

Chamber Chatter

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Calendar of Events September

3 – Ribbon Cutting & Business After Hours, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Excelsior Springs Hospital, 1700 Rainbow Blvd, Excelsior Springs

19-20 Jesse Games Corral @ Jesse James Festival, 11:00-4:00 Saturday, 1:00-4:00 Sunday

26 – Movie night at Citizens Bank & Trust 8:45 p.m. showing "Hannah Montana, The Movie"

29 – Antique Appraisal Show 10:00-4:00 at Wealth Springs

We are excited to announce that the Kearney Chamber of Commerce will once again host the Jesse Games Corral at the Jesse James Festival. Our hours of operation will be Saturday, 9/19, from 11:00-4:00 and Sunday, 9/20 from 1:00-4:00. The Honor Society from the Jr. and Sr. High will help the kids with the games and hand out toys, but we still need some adults to be present as well! We also want to thank KCB Bank, Citizens Bank & Trust, Kearney Trust Company, Fairpoint, Bette's Hallmark and McDonald's for their donation of games or toys to hand out but we are still looking for more! This is a great way to be a part of the Kearney community and to get your name out there, as donors may place pamphlets or hang banners advertising their business inside our tent. We look forward to making this a fun time for the kids aged 10 and under!

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Business of the Month – Summit Publications

1). *Please give us a brief history of how Summit Publications came into being.* Summit Publications was founded in March of 2003 and acquired six telephone directories from Blue Valley Publications Inc. shortly thereafter. Five of these directories remain in production, one has been sold and 11 new directories have been added to our inventory.
2). *Where are your office(s)*

located?

Summit's corporate headquarters are located at 404 S Jefferson in Kearney. We also maintain a separate satellite office in Overland Park, Kansas.

3). *About how many people are employed by Summit Publications?*

Currently around 50. In addition to the owners, we maintain an office staff of 16 full- and part-time employees at the Kearney location. We employ 4 sales managers and the remainder of our workforce is made up of outside sales professionals.

4). *If you're currently hiring, what positions are you looking for?*

We are always looking for talented individuals to join our sales teams. We have three different teams: two focus on sales in Missouri, and one focuses on sales in Kansas.

5). *What would you say is unique about your company?*

Summit has been unique from its inception. Our phone directories have community & consumer features we feel other directories lack. For example, we have the community pages, No Squint Print, a smaller format and a community focus. These features are geared specifically toward making a user-friendly directory for the consumer. For business owners, both large and small, we offer individualized and affordable options that enable everyone to benefit from yellow page advertising.

6). *We all recently received the new telephone directory. What*

new features are included in this edition?

Our community pages section has grown so we can include additional helpful information, such as seating charts of area venues. We have also included details on a wide variety of amenities of interest in Kansas City and the surrounding communities, such as shopping centers and arts & entertainment venues. We have expanded the Parks and Recreation portion of the community pages to include icons that represent all amenities of area parks and facilities. We recently relocated our coupon section to the back of the directories in order to facilitate use by our customers. Our numeric cross-reference has also received a make over with an attractive new border.
7). *Even in this difficult economy your business is doing very well. To what do you attribute your success?* Summit's business has grown steadily as a result of the successful advertising campaigns we have created for our customers; each is tailored to the specific needs of each client by our talented sales team and graphic design staff. Our unique ability to give each customer personalized attention translates into growth for their business, and as a result--ours. The community-focused directories that we offer

NEW MEMBER!

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

JT Autosports

Quynh Tran
1054 W. Couchman Dr.
Kearney, MO 64060
816-903-9900
email:
info@jtautoonline.com
web:
www.jtautoonline.com

WELCOME!!!

New Staff Member

West Kearney Winnelson would like everyone to know, Chad Shanks has joined its Staff. We are handling NuTone heating and cooling products. Please stop by and chat with Chad about all of your HVAC needs!

Pet Advice at Critter-Wise

Critter-Wise now has a website which features a nutrition blog and articles about the proper care of your pet. It is: www.ExpertPetAdvice.com and it includes must-read articles, questions and answers, current events, new products and special promotions. Critter-Wise is located at 119 E. Washington in Kearney. Check out their new in-store products and visit their new site!

Citizens Bank Movie Night!

Citizens Bank and Trust will be having Movie Night on Saturday, September 26th, at 8:45 p.m. The movie they will be showing is "Hannah Montana, The Movie". A must-see for the kids so please mark your calendar!

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allow us to tailor our customer's advertising programs to consistently reach their target market. We rely on an exceptionally dedicated staff whose hard work makes all of this possible. They are team-oriented and work together to accomplish our objectives in the most efficient manner, utilizing each person's abilities to the best effect and assisting each other in whatever capacity is needed. This depth of knowledge and commitment enables us to service our customers with a consistently high degree of professionalism and expertise.

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H1N1 Update from Clay County Health

Clay County Public Health Center continues to work closely with federal, state and local public health agencies to track the progress and severity of H1N1 flu, a non-seasonal variety of flu that has spread across the globe. Our staff continues to conduct disease surveillance activities every day here in Clay County. We also continue to work closely with the medical providers in our communities. We receive daily updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Four cases of H1N1 influenza were eventually reported in Clay County between June 1st, 2009 and July 30th, 2009. All four individuals have recovered with no complications. There currently aren't any active cases being investigated.

We are preparing for a different and potentially challenging flu season this year. The seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu are different strains of influenza that **will be occurring in our population at the same time.** We are planning for a very active seasonal flu

season and a very active H1N1 flu season. Our response to the upcoming flu season will have to be a **community wide** response if we are to be successful in limiting the impact that both seasonal and H1N1 influenza will have in our community. We are expecting our partners in the medical community and the school districts to be an important part of this effort. We are planning vaccination campaigns for both seasonal and H1N1 flu that will target specific high risk groups. Our emergency response plans are also in place and ready to be implemented if needed. Everyone living or working in Clay County can also have an active and important part in helping to minimize the spread of flu this season.

That is why community wide education will also be critical in helping everyone through this flu season. We received many positive comments about our daily briefings that we used this past spring to update our residents on the H1N1 situation. We plan to implement those again beginning in September. If you would like to monitor this season's activities on a local, state, national, or global level, please use the internet links we have attached to the H1N1 webpage on our website. Please note that this approach may change at any time based upon what is occurring in our area!

Clay County Public Health Center strongly recommends: Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and warm water. Cough or sneeze into your sleeve.

Get plenty of rest and eat the right foods.

Avoid crowded rooms/spaces if possible.

Stay home from work and school IF you or your family is sick. People with influenza-like illness should remain at

home (except when necessary to seek required medical care) until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100° F [37.8°C]) or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. This is to keep from infecting others and spreading the virus further. If you are suffering from severe like flu symptoms including difficulty in breathing call your physician.

Questions about the flu can also be directed to our office via 816-595-4256.

Current information can be accessed daily at our main website at: <http://www.clayhealth.com/Resources/h1n1flu09/index.html>

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RE/MAX Balloon at Jesse James Festival!

Once again RE/MAX Advantage will be having tethered balloon rides on Saturday, 9/19 at the Jesse James Festival (weather providing). It will be in the late afternoon around 5:00 or 6:00 p.m and is FREE so bring the kids for a great time!

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Two Events at ESHC

On Thursday, 9/3, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. will be a Ribbon Cutting and Business After Hours to celebrate the opening of their new MRI equipment and Imaging Center. Then, on Tuesday, 9/29 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. will be an Antique Appraisal show at Wealth Springs (1880 Spring St. in Excelsior Springs), all proceeds to benefit Excelsior Springs Health Care Foundation. For more information please call 816-630-1170 or email carol.whitley@lpl.com

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