

# Agenda

OCTOBER 2019

## CAREER *exploration* DAY

Wednesday, September 18th, we hosted our annual **Career Exploration Day** at the **National Guard - Kearney Armory!**

Students from 14 area high schools visited and experienced future learning and career opportunities from over 30 colleges and businesses. The goal of the **Career Exploration Day** is to introduce students to a variety of careers by allowing them to participate in hands on activities, such as exploring vehicles, using tools, operating computers and interviewing workers. This event is coordinated by our **Business & Education Committee** which raises money for the **Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Student Leader Scholarship**.

Thank you to the **National Guard - Kearney Armory** and to all the businesses, students and schools for attending this year's event! A special thank you to volunteers that helped make the event successful: Cassy Kvasnicka - **Vocational Rehabilitation Services**, Susan Tonniges - **Susan Tonniges, CPA**, and Scott Ehmke - **Hilltop Mall**

And a very special thank you to all of the businesses who attended our event:

<b>Associated Staffing</b>	<b>Bayer Crop Science</b>	<b>NDVA/Central Nebraska Veterans Home</b>	<b>Eaton</b>
<b>BD Construction</b>	<b>Nebraska State Patrol</b>	<b>Brookdale Kearney Northridge</b>	<b>Central Community College</b>
<b>Easter Seals Nebraska</b>	<b>UNK Social Work</b>	<b>UNK Engineering Foundations Program</b>	<b>Royal Engineered Composites</b>
<b>Parker Hannifin</b>	<b>Chief Fabrication</b>	<b>Kearney Regional Medical Center</b>	<b>Rexius Nutrition</b>
<b>NRG Media</b>	<b>UNL/UNK Army ROTC</b>	<b>The City of Kearney</b>	<b>Josephs College &amp; Cosmetology</b>
<b>Midlands Contracting</b>	<b>UNK Social Work</b>	<b>West Pharmaceutical Services</b>	<b>Kearney Police Department</b>
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OCTOBER 2019

## BUSINESS MEMBERS

### **Livability Media**

Derek Brady  
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Franklin, TN 37067  
615-771-0080

### **Angus Burgers & Shakes**

Shawna Klute  
421 W Talmadge  
Kearney, NE 68845  
308-455-6218

### **Project Pink/Concrete Cares of Nebraska**

Tanya Wegner  
2001 C Avenue  
Kearney, NE 68847  
308-293-6025

### **Fireplace Stone & Patio**

Jeff Griffith  
1540 W 56th St.  
Kearney, NE 68845  
308-708-2400

### **The R-Bar & Grill**

Nathan Eckhout  
207 Grand Avenue  
Ravenna NE 68869  
308-370-8840

### **Frontier Communications**

Michael Burnham  
2302 First Avenue  
Kearney NE 68847  
308-234-6688

### **CBD American Shaman**

Brad Scellin  
228 W 42nd St  
Kearney, NE 68845  
308-455-1486

### **Real Deals - Kearney, NE**

Hannah Sloggett  
2102 E Hwy 30, Ste 1  
Kearney, NE 68847  
308-455-8008

### **Innovative RX Pharmacy**

Rachel Daly  
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308-708-5070

## RETIRED MEMBERS

### **Gerry Loschen**

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# WELCOME TO OUR TEAM, WYATT!



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*Wyatt Debban*



Help us welcome our newest intern! Wyatt Debban is joining our team as a Video Production Intern! Read more to get to know Wyatt!

### TEN FAST FACTS ABOUT WYATT:

- 1.) I am a senior at Kearney High and will graduate in May.
- 2.) I was born and raised right here in Kearney.
- 3.) I applied at the Chamber because I love to make videos and wanted to see if it would be something I'm interested in pursuing on a professional level.
- 4.) I am undecided on which college I will attend.
- 5.) I want to double major in nursing and cinematography.
- 6.) My favorite thing I have ever done is recently I attended the Maha music festival in Omaha and was able to watch concerts all day long!
- 7.) I have 2 dogs, Melvin & Gigi.
- 8.) My favorite sport is track.
- 9.) My favorite class is Media Pro with Mr. Goff.
- 10.) I say howdy a lot!

I am excited for a year of learning and meeting all of the Chamber Members!





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## Holiday Open House

Sunday, November 3rd, 12-5 PM



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## RIBBON CUTTING: UNFCU

With ice cream, games, and the NE Burger food truck, the **Nebraska Federal Credit Union** hosted their Ribbon Cutting on September 12th.

The **University of Nebraska Federal Credit Union** was started in 1937 by faculty members and later expanded to include university staff as well as students. Founders developed their principles in helping the university community to save, borrow, and live better. Members own the credit union and each member has one vote and equal ownership.



The **Nebraska FCU** strives to make its customers the top priority while providing accurate and secure access to information. **Nebraska FCU** has over 11,000 members and over \$100 million in assets. They offer mobile banking, mobile deposit, internet banking, checking and savings accounts, credit cards, consumer loans, and numerous other services.

Their new full-service branch is open at the corner of 2nd Avenue and 29th Street. The drive thru is open from 8:00am - 5:30pm Monday through Friday and a 24/7 ATM.

The Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to have them as new members! Check out all of their options by clicking [here!](#)

## RIBBON CUTTING: FIREPLACE STONE & PATIO

**Fireplace Stone and Patio** of Kearney hosted their Ribbon Cutting on September 12th at their new location of 1540 W 56th Street, Suite A. Since 1932, **Fireplace Stone and Patio** continues to serve homeowners and design professionals with high quality North American brands of building materials and outdoor living products.



**Fireplace Stone and Patio** is a fourth-generation family owned and operated company that emerged as a Depression Era success story. Over the years, they have furnished materials for a few Omaha construction projects, such as the following: Eppley Airport, the Cat House and Henry Doorly Zoo, and TD Ameritrade Park.

In 2000, the company grew into the Grand Island area and parts of Iowa. The Kearney community is excited to have **Fireplace Stone and Patio!**

Visit their new facility during their business hours : Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm and Saturday from 10am - 2pm or visit their website by clicking [here!](#)

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### RIBBON CUTTING: CBD AMERICAN SHAMAN

**CBD American Shaman** celebrated the opening of their new store on September 16th with a **Ribbon Cutting!** The presentation offered by Brad Scellin, owner, was very educational and offered answers to questions that a few had about the legalities of the business. One of the biggest stigmas is that CBD contains marijuana but it does not, this is a bi-product of hemp. Scellin assured everyone that CBD is completely legal by law and has many benefits for health and wellness.



**CBD American Shaman** is dedicated to bringing wellness to the world through their products of all natural, terpene rich hemp oil. They offer fair business practices, philanthropy, sustainability, and the highest quality products to customers. Their products feature all natural, high quality industrial hemp. It is legal in all 50 states and is 100% Organic. **CBD American Shaman** Oil is known to help relieve stress in the body and mind by leading to maintaining focus, pain management, and much more.

As a company, **CBD American Shaman** is focused on the welfare of their customers and provide discounts to veterans. Learn more about what they have to offer by clicking [here](#) or visiting their Kearney location: 228 West 42nd Street.



### BUSINESS AFTER HOURS: UNITED WAY OF KEARNEY

**United Way of the Kearney Area** hosted their 2019 kickoff campaign at **CHI Good Samaritan Hospital** during **Business After Hours** on September 26! This campaign's sponsor is Royal Engineered Composites out of Minden.

**United Way** fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community. This year, they are kicking off the **United Way** Employee Campaign, which focuses on payroll deduction, pledge forms, and online donations. With 20 Area Partner Agency programs, such as the Salvation Army, Buffalo/Kearney CASA, Girl Scouts, and the SAFE Center. **United Way** is excited to work with 6 surrounding counties to achieve impact in the Community Investment Process.

**United Way** uses its infrastructure and experience to efficiently turn donations into results through its relationships with many local partners. The Community Investment Process ensures that dollars donated to the **United Way of the Kearney Area** are distributed to the most needed programs and services each year.

Any **United Way** donor who wishes to volunteer their time and expertise, can be part of the Community Investment Process. If you wish to donate online, click [here!](#)

We would like to thank **CHI Good Samaritan Hospital** for being the hors d'oeuvres and location sponsor of this event.



**United Way Kearney Area**

### VIP: WILKINS ARCHITECTURE DESIGN PLANNING



**Wilkins Architecture Design Planning** celebrated their 40th Anniversary in Kearney on September 5th, 2019 with a **VIP Event** at the **Younes Conference Center** - Younes Pavilion!

**Wilkins ADP** is a central Nebraska architectural firm that was founded in 1979 and has been a Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce member ever since. It has grown into a team of 16 professionals who are committed to serving diverse clients and their interests. The company performs a variety of services for projects ranging from commercial, civil and educational, to health care, senior care, and religious institutions. The following are a few projects **Wilkins ADP** has completed recently in the Kearney community: [Kearney Public Schools Horizon Middle School addition](#), [Kidwell Inc's office](#), [NebraskaLand National Bank](#), [Central Community College Kearney Center](#), [UNK Mantor Randall Lobby](#), and the new [Kearney Public High School](#). Click [here](#) to see the additional products featured on their website!

**Wilkins ADP** prioritizes relationship-building with clients and strives to provide personal attention to the projects from beginning to end. Collaboration and finding custom solutions are top goals in satisfying customers' needs, all while meeting the most demanding schedules and project budgets.

The Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce is thankful for **Wilkins ADP's** membership over the past 40 years and we are looking forward to many more!

**Wilkins ADP** is located at 2908 W 39th Street, Suite A. Call their office at 308.237.5787 or visit [their website](#) or their Facebook to learn more.



### COFFEE & COMPANY: WELLS FARGO ADVISORS

**Wells Fargo Advisors** hosted **Coffee and Company** on September 19th at their location- 124 W 46th St, Suite 206! They provided a beautiful spread of locally made breakfast items, cookies, and coffees. It was a great event for building relationships and enjoying great conversation!

**Wells Fargo Advisors** is a premier financial services firm, serving investors nationwide through nearly 14,000 Financial Advisors. Their goal is to help clients succeed financially with investment planning and offer advice to achieve life needs and financial goals.

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### YPN: YOUNG PROFESSIONALS WEEK

Young Nebraskans Week - YP Week | September 23rd – 29th, 2019

Young Nebraskans Week was launched in the fall of 2018. It was developed by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and modeled after Lincoln's Young Professionals Group's annual YP Week. Young Nebraskans Week aims to concentrate on our state's focus on growing, retaining and developing our youngest members of the workforce.

Kearney's Young Professional Network has participated in this statewide initiative since it was launched. Kearney's YPN hosted three events during this week to celebrate our young professionals. We started off the week with coffee and donuts at Dunkin Donuts on Monday morning. On Wednesday (HUMP DAY), we gathered at McCue's to unwind mid-work week! We finished off the week on Thursday with Table Talks. Table Talks is a new series we are starting that partner with young professionals in specific areas of expertise and provide insight for other young professionals. Our Table Talk topics were:

- Be Smart with Your Money: Partnered with Waddell & Reed – Financial Advisors to talk to young professionals about savings, monthly budgets, investing, retirement planning, etc.
- Future Planning: Partnered with JacobsenOrr Law Firm to talk to young professionals about wills and trust and which one is more beneficial to your specific situation.

If you are interested in being a part of Table Talk or sharing information with our YPN group that you feel would fit well in the "professional development" category, please contact Kelsey Knehans, YPN Board Member.



### SENIOR COALITION: WHAT THEY'VE BEEN UP TO!



The Senior Coalition committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. This committee is comprised of, and open to, all retired (or age of retirement) Kearney Chamber Members. Committee members like to venture out in the community to tour area businesses and learn about community programs, as well as, host area business leaders and city officials to learn more about their work in the community. Recently, the committee had the opportunity to tour the G. W. Frank Museum located on the UNK campus. Members were given a special tour of the museum by April White, Interim Director, including the newly renovated 2nd and 3rd floors. The renovation of the 2nd floor allows for more exhibit space of antique items and historical perspective of the many years the museum functioned as the Grothan Elmwood Sanitarium and the Nebraska State Tuberculosis Hospital. The 3rd floor renovation allows space and resources for continued restoration and study of the history of the museum and its inhabitants. Committee members enjoyed the educational tour and sharing their own stories and knowledge of the Frank family history and preservation of the property.



The Senior Coalition committee is open to all retired (or age of retirement) Kearney Chamber Members. To inquire about joining this group, contact Amy Cope at [acope@kearneycoc.org](mailto:acope@kearneycoc.org) or join us for one of our meetings.

# KEARNEY AREA BY THE NUMBERS

## NEBRASKA COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	August 2019	August 2018
Adams	3.0%	2.8%
Buffalo	2.8%	2.4%
Douglas	3.2%	2.9%
Hall	3.1%	2.8%
Lancaster	2.9%	2.6%
Lincoln Co	3.5%	2.7%
Nebraska	3.1%	2.7%
USA	3.8%	3.9%

## LOCAL OPTIONS SALES & USE TAX

	July 2019	July 2018
Kearney	\$1,114,932.19	\$1,075,567.57
Grand Island	\$1,991,681.38	\$1,435,330.81
Hastings	\$609,045.41	\$578,589.34
North Platte	\$758,105.68	\$714,834.21

## LODGING TAX RECEIPTS

	July 2019	July 2018
Buffalo	\$76,174.38	\$128,493.65
Hall	\$133,102.36	\$118,691.58
Adams	\$26,442.12	\$21,022.83
Lincoln Co	\$130,185.40	\$126,699.88



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## NET TAXABLE SALES

	June 2019	June 2018	% Change
Buffalo	\$69,747,977	\$70,951,195	(1.7%)
Hall	\$93,664,233	\$94,161,593	(0.5%)
Adams	\$32,223,457	\$33,301,649	(3.2%)
Lincoln Co	\$44,536,700	\$45,987,973	(3.2%)

## MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

	June 2019	June 2018	% Change
Buffalo	\$10,034,056	\$9,104,143	10.2
Hall	\$10,556,616	\$10,655,094	(0.9%)
Adams	\$6,234,590	\$7,014,188	(11.1%)
Lincoln Co	\$6,925,122	\$7,324,801	(5.5%)



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# OCTOBER HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

## CHAMBER COMMITTEES

BUSINESS & EDUCATION	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 4:00 PM
COLONELS	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 4:00 PM
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 7:30 AM
ENVOYS	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 12:00 PM
HOSPITALITY	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 12:00 PM
LEADS <b>BLUE</b>	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 & 24, 8:30 AM
LEADS <b>GREEN</b>	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1 & 15, 4:00 PM
NEBRASKA VETERANS FIRST	MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 4:00 PM
SENIOR COALITION	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 10:00 AM
SHOP KEARNEY 1ST	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 9:00 AM
SPORT & RECREATION	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 4:00 PM
YPN BOARD MEETING	MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 5:30 PM



**BRUNING BANK**  
1110 17TH AVENUE  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 10:00 AM

**REAL DEALS - KEARNEY, NE**  
2102 E HWY 30, STE 1  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 4:00 PM

**PUBLIC HOUSE 22**  
12 E 21ST ST  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 4:00 PM

**INNOVATIVE RX COMPOUNDING PHARMACY**  
416 W 48TH ST, STE 20  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 10:00 AM

**PRESS ON FITNESS**  
2102 EAST HWY 30, STE 3  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 4:00 PM



### KEARNEY AREA ANIMAL SHELTER

3205 W HWY 30  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 5:00 PM

**TOWN & COUNTRY BANK**  
6005 2ND AVENUE WEST  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 5:00 PM

**BRUNING BANK**  
1110 17TH AVENUE  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 5:00 PM

## PARTNER MEETINGS

KEARNEY SISTER CITIES	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 4:30 PM
DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 8:00 AM
DOWNTOWN PROMOTIONS	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 8:00 AM
LEADERSHIP KEARNEY	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 8:15 AM



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