



Chamber Connection

October 2016

THE 50TH ANNUAL APPLE BUTTER MAKIN' DAYS, WHAT ELSE COULD WE FEATURE THIS MONTH?

LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

FIRST YEAR, 50TH YEAR

The one thing I can say about this town in my first year as the Chamber Director, we are all in when it comes to the 50th Annual Apple Butter Makin' Days. I am daily in awe of the volunteers and the effort exerted to make this event **THE EVENT**. And what a fine piece of history we have here. I don't know the statistics but I figure only a handful of festivals make it to the 50-year mark and at the level of this event.

I recognize the learning curve is steep, not just for ABMD but the position in general. There is a lot I have been entrusted with but the people that have helped for years know their jobs and duties so I am trying to fill in the spaces between.

Even though this is only one of the events we have throughout the year, this is one that brings everyone together as was evident in the Community Day of Service. Another example of the people that make up our neighborhood. There was blood (minor – only required a band

aid), sweat (lots and lots of that) and tears (of joy and laughter mostly). All of this effort to beautify our city in advance of ABMD and help our neighbors.

I recently attended Chamber Management Academy in Jeff City. We talked at length about events. When I explained the size of ABMD and the financial impact it has on our Chamber, my new friends wished they could procure something of this magnitude for their communities. But you cannot discount the previous 49 years put in to make it what it is today.

So I say thank you volunteers. You are making my first year and ABMD's 50th year seamlessly coincide. So glad you are a part of the **Chamber Connection**.

BOARD MEMBERS: Ellen Rice – President; Darren Selvidge – Vice-President; Mike Tebow, Brian George, Katie Powell, Joey Orr, Kitty Crider, Ryan Squibb, and David Gregersen. Director, Pam Dudley.



Large Group of Volunteers

Over 60 people volunteered for the Community Betterment event, Community Day of Service. We mowed, trimmed trees and bushes to clean up 15 properties. And there were additional people behind the scenes making lunch, all food donated by Wal-Mart and King Cash Saver. Thank you!



Chamber Annual Gun Raffle

It's that time of year and we have a revolver up for grabs if you hold the winning raffle ticket. This is a Heritage Rough Rider 22LR with 22MAG cylinder included. Chances are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Get your tickets from any Board member, at the Chamber and at The Record. Best of Luck!

New Members

- We welcome **Sexton & Associates, CPAs**, 103 North Market Street. **Erika Sexton** is a staple in accounting services for our neighborhood and we are so glad to have them now as Chamber members. Sexton offers income tax preparation and planning, accounting and payroll services. And they are just plain friendly folks willing to help when they can. Give Sexton and Associates, CPAs a chance to earn your business. Call Monday-Friday 9 to 5, 417-461-7012 and tell them the Chamber sent you. **Service Local!**
- When you think of unique designs for furnishings and décor, **Creations by LaRose** should be the local contact for you. Owner **Emma LaRose** turns reclaimed wood into custom furniture pieces. While

she does not have a brick and mortar location, you can give Emma a call to arrange a viewing of available work or visit with her about a customized piece. 636-295-2481. **Make Local!**

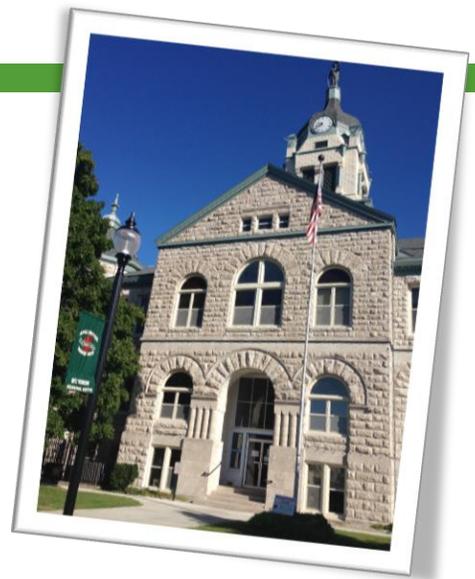
*We would love to hear your ideas to make our **Chamber Connection** better, if you have a story idea or would like to write a guest column, contact the CoC.*

Famous Quotes

Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful. - Albert Schweitzer

A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him. - David Brinkley

I find the harder I work the more luck I seem to have. - Thomas Jefferson



BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

The **Community Betterment Council** have been busy as of late. In September they held a fundraiser biscuit and gravy breakfast. The money raised will go to future projects that are in the idea stages. They are looking for more volunteers that want to help our neighbors. Another program, the Beautification Award, is in full swing. Pictured above is the Lawrence County Courthouse, the latest award recipient. Contact the Chamber for more information on meeting dates and upcoming opportunities. **Lend a Hand, Touch a Heart.**



Remember to Shop Local, you can make a difference.

Business Expo to Receive a Facelift

In an attempt to stay current and build excitement, we have a new committee formed to launch the 2017 Business Expo. You might notice the first change is the date, out of January and into spring, April 1st. We are seeking committee members that would like to help make this event amazing. If you have a passion for "Shop Local" please join us in the planning stages. We have always had a good show and want to involve every aspect of local business. Call the Chamber!

Calendar of Events

50th Annual Apple Butter Makin' Days, Oct. 7, 8 and 9, games on Friday, hours 9-6; Parade on Saturday 9 am, live music all day, wiener dog races at 2 in the park, close at 6; hours Sunday 10-4, church service on the square at 9:30.

Village of Lights Fundraiser Breakfast, at the Senior Citizens Center Friday and Saturday morning during ABMD, 6:30-9.

Village of Lights Christmas Parade, Saturday, November 26th at 4:45, along with the lighting of the courthouse & see Santa. If you would like to enter your home or business in the Tour of Homes, please contact the Chamber Office.

Chamber Board Meeting, CoC Office, Thursday, October 20th, noon. Please let us know if you would like to be a part of what we do as Board elections will be here soon. We love visitors!