



Smithville Area CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

From the Presidents Desk

Now that school has started, you can support the Smithville School District by participating in the ***Country Mart Educational Fund Program***.

Country Mart has \$144,000 in advertising money allocated towards this program. These funds are for all 20 participating Country Mart stores.

Here's how it works:

Register your Country Mart card online at www.mycountrymart.com. Under the "Community" tab are directions on how to enroll your Country Mart card to participate. Then use your Country Mart card every time you shop at Big V and the school district receives a percentage of these funds based on purchases. The more cards enrolled and the more money spent, the larger the percentage back to the school district. This is the thirteenth year for this program. In the last twelve years, the Country Mart Educational program has raised over **\$69,000.00** for the Smithville school District. You can help raise this number even more by registering your card today!

At various times over the years, North Platte, Plattsburg and East Buchanan school districts have also participated. Should you want to contribute to a school other than Smithville, they must be registered. If they are not, contact your school and direct them to the website to enroll their school.

I encourage you all to consider participation in this program. It costs the shopper nothing while giving a substantial amount to our schools.

We hope to see you at September's luncheon!

Berry Parks

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

**Celebrating 10 Years of Festival Fun!
October 8th & 9th, 2010**



Octoberfest was founded in 2001 as the Chamber Members and its volunteers were brainstorming ideas on how to get out of a “financial pinch” after an unsuccessful Lake Fest. The first Octoberfest was a one-day event, held on Saturday October 13th in the lot at Smith & Main Streets. There were no vendors at the first festival, just some community friendly activities. A poster advertising the event reads -

Beer Garden & Live Bands, Cow-Chip Bingo, Mouse Races, Great Fun for Kids, Hayrides, Face Painting, Petting Zoo, Bobbing for Apples and Good Food by the Smithville Kiwanis!

From these modest beginnings, the festival has grown into an event residents look forward to year round. While holding onto traditions the festival was founded on, the Octoberfest has expanded to a two-day event packed with activities throughout both days and into the evenings.

Throughout the years, the festival has grown in vendor and sponsor numbers, activities and attendees. It not only serves as a great event for the residents of Smithville, it also draws people from outside the city limits in to enjoy our town. The Octoberfest serves as the Chamber’s major fundraiser and all volunteers involved strive to be good and careful stewards of the monies entrusted to them. Although the Octoberfest board changes from year to year, their goals are always the same – to provide a family festival the entire city of Smithville can enjoy!

We are excited about this year’s festival – celebrating 10 years of a successful community event calls for a celebration!! To show our appreciation, the Octoberfest board has decided to host the September Chamber luncheon – a way to say **THANK YOU** to all of those people who have made the festival a success through the years. Without the support of the chamber businesses and members, this festival would not be possible.

For all you have done and continue to do, we are grateful!

Octoberfest President – Billy Muessig, Mr Electric

Octoberfest Vice-President – George Williams, Shelter Insurance

Octoberfest Secretary – Melissa Goodwin-Bell

Octoberfest Treasurer – Kathy Kalin, Kalin Custom Homes

Octoberfest “A Little Bit of Everything” – Kim Palmer, Smithville Chamber

One can pay back the loan of gold, but one dies forever in debt to those who are kind. ~Malayan Proverb

WHAT'S NEW AROUND TOWN

Congratulations to Midwest BBQ & Grill! They opened their doors for business last week – stop by for all of your barbeque needs. (South end of the Major Mall)

North Bridge Gallery is now offering Art Classes. For more information on this great opportunity to learn from a professional (Water color/ Acrylic/ Pastels/ Cartooning - Artist, Holly Schnek), contact North Bridge Gallery at 816-339-4278.

Paradise Storage, LLC has expanded! This local storage facility has just finished construction on their addition – now offering even more storage space!

News from the Executive Director

I am thrilled to be working on another Octoberfest! The vendors, the sponsors, the contests – it all reminds me of growing up in a small town and the excitement I felt before our fall festival. Nothing quite compares to the smell of funnel cakes in the air, walking past a child whose face is freshly painted with a “work-of-art” or the smiles on people’s faces as they leisurely walk the streets – enjoying a beautiful fall day.

I feel blessed to be a part of something that is so much bigger than myself. To see the community businesses and individuals working together to pull off something that is for the betterment of the entire community is humbling and inspiring. If I forget to tell anyone involved in this year’s festival, know that I am grateful for the time, money and effort you have put into our event. Thank you for being a part of my new memories!

Kim Palmer

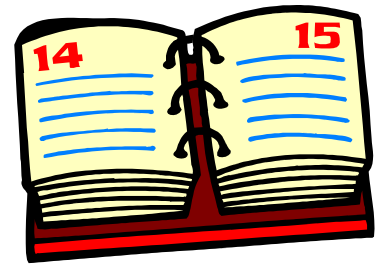
Executive Director, Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce

**WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR SPONSORS, VENDORS,
VOLUNTEERS & MORE!**

SEE US AT THE CHAMBER LUNCHEON FOR MORE DETAILS!



EVENTS CALENDAR



CHAMBER LUCHEON

Wednesday September 8th, 11:30am – 1:00pm

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Sponsor & Program – 10th Annual Smithville Octoberfest

MUM SALE *(Sponsored by the Lions Club)*

Saturday, September 11, Sonic Drive In (in front)

NEHEMIAH FESTIVAL

September 17, 18 & 19th

Smith's Fork Park

For more information, contact David Lin 816-645-1982

LIGHTHOUSES & ANGELS FAMILY FUN DAY & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 25th 10:00am – 6:00pm

Downtown Smithville

Dunk Tank (with elected officials!), Kids Area, Identi-Kid and MORE!

For more information, contact Debbie at 816-804-3170 or log onto www.lighthousesandangels.net

10th ANNUAL SMITHVILLE OCTOBERFEST

Friday October 8th (5:00pm - 10:00pm)

Saturday October 9th (10:00pm – 10:00pm)

Downtown Smithville

For more information, contact Kim at 816-532-0946

CHAMBER LUCHEON

Wednesday October 13, 11:30am – 1:00pm

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Sponsor & Program – Pro Car Wash