and safety concerns. She will host monthly forums on the internet, keeping state members informed of what is being done on their behalf, and serving on the Industry Advisory Council. "The inflatable attraction industry is one that few understand. Since our attractions are not carnival or mechanical rides, a different set of operational codes are necessary. I hope to bring a more informed voice to this industry in our state and to provide council to others in the industry on insurance, safety techniques, and promote the IPGA mission in providing a fun, safe, environment for our end users and clients." AND... Carnival Times, Inc. is revving up for a winning season. They have increased their inventory and added new attractions. The new Disney Princess Castle bounce is sure to be a hit for girl's birthday parties!



The Intimidator, mechanical bull! We are proud to bring to our customers the latest in technology for the true bull riding experience.

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