

Dates to Remember



“CHAMBER CONNECTION”

BARTON COUNTY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BIRTHPLACE OF HARRY S TRUMAN

Wednesday, July 2nd - BCAWS - Blue Top - Noon

Friday, July 4th - Chamber office closed - Independence Day

Wednesday, July 9th - Community Betterment - Noon - Wolf Building

Friday, July 11th - Relay for Life - Lamar City Park - 6:00 PM

Friday, July 11th - Chamber of Commerce Fireworks in the Park - Lamar City Park - 9:45 PM

Wednesday - Saturday, July 16th - 19th - Golden City Harvest Days - Golden City

Friday, July 18th - Chamber Annual Golf Tournament - Lamar Country Club

Friday, July 18th - Lamar Country Club Dinner & Dance - 6 PM

Saturday, July 19th - Missouri State Chili Cook Off - St. Mary's Catholic Church Parking Lot

Wednesday, July 23rd - Regional Meeting of Chambers of Commerce - Chamber Office

Thursday, July 24th - Music and Food on the Square - Lamar Square - 6 PM

Friday, July 25th - Burgers & Brats - BC Chamber Office - 11:30 AM

Missouri Chamber of Commerce

Your Barton County Chamber of Commerce is a member of the Missouri Chamber. This membership provides us with resources and representation in several areas, including Legislative Clout and Legislative Action.

The Missouri Chamber’s lobbyists champion member business interests, working against legislation that is anti-business and strongly supporting pro-business regulatory and legislative outcomes. No other pro-business organization can match the Missouri Chamber’s aggressive, professional lobbying team. The Missouri Chamber testifies on more issues, more often, than any other business organization in the state.

The Missouri Chamber’s Legislative Action Center is an interactive advocacy tool located on their website www.mochamber.com where you will find the Missouri Chamber’s legislative positions, as well as information updated daily on the various bills being tracked. Most important, you can use this tool to find your elected representatives, review their support of business-related bills and give lawmakers your immediate response to their actions.

Information on other Missouri Chamber benefits will be included in upcoming newsletters.

Regional FAM Tour

Wouldn’t it be great to find a way to get representatives from 13 towns around the Tri-State area to come to Lamar, giving us an opportunity to show off our attractions and businesses, and to see firsthand what Lamar and Barton County have to offer? Through a Tri-State regional group, that will happen on Wednesday, July 23.

Barton County is one of 13 counties participating in a regional effort to promote the tri-state area cooperatively. One goal of the group is to become FAMILIAR with the assets and attractions of our neighbors, including Anderson, Carl Junction, Carthage, Columbus, Grove, Joplin, Miami, Neosho, Pineville/Jane, Pittsburg, Sarcoux and Webb City. Also participating are representatives of the Workforce Investment Board of Southwest Missouri. The Steering

Committee for the regional chambers of commerce will be coming to Lamar for a Familiarization or FAM tour. This will be primarily a driving tour, with a few stops to see inside some of our businesses and attractions.

Following the tour, the committee will be having their monthly meeting at the Barton County Chamber office, and attending a backyard cookout at Charles and Nancy Curless’ home. The dinner will feature Barton County’s Best, with food and beverages produced locally – another opportunity to promote our local businesses! If you are interested in promoting your business by assisting with sponsorship, contact Nancy at the Chamber.

A regional summit was held in Joplin in April to create a plan for the regional group. The following committees were formed: Asset Mapping, Community Appearance, Education, Healthcare/Social Services, Infrastructure, Marketing/Branding, Regional ED and Tourism. Attending from Barton County were Lynn Calton, City of Lamar; Nancy Curless, Barton County Chamber; Jeff Hull, Barton County Electric Cooperative; Dale Dermott, My Energy Farm; Donna Long, Metropolitan National Bank of Lamar; Dr. Dennis Wilson, Lamar School Superintendent; Kathy Macomber, Business Development Specialist, University Extension; Rhonda Singer, Metropolitan National Bank of Golden City; Rudy Snedigar, CEO, Barton County Memorial Hospital and Tim Pashia, Golden Business Forms. Each committee has met and provided feedback that is shared with all members. The Tourism Committee will be producing maps of the entire region, with points of interest listed for each town and county. These will be available at local convenience stores, motels, restaurants and chamber offices.

This Lamar FAM tour and visit will provide us with many contacts and connections for prospective tourism and business development for Lamar and Barton County. We encourage you to keep the July 23 date in mind, and help clean up, spruce up and improve our city’s appearance for our guests.

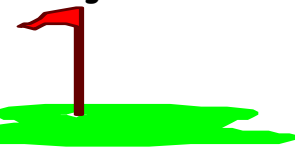
AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

LAMAR FREE FAIR AUGUST 16 - 23

BARTON COUNTY CHAMBER
ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE - FRIDAY, JULY 18, 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: _____ 4. _____ 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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REGISTRATIONS DUE JULY 16th

*4th Thursday Music and BBQ at the Bandstand
July 24th 6:00 PM
Bring your lawn chair
and enjoy music by "Sober as a Judge"
BBQ by Lamar Rotary and
Dessert by Barton County Democrats*

BENEFIT DINNER FOR MIKE RESA

SUNDAY, JULY 13th 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

United Methodist Church Family Life Center

\$8.00 Donation

Brisket, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Bread, and Homemade Pies

Benefit to help Mike & Family for lodging and travel expenses

Sponsored by Lamar United Methodist Church Youth

CONGRAUATIONS

TO

**SHIRLEY BULL, FARMERS INSURANCE AGENT
ON RECEIVING FARMERS' "TOPPER CLUB" HONORS**

Shirley was inducted into the Farmers' "Topper Club" of Farmers' top sales producers. Shirley has been recognized by Farmers for outstanding sales achievements in 2007.

Shirley is committed to providing quality insurance coverages and industry-leading service to Farmers' customers," noted Executive Vice president of Field Operations, Jerry Carnahan.

Shirley Bull Farmers Insurance, located at 907 Gulf Street, Lamar.

LAMAR COMMUNITY THEATRE'S

PRESENTATION OF

"CAMP PARADISE"

BY Rob Frankel

July 18, 19, 2008 7:00 PM Nightly

Thiebaud Auditorium

Tickets \$5 Children 3 and under free

Tickets on sale now at the Chamber Office



University of Missouri Extension

Evening Workshop

“Starting a Small Business”

Explore the steps to starting a new business with the University of Missouri Extension’s “Starting a Small Business: The First Steps” class from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, July 10 at the Wolf Center located at 801 E 12th Street, Lamar, MO 64759

“This workshop is designed specifically for those who are thinking about starting a business,” said Kathy Macomber, business development specialist, University of Missouri Extension. “We’ll examine the importance of planning, legal and regulatory requirements, and identify sources of financing.”

Each participant will receive a Start-up Manual. According to Macomber, this program will cover the three M’s of money, marketing and management—and other critical steps associated with starting a business.

Program highlights include: the importance of a business plan, identifying competitors and customers, and discussing the challenges of small business ownership.

Cost for this three-hour session program, which includes the Start-up Manual, is \$25 and advance registration is required.

To receive additional information and to register, please call 417-682-3579 or stop by the Barton County Extension office in the Wolf Center, Lamar.



COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Leisa Blanchard asked me to let everyone know the date of the upcoming Community Health Fair. It will be held on October 15, 2008 at the National Guard Armory. Please email Leisa if you are interested in reserving a booth space for the event. Her email is lblanard@bcmh.net or you can call her at 681-5259.



CUSTOM BARTON COUNTY THROWS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CHAMBER OFFICE

\$25

GREAT FOR BIRTHDAY OR CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

Barton County Relay For Life 2008
Event Schedule July 11th, 2008
6:00 PM to 6 AM in the Lamar City Park

Special Attractions:

Chrome Shop Mafia and Trucks

Lamar Chamber of Commerce Fireworks
Display

US Bank Baby Show –
We will have a stage this year!!

St. Johns Life Flight Helicopter Display

Food and Drinks Available

Funnel Cakes, BBO Beef, Burgers, Brats, Hotdogs, Baked Goodies, Home Made Ice cream, Snow cones, Iced Lattes'
AND MUCH MUCH MORE

Lots of Games

Beanbag Toss, Duck Pond, Hillbilly Golf, Wii Tournament, TV Karaoke, Guitar Hero, Fishing Booth, Auctions- several silent
auctions and raffles, including a Half Hog Raffle, Crafts- Jewelry, Flip-Flops,

Event Schedule

6:00 PM:

Opening Ceremonies

U.S. Bank Baby Show

Barton County Memorial Hospital Chicago Ball Tournament Begins

6:30 PM:

Survivor Ceremony and Lap

8:00 PM:

Lamar Tae Kwon Do Demonstration

8:30 PM:

HH Cloggers

Time TBA:

Leavell Brothers Band

9:00PM:

Luminary Ceremony

9:45PM

Chamber of Commerce Fire Works

10:00 PM

MO-ROCKA

Midnight to 5:00 AM

Team Games- Everyone Invited

5:30 AM:

Closing Ceremony

We would like to thank all of the Corporate Sponsors.

Gold Level

Barton County Memorial Hospital, Med Station,
KTS Computers, The Book-Keeper and Tax Preparer-Beverly Fast, Lamar Bank and Trust, Thorco Mfg, Metropolitan National Bank,
US Bank, Lamar Democrat-Doug & Rayma Davis,
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Silver Level

Isenhower Lumber Company, Barton County Title Company, Webb Electric, Synergy, Barton County Electric Cooperative,
Daniel Funeral Home

Bronze Level

Blue Top Enterprises, Fast Eddies Hot Rod Shop,
Lamar Country Club, Missouri Eagle

Purple Level

New Century Club, Bruce Belline Insurance,
TFS & Associates

Sponsors who donated for our NEW STAGE

Standley Milling, Inc, Kurt and Linda Marti, Lee Shaver Gunsmithing, Guillotine Choppers, Versacourt International, LLC, Castle Shoe Shop,

CHAMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Thank You to the following Members for their membership renewals in June 2008

Arts Council of Barton County - Rayma Davis, President - PO Box 202 Lamar, MO	682-5529
CPWSD #1 - Melinda Piper - PO Box 586 Lamar, MO	682-3038
Quality Connections - Melanie Wiles - PO Box 32 Lamar, MO	681-0066
Prairie State Park - Brian Miller - 128 NW 150th Mindenmines, MO	843-6711

Lamar Country Club Dinner & Dance



*Friday, July 18 - Social Hour 6:00 - Dinner 7:00
Music by Sober as a Judge begins at 7:30*



*Reservations Required by Wednesday, July 16 to either
Dennis at LCC 682-3977 or Nancy Curlless 682-2214 or nncurlless9@hotmail.com.
Tickets \$30 Couple - \$20 Single
Pork Chop Dinner includes
Dessert and Coffee, Water or Tea.*

CHAMBER STAFF:

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