THE KEARNEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Agenda

MARCH 2019

CHAMBER DAY

FEBRUARY 15, 2019

2019 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

We are excited to bring the printed Membership Directories back this year.

Hundreds of people in and around the Kearney area use the Chamber directory to make contacts. Visitors and individuals who are thinking of making Kearney home, find it helpful when they need a list of local businesses and/or services. You can also find the updated online directory on our website, www.kearneycoc.org.

We appreciate all of our members who advertised in the directory and our volunteers for helping us deliver the directories during some cold snowy days.

ADDING VALUE

WE APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers!

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Bruce Blankenship
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WARD LABORATORIES, INC.
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YOUNES HOSPITALITY

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Platte Valley Taphouse

Chrystal Snider
14 E Railroad Street
308-237-0751

REN Institute of Massage Therapy

Jaime Ditsworth
5609 1st Ave., Suite B
308-455-8250

IES Commercial & Industrial

Devon Flint
6415 2nd Ave Ste 3
308-995-4462
devon.flint@iesci.net

Welcome Home Log Lodges

Craig or Betty Peister
1020 Central Ave.
308-627-6647

Kirkland Construction Inc.

Kyle Kirkland
910 Ave C.
308-440-2586
Kylek579@gmail.com

Kearney eFree Church

Adrian Boykin
4010 7th Ave
308-237-5968

Slumberland Furniture

Caleb Chvatal
5816 2nd Ave W
308-238-2223

Katie Autry Photography

Katie Autry
2400 Central Ave. Ste A
913-378-4632

Kirstina E. Photography

Kirstina Kouma
2207 Central Ave.
402-641-0597

Kearney Chamber Sudoku

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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
PATHWAY DESIGN GROUP

Pathway Design Group hosted a fun group of members for Business After Hours on Thursday, February 7th.

Pathway Design Group is owned and operated by Martha Lofquist and Claressa Millsap. **Pathway Design Group** is a "human capital consulting firm that is passionate about helping organizations maximize efficiency and effectiveness of their human resources." Martha and Claressa, along with their team of professionals, are open to helping you develop goals, work on critical thinking, develop personal mission statements, and more.

Pathway Design Group is located at 315 West 60th Street, Suite 275. You can reach them by phone at 308-455-3533 to schedule an appointment to visit with any of their team about assisting you and your business with a variety of training needs. For more information visit their web site at https://pathwaydesigngroup.com/

RIBBON CUTTING
KTOWN CAKERY

Ktown Cakery hosted their Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Friday, February 8th.

Ktown Cakery specializes in, cinnamon rolls, cookies, bars, scones, specialty cakes, holiday cookies, and more.

Ktown Cakery is owned and operated by Kari Printz. She and her team will be happy to work with you for whatever your bakery needs might be. Feel free to give Kari a call to place an order or stop by the store to pick-up a special treat. Also, check out **Ktown Cakery's** Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ktowncakery, or check-out their web site for more photos of their delicious desserts at www.ktowncakery.com.

Ktown Cakery is located at 2300 Central Avenue, in Downtown Kearney on the Bricks. They can also be reached by phone at 308-455-0484.

RIBBON CUTTING
KATIE AUTRY PHOTOGRAPHY

Katie Autry Photography hosted a Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Thursday, February 13th, in honor of their new location. The event had a great turnout from Chamber members and the community. Those in attendance enjoyed touring Katie's new studio. **Katie Autry Photography** schedules a variety of photo sessions including family, individuals, pets, weddings, and much more.

Katie Autry Photography's new location is at 2400 Central Ave, Ste A, Kearney, NE 68847. She can be reached by phone at 913-378-4632, find out more on her Facebook page at www.facebook.com/katieautryphotography/.

Please give Katie a call to schedule your family photos and more!

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS NEBRASKA CATTLEMEN'S CLASSIC

Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic and **LandMark Implement** co-hosted the February 19th, Business After Hours event at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds. Guests from the **Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic** and Chamber members attended the event and enjoyed refreshments and samples at the "Battle of the Breeds" competition. There was a large group of both cattlemen and Chamber members to sample the tasty treats.

Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic office is located at 1007 2nd Avenue. To visit their website, you can go to www.necattlemen.com, or you can reach Ronette Bush-Heinrich, at 308-627-6385.

LandMark Implement is located at 3108 East Hwy 30. You can reach them at 308-237-2238 and they will be happy to assist you with a new purchase, parts, or repair services. To get more information please visit their website at https://landmarkimp.com.

Thank you to all those who attended the **Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic,** which brings in hundreds of people to our community!

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY SCHROCK MEDICAL CLINIC

Schrock Medical Clinic, P.C. hosted their Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Tuesday, February 26th.

Schrock Medical Clinic, P.C. has recently purchased the old First Baptist Church location at 1616 W. 39th Street and completely remodeled the interior of the building, creating new offices and patient rooms.

Services that are offered by **Schrock Medical Clinic, P.C.** include: Chiropractic Care, Physical Therapy, Acupuncture, Passive Therapy Modalities, Spinal and Postural Screenings, Injections, and Stem Cell Therapy.

Schrock Medical Clinic, P.C. has office hours Monday – Friday from 7:30 am. – 5:30 pm. and Saturday 9:00 am – noon. Schedule an appointment today by calling 308-236-6499, or by visiting their website at www.schrockmedicalclinic.com . Stop by **Schrock Medical Clinic, P.C.** today to get a consultation or learn more about their services.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS UNK ATHLETICS LOPER BASKETBALL

The University of Nebraska at Kearney – Athletic Department hosted Business After Hours and Chamber Appreciation Night, on February 28th, at the Health and Sports Center. There was a good turn-out for the event and we thank everyone for venturing out in the cold weather. The group enjoyed socializing and watching the Women's and Men's Basketball games against Pittsburg State.

The University of Nebraska at Kearney – Health and Sports Center is located at 2501 15th Avenue. You can visit their web page at www.lopers.com, for more information about up-coming games and other events, or order your tickets on-line at http://unklopers.universitytickets.com. GO LOPERS!!

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2018 GENERAL AND COLONEL OF THE YEAR

The Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Colonels presented awards to the 2018 General and Colonel of the Year at their February meeting. The 2018 General of the Year went to Tim Shada of Marcotte and the 2018 Colonel of the Year went to Josh Erickson of Team Concepts.

The Colonels Club is a men's group whose purpose is to serve as a public relations arm of the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce. The Colonels support the "Doing Business" award, attend and promote ribbon cuttings, grand openings, Business After Hours, Gateway Farm Expo, the KACC Annual Meeting and the Kearney Golf Classic. They also help with membership recruitment and retention. Generals are Colonels who have been in the group for over 10 years.

The Kearney Chamber appreciates the Colonels and Generals for their support and involvement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD WINNERS!

DOING BUSINESS AWARD

DMilaco Sports Fashions was selected for the Doing Business Award at the February Colonel meeting. Colonel Chairman, Josh Jelden presented the award to Dennis and Lynelle Miller, owners of **DMilaco Sports Fashions,** for being in business for over 30 years!

DMilaco Sports Fashions was first established in 1989 by artist Dennis Miller and his wife Lynelle Miller. The name of the business DMilaco (Dennis Miller and Company) was first started in their home and quickly grew to a store front business along 2nd Avenue.

DMilaco Sports Fashions have expanded their products and services to include embroidery, heat press, vinyl cuts, logo packages, promotional items, sports equipment, order forms, banners, disc golf, trikes, and much more!

DMilaco Sports Fashions is located at 1806 ½ 2nd Avenue, Kearney. They can be reached by phone at 308-237-2872, or to place an order go to order@dmilaco.com, they would be happy to work with you in creating t-shirts jackets, bags, and more for your sporting team, business, or family event.

SPOTLIGHT BUSINESS AWARD

The Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Business & Education Committee presented its February Spotlight Business Award to **Kearney Realty, L.L.C.**, owned by Nicole Straka, of Kearney. Nicole has been a licensed Realtor for 23 years and **Kearney Realty, L.L.C.** is in its 16th year of business, after opening its doors in 2003.

Nicole and her team at **Kearney Realty, L.L.C.** are a small, privately owned agency. **Kearney Realty, L.L.C.** is committed to serving Kearney and the surrounding Buffalo county area with all of your real estate and property needs.

Kearney Realty, L.L.C. is located at 109 E. 52nd Street. For more information you can reach them by phone at 308-338-1090, visit their web site at, www.kearneyrealty.net, or check-out their Facebook page at **Kearney Realty, L.L.C.**

Did You Know?

Being involved in a Committee is a great way to volunteer, make connections and promote your business! Here are a few Chamber committees that are looking for new members:

Agriculture Committee: The Agriculture Committee's purpose is to provide and support programs which promote agriculture and encourage urban/rural cooperation.

Senior Coalition: The purpose of the Senior Coalition is to offer monthly community education to the retired community.

Shop Kearney 1st: The purpose of the Shop Kearney 1st Committee is to build a stronger bond between retailers; work to create a stronger retail environment by growing the number of retailers in the Kearney area, as well as retaining our current retailers; inform of emerging retail trends and ideas; and educate the public about the economic benefits of shopping and buying locally.

Sport & Recreation: The Sport and Recreation Committee's purpose is to contribute to the economic well-being of the area by promoting Kearney as a greater Nebraska Sports Center emphasizing athletic events, recreational facilities and attractions.

For more details on these and other committees visit https://www.kearneycoc.org/chambercommittees

Ag Appreciation Night

March is Ag Appreciation Month and the Chamber Ag Committee is celebrating by hosting Ag Appreciation Night with the Tri-City Storm on Tuesday, March 19th. Join us for a Pregame Reception from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and stay for the game against the Lincoln Stars, starting at 7:05 p.m.!

You can call the box office to get your game tickets at 308-338-8144 or you can purchase tickets online, and enter the password "scholarship."

We're looking for sponsors for the evening to help us celebrate agriculture and to raise money for the Chamber's Agriculture Scholarship Fund! This year the Chamber Ag Committee will be awarding two $1,100 Agriculture scholarships to students from Buffalo or Kearney Counties who are planning on pursuing a career in Agriculture.

Pregame Reception Sponsor: (member-$500, non-member-$550) Includes table for your business on the Concourse, business logo on signage and Chamber promotions.

Table Sponsor: (member-$100, non-member-$125) Includes table on the Concourse, business name on signage and Chamber promotions.

If your business is interested in sponsoring, please call Shanna at the Chamber at 308-237-4671.

**All money raised at Ag Appreciation Night will go to the Chamber Ag Scholarship Fund.

The Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee presents:

AG APPRECIATION NIGHT WITH THE TRI-CITY STORM

Please join us for a Pre-Game Appreciation Reception with drinks, food & socializing from 5 - 7 PM, Game Time at 7:05 PM

To purchase game tickets call the box office at 308.338.8144 and mention "Ag Scholarship." Part of the proceeds from the ticket sales and all money raised that night, will go to the Chamber's Ag Committee Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are awarded to two students from Buffalo or Kearney Counties who are planning on pursuing a career in Agriculture.

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SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE:

MARCH 15TH

Scholarships

Each spring the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce awards scholarships to area high school students who have met the requirements to graduate. Chamber committees work hard throughout the year to raise funds to sustain each scholarship. Chamber scholarships are as follows:

- $1,500 Mark Benjamin Building Opportunity Scholarship will be awarded to a student planning on attending a two-year college or trade school to pursue a career in the construction trades industry
- Two $1,100 Agriculture scholarships will be awarded to students from Buffalo or Kearney Counties who are planning on pursuing a career in Agriculture
- $750 Student Leader Scholarship will be awarded to a student planning to attend University of Nebraska Kearney
- $350 Student Leader Scholarship will be awarded to a student planning to attend Central Community College-Kearney Center

Applications and guidelines can be found at https://www.kearneycoc.org/scholarships and the deadline for all Chamber scholarships are **March 15th**.

NEBRASKA COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES		
	December 2018	December 2017
Adams	2.7%	3.2%
Buffalo	2.3%	2.3%
Douglas	2.9%	3.0%
Hall	3.0%	3.4%
Lancaster	2.3%	2.5%
Lincoln Co	2.8%	3.1%
Nebraska	2.6%	2.8%
USA	3.7%	3.9%
December 2018 numbers are preliminary		

LOCAL OPTIONS SALES & USE TAX		
	December 2018	December 2017
Kearney	$1,132,185.93	$1,194,018.03
Grand Island	$1,574,630.89	$1,636,152.47
Hastings	$562,074.1	$581,409.3
North Platte	$700,544.19	$729,934.75

LODGING TAX RECEIPTS		
	December 2018	December 2017
Buffalo	$66,309.13	$69,522.16
Hall	$46,726.44	$48,460.46
Adams	$8,724.78	$11,077.13
Lincoln Co	$49,848.65	$62,378.86

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NET TAXABLE SALES			
	November 2018	November 2017	% Change
Buffalo	$65,099,852	$61,268,104	6.3%
Hall	$86,318,329	$89,760,689	(3.8%)
Adams	$29,665,396	$31,052,696	(4.5%)
Lincoln Co	$36,557,434	$37,528,440	(2.6%)
MOTOR VEHICLE SALES			
	November 2018	November 2017	% Change
Buffalo	$8,069,491	$7,750,729	4.1%
Hall	$10,033,608	$9,195,336	9.1%
Adams	$4,581,546	$4,222,040	8.5%
Lincoln Co	$5,818,840	$5,466,775	6.4%

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MARCH HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

CHAMBER COMMITTEES

BUSINESS & EDUCATION	THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 4:00 PM
COLONELS	TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 4:00 PM
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 7:30 AM
ENVOYS	TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 5:00 PM
HOSPITALITY	THURSDAY, MARCH 14, NOON
LEADS BLUE	THURSDAYS, MARCH 14 & 28, 8:30 AM
LEADS GREEN	TUESDAYS, MARCH 5 & 19, 4:00 PM
NEBRASKA VETERANS FIRST	MONDAY, MARCH 11, 4:00 PM
SENIOR COALITION	TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 10:00 AM
SHOP KEARNEY 1ST	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 9:00 AM
SPORT & RECREATION	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 4:00 PM
YPN FIRST FRIDAY	FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 5:30 PM

PARTNER MEETINGS

KEARNEY SISTER CITIES	TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 4:30 PM
DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 8 AM
DOWNTOWN PROMOTIONS	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 8 AM
LEADERSHIP KEARNEY	FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 8:15 AM

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HEARTLAND BANK
212 E 56TH ST
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 8-9 AM

RIBBON Cutting

PUMP & PANTRY/KRISPY KRUNCHY CHICKEN
1616 2ND AVE
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 11 AM

BUSINESS after HOURS

AG APPRECIATION NIGHT WITH TRI-CITY STORM HOCKEY
VIAERO EVENT CENTER
609 PLATTE RD
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 5-7 PM

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KEARNEY WORKS
KEARNEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
1007 2ND AVE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 8-9 AM

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