

November 2005

Chamber Chatter

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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

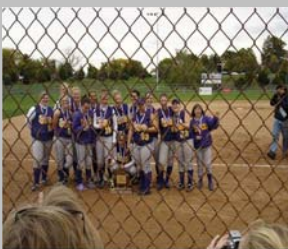
11-12 – Holiday Open House. Please check your paper for participating merchants and specials. This is a great way to get a jump on your Christmas Shopping!

December

1 – 6:30 –p.m. – Chamber Christmas Lighting Ceremony, Lion's Park. Coloring Contest winners help light the park, Santa arrives, free hayrides, hot chocolate and cookies provided. Bring the family and enjoy this very special annual event.

STATE CHAMPS!

Congratulations to the Lady Bulldogs on their State Championship!!



Christmas Lighting Ceremony Date Set

The Kearney Chamber's annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony is coming! The date is **Thursday, December 1st, 6:30 p.m.** at Lions Park. We will have our annual coloring contest, open to all Kearney and Holt students grades K through 5. The winners of the coloring contest (one girl and one boy from each grade) will be invited to help flip the switch that lights up Lions Park. In addition to the lighting ceremony, we will have Christmas music, hayrides, hot chocolate and cookies and most exciting is that Santa will arrive on a fire truck! Pictures will be available with Santa for a price of \$2.00 so spread the word and bring the children – this is a great family event.

As always an occasion like this takes lots of time and the Chamber always is in need of help. We need "Santa's helpers" – help keep the kids in line waiting for Santa, help handing out candy canes, help with handing out all the cookies and hot chocolate. Kearney merchants can also help by proudly displaying pictures submitted by the coloring contestants.

If you can assist in any way, please contact the Chamber and thank you!

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Business of the Month – First Missouri Lending



Tell us about First Missouri Lending and what you do. First Missouri Lending is the home loan division of First Missouri National Bank. We have a large variety of loan programs to help more customers buy homes. We have almost every home loan program available anywhere: Purchase, Refinance and Debt Consolidation—Conventional, FHA, VA, Rural Development—Fixed Rate and Adjustable—First Time Homebuyer Loans, FHA Reverse Mortgage, Interest Only, Low Payment, Zero Down, Jumbo and other niche programs. If we don't have a program the customer needs, we will go find it.



Where are you located?

Our office is in the Orscheln Plaza, three blocks west of I-35.

What made you decide to open a business in Kearney?

Our bank's main office is in Brookfield, Missouri, about 90 miles north and west of

Kearney. The Kearney loan office and the new bank branch are firsts for our bank. We opened in Kearney because the area is very much like our hometown—just faster growing.

Please tell us a bit about yourself and your staff.

The staff at First Missouri Lending has many years experience in every aspect of home lending. My background is primarily in the secondary mortgage market—the place where the money for the mortgage comes from. Jeanne Vivian-Saylor is a Loan Consultant and manages the processing of our loans. She has 6 years mortgage experience. Sharon Nichelson is a Loan Consultant with 30 years mortgage experience. Jason Hoyt is our Business Development Manager with 6 years marketing experience.

What would you say is unique about your company?

We have loan programs most other banks and mortgage companies don't offer. Our goal is to find the best program for each customer with the lowest rate and fees. We price our loans

The Chamber thanks the following businesses for renewing their membership:

Eagle Vision Productions
 Don Fotheringham
 101 W. Washington St.
 Kearney, MO 64060
 816-903-3837 Fax: 816-902-3835
 email: mrvhs@aol.com
 web: eaglevisionproductions.com

Northland Maintenance Services
 Alan Altis
 209 E. Washington
 Kearney, MO 64060
 (816) 204-5962
 email: elcprodj@yahoo.com

Ribbon Cutting Pictures!!

On Thursday, October 13th, 4:00 p.m. **Community Land Title** had their ribbon cutting ceremony and open house. It was a lovely catered event and everyone had a great time. Congratulations and we wish you great success!



to be competitive with the major banks and internet mortgage companies--but our lender fee is much lower. Our turnaround time, from application to closing is fast, when it has to be, to help the customer. We fund the loan ourselves to assure the best pricing and quality of service for the customer. In everything we do, the customer's needs come first.

When will the bank portion of your company be open? The full service bank branch on Sam Barr Drive will be open for business in January—we hope! A grand opening is planned for next Spring.

Anything else you'd like to tell us?

All of us at First Missouri National Bank are excited to have the chance to serve Kearney area families and businesses. Everyone we have met has been warm and welcoming. We hope to contribute to Kearney's growth and excellent quality of life for many years to come.



Thanks for the opportunity to be the Business of the Month!

Cameron REALTOR® to Serve as President of the Missouri Association of REALTORS®

COLUMBIA, Mo. -- Steven Snook, broker/owner of Prudential Snook, REALTORS®, was elected to serve as the 2006 president of the Missouri Association of REALTORS® (MAR), during the organization's annual convention held September 29, at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Lake of the Ozarks. Located in Columbia, MAR is the largest trade association in Missouri with more than 25,000 members statewide. Snook brings a wealth of experience to MAR both as a REALTOR® and community activist. He began his career in 1980 in Kansas City with Eugene D. Brown REALTORS®. In 1981, he moved to Cameron, Mo. and purchased his real estate business in 1984. He now has Prudential Snook offices in Cameron and Kearney and has over 30 associates. Steve has obtained the designations of GRI (Graduate, REALTOR® Institute), ABR (Accredited Buyer Representative), ABRM (Accredited Buyer Representative Manager), and CRB (Certified Residential Broker). Steve served as a past president of the St. Joseph Regional Association of REALTORS® and is a four time REALTOR Broker of the Year. He is also a former Professional Standards chair for the Kansas City Regional Association of REALTORS®, has served on the board for Heartland MLS, is an active member and supporter of the North Branch of the Women's

Council of REALTORS®, and is member of REALTORS® Land Institute. Active in many capacities, Steve has served MAR as a District Vice President, Chaired Statewide Professional Standards, Strategic Planning, By-laws and served on the Executive Committees. Steve has also served as Mayor of Cameron, chaired the Founder's Campaign to start the local YMCA, and was recognized as 2004 Man of the Year by Cameron Community Betterment. Steve is married to Sara Renz Snook, who is employed at American Century in Kansas City. He has a daughter, Andrea, who resides in Cameron Group Care, and a son, Tony, who attends Missouri Western University. Tony has recently joined his father in the business and is one of MAR's newest members.



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