

October 2011

Chamber Chatter

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

Completed as Promised – Bond Update

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Calendar Of Events

October

6 - Ribbon Cutting, Premier Proteins, 10:00 a.m.

10 – Open House, Kearney Fire & Rescue, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

17 – Chamber After Hours hosted by Reece & Nichols Realtors – 5:00-7:00 p.m.

25, 27 – A Woman's Guide to Money Matters, 6:00 p.m., KCB Bank Community Room

- submitted by Fire Chief Larry Pratt

The Kearney Fire and Rescue Protection District would like to provide an update on the bond funds that were approved in April of 2010.

The 1988 Ford Brush Vehicle has been replaced.

A new 2010 Ford F350 extended cab with a flat bed has been purchased.

Specialized equipment was added including a slide in fire suppression unit with a 300 gallon water tank and two personnel enclosed compartments. The vehicle was placed in service April 1st. Total vehicle and equipment cost was \$50,000.

The basement finishing construction project was completed by Jim Hedrick Construction Company ahead of schedule as of December 31st.

Total construction cost was \$137,060.

The Board of Directors at their January 17th meeting approved the purchase of two firefighting apparatus that will replace three existing apparatus.

A new 2011 Pierce Quantum PUC pumper. The Pierce Ultimate Configuration pumper has a five person cab, will carry 1,000 gallons of water, has a 1,500 gallons-per-minute pump, and is equipped with a compressed air-foam system that can be used in extinguishing all types of fires. The air-foam system also has the potential to lessen water damage in residential fire situations. **The pumper is on**

schedule to be delivered the first week in October.

A new 2011 Pierce DX tanker on a Freightliner chassis. The tanker carries 3,000 gallons of water and is equipped with a 500 gallons-per-minute PTO pump. The tanker also has a portable 3,500 gallon tank that can be set up on scene to provide additional water capacity. **The vehicle was delivered September 9th and was recently placed in service. Total vehicle cost was \$195,693**

These two vehicles will be replacing three vehicles: a 1990 pumper, a 1986 1,800 gallon tanker and a 1990 1,800 gallon tanker. **Bids were accepted for these surplus vehicles for the 1991 tanker which was sold to the Osborn Fire Protection District for \$22,503, the 1990 pumper and the 1986 tanker were sold to the Bynumville Fire Department for \$15,770 and for \$6,770 respectively.** The new vehicles will increase the on-the-scene pumping capability by 1,500 gallons per minute and water carried to the scene by 400 gallons. Both vehicles were purchased through a cooperative purchasing program with the Mid-America Regional Council and the Houston-Galveston Area Council. This competitive procurement process resulted in significant savings for the District.

The Future

The equipment replacement and upgrade plans also includes replacing the two ambulances in 2012 and the ladder truck in 2013.

Business of the Month – Reece & Nichols Realtors, Kearney



Reece and Nichols Realtors, Kearney, is proud to have been chosen as the Business of the Month by the Kearney Chamber of Commerce.

To understand what sets our office apart from the others, you have to know about the person behind it all, our broker Rue Lovett. Rue began her career in real estate in 1978, south of the river in Jackson County. She and her husband Cecil purchased what was then known as Kearney Real Estate in 1984. They owned and operated it as an independent agency for twelve years. Then in 1996 they decided to join the J.C. Nichols franchise (which later merged with J.D. Reece, to become Reece and Nichols) as an alliance company. Rue liked the idea of becoming an alliance officer

NEW MEMBER!

Kearney Chamber of Commerce is glad to bring you our newest member:

Premier Proteins, LLC

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Meats – Wholesale & Retail

WELCOME!!**Ribbon Cutting October 6th at Premier Proteins!**

Our newest member is having a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on Thursday, October 6th, 10:00 a.m. at their 300 Sam Barr Drive building. Enjoy Kobe Hamburger sliders, Kobe hot dogs, grass fed brisket and other treats prepared by Updike BBQ as well as door prizes and special pricing on their fine meats! Let's give them a BIG welcome to the membership!

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Chamber After Hours October 17!

Reece and Nichols Realtors, Kearney, are hosting a Chamber After Hours on Monday, October 17th, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at their office. Reece & Nichols Realtors is located on 307 S. Jefferson Street in Kearney. A big THANK YOU to them for having this event and we look forward to seeing you all there!

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because it gave her the strength of having a large franchise organization with all of its benefits, but it also allowed her the freedom to act independently as well. Rue has been involved in every aspect of the business and encourages her agents to do the same. Of her 31 agents, four are currently Directors of the MO associate of Realtors, and one is last year's state president of the Women's Council of Realtors. The Lovetts are both active on the local (Kansas City Regional Association of Realtors) and state levels (Missouri Association of Realtors), as well as Women's Council of Realtors, having held several positions in all three organizations. Throughout the course of her career, Rue has been the recipient of many awards, some of which are: Member of the Year, 1997; Business Woman of the Year, 2007 (local); Business Woman of the Year, 2008 (State); Realtor of the Year, 2005. She has also served as a committee chair for the Missouri Association of Realtors. Rue is also very involved in the Kearney community, having served as president of the Kearney Chamber of Commerce in 2006-2007. She also is an active member of her church. When the office was polled to see what set our office apart from others, everyone agreed that it is the feeling of family. We are a group of dedicated and loyal professionals who have become allies. The environment is relaxed and casual, but we all take our jobs seriously. Rue makes it an easy place to hang our hats. Not only is she a teaching broker, she is a mentor, a confidant, and a friend.

The benefits of being a Reece and Nichols agent are many. We are privy to the latest information on the National,

State and local levels. Our continuing education is second to none. They work tirelessly to provide the best possible environment that includes training, technology and cutting-edge productivity tools.

Reece and Nichols has designated one Saturday per month as our company wide Open House celebration. That means that hundreds of homes will be available to tour. Our office will be hosting a Business After Hours on October 17th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in our office. Please come join us!

-submitted by Ann Halterman

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Grow With Your Child

A Parent-Child approach to sexuality education for children ages 9-12 is sponsored by Clay County Public Health Center. The program allows parents and children an opportunity to explore the facts, feelings, attitudes, and values related to human sexuality.

A series of four classes for parents and children are on Wednesdays, Oct. 12, 19, 26 & Nov. 2, 2011 from 6:30-8:30 PM at **Clay County Public Health Center**, 800 Haines Drive, Liberty, MO 64068. A "parents only" orientation is Oct. 5 at 6:30 PM. Facilitators provide factual information and parents share their values and beliefs.

Questions? Call Clay Co. Public Health at 595-4235. Class size limited; 12 pairs maximum. Fee is \$30/family.

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Winter Wonderland Open House

A Touch of Health Chiropractic will be hosting a Winter Wonderland Open House at both clinic locations!! We have several AWESOME Vendors that will be at both places to help you

get some of your pre Christmas shopping done in a stress-free one-stop shop! Kearney's will be November the 10th from 6-8pm and Liberty's will be November 3rd 6-8 pm. **MARK YOUR CALENDERS!!**

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Christmas Gift Idea

Marla Bressman, LMT is now offering chair massage for your office Christmas gifts. With the holidays just around the corner call early and book to have chair massage as your gift to employees this year. Call or email with any questions at (816) 797-2530 or marlasueb@yahoo.com



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Woman's Guide to Money Matters

Bob Marchart of Edward Jones is hosting A Woman's Guide to Money Matters on Tuesday, October 25 and Thursday, October 27, 6:00 p.m. at the KCB Bank Community Room (950 w. 92 Highway). Please call by 10/19 at 816-628-1908 to reserve space for yourself and the other important women in your life and yes, the rumor is true – there will be chocolate as well as other refreshments provided!

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