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Several prestigious awards were presented by 2024 Chamber Chair Gaye Suggett at the Chamber's Neon Night's Gala held September 6 at Canterbury Hill Winery that was attended by over 400 people. DJ Drury received the Scruggs Impact Award recognizing his contributions to Jefferson City's future. His success in businesses including Canterbury Hill Winery, Madison's Cafe, Stockman Stoneworks the Simonsen Development and other housing projects is matched by vision to serve his community. He is involved and supports many charitable organizations and fundraisers.

Rod Smith received the Naught Family Award for his civic service in Jefferson City. Rod is an icon for service, family and faith. In his career at KRCG, he is not revered only for his reporting on sports, but his humanity and love for the community and the people in Jefferson City. . Ann Bax received the William W. Quigg Leadership Award recognizing her outstanding and dedicated service to the community and helping others over time .From using her talents as the executive director of the United Way of Central Missouri, to her personal life and also her church, she truly embodies what it means to give back to our community and help



DJ Drury - Scruggs Impact Award



Rod Smith - Naught Award



Ann Bax - Quigg Award

others. Ann continues her dedication to our community in retirement, noting that it's our responsibility to make our community the best

it can be. If you asked those who work closely with her, they would tell you she is an incredibly caring and giving person who is selfless, hard-

working and committed. "We are blessed to have so many amazing people in our community whose contributions make Jefferson City

a great place to live and do business." said Susan Neill Dawdy, Director of Membership & Special Events for the Chamber.

NETWORKING CALENDAR

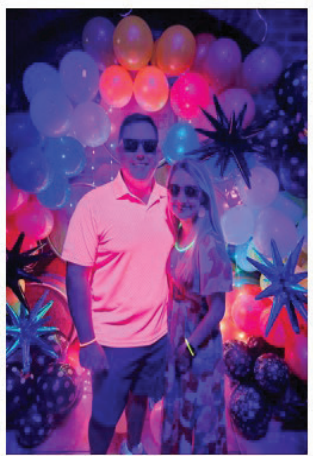


Chamber Connections
September 19
3rd Thursday of each month
Last Flight Brewing Co. (rotates Chamber Member Restaurants & Bars)
4:00-5:30 pm

Friday Coffee
October 11
2nd Friday odd months
9am at Chamber & ZOOM

Young Professionals (YP) Monthly Meeting
October 5
1st Thursday of each month
11:30 am

Check the Chamber's website for more information:
www.jcchamber.org



In addition to the awards, festivities for the evening included a surprise drone show themed to Neon Nights plus a Gala Prize give away that was four tickets to the Taylor Shines Laser Spectacular at MU CRMU Amphitheater, followed by networking and dancing. Special thanks to the Gala Committee chaired by Stephanie Lehmen, C&S Employment Solutions and Shelly Schwartz, Mid America Bank.

Chamber Unveils Plans to Launch Women's Network in 2024



Gaye Suggett, Ameren Missouri Chamber Chair

inclusive. Over the past two years the Minority Business Council has grown to over 100 small businesses and nonprofit organizations which are now connected and engaged with our Chamber. We have also focused on being more inclusive by developing programs specifically aimed at women in business.

One of the things I'm most proud of this year is a team of great women volunteers that came together this past March to host our first-ever Women's Symposium at Capital Bluffs Event Center with more than 150 women in attendance. The symposium's theme was Investing in HER: Managing the Journey, and we heard from amazing leaders about growth and leadership, the importance of mentor/mentee relationships, about entrepreneurship, about being intentional with career and life, and about the importance of managing our health. Major sponsors included the SBDC at Lincoln University, Ameren Missouri, MU Health/Capital Region Medical Center, Hitachi Energy, SSM Health and Modern Litho

Print. This event was so successful we are already planning for our 2nd annual symposium in March of 2025. Be on the lookout for more information. We are working hard to make it even bigger and better than our first. The positive reaction we received to the Women's Symposium prompted us to begin creating a more permanent affiliate focused on women's opportunities, challenges and successes. We have taken our lead from other chambers around the country who have developed programs specifically for women. One of those successful models has been the Columbia Chamber's Women's Network. Our plan is to launch our own Women's Network before the end of the year and to schedule quarterly programs in 2025.

Two dynamic Chamber members have said Yes to be the inaugural co-chairs of our Women's Network. They are Kyerra Johnson, with We Speak Foundation, and Renee Duenckel, with Jefferson Bank. Kyerra and Renee are working

on a November 7 launch event that would be tied into our annual Business Leadership Summit at Capital Bluffs. We'll be sharing additional information very soon about the launch, including an Incentive to join the Women's Network that day. In the meantime, for more information, contact Lori Pitts, Membership & Special Events Assistant at Chamber. You can reach Lori at loripitts@jcchamber.org.



Renee Duenckel



Kyerra Johnson

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Battle of the Brews – A Huge Success

Members of the Leadership Jefferson City Class of 2024 hosted the 9th Annual Battle of the Brews on August 24 as their class project. The event was held at the Jefferson City Jaycees Cole County Fairgrounds. Nearly 700 people attended the event that included 17 brewers competing for overall People's Choice Award plus trophies for either Home Brewer or Commercial Brewer. Aside from the amazing beer offered by the brewers, the event also provided games, raffles and food from Pizza Kwik and Lehmen BBQ & Catering. The event proceeds will benefit the two selected beneficiaries, Special Learning Center and The Sneaker Project. The Chamber and Leadership Jefferson City thank presenting sponsor Pizza Haus for their support, along with Boy Aaron Photography, State Technical College of Missouri, Zimmer Communications, Mid America Bank, Diamond Pet Food, Jefferson City News Tribune, Marble Graphics, MU Health Care - Capital Region Medical Center, The Studio at Dunklin,

T/22, Imagemark Marketing & Advertising, Cumulus Media, Rusty Drowing, Hawthorn Bank, Mike Howell & Son Plumbing, Morris Packaging, Custom Promotional Branding, KRCG13, SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital, NCW Hair, Missouri Hospital Association, Samco, Newman Comley Ruth P.C., Bee Seen Signs, Arete Contracting, Modern Litho, RE/MAX - Trickey Cotten Team, Midwest Title & Escrow, River Region Credit Union, Ameren Missouri, Sports Afield Real Estate - Dale Struempf, JCMG, Jefferson Bank, Central Bank, U-First Construction, Shangri-La Dispensaries, Legends Bank, Liberty Family Medicine, Huber & Associates, Independent Living Resource Center, Elara Caring, Caspers 66, Engineering Surveys & Services, Community Point Bank, Gratz Real Estate & Auctioneering, U.S. Rents-It, RE/MAX - Kim Idel, Prost Builders, StoneBridge Senior Living, CY&Associates, Spyder Technologies, Cole County Abstract & Title, Gibbons Workman and HPCreative LLC.



2024 Winners

Commercial Brewer Winners:

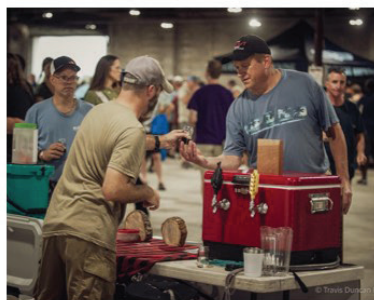
- **1st** – Last Flight Brewing Company, Peach Wheat
- **2nd** – Bur Oak, 10th & Cherry
- **3rd** – Prison Brews, Big House Brew

Home Brewer Winners:

- **1st** – Four Score Brewing Company, Blueberry Frent Toast
- **2nd** – Störmcrow Brewing Company, Dobbelbock
- **3rd** – Bent Barrell Project, Frost Bite

People's Choice Winners:

- **Home Brewer:** Forck Brewery
- **Commercial Brewer:** Last Flight Brewing Company



Congratulations Leadership Jefferson City Class of 2024!

On September 5th, the 36th class of Leadership Jefferson City enjoyed a graduation reception, capping their experience in the program as the Class of 2024. Beginning in March, class members participated in day-long sessions that highlighted ten different sectors of our community. By developing a deeper understanding and appreciation for Jefferson City and Cole County, class members are motivated to be involved citizens and leaders.

Thank you to our 2024 sponsors: Align Chiropractic Clinic, Ameren Missouri, Bartlett & West, Capital Region Medical Foundation, Central Bank, Compass Health Network, Farmer Companies, Forward Jefferson City, GFI Digital, Hank Vogt - RE/MAX Jefferson City, Hawthorn Bank, Independent Living Resource Center, JC Parks, Jefferson Bank, Jefferson City Medical Group, Jefferson City News Tribune, Jefferson City School District, Learfield, Lincon University, Mid America Bank, Missouri Hospital Association, MU Health - Capital

Region Medical Center, N.H. Scheppers Distributing Co., Scholastic, SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital, State Technical College of Missouri, The Growth Coach of Columbia, Unilever and Zimmer Communications.

Class member Justin Parker in the healthcare industry was selected by the LJC Class of 2024 to serve a one-year term as the class representative to the Chamber's Board of Directors and the LJC Steering Committee.

Are you interested in experiencing Leadership Jefferson City for yourself?

Apply for 2025 Leadership Jefferson City! For addi-



Justin Parker

tional information about the program, contact Ashley Temme, ashleytemme@jchamber.org or 573-638-3590.

2025 Leadership Jefferson City applications will be available to members of the Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce in December 2024.

StartUp Jefferson City gears up for the 13th Annual Pitch It & Win It competition

Startup Jefferson City will host the 13th annual Pitch It & Win It competition at the end of October and will announce the winner at the Business & Leadership Summit November 7 hosted by the Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce. The StartUp Jefferson City committee is proud to announce the Small Business Development Center at Lincoln University as the main sponsor for the competition again this year. SBDC at Lincoln University will be providing a total cash purse of \$5,000 to the winner. Since 2011, the competition has offered budding entrepreneurs an opportunity to pitch their business ideas for a chance at winning startup capital. This cash award is a great motivator for all competitors, but the greater value comes as each participant will receive

free professional business counseling. One lucky competitor will receive a monetary award of \$5,000 to assist with startup costs identified within their business plan.

This year's format for the Pitch It & Win It competition will remain unchanged as members of StartUp Jefferson City will prescreen each business idea and select five finalists for the pitch event, and one of the finalists will take home the \$5,000 cash prize. Again, each registrant may request additional business counseling assistance at any time before, during and after the Pitch It & Win It competition. SCAN CODE to register!

The Pitch It & Win It registration is open until September 18. Individuals and/or newly established businesses are encouraged to register. There is no cost

to participate.

Starting a small business can be a rewarding experience, but at the same time it can be immensely challenging, and sacrifices must be made to make a dream become reality. If you or someone that you know is considering starting a new business venture, there are several excellent resources available to aid at no cost. If you have questions, please contact Ashley Temme at ashleytemme@jchamber.org or (573) 638-3590.



Class Members - Row 1 (l to r): Diane Clingman, Missouri River Regional Library; SaBria Hendricks, Lincoln University; Lori Smith, Jefferson City Medical Group; Laura Mertens, Pizza Haus. Row 2 (l to r): Ashley Allen, Hitachi Energy; Christi Hake, Smith Moore; Christy Carol, Missouri Hospital Association; Gwynn Ready, Legends Bank; Jessica Haefke, State Technical College of Missouri; Pam Barriere, Little Explorers Discovery Center. Row 3 (l to r): Laura Luane, All-n-One & Longfellow's Garden Center; Lily McCutchen, Jefferson Bank; Abby Distler, MU Health - Capital Region Medical Center; Beth Cowgill, Liberty Family Medicine; Terry Rackers; Katie Welch, Missouri Veterans Commission; Erin Clark, Boy Aaron Photography & The Studio at Dunklin. Row 4 (l to r): Wolky Belancourt, Building Community Bridges; Brooke Struempf, Association of MO Electric Cooperatives; Adam Moss, SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital; Jason Miles, Jefferson City Police Department; Luke Shelangoski, JC Parks; Wayne Michael Jordan III, Newman Comley Ruth, P.C.; Kelly Marshall, Boys & Girls Club of Jefferson City; Leighanne Lamb, Central Bank; Gabrielle Wittenberger, Jefferson City School District; Dalton Weaver, Mid America Bank; Sarah Williams, Candlewood Suites. Not pictured: Chris Korsmeyer, Ameren Missouri; Lauren Johns, State of Missouri Office of Administration; Justin Parker, Healthcare Industry; Amanda Smith, Scholastic Inc.; Brian Williams, Engineering Surveys & Services.



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ABOUT

- StartUp Jefferson City will host its 13th Annual Pitch It & Win It Competition in conjunction with the Chamber's Business Leadership Summit on November 7.
- Final participants will compete for \$5,000 in cash!
- Individuals and/or newly established businesses are encouraged to register.
- Existing businesses are only eligible if the business has received less than \$150,000 in funding and has earned less than \$150,000 in gross revenues before October 2024.
- New and existing businesses must be located or plan to do business in Jefferson City/Cole County.

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or visit www.jchamber.org to register.

Deadline to register September 18, 2024.





Chamber Has Tackled Major Community Initiatives Since Its Beginning

By Gary Plummer, President & CEO

The Chamber Ambassadors and other civic leaders were on hand July 30 to dedicate the Deborah Cooper Park on Adrian's Island. It was a great crowd that featured members of the Adrian and DeLong families as well as Mayor Ron Fitzwater and several Jefferson City Parks board members.

Dot Baker, Naught-Naught Insurance, informed me that Randy Allen, my predecessor as Chamber CEO, helped secure initial seed funding for the park project back in 2006, the same year that Dot was Chamber chair. That paved the way for a riverfront

committee chaired by Louis Landwehr, of Winter-Dent Insurance, which worked for years to advance greater access to the Missouri River.

It was a great reminder for me of how the Chamber has played major roles on key community projects since its beginning in 1893. One of the first significant projects of the Chamber and its predecessor, the Commercial Club, was erection of the first bridge across the Missouri River around the turn of the century. The structure was originally a toll bridge, but it would later be donated to the State of Missouri and converted to a free bridge.

More recent growth along West Edge-

wood and the Algoa area point to the Chamber's longtime work on development opportunities. The Chamber has been a leader in developing industrial and commercial building sites in our community dating back nearly 70 years. It started along Industrial Drive, then moved to the Fairgrounds area on South Country Club before nearly 600 acres were acquired in the early 1990's on the city's west and east sides.

The Chamber's last remaining westside development site at 3450 W. Edgewood Drive was dedicated August 13 for the Center of Healthcare Integration and Innovation. The non-clinical

facility will function as the Center of Healthcare Integration and Innovation through a partnership between the Missouri Primary Care Association and the Missouri Behavioral Health Council. The facility will be named in honor of former U.S. Senator Roy Blunt, who attended the groundbreaking ceremony.

What's the next major community initiative for the Chamber undertake? It's certainly an exciting question to ponder. Whatever that project may entail, it's certain that it will require the continued cooperation between the public and private sectors that has been Jefferson City's strength for more than a century. With that level of collaboration, the sky's the limit!



July 30 Ribbon Cutting for Deborah Cooper Park on Adrian's Island



August 13 Groundbreaking for Center of Healthcare Integration and Innovation



Temme Promoted at Chamber

Ashley Temme was promoted to Communications & Program Manager at the Chamber effective September 1. "Ashley continues to assume more responsibility for the Chamber, particularly on the communications side," said Gary Plummer, Chamber President. Much of the communication workload is related to the Workforce Coalition's talent retention and attraction campaign, which is built around the JCMOLiveGrowHome website. Temme is also responsible for managing Leadership Jefferson City, the Pitch It & Win It competition and Partners in Education. She first joined the Chamber in an administrative role in 2009.

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Raise Your Glass for Capital City CASA

Join us for an evening of inspiration and entertainment, all in support of Capital City CASA! The evening will begin with music, a silent auction, a wine pull, a putting contest, drinks, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. We are thrilled to announce our featured speaker - Victoria Rowell! Mark your calendar and plan to attend Thursday, October 10! For more information, email dcrane@capitalcitycasa.org

Dine to Donate!

Texas Roadhouse (3104 S. Ten Mile Drive) will donate 10% of sales to Capital City CASA on Monday, September 16, between 3:00pm and 10:00pm. Be sure to bring flyer.

Freshwater IQ

"Introducing the Freshwater IQ System for Salt Water Hot Tubs Now at Missouri Furniture. We are excited to announce the arrival of the revolutionary Freshwater IQ system for salt water hot tubs, which monitors water levels and provides real-time updates on your hot tub's status. This innovative technology eliminates guesswork and ensures a relaxing and rejuvenating wellness experience. The Freshwater IQ system automatically tests water every hour, providing clear recommendations for adjustments as needed. With this New/Smarter Salt System you can; relieve pain, improve sleep habits, nurture relationships through quality time with family and friends with minimal maintenance!"

C&S Employment Solutions Commemorates National Staffing Employee Week

C&S Employment Solutions, is joining staffing agencies from across the nation in celebrating National Staffing Employee Week, September 9-15. Established by the American Staffing Association (ASA), this commemorative week honors the millions of temporary and contract employees working for U.S. staffing agencies each week. In Missouri alone, an estimated 49,900 temporary and contract employees work in the staffing and recruiting industry every week with positions across multiple industry sectors and professions. Many of these jobs are full-time positions and can also lead to permanent employment, according to ASA research. "National Staffing Employee Week salutes the temporary and contract employees who contribute to the economy of our community and that of the entire state," said Paula S. Benne, President of C&S Employment Solutions. "C&S is proud to be part of an industry that contributes to our economy by providing jobs to employees and flexible workforce solutions to area businesses."

Local Trucking Company Earns Platinum Safety Distinction

US Machinery Moving, INC, brokered by S and S NATIONWIDE, LLC was presented the highest level PLATINUM award by Great West Casualty Company as part of the annual Motor Carrier Safety Awards. They are proud to have maintained this level of carrier safety over the last 7 years (and owner Wendell Shorthose earned for many years prior at the helm of Eldon Freightways.

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Missouri Farm Bureau at 7 a.m.

Tickets will be on sale October 1

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our commercial install business with many audio video solutions in addition to our musical instrument sales we are known for.

Optimist Club of Jefferson City (OCJC) to Host Informational Meeting for Potential New Members

The OCJC cordially invites anyone interested in learning more about our organization to join us on September 12th in the Side Bar at Prison Brews from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Appetizers will be served, and a cash bar will be available. Optimists support programs for youth in our community and with more members, we can reach more youth. Our projects are supported by funds raised from the sale of Christmas Trees at our lot on Dunklin next to Hawthorn Bank. Optimists have been selling trees in Jefferson City since 1953. We are looking for those who share our passion to help the youth in our community and welcome new ideas. If you would like to attend or need more information, please contact Richard Teubner at richard.teubner@yahoo.com.

East Elementary School Neighborhood Block Party

First Christian Church of Jefferson City is hosting a neighborhood block party for East Elementary School as part of our Partners in Education on Friday, September 27, 5-7 PM. Community resource tables, games, food and fun will be available, including a Dunk Tank with the Pastor and Principal. The Lincoln University drum-line and band will also perform.

New Physician Brings Spine Surgery to JCMG

Jefferson City Medical Group (JCMG) welcomes spine surgeon, John Worley, M.D., to JCMG Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine. Dr. Worley's addition to JCMG introduces a new specialty to the independent medical practice with Worley as one of only two spine surgeons in Jefferson City. As a physician with JCMG Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, Dr. Worley provides comprehensive spine care and cutting-edge spine surgeries. Dr. Worley's goal is to provide patient-specific care in the most minimally invasive way possible. Dr. Worley is currently accepting new patients, ages 12 and above, at JCMG Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine. Learn more about Dr. Worley at JCMG.org/providers/john-worley, or schedule an appointment by calling (573) 635-8000.

Shiloh welcomes new stylist, Taylor!

Come into Shiloh and book with Taylor for \$15 off your first service! We can't wait to meet you.

Show Me State Air Show

September 14-15 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Jefferson City Memorial Airport. \$5 per person at the gate (cash or card). Aerial performances start at 11:00 am. See website for more details: ShowMeStateAirShow.ORG.

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ATTENTION
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AIR SHOW CAREER EXPO

Held in conjunction with the 2024 Show Me State Air Show, the Job Fair & Career Expo will feature employers from a wide variety of industries/sectors as well as a number of educational institutions.





Saturday & Sunday
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Community Updates and Networking at Friday Coffee

Whether you attend in person or by zoom, you will learn a lot at Friday Coffee. Friday Coffee is a wonderful opportunity to introduce yourself and your business to other Chamber Members. It's also an opportunity for your business to gain exposure as a sponsor. Friday Coffee is held on the second Friday every other month at 9 am, so join us!



Friday Coffee was held Friday, June 14 at the Chamber and on Zoom. Participants heard a Legislative Update by Senator Mike Bernskoetter and Representative Dave Griffith.

Pictured above (l to r): Shanon Hawk with Armstrong Teasdale LLP is moderating the legislative update discussion with Senator Mike Bernskoetter and Representative Dave Griffith.



Thank you to our Friday Coffee sponsor: U-First Reconstruction. Pictured right (l to r): Sponsors Steve Tutt and Liz Duncan, U-First Reconstruction and Door Prize Winner Sherry Doctorian, Armstrong Teasdale LLP.



Friday Coffee was held Friday, July 12 at the Chamber and on Zoom. Over 50 participants heard an update on Lincoln University's Facilities, Academics and Community Engagement by Lincoln University Staff: Dr. Ashton Cleveland - Chief Operating Officer, Greg Hayes - Director of Facilities & Planning, Dr. Darius Watson - Assistant Provost for Academic Innovation Outreach & Research and Misty Nunn - Executive Director of University & Alumni Relations. Pictured above (l to r): Dr. Ashton Cleveland, Greg Hayes, Misty Nunn and Dr. Darius Watson presenting to Friday Coffee participants



Thank you to our Friday Coffee sponsor: Central Trust Company. Pictured right (l to r): Sponsor Greg Phillips, Central Trust Company and Door Prize Winner Jackie Coleman, Coleman & Associates.



Friday Coffee was Friday, August 9 at the Chamber and on Zoom. Nearly 90 participants heard an update on the Conference Center by Luke Holtschneider, President/CEO, Jefferson City Regional Economic Partnership (JCREP).



Thank you to our Friday Coffee sponsor: River City Habitat for Humanity. Pictured above (l to r): Door Prize Winner Ryann Kampeter, ABC17 & FOX22 and Sponsors Susan Cook-Williams & Alden Henrickson, River City Habitat for Humanity.

Member News Briefs

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Emporium of Everything you never knew you needed

"Hello! Click2sell4u/ East High Marketplace changed ownership early 2024. We are updating displays and floor plan, adding new consignments. Our inventory includes vintage, antique, and contemporary items. Christmas, toys, trains and trucks, collectibles, dolls, china, crystal, artwork, records, books, furniture, jewelry, furs, carnival glass, uranium glass, sports items, furniture, etc,etc,etc.

Quotes from customers "Wow, wow, wow, wow, WOW!" "You have how many rooms?" "Oh my, this is such a cool place. "Amazing!" "So much to see. "We'll definitely be back". See you soon! 620 East High. Wed to Sat 10am - 4pm"

New addition to our team

Jordin is an Advanced Practice Licensed Esthetician and Laser Specialist, passionate about corrective skincare. She has 10 years of experience with six of those years in clinical esthetics. Jordin has joined the Central Missouri Dermatology team and is taking on new clients. She is offering 25% off 1 service to all new clients until the end of the year.

Want to Start Your Own Training Program?

Career and Trade School (CaTS) Consulting can help individuals create their own postsecondary training program in fields such as truck driving, welding, nursing, phlebotomy, etc., that meets standards set by the state of Missouri. Contact CaTS to schedule a free 15 minute consultation to see how we can assist in this new phase of your career.

Oktoberfest at Last Flight

Last Flight is hosting their fourth annual Oktoberfest on October 5th from 12-10pm, with \$5 pours of Oktoberfest beers all weekend long! Saturday will be the big celebration with brats from Steele's fine custom meats, Oktoberfest fest games including the Stein Holding competition, and live music in the evening! It's sure to be a good time, so join us for the Oktober-fun!

REALTORS & Friends Keep the Home Fires Burning Chili Supper/Raffle/Food Drive

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 23rd, from 4-7 pm at the Eagles, 1411 Missouri Blvd, Jefferson City, for the 22nd annual REALTORS & Friends Keep the Home Fires Burning chili supper/raffle/food drive supporting the Samaritan Center utility assistance program. Tickets will be available from your local REALTOR or at the door.

Leading the Charge in Power Solutions

MidStates Energy continues to solidify its reputation as a leading provider of commercial and industrial power solutions across the United States. With a comprehensive suite of services that includes expert design, seamless installation, and meticulous maintenance of power systems, MidStates Energy stands out as a trusted partner committed to excellence and reliability. Stay connected to witness how MidStates Energy continues to empower businesses with cutting-edge power solutions.

Congratulations to Eric Stewart on 25 years!

Art's Pest Control is celebrating Eric Stewart and his 25 years with us. Eric is an exceptional employee with excellent customer service. Congratulations Eric!

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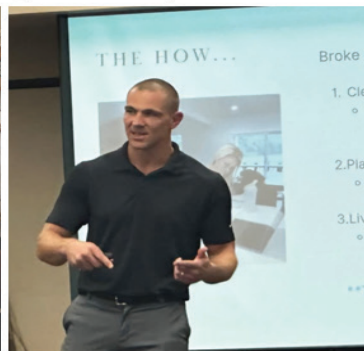
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YP Behind the Scenes - Jefferson City Country Club



YP New Member Welcome



YP Lunch Meetings



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MID-MO SUMMIT

YP will host a dynamic, speaker-driven professional development and networking event for JC area young professionals. In attendance will be dozens of career-minded, entrepreneurial, and forward-thinking professionals looking for ways to better themselves and their business. The program will feature keynote presenters on professional and personal success, plus networking breakout sessions. The event will include a break, lunch, and a social at the end.


Daryl Smith


Larissa Anderson


Kerri Roberts


Amber Hall


Jesse Haller

Daryl Smith (Mizzou) - Before joining the Trulaske College of Business in 2012 as Professor, he held several executive positions with notable Fortune 500 companies including ESPN / ABC Sports, Cox Communications, Motorola, and ARAMARK. He will be talking on Courageous Leadership.

Larissa Anderson (Mizzou Athletics) - Mizzou Head Softball Coach

Kerri Roberts (Salt & Light Advisors) - Kerri has spent the last 20+ years of her career focused on Operational Excellence and Strategic Human Resources. She has been recognized by or named into the following groups: Women of Excellence, Women in Power, Women Who Move the City, 20 Under 40, Hot 100, Elite Women, Athena International, and Graduate & Professional Alumni of the Year. She will be talking on Bet On Yourself: The Art of Self-Trust

Amber Hall (PFSbrands) - Marketing Yourself on LinkedIn

Jesse Haller (Huber & Associates) - Ai in the Workplace

WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME A SPONSOR?

Your sponsorship will support professional development, community involvement, networking, and social activities that allow our members to develop personally and professionally and achieve overall success.

REGISTER NOW ➔

TICKETS

One ticket to the Mid-MO Summit is \$55 or you can buy an office pack 4 tickets for \$200!



Young Professionals provides members several opportunities for networking and professional development each month. Pictured left: Behind the Scenes at Jefferson City Country Club featured pickleball and golf instruction. YP New Member Welcome at Sugar Britches Market & More and YP Lunch Meeting presentation by Zach Seales, Personal Finance Coach.

Member News

Network at Chamber Connections

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SSM Health Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Makes the Move to St. Mary's Hospital Campus
 SSM Health Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation conveniently moved to the third floor of the Health Plaza on St. Mary's Hospital campus and began seeing patients in the new location on September 9. Their new phone number is 573-681-3772. "We value all of our patients and hope they will continue coming to our new location for all their therapy needs," said Jason Allen, MPT, OCS, CFMM, Manager of SSM Health Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. "We will provide the same exceptional care on St. Mary's campus and will continue to accept the same insurance plans." The public is cordially invited to attend the ribbon cutting and open house on Wednesday, September 25 at 11:30 a.m. There will be remarks, self-guided tours and refreshments.



Chamber Connections was held Thursday, August 15. Chamber members networked and enjoyed delicious appetizers provided by Colton's Steak House & Grill. Thank you to our sponsors: Custom Promotional Branding and Colton's Steak House & Grill!



Pictured (l to r): Door Prize Winner Luke North and Sponsor Kevin Miller, Custom Promotional Branding; Door Prize Winner Trent Dudenhoeffer, Creative Planning, Sponsor Jack Farrell, Colton's Steak House & Grill and Door Prize Winner Tanner Myers.



- Capital Bluffs Event Center 2024 Events:**
- United Way (Launch): Thursday, September 12, 2024, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
 - Bluff Creek Outdoors (Whitetails Event - raising money for Central Missouri assisted hunt): Thursday, September 26, 2024, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 - River City Habitat: Thursday, October 8, 2024, 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM
 - Raise Your Glass for Capital City CASA: Thursday, October 10, 2024, beginning at 5:30 PM
 - United Way Power of the Purse: Thursday, October 17, 2024
 - Missouri Wrestling Hall of Fame: Sunday, October 20, 2024, beginning at 3:00 PM
 - RAC's (Rape & Abuse Center Fundraiser): Wednesday, October 23, 2024
 - Jefferson City Chamber Business Summit: Thursday, November 7, 2024
 - Holiday Mart: November 14, 2024, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (VIP entry), 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM (GA)
 - Live Music by C. Rock City: Wednesday, November 27, 2024, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 - Capital Bluffs NYE Celebration: December 31, 2024, 6:00 PM (entry for meal ticket), 8:30 PM - 12:30 AM (GA)



Chamber Connections was held Thursday, July 18. Chamber members networked and enjoyed the fun atmosphere at Oscar's Classic Diner Backdoor Lounge. Thank you to our sponsors: Jefferson Bank & Oscar's Classic Diner Backdoor Lounge.



Pictured above (l to r): Sponsor Erin Evans - Jefferson Bank, Door Prize Winners Krysten Hofmann - Monarch Title Company and Jackie Coleman - Coleman & Associates and Sponsor Brandy Bryant - Jefferson Bank; Chamber Buddies Winner Luke North, Sponsor Kevin Hilley - KAT Country and Chamber Buddies Winner Tim Tinnin - Red Slipper Warrior Project; Sponsor Lisa Mankin - Oscar's Classic Diner Backdoor Lounge and Door Prize Winner Kim Wansing - Sigmund Browning, LLC.



Longfellow's Garden Center
 We have several September sales & events you don't want to miss!
 All month 50% off Butterfly Bushes & Grasses, 30% off Crape Myrtle & 25% off all Garden Decor!
 September 20th - 30th coming build your own fall container, 25% off all products used!
 Starting September 21st Patchwork Pumpkins with Patty, class is \$10 and you pick the time!



Chamber Connections was held Thursday, June 20. Chamber members networked and enjoyed the fun atmosphere at BarWhiskey. Thank you to our sponsors: Central Bank, Central Trust Company & BarWhiskey.



Pictured above (l to r): Door Prize Winner Russchell Weaver, Cumulus Broadcasting; Sponsor Emily Kampeter, Central Bank; Chamber Buddies Winners Allison Owen, Mediacom and Michelle Gebhardt, Jefferson Bank; Door Prize Winner Emma Burnett, Rockin Bod Studio and Sponsor Matt Green, BarWhiskey.



Nominations Due Sept 24 for 2024 Small Business Award and Exceptional Employee Award

The Chamber will recognize the Small Business of the Year and Exceptional Employee Award winners on November 7 at the Business Leadership Summit. Join us as we celebrate Jefferson City's small businesses and employees who are succeeding and leading in today's challenging marketplace. "Video Vote" also included. View the finalists profile video and vote for your favorite. The results will be included in the overall evaluation to determine the winner.

- Selection for the Small Business of the Year will be based on:
- Overall success of the business, particularly regarding innovation and creativity
 - Adapting to changing business environment for sustainability and potential growth
 - Evidence of contributions by the business to aid community-oriented

- Selection for the Exceptional Employee based on:
- Evidence of contributions to the success of the organization
 - Adapting to changing business environment
 - Providing outstanding customer service

To nominate a business or employee, complete the NOMINATION FORM go to jcchamber.org
 DEADLINE for NOMINATIONS September

The Small Business of the Year Award is sponsored by Hawthorn Bank. The Exceptional Employee Award is sponsored by Central Bank.



BUSINESS & LEADERSHIP Summit 2024

REBECCA WELSH
 CEO and Founder of worldwide nonprofit HALO

- 2:00 - 3:00 NETWORKING
- 3:00 - 3:30 AWARDS
 Small Business of the Year
 Exceptional Employee
 Pitch It & Win It
- 3:30 - 4:00 KEYNOTE SPEAKER
 Rebecca Welsh
 Women's Network Launch
- 4:00 - 5:00 NETWORKING

DISPLAY TABLE \$150
 TICKETS \$25 each or 5 for \$100
 Register at: jcchamber.org



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 CAPITAL BLUFFS EVENTS CENTER