

March 2008

Chamber Chatter

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Calendar of Events

March

16 – 6:30 p.m. – The Noland Band will perform a country Christian concert for World Vision at Northern Hills Baptist Church in Holt. There will be an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of needy children around the world through monthly sponsorship or a one-time donation.

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.

June 5, 2008 – Save the Date!

The annual Kearney/Smithville Chamber Golf Tournament will be on Thursday, June 5, 2008. Registration will begin at noon and start time is 1:00 p.m. with dinner to follow. It will be on the Outlaw Course at Paradise Pointe. To register your team, please contact Jim Smith at Kearney Trust Company at 816-628-6666 or the Kearney Chamber of Commerce at 816-628-4229.

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Business of the Month – The UPS Store



The UPS Store has been open four years (our anniversary was Feb 9) and we think of ourselves as Kearney's full service business center. Although many customers initially use us for UPS shipping, after visiting our center they are impressed with the wide range of business services that we offer. We have two black & white

copiers and one color copier. We can fold, staple, punch holes, make booklets and sort your documents on b&w or colored paper up to 11"x 17". We have a wide format printer that can enlarge digital files up to 24" x 36". We can copy a document or picture from a hard copy or receive it via email, a CD, thumb drive, floppy disk, or digital camera card. We can comb or coil bind your project up to 2" thick or laminate from wallet size cards up to 18"x 24" maps. Specialty services include business cards, passport photos, rubber stamps, notary services, greeting cards, and office supplies. We also offer mail box services, providing customers with a real street address where they can receive packages from all shippers. It has been and continues to be our goal to provide Kearney with this wide array of business services and first class customer service.

Our primary shipping means is UPS, but we can provide US Postal Services (stamps, metered mail, letters and packages) and pack and ship freight. We can get those packages to APO and FPO addresses. We also maintain a variety of packing & shipping supplies and also moving boxes. We accept "Authorized Return Shipments" and other drop off packages at no charge to customers. Our

evening pickup is 6:30 PM. On Saturday only air packages are picked up and the guaranteed time is 1:00 PM.



We are very proud that last summer at our global convention our store received the Domestic Franchisee Excellence award. This highly prestigious award (almost 5000 stores are considered) is an annual award based on customer service, appearance, and compliance with and participation in corporate and coop programs.

The UPS Store, together with Kindermusik, is sponsoring Mr. Stinky Feet at the Kearney amphitheater on April 19th at 5 PM. For those who haven't heard him, Jim Cosgrove performs for young children around the country. He is based in the KC area and we feel lucky to have engaged him for what may be the first concert at the new amphitheater. Admission

NEW MEMBER!

The Kearney Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome the following new members:

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Welcome!

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DO YOU have something you'd like to share with the community? This is the place to do it – the newsletter is available in hard copy and also on our website and is a great way to let others know what's new with your business! For more information you can call the Chamber at 816-628-4229, email us at kearneychamber@exop.net, mail us at PO box 242, Kearney, MO 64060 or fax us at 816-902-1234. We always like to hear from you!

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to the event will be free. This month, The UPS Store in conjunction with the Marines is launching The Toys for Tots Literacy program. The program will have a direct impact on the children in our community. Money raised will be used to buy books and other educational materials for children in our area. In 2007, the National Center for Educational Statistics released its annual "Reading Report," which asserts that 33% of all fourth graders in this country still cannot read at even the basic level. We can help change this fact. We will accept donations to the fund at the concert site and at our store.

Sharon and I looked at home businesses and franchises for several years trying to find just the right fit for us and for Kearney. When we looked at The UPS Store it was obvious early on that this was going to be the right one. It is a good blend of retail and service, which we both enjoy, and offers many services that customers have been driving out of town for. And we only have to drive five minutes to work. We are still convinced that locating in Kearney was a sound business decision. We would like to thank the Chamber members for their support the last four years. Being a member of the Chamber of Commerce is always a win-win scenario in our opinion. Each day decisions are made concerning your business. The more informed you are the better these decisions will be. As a

Chamber you are not operating in a vacuum, you only need to call other members to find solutions or answers to questions. You get to meet with other business leaders and owners every month to network and prospect, find out what is working and what isn't in the community and listen to great guest speakers. As a new business, talking to members at luncheons about services and getting referrals is just great. You also tend to try and do business with other members when looking for goods and services. As the city grows the Chamber will only get larger and more effective at promoting our city and businesses. The possibilities are only as limited as our energy.



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Christian Concert

The Noland Band will perform a Country Christian concert for World Vision on **Sunday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m.** at Northern Hills Baptist Church in Holt. There will be an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of needy children around the world through monthly sponsorship or a one time donation.

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Ribbon Cutting Pictures!



On Friday, February 29 at noon we celebrated the name changeover from UNITE to Fairpoint. There were exciting door prizes offered and a fantastic luncheon in addition to our ribbon cutting ceremony. Congratulations Fairpoint and thank you! We had a great time!



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