

October 2004

# Chamber Chatter

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

## Christmas Lighting Date Set!

### The Chamber Board:

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### Calendar Of Events

#### October

29 – 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Trick or Treat in downtown Kearney. Downtown stores will be open and handing out candy so bring the kids and come on down!

#### November

19 – 6:30 p.m. - ??

Christmas Lighting Ceremony in Lion's Park. Free hay rides, cookies and hot chocolate. Santa will arrive to hand out candy canes and pictures of Santa will be available for a small fee. Hope to see you there!

The Kearney Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas Lighting ceremony has been set...it will be on a FRIDAY instead of the usual Thursday evening, from 6:30 until the last child has visited with Santa Claus! As we do each year, there will be the Coloring Contest with the winners turning on the Christmas lights. Cookies and hot chocolate will be handed out, Santa will be there taking Christmas present requests and giving candy canes to each child and of course we'll be having the hay rides! There will be something new, too...which will help the "Thank You For Shopping Kearney" campaign. We will also be giving away a coupon booklet with discounts and deals from all our local Kearney businesses. If you are a business that would like to participate please contact the Chamber. So mark your calendars and bring your kids for a very special evening!

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### Business of the Month – Reece and Nichols Realtors, Kearney

Reece and Nichols Realtors Kearney is presently located at 105 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street; however we are very excited about our new building location at 307 S. Jefferson, which we plan to move into in November. Our company has been in Kearney since we bought an existing company from Gary and Pat Couchman (Kearney Real Estate) in May 1984. In 1996, with technology changes in the real estate

industry, we decided to expand. A name brand was needed so our association with the J.C. Nichols Company, a name most compatible with our goals, is "Trust and Tradition". In 2001 the merger with J.D. Reece brought us our new name. We are a locally owned and operated business that provides our sellers and buyers a service helping them make the most educated and profitable sale or buy with our computer programs, Sell Your Home, or Buy a Home. We are high-tech and high-touch, and our success is our sales people who truly care about their clients - whether it is a lot sale or upper bracket home - they care about satisfaction and fulfilling our customer's needs. We have several builders working with our office creating new home sales and listings of resale homes. Much of our business is moving customers up when their families grow or downsize when they become empty nesters.

Technology has brought about the most changes. We started our business with MLS books that looked like a Sears catalogue and you would call the company that had a property listed and ask to co-op with them, many times having to drive to their office to pick up a key and then drive to the property with the client. If you happened to see a house en route, you found a pay phone or back to the office to check on the listing. It might take you weeks to find something for a customer. The internet has changed our industry. Most clients have narrowed what they want to see and we have a centralized co-op and with our smart phones you can pull up a listing in our cars.

Cecil and Rue have lived in the Kearney area since 1981. They are very active in the Kansas City Regional Board of Realtors as well as Missouri Association of Realtors; having served on several committees each year and giving back to the industry that has supported them for 20 years.

We have four daughters who all live in the Kearney area and all eight of our grandchildren have attended or are attending school at Kearney. We can attest to the quality of our schools to our customers.

Our traditional Christmas Open House has been a customer and Kearney appreciation ritual since 1984. Last year with an increase of agents and desks it was too cramped. This year we look forward to inviting everyone to our 2004 Christmas Open House at our new address!

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### News from A-1 Concrete Leveling



Mark Denny writes: Here are some pictures of the fountain at the entrance to Stahley Farms at 100<sup>th</sup> and Woodland. The concrete floor fell out of the top

**Kearney Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome the following NEW member:**

**Reece and Nichols, Scott Vulgamott**

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**WELCOME!!**

### On The Move

**Wade Maupin** of Shelter Insurance has moved into a new office! His new location, effective October 1, is 703 S. Jefferson. His phone number remains the same. Congratulations on your new location Wade!

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level and we repaired it. This is an example of how A-1 concrete Leveling can help residential and business owners. The cost and repair time were both minimal when taking into consideration how much it would have cost to replace instead of repair.



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### Entertainment Logistics Co. Has New Division

Entertainment Logistics Co is pleased to announce its newest division, ELC Installations. Our new service installs and maintains telephone systems, cable TV, computer networks, security systems, CCTV, and home theater systems. We feature quality products from Leviton and Bose. From new construction to home and office we can take care of any communication, data, or entertainment needs. Our installers are certified by Leviton and Bose. In the near future we will be adding a multi-line phone system and remote video surveillance to our product line. To contact us please feel free to call us @ 816-903-4352 or 816-204-5962

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### Beverly Hills-Taylor Recognized

The IIPGA (International Inflatable Products and Games Association) Director, Carol Crain, recently congratulated Missouri Inflatable State Representative Beverly Hills-Taylor for her grass roots efforts to organize inflatable rental company owners in her state. Beverly recently sent a letter to fellow owner-operators introducing herself and offering information and assistance on

some key industry issues.

Carol wholeheartedly applauded Beverly's initiative. "Beverly embodies precisely what the IIPGA is all about – reaching out, banding together and making a difference." Carol noted that the IIPGA was structured specifically to work on local, regional, state and national levels. "Making a difference in your area leads to making a difference in your state and, ultimately, impacting the lives of your peers from coast to coast," she said.

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### Flu Shots Begin October 19

Clay County Public Health Center has received its limited 2004-2005 influenza vaccine. Administration of influenza vaccine will be offered to Clay County residents beginning Tuesday, October 19, 2004. The optimal time to receive influenza vaccine continues to be October and November. The 2004 – 2005 influenza vaccine virus strains are A/Fujian-like, A/New Caledonia-like and B/Shanghai-like. There will be a \$15.00 administration fee for person aged 64 years and younger. Adults over 65 need to bring their Medicare card.

The vaccine will be available at the walk-in clinic in Liberty and the five satellite clinics the week of October 19<sup>th</sup>. Call for availability of the vaccine at the satellite clinics the week of October 25<sup>th</sup>. The clinics are located at 1) North Kansas City Christian Church (2018 Gentry) on Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00 PM; 2) Excelsior Springs First Baptist Church (Broadway & Thompson) on Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00 PM; 3) Smithville (Northview Heights Housing Project) on Thursdays, 1:00-4:00 PM; 4) Kearney United Methodist Church, (1000 E. 92 Hwy) on Thursdays, 1:00-4:00 PM; 5) Metro North Shopping Center (upper level next to Lens Crafters) on Thursdays, 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM.

For more information, please contact the Clay County Public Health center Nursing Section, 816-781-1601

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### Time Warner Cable Announces New VP

TWCKC President Rob Moel is pleased to announce Bob Porter as the division's new Vice President - Engineering. He assumed his duties in July.

Bob earned a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from California Polytechnic College - San Luis Obispo, and spent the first part of his career with Pacific Bell in California. His field operations experience ranged from providing and maintaining residential telephone service to point-to-point high-speed data transport.

Bob has worked the past eight years in the cable industry, including service as VP of Technical Operations at TWC's Los Angeles division. In Los Angeles he directed field operations through the introduction of high-speed data, digital video and VOD, and Digital Telephone.

Rob Moel who worked with Bob in the Los Angeles Division said, "I've known Bob for several years, and he will be a great addition to our team. Please join me in welcoming the Porters to Kansas City."



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