

Chamber Chatter

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Possible Fall Festival this Month

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Calendar of Events

October

10 – Community 2000 meeting, 6:00 pm. at the Beanery. Please call Danelle Nichols at 816-468-7088 X301 if you'd like to attend.

21 – Excelsior Springs Health Care Foundation Dinner and Auction, 6:00 p.m. at the Elms Resort and Spa.

24 – Women's Health Seminar, ESMC, 6:00 p.m. Please call 816-630-6081 X 307 for more information.

26 – ESMC Christmas Extravaganza, 7:00am – 4:00 p.m.

November

10-11 – Kearney Holiday Open House. Watch the Courier for more info!

Our Chamber Events Committee has proposed to host a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 28, 2006 in Lion's Park. The idea is currently under review but plans are for businesses to buy a space and set up booths with games for kids (ring toss, pin-the-tail, mini golf, etc) and award raffle tickets to all participants for give aways throughout the day. There will also be craft booths located near the park, costume contests, pumpkin coloring, and live music. We are also considering a "family friendly" band to play in the evening in the park (at that time businesses could 'transform' their booth to showcase products and information for the adults). Volunteers to assist in organizing and promoting the event should contact Jennifer Downer at 816-903-2326 or by e-mail at jennifer@internationalbeanery.com Look for more information in the next few weeks!

Another idea they are looking at are businesses interested in hosting monthly AFTER HOURS. Businesses can volunteer to host an AFTER HOURS by providing light refreshments either at their business location or can partner with another business to co-host the event. We have some businesses who have volunteered use of their location for businesses that want to host an AFTER HOURS event but don't have the space of their own. Some ideas to get events started

have included Wine and Cheese nights Tea Tastings, and Potluck Dinners. Any business interested in hosting an AFTER HOURS event may contact Jennifer Downer of International Beanery at 816-903-2326 or by e-mail at jennifer@internationalbeanery.com

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Business of the Month – Mary Elam, Elam Accounting



- 1). *Please tell us the name of your company and what you do.* My company's name is ELAM ACCOUNTING & TAX SERVICE. Just a few of the services I provide are: Bank reconciliation, payroll check preparation, payroll report preparation, financial statement preparation, QuickBooks setup and consulting, accounts payables and accounts receivables and sales tax filing. In addition, I provide income tax preparation for individuals and businesses.
- 2). *Where is your business located?* 121 E WASHINGTON, KEARNEY, MO.
- 3). *What made you decide to open a business in Kearney?* I had two reasons for choosing Kearney to open my business. First, is because of Kearney's

explosive growth. And next is because Kearney is such a good place to live and raise a family, so I knew it had to be a good place for a business.

4). *What would you say makes your company unique?*

What makes my company unique is that my location, in the historic section of downtown Kearney, symbolizes my objective; which is to provide "old fashioned, personalized service" to my clients. This doesn't mean that I don't take full advantage of technology but by combining the old and the new I feel I am offering the very best to my clients.

5). *Please tell us a bit about yourself.* I have been married to my husband Randy for 24 years. Randy and I have one son, James, who is a 2001 Kearney High School graduate and a veteran of the war in Iraq. James will marry Aimee Thomas, who is also a 2001 KHS graduate, in December of this year. I have another son Johnny Bullard who lives in Topeka, KS and two precious granddaughters.

6). *Has being a Chamber member helped your business, and if so - how?* Being a Chamber member has helped me get acquainted with other business owners and has made me more aware of how important it is to keep our shopping dollars in Kearney.

7). *Anything else you'd like*

NEW MEMBERS!

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

Omega Capital Home Lending

Shawn Buxton
105 S. Jefferson, Suite B
Kearney, MO 64060
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you.com
web: www.omegafor.com
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Scrappy Cafe

Barbara J. Suter
911 W. 92 Highway
Kearney, MO 64060
816-903-3500
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WELCOME!

DO YOU have something you'd like to share with the Kearney Chamber community? This is the place to do it – this newsletter is available on our website and in hard copy at our monthly Chamber meetings! You can send your information to the Chamber via email at kearneychamber@exop.net, snail mail us at PO Box 242, Kearney, MO 64060 or fax us at 816-902-1234.

We always love to hear what's new with you or your business!

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to tell us? I belong to the National Society of Accountants and their state organization, the Missouri Society of Accountants. I have served as a state board member for the Missouri Society for three years, and have one year left on my current term. As a member of these organizations, I am bound to a strict code of ethics and a yearly continuing education requirement.



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Bette's Hallmark Names New Manager

One might say Lee Wolfe is in the swim of things. With three children all involved in swimming, Wolfe has always been a supportive parent. This busy mother has also recently assumed the manager's role at Bette's Hallmark.



Wolfe is not new to the retail scene as she once owned The Family Tree, a children's consignment store, located in Kearney. Wolfe and her husband have lived in the Kearney

community for eight years. During that time, Wolfe has been president of the Kearney-Holt Soccer League, President of the Kearney Swim Team Board and currently serving as a board member, and has coached soccer.

Outside Kearney, Wolfe is active in the Northland Swim and Dive Conference and presently holds the position of Treasurer/Vice President. "I love being in Kearney. I look forward to coming to work. I enjoy working with people and helping them select gifts for others. It is rewarding," states Wolfe. Bette's Hallmark welcomes Wolfe in her new role.

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Excelsior Springs Medical Center Events

The Board of Directors of Excelsior Springs Health Care Foundation extends an invitation to all Chamber members for their annual dinner and auction, which will take place Saturday, October 21, 2006, 6:00 p.m. at the Elms Resort and Spa (401 Regent St. in Excelsior Springs). For more information please contact Jeanne Buckman at 816-630-6081, ext. 365, or email at jbuckman@esmc.org, or visit their website at www.esmc.org.

On Tuesday, October 24, 6:00 p.m. at ESMC in the Lillian McDavid Dining room, there will be a Women's Health Seminar. This is a part of their ongoing community outreach for breast cancer awareness. Joan O'Keefe, RD., co-author of "The Forever Young Diet and Lifestyle" will be the guest speaker. The event is FREE. Refreshments and door prizes will be available. Reservations are needed and space is limited, so call 816-630-6081 X 307 as soon as possible.

On Thursday, October 26, 7:00 am – 4:00 pm, the ESMC Auxiliary Fundraiser

Christmas Extravaganza will be held. Lots of different items to make your Christmas shopping fun and exciting. This event is open to the public, so support your local hospital while saving your money – there is NO sales tax!!

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Kearney Holiday Open House

The annual Kearney Holiday Open House is Friday and Saturday, November 10 and 11. Here's another great opportunity to get a head start on your Christmas shopping and keep your dollars in Kearney!!

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Ribbon Cutting Pictures!

On Wednesday, September 13th, we had a Ribbon Cutting ceremony for Balloon Inspirations. The following week, on Thursday, September 21, it was for Scrappy Café. Here's some pictures to enjoy!



