

# Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce April Newsletter



## *From the Presidents Desk*

By the time you receive this newsletter the city elections will be over and Smithville will have elected a new Mayor as well as many other positions.

I thought the Mayoral candidate's forum held at last month's chamber meeting was very informative and provided some insight into each candidates position and ability serve as Mayor. Regardless of who wins any of the races, I applaud them for the willingness to get involved and to devote the time necessary to do the job.

As for Chamber business, Greg Atkins has submitted his resignation from the board. Per the bylaws, the board has filled the position by appointing Andrea Sheridan. Andrea was a Octoberfest volunteer and organized the courtyard activities. We look forward to working with Andrea.

See everyone Wednesday April 14!  
Berry

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the next AFTER HOURS! *Full Features Nursery and Landscape Center***



Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
5:30pm – 7:00pm

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# SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

## BIG V COUNTRY MART



Big V Country Mart first opened as Big Valu Supermarket in 1962. Bill and Martha Parks and Berry and Margaret Parks are now proudly in their 48<sup>th</sup> year of business in Smithville.

Big V started as a 7,000 square foot store and County Mart opened in their current facility in 1990 with 26,000 square feet. After an expansion in 2000, their space increased to 40,000.

As one of Smithville's largest employers, Big V's annual payroll exceeds \$1.6 million and currently employees 85 people. While most of Big V's full-time employees are from Smithville and surrounding areas, a few are from as far away as Lawson and Shawnee, KS. Big V's part-time employees are mostly students from Smithville, Plattsburg, Edgerton, Gower, Trimble and Dearborn. The Parks' second store is in its 34<sup>rd</sup> year of business and it located in Kearney. It is operated by Berry Parks' brother, Chastain.

Big V is open from 7am to 10pm Monday through Saturday and 8am to 10pm on Sundays. Their phone number is 816-532-0883.

## News from the Executive Director

Nothing could stop this year's Chamber Easter Egg Hunt, which was held on Saturday March 27th. Despite the rain that never let up and the thermometer reading 45 degrees, the event was a success! Put 2000 eggs filled with candy in an open field and an adorable bunny in front of a huge crowd of kids and **WATCH OUT!** I would like to thank **ABC-123 Child Learning Center** for helping us again this year. Without their donated time and energy, we would not be able to host such a wonderful event for the community. **THANK YOU!!**

The office is gearing up for the annual golf tournament that will be held Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup> at Paradise Pointe Golf Course. You should be receiving a registration flyer in the email/mail soon and we would love to have a huge turnout this year! In addition to this great event, the office is also working on the 2010 Octoberfest. If you are interested in serving on a committee for this wonderful festival, please contact the office.

**Thanks! Kim**

# WELCOME OUR NEWEST CHAMBER MEMBERS

Mid-Continent Public Library, Smithville  
Supply Genie (School Supplies)  
Ed Holicky, Individual Member  
Midwest Jerky (Beef Jerky)  
Peacework Flooring (All your flooring needs)

## EVENTS CALENDAR



### *APRIL CHAMBER LUNCHEON*

Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 11:30am-1:00

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

**SPONSOR:** Big V Country Mart

**PROGRAM:** Smithville R-II School District

District Community Partner, Individual Building Recipients & Smoke Busters

### *SPRING SALES*

Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

Downtown Heritage Business District

### *CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES*

Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

Hosted by the Smithville Lions Club

Call George for more information 816-532-6227

### *MAY CHAMBER LUNCHEON*

Wednesday, May 12 11:30am – 1:00pm

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

**SPONSOR & PROGRAM:**

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