

October 2007

Chamber Chatter

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Calendar of Events

October

6 – Rain Garden Workshop 9:00-1:00 a.m. at Oakbrook Community, located at 136th St & Oakbrook Drive. For more information call 816-516-0919.

11 – 5:00-7:00 Car Seat Safety Check, at the Fire Station in Kearney

18 - Flu Shot Clinic, Kearney Methodist Church – 1:00-5:00 p.m.

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

21 – Car show/swap meet, Jesse James Park. There will be food vendors and a craft show too!

25 – Christmas Extravaganza, 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., ESMC, for more information please call 816-630-6081.

27 – Excelsior Springs Annual Dinner and Auction at the Elms. For more information contact Jeanne Buckman at 816-629-2768.

Two Christmas Events!

We are very fortunate to have two big Christmas events this year – the Mayor's Christmas Tree Walk AND the Chamber Christmas Lighting Ceremony. The Mayor's Christmas Tree walk will be held Saturday, November 17th at the Jesse James Park. Please check our website and newsletter as we will have more details about adopting a tree and all the events that will be happening there that evening. Then, on Thursday, November 29th, 6:30 p.m. we will have our annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony in Lions Park in downtown Kearney. As always the winners of the coloring contest will assist us in turning on the lights at the Park. We are always looking for a few extra helping hands – so if you would like to hand out a candy cane or cookies & hot chocolate to the many excited kids, do let me know! Again watch the newsletter and our website for more details as we draw closer to the dates.

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Business of the Month – Darlyn's Signs

1). *What is the name of your company and where are you located?*

Darlyn's Signs LLC - 103 North Jefferson, Kearney, MO 64060 & 124 North Prairie, Suite B, Liberty, MO 64060.

2). *I know you cover a broad spectrum of business within your company. Please tell us about Darlyn's Signs and what*

you do.

We do: Large Format, Printing, Sign Manufacturing, Installations, Awnings, Monuments, Decals, & Banners.

3). *What would you say is unique about Darlyn's Signs?*

We are a 10 Year Old, One Stop Shop.

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

This is a great city, with great people, and lots of future growth.

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

My staff consists of Daryl Krause, Lynn Krause, Justin Turner, and Tina Koontz, who is Superwoman!

6). *What are your future plans for Darlyn's Signs?*

We want to have more equipment, more space, & more people.

7). *Anything else you'd like to share with us?*

We've had wonderful reception from Businesses & Patrons. We always appreciate any Sign Business of any type.

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Thank You, Jesse James Committee

On Thursday, September 13 at 5:00 p.m. the Jesse James Committee hosted a Business After Hours for the Kearney Chamber of Commerce and its members. It was at the Jesse James Park. There were close to 100 people who came. It's not often we get such a nice gesture and it didn't go unappreciated!.

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Annual Dinner and Auction

I want to take a moment to say thank you on behalf of the physicians, employees and board members of the Excelsior Springs Medical Center and the Excelsior Springs Health Care Foundation for your continued support. **We hope you will consider providing a terrific auction item for our 15TH annual dinner and auction.** Your gift is sure to be very popular among our participants.

The Foundation was established to help provide needed financial support for the Excelsior Springs Medical Center. Each year the Foundation raises money to help purchase new equipment, fund patient care, enhance educational programs, expand existing services and create new ones. Our goal remains to help the Medical Center continue to meet the ever-changing needs of the patients and community despite declining reimbursements and a patient's ability to pay.

The Foundation holds several fundraising activities throughout the year. Our upcoming event is the **2007 annual awards dinner and auction set for Saturday, October 27, beginning at 6:00 pm.** The dinner will be held at The Elms Resort and Spa. Please check our website

NEW MEMBER!

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

Daniels Xtreme Cleaning Services

Chris Daniels
1710 Clear Creek Drive
Kearney, MO 64060
816-824-3732
Fax: 816-903-3732
Email:
danielsxtremecleaning@yahoo.com

Welcome!

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Important Dates to Remember

Car Seat Safety Check – October 11th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station in Kearney

October 7-13 is **Fire Prevention Week**. Please practice your escape plan.

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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for an on-line invitation. For more information, please contact Jeanne Buckman, 816-629-2768, e-mail jbuckman@esmc.org, or visit our website at www.esmc.org.
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Rain Garden Workshop



TIME, DATE, AND PLACE: 9:00 A.M. - 11 A.M. Saturday, October 6, 2007, at the Oakbrook Community, located at 136th Street and Oakbrook Drive Kearney, MO. **Directions:** Take I-35 North to Kearney Exit (92 Hwy). Turn left and go west to A Highway. Turn left on A Highway and go south to 136th Street. Turn left on 136th Street. Turn right on Oakbrook Drive. **Directions:** From I-35 and Hwy 291 in Liberty, head NW on MO-291 toward N Church Rd, turn right onto Hwy A and go North 5.4 miles. Turn right on 136th Street. Turn right on Oakbrook Drive. **ADMISSION:** Free and open to the public. Please attend a FREE Rain Garden workshop. Workshop participants will learn what a rain garden is and how they can build one. Discover why they are important for our lakes, rivers and wetlands. Through a "how to" approach, participants will learn about garden placement, soil preparation, plant selection and the nuances of rain garden construction. Other home landscaping ideas that help reduce runoff and protect water quality also will be discussed. For Further Information contact Terri J. Hamilton 816-516-0919

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Clay County Flu Shots Available

The Clay County Public Health Center released its 2007 Flu Shot Clinic schedule today. According to Teresa Tunstill, RN of the health center there are two major changes in flu vaccine availability this year. Pregnant women can no longer receive the regular flu vaccine. They must get the thimerosal (mercury)-free vaccine. The health center does not have the adult thimerosal-free vaccine. Pregnant women should check with their physician. Children ages 6 months to 8 years who did not receive a flu shot last year OR received only one shot should receive two doses this year. Single annual doses can then be given in subsequent years. Ms Tunstill stated that the health center will not give flu shots at the health center until November 13 because of the planned move to the new building located at 800 Haines Drive. "By November 13 we will be comfortably situated in our new building and will open our doors each Tuesday from 9:00 – 3:00 for flu shots." The Board did not raise the price of flu shots this year – they will remain at \$20.00. The Kearney Location will have their clinic on October 18, at Kearney Methodist Church located at 1000 E. 92 Highway, from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

New Ad Rep!

Mylissa Stutesman of "The Paper" writes: We have a new ad rep... Her name is Lola Villalobos/Junque and she will be helping me in Kearney. She is seasoned in sales and is learning our way very quickly. She and her husband Allan Junque (pronounced Jung) moved to Plattsburg from Colorado last year. Allan is a native of St. Joseph and is in charge of the CVS Dish Warehouse in Kearney.

Two More Events at ESMC

On Thursday, October 18 at 6:00, there will be a Women's Health Seminar free of charge. It will be at the Lillian McDavid Dining Room at Excelsior Springs Medical Center. Refreshments will be served. Then, on Thursday, October 25, from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., ESMC will have a Christmas Extravaganza! This is a fundraiser which is open to the public. It will be held at ESMC, featuring lots of Christmas items – and no sales tax! For more information on both these events please call 816-630-6081.

H&R Block Needs Managers

H&R Block is looking for friendly candidates with strong communication, organization and customer service skills to fill Office Manager positions during Tax Season 2008 for Kearney, Smithville, Excelsior Springs and KCMO northland. This position requires strong leadership to be responsible for the overall operation and results of an H&R Block retail tax office during the tax season. The Office Manager assists the District Manager in implementing the district operating plan and policies and procedures to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the tax office. Overall, the Office Manager is responsible for ensuring outstanding client service is maintained while meeting or exceeding office & district goals. If you're interested in learning more please contact: Sonya Lovelace at 816-453-3953

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