

November 2007

Chamber Chatter

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Calendar of Events

November

9 & 10 – Holiday Open House at your favorite stores! Please check your newspapers for times and special offers.

10 – Craft Fair at the Annunciation Community Center

17 – Mayor's Christmas Tree Walk 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Jesse James Park. For more information contact City Hall at 628-4142.

29 – Kearney Chamber Christmas Lighting Ceremony 6:30 p.m. at Lions Park. For more information please contact the Chamber at 628-4229

January

19 – Chamber Formal – Annunciation Community Center. Tickets \$25/person. You may purchase them at the Chamber.

Families in Need at Christmas

The Holiday season is rapidly approaching, and with that the needs of families comes into focus. Thanks to the good folks at Kearney Family Foundation, families can be "adopted" over Christmas to help them through what can be a very difficult time. The Kearney Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to have adopted such a family this year. Their Wish List will be present at the Chamber meeting and in future emails. If you or your business would like to fulfill one of these wishes, simply put your name by the item. Then, simply wrap the item and tag it (example: Mom- pajamas) so that the item can be checked off the list. Duplicates are welcomed! We will need all items back by Tuesday, December 4th. We are excited to do this and hope to start a new Holiday tradition! If you'd like to adopt a family, please contact Kim Thorne at the Kearney Family Foundation at 628-5891. ##

Business of the Month – Ad Pzazz

1). *Please tell us the name of your company and what they do.*
Ad P'zazz We specialize in advertising specialties, screen printing, embroidery and just about anything you want to "Get Your Name On!"
2). *Where are you located?*
Ad P'zazz is currently out of our home, 19209 Hall Rd, Kearney. Customers can reach me by phone at

816.699.2848, by e-mail at bobbie@adpzazz.com or just stop by.

3). *How long have you had this business?*

We purchased the screen and pad printing equipment one year ago and added an embroidery machine about 4 months ago as many of our clients were asking for embroidered goods as well.

4). *What made you decide to open a business in Kearney?*

I (Bobbie) was born and raised here in Kearney and my husband (Brad) and I both graduated from Kearney R-1. Both of our families still reside in the Kearney/Holt area so it was a good fit all around.

5). *What makes your company unique?*

We own the equipment with which to print on multiple products -pad printer for anything from coffee mugs and water bottles to pedometers and golf balls, screen printer for t-shirts, hoodies, backpacks, portfolios and even cookie tins, and embroidery for business attire, jackets, baby blankets, monograms and hats. We also have contacts for paper goods, banners, magnets, decals, view-throughs, vehicle wraps, anything you want to "Get Your Name On!"

This gives us control over quality as well as quantity. We generally do not have a minimum quantity order which enables us to service start-up and small businesses with limited advertising funds.

6). *What are your future plans for Ad P'zazz?*

At the present time our low overhead helps to keep prices

low, but we would like to move into a store front and expand our offerings to include spirit items for surrounding schools and some personalized items for drop-in customers.

7). *Please tell us a bit about yourself and your staff.*

Both my husband and myself are from the Kearney/Holt area. Brad is my #1 sales person and graphic designer in addition to working two other jobs and I also teach science, social studies and Spanish to preschoolers at Guardian Angels Care Center here in Kearney four mornings a week. Recently, I have been training our daughter, Brady, to run the equipment and help keep our inventory in order to help expedite our turn time. She lives here in Kearney as well with her 22 month old son Randall. Our son Brandon sends orders our way since he lives in St. Louis with his wife Renee and their two sons Colin, who is almost 4 years old and Owen, who is 8 months old.

8). *Anything else you'd like to share?*

Ad P'zazz was created with the small business in mind. We generally have no minimum quantity orders, we do our own digitizing for our embroidered items and we have access to a wide variety of artwork for screen printing. All of this allows us to keep prices low and allows our customer more diversity in their advertising products.

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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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Two Christmas Events!

Kearney is very fortunate to have two Christmas events this year – the Mayor's Christmas Tree Walk and the Chamber Christmas Lighting Ceremony.
The Mayor's Tree Walk is Saturday, November 17th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Jesse James Park. Come and walk the trail and enjoy the lighted trees and refreshments. There will also be Christmas carolers and Santa will make an appearance too!
The Chamber Lighting Ceremony will be Thursday, November 29th, 6:30 p.m. at Lions Park. The winners of the coloring contest will help turn on the Christmas lights at the park, music will be provided by Alan Altis of Magic Mobile DJ, and we'll be handing out cookies and hot chocolate from Classy Chocolate. Santa will be very busy and he's coming our way too, to say hello to all the children! We hope you'll come to both events and bring family and friends!

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Ribbon Cutting Picture!



On Thursday, November 1st, at 4:00 p.m. we were honored to help cut the ribbon for the NEW Clay County Health Center! After the ribbon cutting there were refreshments

and tours of the new building. I'd like to encourage those who weren't able to attend and stop by to see this new facility – it is GORGEOUS and we are very lucky to have such a wonderful group as Chamber members and in our community. Congratulations folks on this tremendous achievement!

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Chamber Formal – Mark Your Calendars Now!

First of all, a big THANK YOU to Jason Hoyt and the Planning Committee for all their hard work! You won't want to miss the second annual Chamber Formal! Here is the information:
It will be Saturday, January 19th (no start time yet). We will have Alan Altis of Magic Mobile DJ for music. We have a fantastic meal that will be catered by the Annunciation Community Center. Adult beverages will be provided. We will be holding a silent auction – a huge hit last time. The cost will be \$25/person and the tickets should be available at the November and December Chamber meetings. You can also pick them up at the Chamber office and other businesses will have them available as well – stay tuned as the date gets closer for more information – we are very excited to have this event and hope you all can make it!

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Kearney/Holt Community 2000 Meeting

Join your neighbors working together for a safe, healthy and drug-free community. The meeting will be Thursday, November 8th, 2007 at International Beanery in Old Church Plaza. For more information regarding the meeting or Community 2000, please contact Jim Bishop at 320-2546 or by email at bishop@variform.com or Sara Dolton at 816-468-7088 X 198 or by email at sarad@tri-countymhs.org.

Almost Ready

Thanks to Joan Updike for sending these pictures – as you can see our Amphitheater is nearing completion! Way to go – you make Kearney proud!



