

May 2007

Chamber Chatter

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

Taste of Kearney – Just Weeks Away!

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Calendar of Events May

8 – Community 2000 Meeting, 5:00 p.m. at the Beanery. Contact Danelle Nichols at 816-468-7088 X301 for more information.

19 – Taste of Kearney, 4:00 p.m., Downtown and At the Boardwalk on Washington Street.

20 – Kruisin Kearney, Washington Street, 1:00- Dark

We are in the final stages of getting ready for Taste of Kearney now. Ticket sales will begin shortly. If you'd like to sell tickets at your place of business, please let us know. Cost will be \$5.00 in advance, and \$6.00 day of event. This is in conjunction with Kruisin' Kearney which is earlier in the afternoon. Tickets will be in the form of punch cards which have the names of participating merchants offering samples, and a map of where the samples are. UNITE will be offering face painting for the kids in the parking lot of At The Boardwalk for the kids, and a tented event of some sort will be in Old Church Plaza too. Please pass on the word, bring your family and come down and enjoy the classic cars in the afternoon, and all Kearney has to offer in the late afternoon!

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Business of the Month – Shelter Insurance – Gene Baker



**HOPE THEY HAVE
SHELTER INSURANCE!!**
Location: 301 S. Jefferson—
It's the building across from

Fry-Bross-Spidle funeral home and the office is across the hall from Dr. Reed's dental office.

Phone: 628-6930 Go to
www.shelterinsurance.com
E-mail:
genebaker@shelterinsurance.com

Gene Baker, owner/agent—38 years of experience. Gene started as an MFA insurance agent in 1969 and has witnessed lots of changes including the name change to Shelter in 1980.

Terry Reno, Part-time licensed assistant—works Mondays and Wednesdays. Started working for Gene in 2001 after retiring from Kearney High School in 2000. She was a business teacher/FBLA adviser for 32 years.

Carolyn Mautino Bain, part-time assistant—works Tuesdays and Thursdays. Started working for Gene in 2005 after retiring from Kearney Trust Company in 2005 as a loan officer for four years. She previously worked for Gene in 1984. Carolyn also worked for Weber Realty and Cameron Savings and Loan for several years.

Marcella Babcock, occasional sub/clerk—also works at Chandler Baptist Church in the nursery in their Parents Day Out program.

What's new at Shelter? Auto premiums for most insureds have decreased, while HO-3 premiums have increased after the numerous claims in 2006. Our rates remain very competitive. Premiums can now be paid using

debit/credit cards, and online payments can also be made.

Life insurance—Many plans are available to suit your needs. We offer a wonderful \$15,000 Junior Life Special which covers a child until age 26. At that time, the policy can be converted to additional life insurance without the proof of insurability. It makes an excellent gift for grandchildren!

Shelter Bank—offers a complete line of banking products, from CDs, money market accounts, mortgages, and home equity and auto loans. For up-to-date rates, go to www.shelterbank.com.

Our recommendations to you—Check your coverages often, and update them when necessary. A minimum of 250/500 bodily injury liability coverage is suggested in this age of high medical costs. Raise your deductibles on auto and homeowners policies to save money. Consider removing collision coverage on older vehicles.

When will Gene retire? Discussed, and dismissed—at this time! See him for all of your insurance needs! “Seek Shelter First.”

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NEW MEMBERS!

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

Baldwin Insurance Agency
Steve Baldwin
200 N. Jefferson, Suite A
PO Box 622
Kearney, MO 64060
816-628-0092 Fax: 816-635-9097
email:
steve@baldwinoffices.com

Reece and Nichols Kearney –
The House Whisperers
Bob Hurst & Kandis Trieb
307 S. Jefferson St.
PO Box 1015
Kearney, MO 64060
816-903-1095 Fax: 816-628-6374
email:
housewhisperers@reeceandnichols.com
web: www.thw-bk.com

Welcome!

It's Time to Renew!

Next week all Chamber members will be receiving their renewal letters. As we mentioned in last month's meeting, dues have been increased slightly so we can continue to help promote your businesses and have Chamber events. Form-Tech will be producing our directory again. We are grateful to have each and every one of you as members, you are what makes Kearney great!

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Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies!



On Thursday, April 5th, at 4:00 we held a ribbon-cutting ceremony/Business After Hours for Prudential Carter-Duffey, Realtors. Food was provided by Maggie's Attic and we all had a great time!



Then, on Friday, April 6th, at 11:00 we held a ribbon-cutting for the new pet shop Critter-Wise. As you can see it was cold and windy that day, but it didn't deter Chamber members from giving them a warm welcome into the community. Thank you to all who turned out!

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Press Releases – Cynthia Jo Johns

Cynthia Jo "CJ" Johns an agent for New York Life Insurance Company in Kearney, has earned membership in the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) for 2006. Achieving membership in MDRT is a distinguishing life insurance career milestone, attained only by those who have demonstrated superior professional knowledge, experience and client service. MDRT membership represents the top life insurance and financial service professionals worldwide. MDRT is an international, independent association of 36,000 of the world's best life insurance and financial services

professionals from 76 nations and territories.

April 26, 2007 — Cynthia Jo "CJ" Johns, a New York Life Insurance agent in Kearney has been named an Annuity Champion for 2006. Each year this recognition is bestowed upon a select group of qualified agents based on exceptional annuity sales performance.

Congratulations – CJ!
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Kruisin Kearney 2007 Schedule

5-19 – Taste of Kearney
5/20 – Kruisin Kearney
6-17 – Kruisin Kearney
7/15 – Kruisin Kearney
7/22 – Kruisin Kearney Swap Meet
8-19 – Kruisin Kearney
8/26 – Kruisin Kearney Swap Meet
9/16 – Kruisin Kearney
10/21 Kruisin Kearney
10/28 – Kruisin Kearney
Halloween Season Finale
Kruisin Kearney starts at 1:00 until Dark. All swap meet registration is 6:00 am. Gates open at 8:00 am until dark. Anyone wanting to sponsor one of these Sunday events please contact Mike Rabich at A-1 Wheels & Performance 903-3603. This is a terrific form of advertising.

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New Face at First

Missouri National Bank

First Missouri National Bank's employees and customers would like for you to join us in welcoming Dan Holt to our family and banking team!

Dan Holt is our new Home Loan Specialist with First Missouri National Bank's Home Loan Division in Kearney, Missouri.

Mark L. Smith, President and CEO of First Missouri National Bank, is proud to announce the hiring of Dan Holt as our newest Home Loan Specialist. Dan's primary responsibility will be helping customers find financing for home purchases

and refinances around the Kansas City area, "the northland", and the Kearney Community.

Dan Holt has 10 years of mortgage loan experience specializing in FHA, VA, MHDC, and Conventional loans. Many realtors in the area consider Dan the government loan specialist and even during his brief hiatus from the industry many called him at home to ask questions that other lenders couldn't provide the answer to.

Graduating from Liberty High School and marrying his high school sweetheart Debbie Holt, along with their 2 children, Joshua and Matthew, one could say that Dan has not strayed far from home. He has been a resident of Kearney for 17 years and is currently on his second term as Kearney City Alderman. "Kearney reminds me a lot of the Liberty I grew up with, small but bursting at the seams in energy and growth. I am very excited to be an active participant in that growth."

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New Addition at the Hoyts!



Name: Gracelynn Ann Hoyt
Parents: Jason & Allie Hoyt
Current Address: 13615 St. Rt. 92, Kearney, MO 64060
Date of Birth: 03/19/2007
Weight : 8lbs. 5oz.
Place of Birth: Liberty Hospital
Grand Parents: Mark & Ann Smith – Brookfield, MO;
John Hoyt – Brookfield, MO; Larry & Pam Petree – Blue Springs, MO

CONGRATULATIONS!
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