

# Bowling Green Chamber Newsletter

**Year for the business!**



**Happy Easter!**

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## **Presidents Monthly Comments:**

If you missed the Business Expo in March you really missed a wonderful event. We had 35 exhibitors who truly demonstrated wonderful displays. Roughly we had over 70 citizens come through the event and the local papers really captured some great pictures and explained what a success it was. It was great to be able for our local business to showcase why you don't have to always travel out of town to find what you are looking for. I just want to take a quick moment to say "THANK YOU" to Holly Johnston, Deanna Feldmann, Marie Korte the co-chairs for putting the event together and Sue Moore for chairing the food booth and to all exhibitors who donated the time to setup and showcase on Saturday as well of all the volunteers who worked the event! We will plan on repeating this event again next year so watch for details and plan to attend!

I also encourage you to take note of all the exciting events coming up (Grand Re opening, Business after Hours, Mother's day raffle). Please mark your calendars and don't miss out on the fun.

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## **Monthly Member Meeting News:**

### **Free Money?**

New this year! Win \$25.00 dollars to spend on your employee's and business.

How? All chamber members will be automatically entered into the drawing each month. Attend the monthly member meeting and if your business name is drawn then win the \$25 dollars, you must be present to win; if the business that is drawn is not present the money carries over to the next month to maximum of \$100 dollars! It's Easy and a fun way to win so **JUST SHOW UP!**

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**Our monthly winner for April was.....**

### **People's Bank and Trust**

**Congratulations Christine Rutherford was present so they won \$75 dollars. The pot will go back to \$25 dollars, who will win?**

**Be sure to attend May's meeting!**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mother's Day Raffle**

**Do you have an extraordinary mother? The Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce a special drawing in honor of her! Beginning Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, you can sign your mother up in one of the participating businesses by simply filling out a form and writing a sentence explaining why your mom is so special. Drawing held May 8<sup>th</sup>. Watch the papers for the businesses to register at!**

## March's Chamber Member of the Month: **Pike County Farm Bureau**

In 1915, in Slater Missouri, ten County Farm Bureau groups met. By uniting in a group action to further agricultural interests, the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation was born. This spread to other states and then to the nation Each Mo. County Farm Bureau is part of the Missouri Farm Bureau. Today, most states have a Farm Bureau Federation. Each state Farm Bureau is then part of the American Farm Bureau Federation, which is the world's largest general farm organization. To some, it is a powerful legislative machine, to others a wonderful educational program and still others think of the outstanding services the organization offers.

Farm Bureau represents all of agriculture. With over 300 individual and different commodities produced by its members, it has a tremendous responsibility to bring together producers of these commodities, iron any differences between them and present a positive far-reaching united front for agriculture. Farm Bureau fights for legislation which would help farmers and opposes laws which would be harmful to farmers. With agriculture representing only about 3% of the total US population, farmers cannot afford to be divided.

Farm Bureau has been instrumental in the passage of practically every piece of legislation, which has affected farmers in the past 70 years.

A membership to Farm Bureau costs \$30. In addition to belonging to a great organization where you can make your voice heard, there are many membership benefits. There is free access through the web for farm marketing reports, long distance and internet services, and discounts on Dell Computers, theme park tickets, hotels, and pharmaceuticals. There is a complimentary Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy with each membership and also discounts on certain GM vehicles. One of our most visible membership benefits is our insurance services. In 1946, Farm Bureau Mutual began providing insurance to Farm Bureau members. In 1977, they merged with Town and Country Insurance and became Farm Bureau Town and Country Insurance. Their agents, located in the Pike County Farm Bureau office at 19 Business Hwy 61 N in Bowling Green, offer insurance in Auto, Home, Business, Farm, Equine, Health, Crop, Life, and annuities. The phone number is 573-324-2461.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April

24<sup>th</sup>: Mothers Day drawing begins.

### May

6<sup>TH</sup>: BUSINESS AFTER HOURS – EASTERN MISSOURI HEALTH SERVICES/PCMH PHYSICAL THERAPY CENTER 5:30PM

7<sup>TH</sup>: BOARD MEETING SUPER 8 BOARD ROOM

9<sup>TH</sup>: 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT VANDALIA GOLF CLUB

13<sup>TH</sup>: REGULAR MEMBER MEETING

28<sup>TH</sup>: HERITAGE FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING 5:30 SUPER 8

### JUNE

4<sup>TH</sup>: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOON SUPER 8

6<sup>TH</sup>: CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

10<sup>TH</sup>: CHAMBER MEMBER MEETING NOON BG SCHOOL BOARD



## Grand Reopening in New Location!

Mark your calendars for JR Johnston Tack Grand Re-Opening at their new location:

Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am-5pm located at:  
310 S Bus Hwy 61 (across from the CAP building)  
Refreshments and Store wide sales will be taking place so don't miss the fun!

## 1<sup>st</sup> Monthly Business after Hours to be held May 6<sup>th</sup>!

Eastern Missouri Health Services/PCMH Physical Therapy Center has agreed to hold the first business after hours sponsored by the Chamber.

This event is a way for local businesses to showcase their business to all chamber members and to allow an evening of social hour and networking with all chamber members in Bowling Green.

So come and enjoy “CINCO DE MAYO” Sponsored by Eastern Missouri Health Services/PCMH Physical Therapy Center and Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce located at the new Health Services/Physical Therapy building starting at 5:30.

This is a **FREE** event for all Chamber members. Finger foods and drinks will be provided as well as door prizes. Must be present to win the door prize (all chamber members automatically entered to win)!

Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this one!

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Located at Eastern Missouri Health Services/PCMH Physical Therapy  
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## **Welcome New Chamber Members!**

**Atmos Energy**

**Homemade Gourmet & Shorty's  
Cake Creation – Amanda Haas**

**Amish Community**

**WELCOME and THANK YOU for choosing to  
*invest your business with the Chamber!***

## **2009 Chamber Board**

**President: Corey Sanborn  
Vice President: Ryan Daffron  
Treasurer: Sarah Robinson  
Secretary: Denise Jones  
Past President: Deanna Feldmann  
Executive Director: Donna Colbert**

### **Board Members:**

**Rich Wilkinson  
Jack Jones  
Tim Gamm  
Marie Korte  
Sue Moore  
Holly Johnston  
Christine Rutherford  
Chad Perkins  
Jeremy Gilbert  
Elizabeth Summers  
Carolyn Wisecarver  
Shannon Walker**

The Chamber office hours Vary, but it is easy to contact us please call or email and Donna Colbert, Executive Director will contact you promptly.

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***1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
GOLF TOURNAMENT***

***Proceeds to benefit the City of Bowling Green Christmas Light Fund  
(Men & Women Teams Welcome)***

***FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE  
18 Holes \$150.00 Entry Fee Per Team  
Includes: Dinner, Welcome Package & Cart***

***SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2009  
At the VANDALIA Country Club  
Check in at 8:00 a.m. Tee off at 9a.m.***

***Prizes: Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, Longest Putt, and Ugly Ball Contest  
Guaranteed 1 Flight/ 3 Places 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$150, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$75  
Additional Flights & Cash Prizes determined by number of Entrants***

***Contact: Jeremy Gilbert (314)210-3667     \$400.00 Corporate Sponsorship  
Or     (Will be entered into tourney  
Ryan Daffron (573)795-9828 at no additional charge and be  
Registration Form: [www. bgchamber.org](http://www.bgchamber.org)     recognized at the dinner & get  
Registration Deadline – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009     a large sign) \$50.00 Hole  
Sponsorships Available***

