

March 2007

Chamber Chatter

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

Taste of Kearney – We Need Your Input

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Calendar of Events March

13 – 6:00 p.m. at International Beanery in Old Church Plaza - Kearney-Holt Community 2000 Meeting. Join your neighbors working together for a safe, healthy and drug-free community.

29 – 6:30 p.m. Project: Respect at Kearney Jr. High, 2215 South Campus. RSVP to Sara Dolton at 816-468-7088 X 198 or email her at sarad@tri-countymhs.org

April

5 – 4:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting, Prudential Carter-Duffey, Realtors 178 W. 92 Highway, followed by Business After Hours. Stay tuned for more info!

Last year we held the Taste of Kearney in conjunction with the Sesquicentennial and it was a huge success. This year we will have it on Saturday, May 19, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Thanks to new Chamber member Mike Rabich of A-1 Wheels, he will move up his Kruisin Kearney a day early and the car show will be that morning. We'd like to do things a bit different this year and make it bigger if we have enough participation from merchants. This year, we'd like the downtown restaurants to have their samples available inside their establishments, and those outside of downtown will again be inside At the Boardwalk. We'd also like to invite other merchants to participate by setting up their own pop-up tents in the parking lot at the Boardwalk for their samples. We'd like to have a meeting to determine who is interested, and will be passing around a flyer at the Chamber meeting. If you weren't at the meeting but are interested in participating in Taste of Kearney, please contact the Chamber. We look forward to making this a huge success again this year!!

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Business of the Month – Ann Case, Wealth Springs Case & Associates



1). *Please tell us the name of your company and what it is they do.* Our name is Wealth Springs Case & Associates. I am the President & CEO. We are a Financial Advisor.

2). *Where are you located?* 1345 N. Jesse James Road, in Excelsior Springs.

3). *When were you founded?* Our business was founded in 2002.

4). *What would you say is unique about your business?*

We focus on our client's needs. We are fee based management or hourly consulting if the client desires. We have a completely unbiased investment research. Linsco/Private Ledger (LPL) is the largest independent brokerage firm in the country. Any assets held at LPL are insured for 100 million dollars.

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

My husband, Rick, and I own

Rosewood in Kearney. In 1999-2000, we restored the 180 Federalist Colonial farmhouse and guest house. The property also hosts a full service equine facility with an indoor and outdoor arena. In 2000, we founded the not-for-profit organization called Northland Therapeutic Riding Center (NTRC). Initially serving three individuals and having 10 volunteers, the program provides equine-assisted therapy to the physically and mentally challenged, and now serves approximately 40 participants with over 100 volunteers.

I will not be in attendance at the March Chamber meeting. Instead I will be at an LPL conference, receiving the Patriots Award for professional service to my clients.

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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!



On February 9, 10:00 a.m. we held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Gracie's Chocolate. Thank you to everyone who came to welcome this new business into town!

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NEW MEMBERS!

The Kearney Chamber of Commerce welcomes the following new members:

Concept Mortgage Services, LLC

Karen Porter
601 N. Country Ave.
PO Box 257
Kearney, MO 64060
816-903-5680 Fax: 816-903-5684
email: Karen-Conceptmtg@uniteone.net
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A-1 Wheels & Performance

Mike Rabich
113 East Washington
Kearney, MO 64060
816-903-3603 Fax: 816-532-8431
email: alembmo@yahoo.com

Our Favorite Things

Debbie Rabich
113 East Washington
Kearney, MO 64060
816-903-3600 Fax: 816-532-8431
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Kearney Executive Suites

Dennis Dolan
302 S. Platte-Clay Way
Kearney, MO 64060
816-903-3932 Fax: 816-903-9999
email: reception@uniteone.net

Kearney/Holt Community Theater

Jenny Hayes
PO Box 751, Kearney, MO 64060
Web: www.khct.org

Welcome!

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H&R Block – YouGot People

H&R Block tax professionals are ready to help. With H&R Block, you have more than a company behind you. You have a one-on-one relationship with one of H&R Block's 90,000 tax professionals working for you, in person, by phone, or via email. Stop by the Kearney office, located at 627 W. 92 Highway today. Please see the flyers at the welcome table for a \$25 off coupon on income tax preparation for new clients.

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Kearney for Katie

Krusin Kearney begins this year on April 22nd. We will have our normal events the 3rd Sunday each month. The 1st Sunday in May will be The Harley's Ride To Kearney, and will be the 1st Sunday each month. We will also have 4 auto part swap meets on the 4th Sunday, dates will be April 29th, July 22nd, August 26th, September 30th. Any merchant or business that would like to donate any items or discount coupons that would help promote your business is more than welcome to do so. Our announcer will promote your company during our free drawings. These events are designed to bring business to Kearney on Sundays as well as during the week. Call Mike at A-1 Wheels & Performance 903-3603 for more information.

We are also looking for contributions to purchase T-Shirts for screen printing to raise money for Katie Kavanaugh. Katie is a sixteen year old Kearney High School student with singing talent you won't believe. We are trying to help her go to the American Idol auditions in August. Ad P'zazz in Kearney is donating the screen printing and we need to provide the shirts. All

proceeds will go to Katie's fund set up at the First Missouri National Bank in Kearney. This is something everyone in Kearney and surrounding communities are more than welcome to participate in. How cool would it be, to be involved in sending Katie to American Idol and seeing her on nation wide television knowing we helped get her there? If your business could make a donation of \$25.00 or more, it would be most appreciated. Please contact Mike or Debbie Rabich at Our Favorite Things or at A-1 Wheels & Performance at 903-3600 or 903-3603. Please start thinking of another project that we could all be a part of in the near future. We can all help something or someone here in our own back yard.

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Business After Hours

Thank you to First Missouri National Bank for hosting February's Chamber After Hours and all the Chamber members that attended. It was a great evening and we look forward to the next event. Speaking of the next event, if you would like to host a business after hours, please contact Jennifer with International Beanery at 816-896-8742. She would love to hear from you!

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Sesquicentennial

Mementos Available

Stitch of The Time has limited amount of Kearney's 150th Tapestries left. A great way to give it as a gift is to personalize it with your family name on it on one corner. Chamber member's special, add your family's name to one all for \$49.95. A keepsake to hold onto to pass down through the generations. And if you haven't seen the fluted wine glasses, stop by the store and check them out a great gift anytime. Chamber special on

fluted wine glasses of \$4.00 each.

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Project: Respect

Project: Respect is a multi-media/live presentation that presents to a youthful audience timely information on how poor decisions regarding alcohol, drug use, criminal and other risky behaviors have dramatic and life-changing impacts. The fast-paced and multi-faceted presentation includes a full-scale jail cell mockup to show a "day in the life" of a young person charged or convicted of a criminal act. Also presented is how "life goes on" for the young inmate's family and friends as they continue life free from incarceration.

Adults live with the pain of a teenager's poor choices. A young person's bad decision can result in a civil liability for his or her parents and may also result in life savings being drained to pay legal and other fees. Parents will also learn how to properly and effectively intervene if their teenager or young adult demonstrates certain warning signs.

Project: Respect will take place Thursday, March 29, 2007 at Kearney Jr. High (2215 South Campus) at 6:30 p.m. with a free dinner. The program begins at 7:15 p.m. for adults and 7th – 12th grade students. RSVP to Sara Dolton, Tri-County Mental Health Services at 816-468-7088 X198 or you can email her at sarad@tri-countymhs.org. It is hosted by Kearney-Holt Community 2000 and funded in part by Clay, Platt, and Ray Mental Health Tax Levy Board, Drug Free Community Support program.

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