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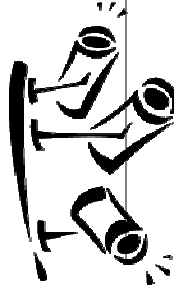
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The Chamber News

Please plan to attend the Fall Cookout fundraiser on September 23rd and bring your friends. Feel free to post the enclosed flyer in your place of business.



- Copies of the 2008 Pike County Visitors Guides are available at the Chamber office. Stop by and pick up your copy. Planning has already begun on the 2009 guide.

- Did you know that John Wood Community College has a job link site that lists opening in the area? Although we'll provide more information in the next newsletter, JWCC wanted you as employers to know this service is available to you. The address is <http://www.jwcc.edu/students/career/joblink.asp>

- The Chamber's Time & Temperature system reached a milestone in May- its 5th year of operation. If you are looking for an economical way to get your advertising or community service message out to our community consider this: As of this writing we have logged over 47,000 calls this year, an average of over 5,500 per month. The system features a rotating advertisement followed by the current time, temperature, and a brief forecast. Cost for a spot is \$360/year and your message can be changed monthly, if needed, to promote specific items, events, etc. Call the Chamber for more details.

- Illini Hospital has added Digital Mammography to its offerings. This information, along with a letter from CEO Connie Schroeder (on the back) about important Illini news can be found on the enclosed pink flyer.

- The Pike County ATOD Task Force has launched a SAFE HOMES Program in the Pleasant Hill School District, with reach to other communities planned after the initial year. Information is enclosed.

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NEW EXECUTIVE TEAM, NEW MEMBERS, NEW DIRECTOR & MORE

Welcome back to *The Chamber News*! We've been quiet for awhile, but not because we haven't been busy. First, for those of you whom I have not yet met, I'm Kaye Lfner, your new Executive Director and therefore the new editor of *The Chamber News*. I take full responsibility for the gap in communication, but now that I have a few months under my belt, I'll see to it we get on a regular monthly schedule. Watch for a new look in future issues, but for now, let's catch up. You'll notice this mailing is jam-packed with special information and inserts. Fall is a busy time in beautiful Pike County!

So what's new with the Pike County Chamber of Commerce Board?

For one thing, we have a new Executive Team. The Board of Directors held elections in the spring, not long after the Annual Meeting. David Fuhler, WBBA Radio, was elected President, filling the role vacated by Trent Hayden after many years of service. Kent Hawley, John Wood Community College, was elected Vice President, and Peter Wright, Wright Place Auto Body, was elected to a second term as Treasurer. Former Vice President Lois Pennock, who asked not to be considered for an officer position, remains very active on the Board. Karen Griggs accepted a position at County Market, and I came on board shortly after that. Board member and long time Chamber member Pauline Little, Fashion Flowers, recently resigned from the Board of Directors, but plans to still remain active with the Chamber. A big **thank-you** from the Board to Trent, Karen and Pauline for all they have done for the Chamber and Pike County.

(A complete list of Board Members and Ambassadors can be found in the sidebar on page 2.)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS & BUSINESSES

New Members since May

We have a number of new members who have joined in the past few months. Please welcome Clay Flock of **Agricultural Equipment and Livestock Appraisals (AELA)**, Bill Beard of **Beard Design and Graphics**, Randy and Marjie Guthrie of **First Class Detailing**, Jessica Foster of **Girl Scouts of Central Illinois**, Tom Sims of **Sims PC Repair**, Rigo Cobian of **Maya Authentic Mexican Cuisine**, Marva Hurst of **Waggin Tails**, and **John & Cheryl Birch**. A list of all Chamber members can be found on page 3, with contact information available in the **Members Directory** on our website.

Ribbon Cuttings:

We've had several ribbon cuttings for new businesses and new locations over the past few months, some for members and some for businesses still considering joining the Chamber. Ribbon cuttings included Kids Depot/DoubleShot Photography on June 21st, First Class Detailing on July 17th, and Country Fixins Primitives and Antique Mall on August 26th. All were well attended by Chamber members, friends, the City of Pittsfield, and representatives from the Pike Press and the Pike County Express; resulting in good exposure for the new businesses. (A ribbon cutting for Waggin Tails is to come).

SAVE THE DATE!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD - PIKE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S ANNUAL FALL COOK-OUT FUNDRAISER (A STEAK FRY) HOPEWELL WINERY, SUMMER HILL 4:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE, CARRY-OUTS AVAILABLE. TICKETS \$15.00 EACH. AVAILABLE FROM ANY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEMBER OR AMBASSADOR, OR AT THE CHAMBER OFFICE. SEE INSERT.

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Happenings in the Chamber and around the County

Golfers enjoy the Chamber Open

The 14th Annual Pike County Chamber Golf Open was held Friday, May 16th at member Bow Lake Golf Course in Barry. Thanks to Jeff Hogge of Bow Lake for being such a gracious host. Seventeen teams participated, and a good time was had by all. Thanks to the Chamber Ambassadors for their hard work and to our corporate sponsors, hole sponsors, and door prize contributors. A special thanks also to the Chamber's VIP, First Class, and Business sponsors listed on page 4. The 15th Annual Chamber Open will be held Friday, May 15, 2009 at Old Orchard Golf Course in Pittsfield.

Jeepers visit Pike County

The Two Rivers Jeep Club held two national 4-wheeling events in Pike County this year: the Illini 4x4 Safari in May, and the 4X4 BLAST in August. This was the 10th year for the BLAST and the 7th year for the Safari. People have attended from over 20 states, and TRJC events have been covered in many of the major 4WD magazines. These events have a major economic impact on our county, both in terms of the revenue they bring to local businesses, and the donations made by TRJC to local organizations. Many of you have supported TRJC with donations of raffle prizes which have allowed the club to collect thousands of dollars from raffle ticket sales- 100% of which has been donated back into the community and surrounding areas. We commend you for your generosity!

What you may not be aware of is how your Chamber supports TRJC and these important events. We provide administrative support for the events: collecting and processing registration forms, entering information into the Safari and BLAST databases, assembling and mailing registration packets, and other help as needed. We processed and mailed over 200 packets for the Safari (over 300 people attended), and over 100 packets for the BLAST. This is an excellent relationship- a win-win for TRJC and all of Pike County. To learn more about TRJC, visit their website at www.trjc.com.

Pike County Fall Color Drive October 18th & 19th

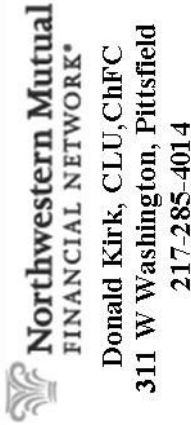
Started as a way to promote local crafters, artisans, and communities within Pike County by attracting visitors to the county during the peak fall foliage time, the Fall Color Drive has grown to a major tourism event. It is our only countywide event, and this year marks the 20th anniversary. Besides our spectacular fall scenery, Pike County also has a rich Lincoln and Civil War history. With 2009 being the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln, Fall Color Drive activities will take advantage of and celebrate our local connections to Lincoln and the Civil War.

The Color Drive committee has been planning the 2008 event almost since the last one. The participating communities have been busy planning their activities, which will be listed on the Color Drive website, www.pikecolordrive.com. A comprehensive advertising program is planned. A new rack card with both the 2008 and 2009 dates will be distributed to Visitor Centers all over the state. We've provided a flyer in this packet which we ask you to hang in your place of business.

The Fall Color Drive has a significant benefit to the entertainment and economy of Pike County. It's not too late to get involved. The next meeting is Monday, Sept 22 at 7:00 PM at the Farm Bureau building in Pittsfield.



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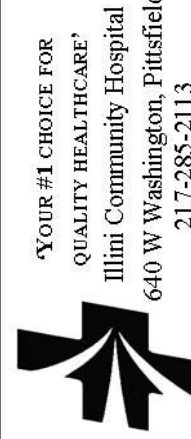
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