

October 2005

Chamber Chatter

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Jesse James Festival – Thank You!

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Calendar of Events October

5 – “Dine for America”
6:00am – 10:00 p.m. at
the International
Beanery.

31 Downtown Trick or
Treat, 4:00-6:00. All
stores downtown will be
open and handing out
candy so come on down
and bring the kids!

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!

Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30
am – Chamber Coffee at
the International
Beanery.

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The weather was great for the Jesse James Festival last month and it was reflected in the number of children visiting the Chamber's Kid's Corral – we had over 500 kids this weekend – close to a record! I'd like to personally thank all our sponsors and especially those who went “above and beyond” (that means you Phyllis Strobel!) who worked very hard at our tent handing out toys, keeping the games moving in an organized fashion and were key to it being such a success. I'd like to encourage more Chamber participation next year – this is an event that is definitely growing and we'll need more available hands to help out. Plus, the reward of seeing those kids smile makes all the hard work worth it. To all of you who donated toys, candy, give-aways, time, and money, I sincerely THANK YOU! We couldn't do it without you!



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Business of the Month – Kent Mohler Exteriors

I'm not sure on where to start on **Kent Mohler Exteriors**. Kent put up his first piece of siding in February of 1975. Over the years we've expanded to a full-service home exterior business. We offer steel and vinyl siding, seamless steel siding, (the true seamless siding), vinyl replacement windows and each of these have met Kent's personal standards before they are offered to our customers. We do entry doors, garage doors, storm doors, seamless gutter and Alcoa gutter leaf relief, which is a new gutter guard product.

In 1975 we started out as a home based business. It's been a natural progression to our first office on N. Oak Trafficway back in 1985 with a satellite office in Kearney in 1990, to the space we have now occupied since September of 1993. The fact that Kent is still the only one that runs appointments and expedites the crews after almost 31 years shows his continued concern with quality and his responsibility to our customers.

I don't necessarily think of it as unique, but it is the one thing that is brought to our attention more than any other is the fact that Kent and I work together and live together. We married in 1973 while Kent was still in the US Navy. When we returned to Kansas City I went to work in collections for the larger banks in Kansas city and Kent started siding. When our first daughter came along in 1977, I left that world and started doing Kent's daily book work. We really do work together every day and to us it just seems natural!

Our new expansion is something that has slowly progressed like every other aspect of our business. It seems to be

something of interest in the area and we started selling hot tubs and chemicals for the hot tubs then by customer request we expanded to pool chemicals. We now have computer water testing for pools and hot tubs. I have taken four water chemistry classes and will be attending the Aqua show, Pool and Hot Tub Expo in Orlando this November. We are now the regional distributor for LA Spas, a leader in hot tub design and filtration systems. We have a warehouse FULL of spas at 1059 Couchman Drive and we're working on the showroom at that location. In the meantime, PLEASE feel free to stop by our office at 100 E. 5th Street in Kearney Center Square and one of us will go over and show you the numerous hot tubs we have in stock. We are really excited about this latest addition! On how we came to be in Kearney: When we returned from the Navy, I was from Platte County – a Park Hill girl – Kent was from Clay County – a NKC guy, his family was here, my family was here. We moved to Clinton County before either of our daughters were born. We built the home we're in now eleven years ago, again something we did together, which I understand is something else a lot of couples barely survive.

As far as our hobbies and such, Kent is a hunter: bear, elk, turkey and deer. (My living room looks like “Mohler's Wild Kingdom”). Back in 2001 Kent did the “Grand Slam” of turkey hunting. There are four species of turkey in the United States, and he traveled and

New Members!

First American Title Company

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WELCOME!!!!

The Paper Makes an Exciting Announcement!

The Paper Announces its first week of distribution into Kearney by mail! Over 4,800 homes, businesses and PO Boxes will receive the paper (a shopper) by mail.

Twenty-five years ago this publication began with a simple, but different methodology – distribute a combination newspaper and shopper by mail. If it's worth asking for advertising support, it's worth making sure that the customer's message gets to the ultimate consumer – the reader. Steve Tinnen, Publisher of The Paper, said, "it cost more to distribute our shopper this way; however we can guarantee the advertiser in home delivery of their ad message. No sales person can over promise our distribution. We print up the numbers and locations distributed to and have US post office documents proving our numbers. No competitor has ever gone to the extreme we do."

For more information contact Ron Nedblake, 816-510-1605.

completed the slam in one spring and by the way he shoots black powder. His accomplishment got him listed in national records. As for me, make it the beach....if I have sand between my toes, I'm a happy person. Sun, saltwater, and scuba but I have killed a turkey or two myself.

To introduce everyone to LA Spas we are running a special. All LA Spas in stock are \$500 off the regular sale price and Tropical Spas are \$200 off. This offer applies only to tubs in stock and through the month of October.

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International Beanery Raises Funds for Katrina Victims

Join International Beanery today (October 5) to raise funds for the American Red Cross through a special nationwide restaurant fundraiser called Dine for America. Helping those affected by Hurricane Katrina is as easy as ordering from the menu. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference to victims, their families and the work ahead following the Hurricane Katrina disaster. International Beanery will be donating 100% of their profits and collect donations from guests and staff. One hundred percent of funds raised through Dine for America will directly support the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief efforts.

The Dine for America event was created by restaurants and their employees from across the country, united in the effort to help those affected by catastrophic national events.

"We want to do our part, and feel that every dollar we are able to contribute, in partnership with our employees and guests, will

make a meaningful difference to the relief effort, but we need our community's support. The simple fact is that the greater the participation by guests that day, the greater the contribution we can make to the relief effort." Jennifer Downer, Owner, International Beanery.

Find International Beanery at 105 S. Jefferson in Kearney, phone 816-903-2326. More about Dine for America can be found at www.dineforamerican.org

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Sprint \$10K Fridays Giveaway

For more than 100 years, Sprint (NYSE: S) has provided a way for customers to communicate. Today, Sprint announced that it is providing a way for its customers to win up to \$1,000 with the Sprint \$10K Fridays Giveaway. Holt resident Scott Smith is the fifth Sprint customer to win the weekly prize. Scott received his \$1,000 and other goodies today from Randy Knox, Sprint Public Affairs Manager. The \$10K Fridays Giveaway sweepstakes started August 22 with the first winners receiving their prizes the week of September 12. Sprint customers who either purchase one of Sprint's products or services or enroll in Paperless Billing are automatically entered to win a weekday prize of \$1,000 or a \$10,000 prize on Fridays. There will be a total of 60 winners. Non-winning names will stay in the drawing for the entire promotion period, which ends Nov. 18, 2005.

"Our products are great by themselves, but the chance to win up to \$10,000 makes them even better," said Don Houston, public affairs manager for the Sprint Local Telecommunications Division. "New studies show that 71 percent of customers like bundled services on a single

bill. We're giving customers the opportunity to buy what they want, how they want— with the twist of a possible \$10,000 payday!"

Customers purchasing Sprint SolutionsSM, Sprint high-speed Internet, Sprint PCS wireless service or DISH Network[®] satellite TV from Sprint are automatically entered. Customers who sign up for paperless billing also are automatically entered. Customers may enter at participating Sprint Stores, online at www.sprint.com/local, or by calling toll-free to 866-382-4667. Non-purchase mail-in entry is also available.

For more information and complete rules, visit www.sprint.com/money. No purchase necessary. Must be 18 years or older to enter. Void where prohibited.

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Ribbon Cutting Pictures!

On September 8th, First Missouri Lending held their Ribbon Cutting ceremony in conjunction with the grand re-opening of Orsheln Plaza. It was a great success and many Chamber members came to support this new business. Here are some pictures to enjoy!

