

March 2005

# Chamber Chatter

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

## Kearney Fire Department Receives Grant from DHS

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### Calendar Of Events

#### March

18 – Moonlight

Madness, 6:00-11:00 p.m.

#### First Baptist Church in Kearney Events –

please call 628-5963 for details!

18-20 - Workshop –

“I see the Lord: Understanding Who God Is” featuring speakers from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

#### April

2 – Gold City Quartet in Concert. 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10, \$15-\$20 artist circle.

22 – 7:00 p.m. – Brian Free and Assurance in Concert. A love offering will be received.

The Kearney Fire and Rescue Protection District has received a grant of \$106,446 from the 2004 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

With FY04 funds, \$745 million will be awarded to several thousand fire departments. According to Kearney Fire Chief Larry Pratt these funds will be used for replacing and upgrading of their self contained breathing apparatus.

“We recognize the importance of the Fire Act Grants to our nation’s fire departments and we will continue to work closely with the fire service community to meet their needs,” said C. Suzanne Mencer, Director of Department of Homeland Security Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP).

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program assists rural, urban and suburban fire departments throughout the United States. These funds increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, firefighter health and safety programs, new fire apparatus, emergency medical service programs, and fire prevention and safety programs in local departments.

“In this nation, far too many individuals lose their lives or are injured by fire. Among these victims are firefighters, who provide emergency response services to their fellow residents,” said U.S. Fire Administrator R. David Paulison. “The nation’s firefighters and American

homes are safer today through this important grant program.”

For more information on the grant program or the USFA, contact the Grants Program Office at 1-866-274-0942 or email FIREGRANTS@dhs.gov.

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### Business of the Month – ELC Installations and Electric

1). *Tell us about ELC Installations and Electric, and what you do.*

We are a telephone, data and communications wiring company that provides structured wiring for the backbone of telephone systems. We also do computer networks and entertainment wiring, including home theaters. We also do electrical repairs and installations on existing and new homes.

2). *What is your specialty?*

Our integrated network packages for new homes, which puts all your low voltage wiring into one package. These are telephone, computer, entertainment and security systems into one centrally located panel.

3). *I also understand you offer mobile DJ services. Please tell us about that and what that is!*

That is how we got started, offering mobile DJ services. From there, we began installing DJ equipment which was a natural segue way into our other business. We still offer mobile DJ services for any event and new to the DJ business is our mobile karaoke, which has 20,000 in our karaoke library!

4). *Why did you start your business in Kearney?*

We live here, so we wanted to

work here too

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

In my spare time, I am a volunteer firefighter with Fishing River, which is the area between Liberty and Excelsior Springs.

6). *Anything else you'd like to tell us?*

We offer a 10% discount off any services to all Chamber members!

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### Clay County Savings Names Assistant Vice President

Clay County Savings Bank is pleased to announce that Cory Johnson has been named Assistant Vice President of the Bank. Johnson has been serving Clay County Savings Bank as a Real Estate Loan Officer for the past 2 years, and has now been promoted to Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager of the Bank’s Kearney office. Johnson has worked in the finance industry since his 1999 graduation from the University of Missouri-Columbia. In addition to his financial experience in residential and commercial real estate, Johnson is also involved in several community organizations. He is currently a member of the Liberty Lions Club and Kearney Rotary Club, and he is a past member of the 2004 Liberty Leadership Academy.

At Clay County Savings Bank, Assistant Vice President Johnson will oversee operations, including loan and deposit functions, at its Kearney facility located at 303 South Jefferson. Johnson has been serving as the Interim-Branch Manager for the past 5 months, and has now assumed full daily responsibilities of the Kearney office.

Clay County Savings Bank is a community bank that values its

## New Members!

### Werner Recovery Audit

Ron and Jan Werner  
505 S. Prospect St.  
Kearney, MO 64060  
(816) 520-2934  
werner2@kc.rr.com

### Central States Mortgage

Carey Hiatt  
100 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St #10  
PO Box 1150  
Kearney, MO 64060  
(816)903-4663 Fax: (816)  
903-4665  
chiatt@csmc.net  
www.centralstates-  
kearney.com

### Kansas City Star, Vanessa Lock

8320 N. Oak Trafficway,  
Suite 201  
Kansas City, MO 64118  
(816)234-5926 Fax: (816)  
436-4135  
vlock@kcstar.com

### WSI

Sam Dorsey  
13604 NE 187<sup>th</sup> St.  
Holt, MO 64048  
(816) 838-6464  
sdorsey@wsiprowebuilders.  
com  
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### New Faces

We are pleased to announce the addition of Don Bordenaro to the staff of Faithful Journey. Don is the pastor of Salem Church, Disciples of Christ in Weston and has previous Christian bookstore experience. Please stop by to meet Don and welcome him to Kearney! He, his wife and daughter moved here last June.

### New Name and Email

21<sup>st</sup> Century Solutions is now Vri Business Technology Solutions! Richard Grove's new email address is:  
rich.groves@askvri.com

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customers and relationships with them. Clay County Savings Bank has four Northland locations serving its communities in Liberty, Kearney, and Smithville.

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## News from Clay County Health Center

### Flu Mist Still Available

Due to an increase in reported cases of influenza in the area, the Clay County Public Health Center wants to remind people that the FluMist vaccine is still available for specific populations. FluMist is a live, antiviral, intranasal vaccine that is administered through the nose. It is ONLY for persons aged 5 – 49 years who are in good health.

People eligible to receive this vaccine may stop by the health center from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. There is no charge for the vaccine. The Clay County Public Health Center is located at 1940 W. Kansas Street, Liberty, MO. No appointment is necessary. Gary E. Zaborac, Director, encourages caretakers of young children, healthcare workers, first responders, teachers and students (aged 5-49) to take advantage of this free vaccine. Mr. Zaborac stated, "It is not too late to benefit from this vaccine. Those who are in good health can help by taking the FluMist vaccine. This will help protect those who are unable to be immunized." The health center has 600 doses of the vaccine available. The Director encourages those wanting immunized to call first to assure that the vaccine is still available. The phone number of the clinic is 816-781-1601.

### WIC Extends Hours

The Clay County Public Health Center announced that beginning February 2, 2005, the WIC office will offer extended hours of clinics to accommodate working parents. Appointments times are available up until 6:00 pm on Wednesday evenings by calling the WIC

Program at 816-415-2123. This change is being made for existing WIC participants as well as new enrollees to the program. The WIC office is located at 102 S. Forrest, Liberty, MO.

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## Summit Publication Expands Directory Coverage

Summit Publications Inc. is pleased to announce the expansion our telephone directory coverage area to include four new Northland books. Platte City/Weston, Liberty/Pleasant Valley, Gladstone, and Parkville/Platte Woods directories will join the existing Kearney/Excelsior, Lee's Summit, Blue Springs, Cass County, Olathe/Gardner, Franklin/Anderson, Miami/Linn, Blue Valley, Lenexa/Shawnee, and Bonner Springs directories. Our vision is to provide the metropolitan Kansas City area with practical, convenient and user-friendly telephone directories, so that our customers can have affordable advertising and focus their advertising dollars in a targeted area. For more information call 816-628-5492.

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## Dress Up Dreams Celebrates Anniversary

Dress Up Dreams celebrated its first year in business on February 1st. We are excited about our lovely selection of prom dresses in stock and that are arriving daily. We will be matching prom dresses to tux vest and tie colors to coordinate the couple for this magic night. Call today to make your appointment for prom dresses or tuxes - 903-3777.

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Persons interested in learning more about WIC can walk-in (without an appointment) on Monday through Friday 8:00-10:30 a.m. or 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the main Liberty office. The WIC staff also has clinics (by appointment only) at the following sites throughout the county:

Excelsior Springs, Good Samaritan Thrift Store, Broadway & Thompson - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month

Bethel Church of Christ, Parvin & N. Brighton Road - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month

Metro North Mall, Barry Road - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month

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## News from The Meadows At Greenfield

The Meadows at Greenfield is pleased to announce that J-Squared Fine homes has joined our building team. John Rutz and Joe Chabot bring 50+ years of building experience to Greenfield.

"There will be many positive changes in The Meadows at Greenfield this year, and the addition of J-Squared Fine Homes is one of the most exciting" states Sherri McCoy, community manager. "Some of the other new developments are the opening of Phase 2 this spring which will bring 36 new lots, all will back to The Meadows. The community pool will open this spring and there are seven new homes under construction. We are growing and changing very fast!" added McCoy.

The Meadows of Greenfield's office is open seven days a week, 12:00-5:00 p.m. Stop by and welcome J-Squared Fine