

**AUGUST 2007**

**Dates to Remember**



**“CHAMBER CONNECTION”  
BARTON COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**THE STRENGTH OF A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Back to School**

Among the many things students and their families have to do every August is get ready for the new school year. We are including information provided by some of our members about enrollment, schedules, health requirements and back to school activities.

**Barton County Health Department** reminds parents that school starts soon and it is time to get your children’s required shots! The Health Department gives immunizations on Wednesdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Please bring your child’s immunization record with you. No appointment is required.

There will be no public health services available on Friday, August 24, due to mandatory training. The health department will be open that day to provide other services. For more information, call 682-3363.

**AOK** After School programming at AOK begins August 20. Registration packets are available at AOK, and must be completed and returned for enrollment. Contact Ali Humes for more information 682-6002.

**4-H** There are many opportunities to meet friends, have fun and learn new things in 4-H through clubs, projects and lots of special events. The 4-H year usually starts in October, but participants may enroll at any time. If interested in fairs and 4-H activities the participant must meet certain membership and attendance guidelines.

**Step by Step Procedure:** 1. Consider projects and club choices 2. Contact Elaine Davis, Youth Education Associate, Barton County Extension 682-4125 3. Ask for and fill out Membership Enrollment Form Y630 4. Fill out the Health Form 5. Ask about upcoming events and other opportunities 6. Get involved!

**Arts Council of Barton County** Youth Program “Magical Memory Albums”, four week sessions July 23, 31, August 7 and 14 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at the Arts Council Building 208 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Open to all children eight years and older, and under eight may attend with an adult. For more information about this and other Arts Council programs, call 681-0774.

**Curves** of Lamar will be giving away school supplies at a Back to School Party August 11 from Noon to 3:00 PM. Call Tammy Sconce if you or your business would like to set up a kid’s game or activity. Donations are also being accepted to assist with the project. Curves is located at 806 Broadway, phone 682-5609.

**Chase Dance Academy** Ballet, tap, tumbling and cheerleading classes for ages 2 and up will start August 13<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment forms are at the Java Mule, and you may contact Kelly at 682-3591.

**Golden City Schools** High School Registration (grades 9-12) and enrollment for elementary students new to the district will be Tuesday, August 7.

Elementary Open House 9:00 AM to Noon August 14. Teachers Meetings August 15 & 16 and Classes Begin August 20.

**Lamar Schools** New Teacher Orientation will be August 13-14. Substitute Orientation August 13 from 1:30 to 3:00 PM. All Staff and Professional Development August 14-16. School will begin on Monday, August 20. Regular hours will be observed on Aug 20-22. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 on Aug 23 and 24.

**Liberal Schools** Enrollment is scheduled for Thursday, August 2 and Friday, August 3. Classes begin Monday, August 20. There will be no classes Friday, August 24 due to the Lamar Fair.

**The Learning Center Preschool** Due to overwhelming response, TLC Preschool is expanding their full day preschool. Openings for children are available in the half-day or the full-day program, as well as the afternoon 3 year old classroom. Call 682-9937 or 682-9930 or 214-0039 for further information or stop by 1204 Gulf for an application.

Wednesday, August 1st - Arts Council Board meeting - 5:30 pm - Chamber Office
Thursday, August 2nd - Ribbon Cutting - Noon - Scrubs & More
Wednesday, August 8th - Community Betterment - Wolf Building - Noon.
Thursday, August 9th - Excel Steering Committee Meeting - Noon - Chamber Office
Thursday, August 16th - Chamber Membership Meeting - Noon - Chamber Office
Friday, August 17th - Chamber Board meeting - Noon - Chamber
Saturday, August 18th - Rotary Queen Contest - Thiebaud Auditorium - 7:00 pm
Wednesday - Saturday, August 22 - 25th - Lamar Free Fair
Monday, August 27th - Downtown Association - Noon - Chamber Office

**LAMAR FREE FAIR  
AUGUST 22 - 25th  
Complete schedule on  
[www.bartoncounty.com](http://www.bartoncounty.com)**

**Gold City  
Gospel Group  
is coming soon!!!!  
Thursday  
September 6th  
7:00 pm  
Thiebaud Auditorium  
For more information  
Call  
682-3390**

# Benefits of Chamber Membership

**Business Directory**  
**Ribbon Cutting & Open House**  
**Newsletter Spotlight**  
**Event Calendar**  
**Email blasts and reminders**  
**Press releases**  
**Channel 3 Ads – No cost to Members**  
**Website – Announcements are posted daily**  
**Free website linking**  
**Board Room for small group meetings**  
**EXCEL Leadership Program**  
**Workshops & Seminars**  
**Business Journals and use of our Business Center**  
**Referrals**

**Being a Chamber Member validates your business's commitment to the community, and your credibility as a reliable and stable business.**

**Networking is a great opportunity in a low pressure setting to meet other business owners and develop relationships.**

**Testimonials from Chamber members show a direct correlation between involvement and connections within the business community.**

**“I applaud the emphasis the Chamber puts on education and workforce development as a key to our community's future success.**

**“The Chamber is a good way to participate in civic and business life. As a business advocate, the Chamber balances the need for growth with responsible planning.”**

**“Educated employees are a key ingredient for success in today's business environment. Chamber membership provides a direct line of communication with our local educational institutions, as well as information about workshops focusing on business development.”**

**“As a young member of the Chamber, I have been welcomed into the business community, and supported by entrepreneurs with years of experience.”**

## SUCCESS

**“People begin to become successful the minute they decide to be.” Harvey MacKay:  
Newspaper columnist, author and business motivational speaker.**

If you are waiting for an opportunity or waiting for success to find you, you may be waiting a while. Only in movies and on the rare occasion does success magically appear on someone's doorstep. For the rest of us, success is always a possibility, but we have to go find it. And the best way to find it is to constantly remind yourself how successful you want to be. When you focus on the goal of success, much of your efforts, decisions and actions will also gravitate toward success.

FAST TRACK WORKSHOP JULY 25, 2007  
MEMORIAL HALL

The Small Business Development Center conducted a five-day workshop for former O'Sullivan workers who had expressed interest in starting a new business. Owning and operating a small business can be rewarding, but it is not easy. Before steps are taken to register and start a business, valuable information is necessary to make the process a more realistic one.



Your local Chamber assisted with securing speakers for the workshop, which addressed start-up considerations with legal, financial and tax issues. Additionally, local entrepreneurs shared about their own experiences in starting or owning a business in Barton County.

Chamber members who volunteered to speak were: Tim Riegel, Fast Eddie's; Rayma Davis, The Lamar Democrat; Becky Maberry, Mailboxit and Denim & Lace; Jerri Finley, The Limu Company; Mike Buchanan, Metropolitan National Bank; Logan Powell, US Bank; James Nichols, Nichols & Nichols and Barton County Title Company and Beth Nagle, Williams & Associates.

For more information on Writing a Business Plan or Starting a New Business, contact the Chamber at 682-3595 or check out The Chamber's Business Resource Center at 102 W. 10<sup>th</sup>, Lamar.

**Thank You to the following New and Renewal Members of the  
Chamber of Commerce July 2007**

Angler's Paradise - Don Kentner - 916 E. 36th Street Tulsa, OK - 918-744-1997

Cornerstone Baptist Church - Pastor Jack Slade - 800 Jefferson Street - Lamar - 417-682-3390

Lamar Rotary Club - Marsha Doyle, President - 417-682-5851 or 417-682-5895

KFC/Taco Bell - Joshua Trotter - 21 E. Hwy 160 Lamar - 417-682-3853

Lamarti's - Margaret Marti - 107 SE 1st Lane Lamar - 417-682-6034

# CHAMBER HIGHLIGHTS

## Welcome New Barton County Chamber Members

### Ina Mae Brooks:

Ina Mae Brooks, Freelance Writer.  
707 Jackson Street Lamar, MO - imbrooks@sbcglobal.net  
Ina Mae's book titled *OVER 50 "MOMS" - DEVOTIONS TO GO*.  
Available soon at the Chamber office.  
Deals with situations that moms over 50 face today and offers encouragement and hope to moms during a special sometimes challenging point in their lives.

### Scrubs & More:

New owner Martha Gray  
904 B West 12th Street Lamar, MO - nicokath@aol.com  
Now featuring Scrub Uniforms, Medial Accessories, Ladies Fashions Clothes, Fashion Accessories, and Gift Items.  
Open 10 am - 6 pm weekdays and Saturday 9am - 2pm

## **More Benefits of the BC Chamber!**

- Read all about it: The Chamber's monthly newsletter highlights activities of our local Chamber and about events happening throughout Barton County.
- Channel 3: Suddenlink cable customers have access to public service announcements and business updates from our members. Each day the announcements for Channel 3 are added to our website for those who do not subscribe to Suddenlink or those who prefer to read them online.
- Website: Check out [www.bartoncounty.com](http://www.bartoncounty.com) for a wealth of information about Barton County and about the cities of Golden City, Lamar and Liberal.



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## SCRUBS & MORE

ROTARY FAIR  
QUEEN CONTEST  
SATUDAY  
AUGUST 18TH  
7:00 PM  
THIEBAUD  
AUDITORIUM

### CHAMBER STAFF:

NANCY CURLESS, DIRECTOR MEMBERS SERVICES AND SPECIAL EVENTS; JOYCE CODY, OFFICE MANAGER AND MEMBERS SERVICES; PAM LOGAN AND SANDY HARRIS, MEMBERS SERVICES AND OFFICE ASSISTANTS; NATHAN BLANCHARD, WEB MASTER AND JOHN GULICK BUSINESS AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

JUDD CHESNUT, PRESIDENT; JEFF HULL, PRESIDENT ELECT; JOEL DERMOTT, TREASURER; VIRGINIA ERWIN, PAST PRESIDENT; ROWLAND GEDDIE, KIM HUNT & AUSTIN RICE

### EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS:

KRISTINA CROCKETT, LYNN CALTON, RAYMA DAVIS, RAY TUBAUGH