

SPOTLIGHT ON CARTHAGE

Carthage Chamber of Commerce Newsletter ~ June 2008

Chamber Bits

June is going to be a crazy month. Not only is it the start of Summer, but there are so many different events going on in Carthage. The Chamber of Commerce will host a Ribbon Cutting at Sherwin Williams' (2450 S. Grand) new location on June 3rd at 10:30 am. There will be a Retail Meeting at the Chamber office on June 9th at 7:30 am. This meeting is for all local retailers that plan to participate in the Grand Ol' Christmas this year. We will be discussing the date and details of the event. There will be a Friday Morning Coffee at Kellogg Lake on June 13th at 7:00am sponsored by the Kellogg Lake Nature Center and Preserve. The Acoustic Music Festival will take place on June 13 and 14. Friday night there will be a concert at the Carthage High School Auditorium, tickets are \$7.00. On Saturday there will be live music all day on the square free of charge. June 25th there will be a Grand Opening and a Ribbon Cutting at Ziggy's Café. Ziggy's Café is offering a FREE lunch to the first 50 Chamber members that show up. You can RSVP to the Chamber office if you want to attend. June 25-30 will be the Missouri Humanities Council Chautauqua. Many different events will be taking place during this 5 day festival. Go you can go to www.powersmuseum.com for a complete schedule of dates and times. The Chamber would like to encourage all members to be active this summer in all the events and attend as many as you can.

Maple Leaf Theme Announced

During the month of May the Carthage Chamber of Commerce held a contest to pick the theme for the 42nd Annual Maple Leaf Festival, which is scheduled for October 11-18. There were over 50 entries for the contest that came from the local community. After much deliberation by the Maple Leaf Committee, the theme selected for this years Maple Leaf Festival is: **"REFLECTIONS OF A RICH HERITAGE"** submitted by Becky Wormington (photo right) Becky will receive a \$25 dollar gift certificate for

her entry that is redeemable at any Chamber of Commerce member. The Carthage Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all of those who sent in their theme ideas, and congratulate Becky on winning the Maple Leaf theme contest. Now that the theme has been selected for the 42nd Annual Maple Leaf Festival the Carthage Chamber would like to encourage everyone to start planning their float ideas based upon, "Reflections of a Rich Heritage." In other Maple Leaf news, the Chamber office is now accepting nominations for Grand Marshal for the



Becky Wormington

Maple Leaf Parade. If you would like to submit a nomination please call the chamber or email to: info@carthagechamber.com for a nomination form. The Maple Leaf committee has had two meetings now and is working hard to make this year's Maple Leaf Festival better than ever.

Summer Sidewalk

Sale-Bration!



The Chamber recently announced that the Summer Sale-Bration Sidewalk Sale will be on July 26th this year. We are encouraging all local retailers to participate in this event. The cost to participate is \$75. The fee will offset the costs associated with the production of the event. Part of the fee will go towards advertising and printing material

(approximately \$65) and the remainder will go towards cash prize drawings that the Chamber will hold. There will be game cards similar to the last couple of years. Shoppers will come into your businesses and get their game card stamped. They will have to fill up all spots on the game card to be entered into the cash prize drawings (1-\$50, 1-\$150).

If you do not want to pay the fee you can still participate in the Summer Sale-Bration. In declining the fee you will not have your business name advertised or included in sponsoring the cash drawing. For further questions or to register your business for the Summer Sale-Bration call the Chamber office at 358-2373.

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Mission Statement

To improve the overall business climate for our members and community through sponsorship of programs which promote civic and economic development, stimulate growth, and support relevant political action.

Spotlight on Carthage is published monthly by the Carthage Chamber of Commerce as an information source for our members. Your comments and contributions are welcome.

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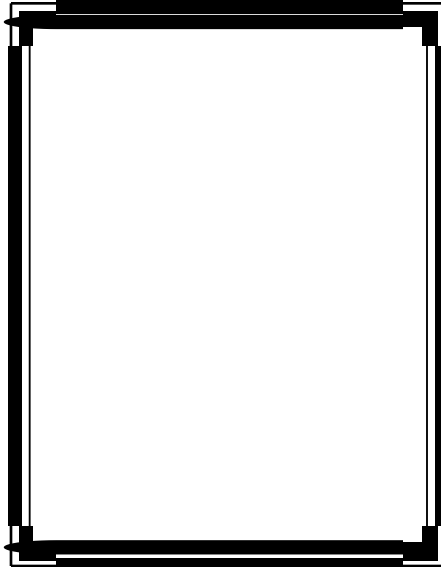


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Want to have a networking event at your business? Do you have a new employee that you want to introduce to the community? Call the Carthage Chamber to set up a Friday Morning Coffee or a Business After-Hours. These events will now be held on request by you at little or no cost.



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Members In The News



The Committee for the upcoming **Carthage Municipal Dog Park** plan to officially open it to the public by Spring 2009. This is a community effort and is being done independently and is not associated with any other animal or non-profit group. The City of Carthage has granted approximately 2.5 acres of land located behind the Carl Lewton Stadium at the Municipal Park. A dog park is a fenced area where you may take your dog for unleashed fun and exercise. There will be two sections in the park; one for highly active dogs and the other for less active dogs. There will be a water fountain for both dogs and owners. Canine waste stations will be on site. Agility equipment will be added in addition to a jogging trail for owners to exercise. There will be a basic set of rules posted in English and Spanish for behavior and clean up. If you have further questions you can contact Amy Silvers at 483-8608.

Beimdiek Insurance will host their **5th Annual "Salute a Veteran" Blood Drive** on June 27th from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO) mobile unit will be located at 303 West Third Street. This is a chance to honor a former or current military service member by donating blood in their name. CBCO will provide cards that can be sent to the military, and a t-shirt to let people know that you honored their sacrifice and saved lives. To be eligible to donate, you must be at least 17 years of age, weigh above 110 pounds, have not given blood in the past 56 days and feel well and healthy. First time donors should bring Photo ID. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 358-4007, but walk-ins are also welcome. There will be a free Veteran T-Shirt and a free Cholesterol Screening for all participants.

Whitlock, Selim & Keehn, LLP (WSK) Managing Partner W. David Myers recently announced the early June opening of a new location in Webb City. The new office will consist of three new additional CPA's-Brad Baker, Jay Logal and Mark Lamb, who will be dedicated to serving the needs of the Tri-State area. Brad Baker joins WSK with over 25 year's experience of public accounting and private business experience. Jay Logal brings more than 16 year's of experience in accounting to WSK, with 13 of those years dedicated to public accounting. Mark Lamb joins WSK with over 25 year's experience of public accounting in almost every area of tax. Whitlock, Selim & Keehn, LLP has been advising businesses and individuals as CPAs for more than eight decades. The firm offers accounting, audit, tax and business consulting services throughout Southwest Missouri. Approximately 36 personnel, including seven partners, serve a variety of clients from the firm's Springfield, Branson, and Webb City offices.

The **Area Agency on Aging** has recently welcomed three new directors to its staff. Carolyn McLaren, an Agency employee for the past nine years, has taken the helm as Executive Director. She has served in various capacities during that time. Prior to coming to the Agency she had worked with seniors in Oklahoma and Texas. Karen Fritchey has assumed the position of Community Service Director. Karen came to the Agency from the Joplin Globe where she worked as Community Coordinator and editor of Grace Magazine for the past eight years. Pam Madole became the Family Caregiver Director replacing Mrs. McLaren in that position. Pam brings lots of experience to the Agency having spent several years with the Generations program at McCune Brooks Regional Hospital in Carthage. The Agency is located at 2701 S. Bird and the phone number is 417-781-7562. The Agency serves seniors in Newton, Jasper, McDonald, and Barton Counties.

This Year Remember To...



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First!**



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- 4 **Chamber Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day!**
- 5-12 **Jasper County Youth Fair, you can go to: www.extension.missouri.edu/jasper/youth/4-h.shtml for a complete schedule of events and registration forms.**
- 11 **Chamber Drop By, 9:00 am at the Chamber office. Join the Director of Member Services to visit six local members.**
- 17 **Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, 7:30 am at the Chamber office.**
- 18 **Eggs & Issues, 7:00 am, Grace Point Assembly of God (1605 Baker). Have breakfast and talk with the Jasper County Candidates before the August primaries.**
- 25-26 **British Car Show on the Carthage square.**
- 26 **Summer Sidewalk Sale-Bration, stores in the community will open as early as 7:00 am. Go shop and find great savings!**

August

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10% off standard development or service rates

Powers Museum

20% off gift shop purchase

Quiznos of Carthage

Buy a regular sub, get a regular sub for half price with the purchase of any fountain drink

Sonic Drive-In

15% off entire order

Total Rejuvenation Massage

\$10 off a one-hour massage

Unique Decor

10% off merchandise

To learn how to join the Chamber's Member-2-Member Program, call

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