

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, February 6th - BCAWS - Blue Top - Noon
Wednesday, February 13th - Community Betterment - Noon - Wolf Building
Friday, February 15th - Truman Day - Planning Meeting - Noon - Chamber office
Tuesday, February 19th - Community Development Corp. - 9:00 AM - Chamber office
Wednesday, February 20th - Student Day at the BC Chamber - Golden City High School and Lamar High School
Friday, February 22nd - Chamber Board Meeting - Noon - Chamber office
Monday, February 25th - DTA - Noon - Chamber office



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

THE STRENGTH OF A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Barton County Chamber of Commerce

**Quarterly Membership Meeting
Friday, March 28th - Noon
Lamar United Methodist Church**



Guest speaker
Dr. Kelley Still, PhD, CPA
Associate Professor of
Accounting
Breech School of
Business Administration at
Drury University

Lunch will be provided for all Chamber Members.

Non-chamber member \$5.
Everyone is welcome to attend!

Reservations required

Please RSVP at 682-3595
by March 15th.

Business Center Library

The Chamber has assembled a library of resources to assist you in starting or improving your business.

We have the following on our shelves from authors Paul and Sarah Edwards:

- Getting Business to Come to You. (1st and 2nd editions).
- Making Money with Your Computer at Home
- Making It on Your Own
- Working From Home
- The Best Business for the 21st Century
- Finding Your Perfect Work
- Teaming Up.

Also available for checkout are Guerrilla Marketing Online by Jay Conrad Levinson and Charles Rubin. Hey, I'm The Customer by Ron Willingham. Start Your Own Successful Retail Business by Jay Kiguard and from the familiar series of books for dummies, Home Based Business for Dummies.

The chamber subscribes to The Springfield Business Journal, Joplin Tri-State Business Journal, Rural Missouri, Ingrams - Kansas City's Business Magazine, and the Missouri Chamber's Missouri Business.

We welcome you to stop by our office at 102 W. 10th Street to check out the books and periodicals available for your use.

Nathan's Place

Located on the Lamar Square offers a structured after school and weekend environment for teenage youth with tutoring, physical education and service learning daily.

They also offer snacks and evening meals for 16 plus a night. This program is based on donations of food and other supplies.

So when you're doing your spring cleaning, or any other time, please think of them.

"If you use it in your home, they will use it at Nathan's Place".

Questions please call:
682-6002 or 681-0980

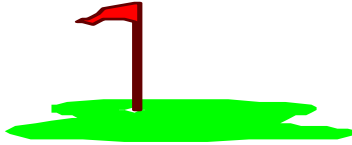
BARTON COUNTY CHAMBER

ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE - FRIDAY, May 16, 2008

LAMAR COUNTRY CLUB

9:30 a.m. Registration - 10 a.m. Putting Tournament - 11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Player Registration: \$200 - 4 Person Team or \$50 Individual Player



SPECIAL THANKS TO METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK, OUR LUNCH SPONSOR!!!

Registration Form - Please detach and return to the Chamber Office with your Payment

Company: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Contact: _____

Player Names:

1. _____ Phone: _____ 2. _____ Phone: _____

3. _____ Phone: _____ 3. _____ Phone: _____

Golf Cart: Yes _____ No _____ : One _____ or Two _____

Hole Sign Sponsorship \$100 _____

Mulligans - Limit 2 per person \$10 each: _____

Putting Tournament Players Names: \$5 each: _____

Amount Due: \$ _____ Check Enclosed: _____ Please Send Invoice: _____

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Barton County Chamber of Commerce Awards Nominations Form

The Chamber's Annual Meeting & Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2008 at Party Oasis.

Each year, awards are presented in five categories, and accept nominations from our members to honor employees, volunteers and business and civic leaders deserving of special recognition. All Chamber members and their employees are eligible to receive these awards. *Please include detailed information to be considered for review and voting.* A committee made up of chamber members, staff and board will review the applications, consider the criteria submitted and vote by secret ballot. Please use a separate sheet for the criteria for your nomination.

1. **Business of the Year:** Any business that has experienced expansion or growth, or has had a positive impact on Barton County.
Nominee: _____

2. **Healthcare Provider of the Year:** An employee in the healthcare field (physician, nurse or any employee, including the areas of technology, administration or office support) who contributes to excellence, demonstrates loyalty and work ethic and enhances the quality of care provided.
Nominee: _____

3. **Volunteer Spirit of the Year:** Someone who demonstrates outstanding volunteerism with projects not directly related to paid employment. Nominee: _____

4. **The Truman Award:** Someone who has positively impacted Barton County through individual, business or community involvement, and who has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to supporting and promoting the area.
Nominee: _____

5. **Educator of the Year:** Each of the three schools in the county submits nominations.

6. **Employee of the Year:** Nominate a valuable employee who exhibits dedication, loyalty and an outstanding work ethic.
Nominee: _____

Your Name _____ Business Represented _____

Please return completed form, along with criteria for your nomination, to 102 W. 10th Street by April 4th,
by email to nancy@bartoncounty.com or fax to 417-682-9566.



LIBERAL HIGH SCHOOL DAY AT THE CHAMBER



CHILI & BAKED POTATO AT THE CHAMBER

Ribbon Cuttings



SECURITY FINANCE



LAMAR ANIMAL SHELTER

Barton County Community Development Corporation

The BCCDC met Friday, February 8 at the Chamber office to explore options for funding a full-time economic development position for Barton County.

Jasen Jones, with Workforce Investment Board of SW Missouri, explained details regarding the \$16,200 available to us through a WIB budget request for economic development in Barton County. The amount is available for the period April 2008 through December 2008 if the position is created and filled by April 2008. A plan must be in place to complete the funding needed to attract a qualified person for the position.

This economic development position would complement the newly created business development position of University of Missouri Extension. The extension position will likely be more focused on smaller startups and existing businesses, while the Economic Development position would be geared towards bigger businesses and in line with the efforts of City Administrator Lynn Calton and The SWMO Development Alliance.

Current board members of the Barton County Community Development Corporation are Jeff Barber, Mike Buchanan, Lynn Calton, Nancy Curless, John Gilkey, John Gulick, Kevin Little and Logan Powell.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19 at the Chamber office.

Wishing the best to Cheryl Flores "A Touch of Paint" and her family as they prepare for their move to New York in early spring.

The Barton County Chamber Board & Staff

THANKS TO EVERYONE
FOR MAKING OUR
CHILI & POTATO LUNCH
A GREAT SUCCESS.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN FOR
BURGERS & BRATS JULY 25th

CHAMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Thank You to the following Renewal Members of the Chamber of Commerce in January 2008

Plaza Theatre - Scott Kelley - 107 W. 11th, Lamar - 682-5521

Prairie Plains Apartments - Connie Meister - 700 W. 8th Street, Lamar - 682-3694

The Joplin Globe - Karen Fritchey - 117 East 4th Street, Joplin - 800-444-8514

Community Capacity Builders - John Gulick 5810 Sterling Ridge, Jefferson City

Lamar Insurance Agency - Neal Smith - 1024 Broadway, Lamar - 682-6005

Lamar License Office - Joyce Moser - 208 W. 12th, Lamar - 682-3555

McFadden Land & Title - Lonnie McFadden - 127 W. 11th, Lamar - 682-6776

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lamar High School Drama Presents "Guys and Dolls" Feb 22nd 7 PM & Feb 23rd 2 & 7 PM. Tickets available at Lamar High School & Bin's Vintage, south side of the square.

Arts Council of Barton County Quilt Block Contest, March 20th 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. For more information call 682-2588 or 681-0774

Arts Council of Barton County Interested in learning to paint with watercolors classes will be starting in late February, contact Maxine Rader for class schedule. 682-2588 or 214-1138

Lamar Democrat Spring Citywide Garage Sale - April 5, 2008

TRUMAN DAY, MAY 10, 2008

COME JOIN THE FUN

CRAFT BOOTH, PARADE, FOOD, GAMES, PONY & WAGON RIDES, CAR SHOW,
FIREWORKS AND WINDOW DISPLAYS AND MUCH MORE!!!

CHAMBER STAFF:

NANCY CURLESS, DIRECTOR MEMBERS SERVICES; JOYCE CODY, OFFICE MANAGER AND MEMBERS SERVICES;
PAM LOGAN, SPECIAL EVENTS; AND JOHN GULICK BUSINESS AND TOURISUM DEVELOPMENT.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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

EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS:

KRISTINA CROCKETT, LYNN CALTON, RAYMA DAVIS