

Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce May Newsletter



From the Presidents Desk

The Chamber is pleased to be offering two scholarships to graduating seniors again this year. We feel this is an important contribution to our community and are fortunate to be able to offer one \$500 scholarship and one \$1000 scholarship. We will be inviting the recipients to our May Chamber Luncheon as well as recognizing them at the school districts Awards Night on Thursday May 13th. Thank you to each of the Chamber members for your participation in the Chamber and our fundraisers. We would not be able to offer these scholarships without your support.

Congratulations to the parents of graduating seniors who are celebrating this monumental event and good luck to the students as they walk into this new phase of life.

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We have three local businesses teaming up to sponsor this month's luncheon. Each of their "Spotlights" not only details the history of each business, but it also gives us a glimpse into the strong foundations of family and community that our city was founded on.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Kay Furniture, Kindred Chevrolet & Major Lumber



KAY FURNITURE is no ordinary furniture store with no ordinary history. In 1965, Bud Yazel was working as a furniture salesman in a large store at 12th and Grand when a gentleman approached him with the idea of opening his own store. With the backing of Louis Kahan, Bud and Geneva Yazel opened the doors of Kay Furniture (KAY representing **K**ahn **A**nd **Y**azel) for business on October 16, 1965 in the downtown Heritage District with a store full of beautiful furniture and dreams of success.

The business moved to locations just south of Big V before constructing the beautiful building they still occupy on 169 in the year of 1975. Current owner Frank Thomas is proud to be celebrating their 45th year in business and is equally proud to continue to offer the quality, value and selection of furniture in which the business was founded.

KINDRED CHEVROLET was established in 1922 by C.C. Kindred, father of the present dealer Collins F. Kindred. It is the oldest Chevrolet dealership in Missouri and has been in the family since its inception. The title dealer-principal will pass to the third generation in the fall of 2010 to Carolyn Kindred-Major who has been the General Manager of the last several years.

Kindred Chevrolet offers a large selection of new and used vehicles for sale as well as a fully equipped service and parts departments. We provide maintenance and repair on all vehicle brands and provide warranty work on all General Motors vehicles.

MAJOR LUMBER COMPANY has been in business for nearly 114 years, the first 32 in Kearney, Arkansas and the remainder at their present location on East Meadow. Ronald Major is the third generation to oversee the operation of the lumberyard.

Major Lumber is the oldest business in Smithville and in the Kansas City area, it is the second oldest family owned lumber yard. The yard serves consumers and contractors from the Clay-Platte area. Eight employees with a combined 154 years of experience area always eager to **“MAKE THE MAJOR DIFFERENCE”**.

News from the Executive Director

All is well these days in the Chamber office! We are already working hard on this year's Octoberfest. Not only is this a special event for the citizens of Smithville, it has an extra-special spin on it this year as we will be celebrating our 10th year of the festival. The Octoberfest board is working to make this an amazing festival by bringing back some past Octoberfest traditions as well as creating new ones for you all to enjoy. It's never too early to mark your calendars so please plan on joining us in beautiful downtown Smithville on October 8th and 9th for some FANTASTIC FESTIVAL FUN!

CALLING ALL GOLFERS.... CALLING ALL GOLFERS...

You don't have to shoot like a pro to participate in this year's Chamber Golf Classic – you just have to enjoy being out on the links while having a great time! We would love to have your support of this event which will be held Thursday June 10th at Paradise Pointe Golf Complex. Check your inbox or mailbox or call the Chamber office for more information.

PLAYING THE FRONT LINE

A husband & wife are on the 9th green when she collapse's from a heart attack.

"Help me dear," she groans to her husband. The husband calls 911 on his cell phone, talks for a few minutes, picks up his putter, and lines up for his putt.

His wife raises her head off the green & stares, "I'm dying & you're putting?"

"Don't worry dear," says the husband calmly, "They found a doctor on the second hole and he's coming to help you."

"Well, how long will it take for him to get here?" she asks feebly.

"No time at all," says her husband. "Everybody's agreed to let him play through."

EVENTS CALENDAR



SWAP & SHOP

Thursday May 6 through August 26 (every Thursday evening)

Downtown Courtyard 6:00pm – 8:30pm

MAY CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 12th 11:30am-1:00

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

SPONSOR & PROGRAM:

Kindred Chevrolet, Major Lumber and Kay Furniture

ANNUAL KIDS FISHING DERBY

Sponsored by the Smithville Kiwanis Club

Saturday, June 5th

Registration at Noon, Helvey Park

Contact Greg for more information: 816-532-4457

JUNE CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, June 9 11:30am – 1:00pm

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

SPONSOR & PROGRAM: Golden Living Center

CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC

Thursday, June 10th

Paradise Pointe Golf Course

Sponsored by the Smithville & Kearney Chamber's of Commerce

Contact Kim for more information: 816-532-0946

15th ANNUAL FLEA MARKET & ANTIQUE SHOW

Saturday, June 12th, Downtown Courtyard

Contact Annie for more information 816-734-4091