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PIKE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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From the Chamber Office

In addition to celebrating our 20th Anniversary as a county-wide organization during 2007, the Pike County Chamber of Commerce adopted a new mission statement:

'Striving to make Pike County a better place to live, work and visit'

Last year was also a 'groundbreaking' year for the Pike County Chamber of Commerce and businesses in Pike County. Several new businesses came about as well as several 'old' businesses that have undergone changes in and out. Through Ribbon Cuttings and Open Houses

we brought your business to everyone in Pike County with the help of our local newspapers and WBBA radio.

Many changes have also taken place within the Pike County Chamber office. The Chamber board of directors spent several months undergoing a strategic planning process in order to restructure the goals and vision for our future.

The Pike County Chamber of Commerce welcomes and looks forward to bringing new and fresh ideas to help promote our businesses and attractions in Pike County.

Please send any pictures or news articles pertaining to your place of business to us and we will include them in future monthly publications.

We are also committed to helping promote Pike County Businesses, events and attractions, so please keep the Chamber informed of any upcoming events you are having.

You can contact us at 285-2971 or by email at info@pikeil.org. Or feel free to stop by our office at 224 W Washington, Pittsfield.

Please contact Karen at the Chamber office for any questions or concerns you may have.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE WINNERS

On Thursday, December 20th the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, Pittsfield Main Street and the Pike County Visitor Center held its Holiday Open House. Despite the cold weather and busy season many people stopped by for some snacks and tour of the Visitor Center.

Winners of the drawings

held and the items won were Kayla Hoover, a candle from Casteel's; Joyce Reese, a coffee mug from Brants; Nancy Hart, a gift box from Pea Ridge Elk Ranch; Stephanie Sorrells, a subscription to the Pike Press; Chris Schlieper, a subscription to the Pike County Express; Tammy Harshman, a decorated

holiday item from Rachel Baker; and Kathy Zimmerman, a NAPA car.

Several in attendance had not been to the Visitor Center and were surprised to see all of the information available on the many Pike County businesses, services and destinations.

Thanks again to all and stop in anytime!

What's Happening
Thursday, Feb. 7th -
PCEDC Annual Meeting 7 pm, Farm Bureau Hall.
The featured topic is: 'Generations in the Workplace'
Sat., Jan. 26 - Collver Family Winery, Barry -
Murder Mystery Dinner 'Gilligan's Island of Death' For info 335-3279.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *New Chamber Mission Statement*
- *Holiday Open House Winners*
- *2008 Pike County Chamber of Commerce Members*
- *Chamber FAQ's*
- *Chamber Board Officers and Directors*
- *Chamber Ambassadors*

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"Working Together For All Of Pike County"

2007 Chamber Board Officers & Directors

Trent Hayden, President,
A.G Edwards

Lois Pennock, Vice President,
*JDL Longhorn, Walnut Knob
Outdoors, Pea Ridge Elk Ranch*

Peter Wright, Treasurer,
Wright Place Auto Body

Carolyn Casteel, *Casteel's*

David Fuhler, *WBBA*

Kent Hawley, *JWCC*

Nancy Kurpaitis, *Old Flor-
ence Guest House*

Pauline Little, *Fashion Flow-
ers*

Mina Robertson, *Farmers
National Bank*

Mike Spann, *COUNTRY
Insurance & Financial Services*

Andy Sprague, *Sprague's
Kinderhook Lodge*

Robert Wood, *City of Pitts-
field Alderman*

2007 Ambassadors

Jake Allen, Corn Belt Bank

Kim Ator, Farmers State Bank

Teresa Bauer, Eastside Health &
Rehab Center

Dr. Cole Bradburn, Midwest
Chiropractic Clinic

Sheila Davidsmeyer, North-
western Mutual Financial Services

Britini Deeder, Pike County
Farm Bureau

Tammy Harshman, Illini
Health Services

Nichole Liehr, Pike Press

Brenda Middendorf, Two
Rivers RC&D/Access Illinois

Jennifer Ross, J.D. Ross &
Associates, Inc

Stephanie Sorrells, PCEDC

Beth White, Farmers National
Bank

CHAMBER FAQ'S

Introduction

The Pike County Chamber of Commerce is an association of business people concerned about improving the area they do business in and who are willing to actively do something about it. Its strength lies in the number and diversity of its membership. Both large and small businesses, from virtually every profession, are represented and influence the direction of the Chamber's programs. These programs are financed by membership investments in the Chamber.

Our members are the Chamber.

"We are working together for ALL of Pike County"

The more members the Chamber has, the better it can represent the business community. *It accomplishes collectively what no one business could do alone.*

Mission Statement

Striving to make Pike County a better place to live, work and visit.

Vision Statement

A major objective of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce is to promote the county as a whole unit and to assist with the promotion of economic development. Working hand in hand with city and county boards as well as Economic Development Coordinators, the Chamber aids in attracting businesses that will complement our area and provide more jobs for our residents. We also promote our chamber members to visitors and community residents. The Chamber, in coordination with our State Chamber, keeps a watchful eye on government at all levels, alerting our members to issues that can directly affect their bottom line. The Chamber sponsors many events and programs throughout the year that allow the members to network with each other and promote their services within the business community.

Chamber Finances

The Chamber of Commerce is funded solely through its membership dues, donations, and profits earned by our special events.

Directors & Staff

There are 12 elected board members on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and 9 Directors). The Chamber also has one paid staff position, Karen Griggs, the Executive Director. (see Board Officer and director list on left)

Ambassadors' Club

The Pike County Chamber of Commerce has a very active Ambassadors' Club. Our ambassadors act as a Chamber liaison at community events and also assist the Director at various Chamber events throughout the year. To become an ambassador, contact the Chamber office at 217.285-2971 or via e-mail at info@pikeil.org. (see Ambassador list on left)



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The Pike County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center is
open Monday through Friday
9 am to noon and 1:30 to 4 pm.

Support our Pike County Chamber Members

list effective as of 12.31.07

Abe Lincoln Project	Ed & Woodie's S & S Inc.	KHQA TV	Pikeland Outfitters
Access Illinois Outdoors	Edwards Construction, Inc	Kientzle Shoe Store	Pine Lakes
Adams Networks, Inc.	Edward Jones	Kinderhook State Bank	Pittsfield Main Street
Adecco Employment Services	ETC Computerland	Kountry Expressions	Pittsfield Public Library
A.G. Edwards	Evergreen Lawn &	Kozy Korner Promotions	Pittsfield Tire, Inc.
All State InsuranceAgency	Pest Control	Liberty Village	Pizza Hut
Ameren CIPS	Farmers National Bank	Likes Land Surveyors Inc.	Poole Advertising, LLC
Address' Apartments	of Griggsville	Logan Agri-Service Inc.	Prairie Care Alliance
Area Disposal Service, Inc.	Farmers State Bank	Lowry Music Company	Quanada
Bank of Kampsville/ Pleasant Hill Facility	Fashion Flowers	Lusage Marketing Inc	Quick Shot Photography
Barber Agency	First Bank of Pittsfield	Maschhoff Pork L.L.C.	Quincy Convention & Visitors Bureau
Barton & Associates	First National Bank of Barry	MATAM, Inc	Quincy Herald Whig Realty 1
Baughman, Wayne	GFC	McCartney Real Estate	Red Dome Inn
Bee Creek Quarter Horses & Cattle	Grand Oaks Outfitters	McDonald's	Reed Promotional Media
Benton & Associates, Inc.	Gray House B&B	MECO Engineering Company	Rodhouse Rut-N-Strut
Bert's West Side Flats	Griggsville Christian Church	Memory Lane Awards	Rotary Club of Pittsfield
BJ's Guest Houses	Griggsville Estates	Mental Health Centers of Western Illinois	Scranton Appraisal Services
Blue River Outdoors, Inc.	H & R Block	Midwest Chiropractic Clinic	Sheppard, John & Karolyn
Bowlers Universe	Harpole's Heartland Lodge	Mississippi Valley Lodging LLP	Sprague's Kinderhook Lodge
Bradshaw Real Estate	HeartlandChiropractic Center	Monroe Street Suites	State Farm Insurance
Brants Antiques & Gift Center	Heaton Chevrolet-Olds-Geo	Morrow Farms	Stilwell, Johnson & Gwen
Brickyard Sports Bar & Grill	Heimer & Associates, Inc.	Moss Family Farms, Inc.	Stroemer Foods Catering Subway
Brookside Marketing	Hollahan & Hollahan	Nature Society	Summer Hill Antique Mall
Buckeye Creek Outfitters	Hooper & Niebur Insurance	Neal Tire & Auto Service	The Archery Shop
Bucks BeWare Outfitters	Hopewell Winery	New Canton Township	The Clothing Center
Butler Outdoor Farms Adventures	Ice House Inn, Inc.	Niebur Funeral Home	Trinity Rentals/ D-C Elec.
Calvary Baptist Church	Ideal Hardware	Noble Harrison II, CPA	Twin Pike Family YMCA
Campbell Farms Hunting	Illini Community Health Care Foundation	Northwestern Mutual Financial Network	Two Rivers FS
Carnes, Inc.	Illini Community Hospital	Oitker Ford Sales	Two Rivers Jeep Club
Casey's General Store	Illini Health Services Inc.	Old Florence Hotel & Guest House	Underground Railroad Antiques
Cass Cable TV, Inc.	Illinois Department of Employment Security	Old Orchard Country Club	Verizon North
Casteel Color Wheel	Illinois Rural Electric Coop	Pea Ridge Elk Ranch	Village of Pleasant Hill
Catering & More	Illinois Small Business Development Center	Perry Quick Mart, Inc	Wade Real Estate
Central State Bank	Illinois Valley Paving Company	Peter's Heating & Air Conditioning	Wal-Mart Discount Cities
Chenoweth Bulldozing & Tile	Illinois Xtreme Whitetail Lodge	Pike Bucks Unlimited	Walnut Knob Outdoors, Inc.
Cherry's Guest House	Ingersoll, Katherine	Pike County Government	Watkins Products Randy & Sheila Boes
Church of the Nazarene	International Eye Care	Pike County Bucks	WBBA - DJ Two Rivers, Inc.
City of Barry	Investment Centers of America	Pike County Community Health Partnership	West Central Illinois Therapy and Sports Medicine Center
City of Griggsville	J.D. Ross & Associates, Inc.	Pike County Economic Development Corporation	WGEM
City of Pittsfield	Jacksonville Journal Courier	Pike County Express	Winchester Guest house
Collver Family Winery	JBS/United	Pike County Farm Bureau	Wright Place Auto Body
Corn Belt Bank & Trust Co.	JDL Longhorn Inc.	Pike County Glass Inc.	Wright, Harry & Helen
COUNTRY Insurance & Financial Services	Jess Spradlin's Midwest Homes	Pike County Health Department	Zimmerman Bros. Inc.
County Market	State Rep. Jim Watson	Pike County Historical Society	
DCEO	JK Ranches	Pike County Lumber Company	
Eagle Business Products, LLC	John Petty & Sons	Pike County Real Estate, Inc.	
Eagle Lakes Outfitters	Construction Company, Inc.	Pike Press	
Eastside Health & Rehabilitation Center	John Wood Community College		
	Jones Poultry		
	Kentucky Fried Chicken		

Thank YOU for supporting
the Pike County Chamber
of Commerce!



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THE CHAMBER NEWS

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PIKE COUNTY ITEM DONATIONS NEEDED!!

Illinois tourism is strong and growing as an industry.

The economic impact of tourism from each of the counties in West Central Illinois for 2006 includes: Adams - \$73.9 million, 4.4 percent increase from 2005 levels; Brown - \$4.9 million, up 8 percent; Hancock - \$23.3 million, up 4.3 percent; Henderson - \$15.6 million, up 8.2 percent; Knox

- \$52.8 million, up 4.1 percent; McDonough - \$27.1 million, up 7.9 percent; ***Pike - \$20.1 million, up 5.9 percent;*** Schuyler - \$4.4 million, up 3.5 percent;

The Pike County Chamber of Commerce is committed to helping Pike County deliver the best possible experience available to its visitors.

The 2008 Illinois Governor's Conference

on Tourism will be held February 13-15th in Springfield.

The Pike County Chamber of Commerce is putting a BIG basket of Pike County items together to be offered at the Silent Auction, held during the conference, with proceeds going toward Illinois' Tourism Alliance educational programs.

Some suggested donation items include, dining

certificates, B&B or weekend lodge getaways, fishing or hunting trips as well as any and all ‘***Made In Illinois Products.***’

PLEASE help us create a ‘uniquely packaged’ Pike County basket and show the entire state of Illinois all that Pike County has to offer.

Please call Karen at the Chamber office at 285-2971 with donations or for more information.



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