

Chamber Chatter

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Open House/Ribbon Ceremonies!

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Calendar of Events

September

8 – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 6:00 p.m.,

First Missouri Lending
9 – Moonlight Madness, 6:00-11:00 p.m. Check your newspapers for store hours and specials!

17-18 – Jesse James Festival – too many activities to list here! Visit www.jessejamesfestival.com for a complete listing of all activities.

22 – “Meth 101” Kearney C2000 is hosting a free informational meeting on methamphetamines.

“Meth 101” presented by Barney Hatfield is Thursday, September 22, 6:00 p.m. at Kearney City Hal. Join us as we learn about the dangers of “meth” use on our youth and how we can band together for prevention..

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First Missouri Lending is having their Open House/Grand Opening on Thursday, September 8th, in conjunction with the Orscheln Plaza Open House.

The Chamber Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place that evening at 6:00 p.m. and we are all invited! Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

First Missouri Lending is located at 911 West State Route 92, in the shopping center which is now called Orscheln Plaza.

The Orscheln Plaza grand re-opening hours that day will be from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Please check our local paper for all their goings-on that day and plan to attend and show your support for our Kearney Businesses!

Last month, Studio 92 had their ribbon cutting ceremony which was very well-attended. Here are some pictures from that day – enjoy!



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Business of the Month – Eric Hopkins, Prudential Carter-Duffey Realtors

1). Tell us about Prudential Carter-Duffey Realtors and what they do. Prudential Carter-Duffey Realtors (PCD) is a company that was formed about the same time as I opened the Kearney office for Prudential Snook Realtors in 1999. It came about from a merger of two real estate companies; Prudential Carter and Associates, owned by Ben Carter, and Chasteen-Duffey, owned by Joe Duffey. At that time, there were 35 agents in the company with sales volume of about \$50 million. Today, we have over 140 agents, and our sales will top the \$200 million mark. I joined PCD in February 2004.

2). Where is your office located? Our corporate office is in Liberty at I-35 and 152, and our Platte County branch office is near I-29 and Barry Rd. We currently have over a dozen model home offices in new home communities as well, one of which is Dovecott Community on Meadowbrook Drive, just past Summit Ridge school in Kearney. Lisa White, one of our several Kearney agents, manages the sales office for Dovecott, and Mark Pederson is the Developer.

3). Many of us remember you working here in Kearney. Tell us about your job there, and how it led to your current job. Since the Kearney office was started from scratch, it was a huge learning opportunity in all aspects; but especially so in having the chance to work with and learn from Steve Snook, a great friend and mentor. With the well-managed growth of Kearney, the great schools, top-notch police and fire protection, a great business community, and growing churches, no other place

could have afforded the same opportunity to a new broker.

4). What do you feel is unique about your company? We have an outstanding training program for new agents, a great mix of new home developments, residential sales, investment properties, and commercial real estate.

5). Has being a Chamber member helped your business and if so how? We are a service industry, and networking in the business community is imperative. The Kearney Chamber is such a dynamic and diverse group of people, and it's a privilege to be a part of it.

6). Anything else you'd like to tell us? I'd just like to thank everyone for their friendship and support throughout the years that our family has been a part of this community. This has to be one of the best places to live and raise a family in the whole world!

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Clay County's First Conservation District Subdivision Taking Low Impact Approach

Clay County's first Conservation District Subdivision is taking a Low Impact approach.

Oakbrook developers, Brian and Cassie Burton with 136th Street Properties, LLC, are using Low Impact Development (LID) strategies in designing Clay County's first Conservation District subdivision. LID practices are valuable tools used to reduce the adverse effects of stormwater runoff on streams, lakes, and

New Member!

136th Street Properties, LLC (Oakbrook Subdivision

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WELCOME!!!!

Happenings at Bea's Flowers and Scrapbook Room!

Moonlight Madness
Friday, September 9th, 6:00-
1:00 p.m.

Bea's Scrapbook Room is
hosting a crop at the Knights
Hall in Kearney Friday,
October 21st, 5:00 p.m. to
Midnight – call 816-628-
7330 or email
kearneyscrapbook@aol.com
for details.

It's time to take advantage of
selected markdowns now
through October at Bea's
Flowers!

**Prudential Snook,
REALTORS-Kearney** is
having a general "Open to
the Public" open house to
celebrate their office
expansion Friday,
September 9, 6:00-9:00
during Moonlight Madness.
EVERYONE is welcome.
There will be hotdogs,
hamburgers, cake, and
cotton candy for the kids!

New Store Hours for Dollar Discovery!

Beginning September 1st,
Dollar Discovery will have
new store hours: M-F
10:00-7:00 and Saturday,
10:00-5:00. Also, the
majority of their store still
has \$1.00 items, but their
new Dollar Plus section is
now open. They currently
have party supplies and a
large selection of piñatas in
the dollar plus section and
will soon have unique gifts,
toys and other items too!

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wetlands.

LID is a stormwater management and land development strategy that emphasizes conservation and the use of on-site natural features to reduce the amount and flow of stormwater. The strategies not only help with the flow of the water, but also help with the quality of the stormwater.

"When we did our initial stormwater management design, we weren't very happy with how it was going to impact the surrounding environment," said Brian Burton, development manager. With the cooperation and help of Aylett, Flowers Survey and Engineering Company, the developers brought in Larry Coffman from Prince George's County Maryland, one of the country's leading experts in stormwater management and LID designs.

"We sent Mr. Coffman a copy of the LID design work that we had completed, then we brought him into Kansas City to review our work and bring our staff and Clay County officials up to speed on the latest design techniques," said Mike Flowers, President of Aylett, Flowers Survey and Engineering Company. After working on the Oakbrook project with Mr. Coffman, Mr. Flowers and Mr. Burton attended the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Low Impact Development Conference in Columbia, where Mr. Coffman was the featured speaker.

With traditional stormwater collection systems, pollution from storm water runoff can be a major concern. Rainwater washing across streets and sidewalks can pick up spilled oil, detergents, solvents, de-icing salt, pesticides, fertilizer, and bacteria from pet waste. Storm water drains do not typically channel water to treatment facilities, but carry runoff directly into streams, rivers, and lakes. Most surface pollutants are collected during the first one-

half inch of rainfall in any "storm event." This is the period when the majority of pathogens, sediment, waste and debris are picked up by flow across lawns and roadways. Carried untreated into streams and waterways, these materials become "non-point source pollutants" which can increase algae content, reduce aquatic life, and require additional costly treatment to make the water potable for downstream water systems. In stark contrast, Low Impact Development techniques treat stormwater at the source, acting as buffers, and treating the stormwater as a resource rather than a waste product. By using techniques such as rain gardens, vegetated swales, amended soils, and bioretention areas, stormwater is slowed down, treated, and absorbed back into the ground. This is accomplished by using the natural formations of the land and the extensive use of functional landscaped areas.

The end result of LID is a project that has great curbside appeal and is environmentally friendly. "With our one to two acre lots, 34% of green space, walking trails with butterfly and wildflower gardens, and extensive LID landscaping projects, we feel that Oakbrook will be a truly outstanding place to live," said Brian Burton, development manager.

Oakbrook is Clay County's first Conservation District subdivision. When completed, Oakbrook will have 75 one to two acre home sites on about 156 acres. More than 54 acres have been set aside as permanent green space. An extensive walking trail system with butterfly and wildflower gardens will allow residents to enjoy the natural surroundings. For more information, or to make your lot reservation, visit www.oakbrookliving.com, or contact Cassie Burton at 816-718-6023.

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Kearney Quarterback Club

The Kearney Quarterback Club, which supports the KHS football program, has undertaken a fundraiser to raise funds for the football program, including making improvements to the football field and stadium. They are selling raffle tickets to win a new 2005 Ford Escape and other prizes totaling up to \$3,000. The drawing will be held during halftime at the Homecoming game on September 30th. Tickets cost \$25 each or five for \$100, and can be purchased at Kearney Trust Company, the High School, or from any football player or Quarterback Club member. Questions and further information can be obtained by emailing kearneyqbclub@hotmail.com or calling 816-792-2759.

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News from Kent Mohler Exteriors

Liz Mohler writes: "Last week it became official when we received our first shipment of 14 spas and 3 gazebo products. We are the Kansas City area distributor for "L A SPAS". LA Spas have been manufactured in Anaheim, California since 1976. They are a leader in tub design and filtration systems. There are 2 spas currently on display in our main office at 92 & 33 Hwys, however the rest of the spas have to be viewed by appointment as the warehouse on Couchman Drive is not ready for regular hours of operation. Once we get set up we will be inviting all Chamber members to our opening. In the meantime, don't be shy, come on by and we'll run and take a look at our warehouse of spas!"