

May 2006

Chamber Chatter

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Kearney Commercial Bank Celebrates Grand Opening

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Calendar of Events

May

.11 – Kearney Commercial Bank Grand Opening, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

June

2 – 9:00am Ribbon Cutting. Kearney Museum. Stay tuned for details!@

2-3 Relay for Life in Kearney, 7:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m., Kearney High School.

8 Kearney/Smithville Golf Tournament – details will be forthcoming.

Kearney Commercial Bank is celebrating the opening of their new headquarters, and everyone is invited! Join us on Thursday, May 11, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the Grand Opening celebration. We will begin with the Chamber's ribbon cutting ceremony so please mark your calendars and come to celebrate this momentous occasion. Then, take a tour of the new headquarters and enjoy a great time with some barbeque and be sure to register for a chance to win prizes! Kearney Commercial Bank's new headquarters is located on 950 w. Highway 92 here in Kearney.

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Business of the Month – Excelsior Springs Medical Center



Tell us about Excelsior Springs Medical Center and what you do.

Excelsior Springs Medical Center is a community hospital composed of 25 critical access hospital beds, 60-bed convalescent center,

20-bed residential care facility and a 34-bed independent living facility. ESMC is affiliated with North Kansas City Hospital and is JCAHO Accredited. Our hospital has a fully equipped emergency department, which is physician staffed 24 hours daily. ESMC offers all-private rooms in our Medical/Surgical unit. We offer the following hospital services: medical, surgical, rehabilitation, radiology, cardiopulmonary and sleep clinics, home health, hospice, laboratory and pharmacy. We offer a wide range of outpatient clinics to better serve the community needs. Currently, we offer the following clinics: Audiology, Cardiology, Ear, Nose & Throat, Gastroenterology, Neurology, Oncology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Pain Management, Podiatry, Speech Therapy, Physical Medicine and Rehab, Pulmonary and Urology. Please visit www.esmc.org for more information.

Where are you located?

We are located at 1700 Rainbow Blvd., in Excelsior Springs just south of 92 and 69 highways.

I understand you are expanding. Please tell us about that!

A new addition of over 27,500 sq. ft. will house outpatient facilities, a wellness clinic, rehabilitation unit and administrative offices. The new addition will be located at the front of the current hospital and will include remodeling and expansion of emergency services. When finished, our emergency room will not only triple in size but will also be more private for all our patients and staff.

What special services do you provide?

At Excelsior Springs Medical

Center, we consider it both a privilege and duty to serve our community. We are committed to excellence in patient care and to the educational support that helps prevent illness. Utilizing the latest in technological advances, each member of our medical care team strives to uphold ESMC's tradition of quality patient care. At the same time, our community programs reach out to young and old, offering a variety of educational and preventative health opportunities.

Please tell us about your staff.

ESMC has over 270 area employees on staff...from nurses to housekeeping.



Sally Nance, ESMC CEO.

Sally was raised in Elmira, Mo. She has been the Chief Executive Officer at ESMC for over 15 years and has almost 30 years of healthcare experience. She has a MBA from Rockhurst University. Sally knows the importance of a community hospital. "Our Hospital is not just bricks and mortar and it's not just about technology and equipment. A hospital, above all else, is people caring for people." Sally lives in Excelsior Springs with her husband Bob and

New Members!

The Kearney Chamber of Commerce welcomes the following new members:

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daughter Rachel. Janet McCarthy, Long Term Care Coordinator. Janet joined ESMC in May 2005. She has over 25 years of experience in the healthcare field. "Growing up in the small town of Maysville, Mo makes you appreciate the importance of a community hospital." Janet believes in hands-on administration and enjoys working with the residents. Janet resides in Kearney with her husband. Jeanne Buckman, Foundation/Volunteer Director. Jeanne joined ESMC in 2002. Born and raised in the small town of Monroe City, Mo., she also is well aware of the need of having a hospital close to home. "It is so convenient to be able to drive to our local hospital to see specialists instead of having to drive to the city. ESMC has some of the best doctors and state of the art equipment in the Kansas City area." Jeanne and her husband have lived in Excelsior Springs for 30 years.

What is the history of the Medical Center - when was it founded, and how has it grown in recent years?
The first Excelsior Springs Hospital had the cornerstone laid in 1904. The building had 17 rooms, including an operating room and was made available to physicians throughout the Kansas City area. In 1923 the hospital moved to the Old White Sanitarium in Superior Park. The hospital remained at this location for 53 years. Our current location was completed in 1976. Since then, ESMC has expanded and added many services. In 1982, ESMC became the first hospital in Missouri to have a hospital-based skilled nursing facility. In 1983, ESMC became the first hospital in the state to provide a Home Health Care Agency. To better serve the community,

ESMC began outpatient clinics in 1987. In 1996, ESMC became the first hospital in the state to have a hospital-based assisted living program. Finally, the Lillian McDavid Independent Living Center opened its doors in 2000, completing our continuum of care.

Anything else you'd like to tell us?

We are very excited about joining the Kearney Chamber of Commerce. Many residents of Kearney support our Hospital and we believe it is important to get to know our neighbors and become a part the community. We appreciate the hospitality that has been given to us by the Chamber.



Little Johnny's Celebrates Cinco de Mayo

Come by Little Johnny's from Monday, May 1 through Sunday, May 9 and experience their Mexican style pizza, which features cheddar cheese, hamburger, lettuce, tomato, Marinara sauce, and topped with Little Johnny's hand-tossed dough for just \$10.99! You won't want to miss it!

Fishing Clinic Date Set

There's nothing like the face of a kid who just caught his first fish. That's just one reason Clay County Parks have partnered with the Missouri Department of Conservation to host two Youth Fish Clinics. The first is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon, May 13, at Smithville Lake with a second set for the same hours on May 20 at Rocky Hollow Park, near Kearney.

"Fishing is a lifetime recreational activity that most

people have enjoyed at one time or another," said Clay County Park Ranger Vince Wonderlich. "The Clay County Fish Clinics we are sponsoring with the Department of Conservation will provide a comprehensive program to children ages 7 to 14. The program will teach the importance of fish identification, casting, knot tying, bait and tackle, good regulations, and good conservation practices related to fishing." Participants attending the Smithville Lake clinic will follow US 169 north to W Highway, then east to the second W bridge. Participants coming from Kearney should take Missouri 92 Highway and turn north on C Highway. Turn west on W Highway to the first bridge. The clinic will meet on the south side of W Highway just east of the bridge. The area is called Access #18.

Participants attending the Rocky Hollow clinic should take Missouri 92 Highway east from Kearney, to Old Quarry Road. Turn south to Rocky Hollow Main. Signs will be posted for each clinic

Space is limited for these free clinics, so pre-registration is recommended no later than the day prior to the clinic to be attended, although registration will be available at the clinic provided space is available for additional participants. To register, contact Vince Wonderlich or one of the staff at Clay County Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites, at 816-407-3400 or email-

vwonderlich@claycogov.com or rangers@claycogov.com.

Also, one parent or guardian must be present with their child during the clinic.

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