



Chamber News

Clinton County Chamber of Commerce Building Relationships, Building Communities

Mission: The Clinton County Chamber of Commerce is a member driven organization dedicated to stimulating positive economic growth throughout Clinton County, fostering community leadership and involvement, reflecting positive moral values and acting as an advocate and unified voice for our membership.



An Update on the 2008 St. Johns Mint Festival ...according to Minty!

Howdy Partner! Remember me? I'm Minty, the mascot for the Festival. The committee asked me to help promote the festival again this year because they say cute & cuddly sells, and well, that's me - cute & cuddly!. One of the ways I like to help is by meeting people and handing out brochures. Unfortunately one bear can not do it all, so the committee developed a life size stand up figure of me and this year they will have a couple table top size figures that you could display in your business for a week or two at a time. How many bears can say they have an exact duplicate of them self - I think it is totally cool. I almost forgot to tell you that our theme this year is "**A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY**". Brenda's still unhappy I refused to wear cowboy boots, but they pinched my feet. **Because I am one of the coolest bears around, if you would like me to attend a special event at your business, or if you would like the life size or table top figure of me to display in your business for a week or two, please call Brenda or Liz at the Chamber office (989-224-7248) since they are keeping my schedule.**

I can't wait for the festival to get here because I'm so excited about everything that is being planned. Here are some of the things I'm checking out:

- **Arts & Crafts:** This year I'm looking for a cowboy belt to go with my new hat & bandana and a bird house - I love to sit and watch birds in the evenings.
- **Free Entertainment:** Did you know that you can catch performers at three different places in the park? I took dance lessons over the winter so when Louie Longoria and his band play Saturday night at the Performance Shell I'll be ready to try the Cotton Eyed Joe. Come & be my partner!
- **Kids World/Kids Day:** Tell your kids to save up their quarters so they can play games at the festival. I've seen some of the prizes they are giving away and

they are cool. If you want to donate to the festival, call Brenda at 989-224-7248 - she has a big list, and I know she would recognize you for donating).

- **Chocolate Mint Pudding Eating Contest:** I can't compete because my fur gets all sticky, but you would have fun doing it. I'd really like to see someone like the city manager, the mayor or the police chief do this one - so if you see them, mention it for me. The contest will be Sat, August 9 at 6:00 pm.
- **Senior Citizen Day:** Tell all your old friends (excuse me, elderly friends) to come to the festival Fri, Aug 8 between 2-5 pm because we will be playing Bingo and listening to the Mint City Jammers. You know how old grannies (excuse me, grandmotherly types) are about Bingo!

Gosh, I about forgot to tell you about the new stuff coming to the festival this year.

- **Teen Dance:** Brenda said I can't go, I'm too young. But, if you have kids between 14-19 they would love it. It's going to be Sat, Aug 9 at 7:30 at the County Fairgrounds. Don't tell Brenda, but I might sneak out and go - sometimes a bear just has to dance.
- **Lip Sync Contest:** Wouldn't it be cool if the next American Idol was discovered at our festival? Come & find out Sat, Aug 9 at Noon at the Performance Shell. The finals (the really good people) will be at 6.
- **Motorcycle Show:** I hope lots of people will bring up their bike for us to look at - I've been saving all my state quarters - next year I want a Harley.

Wow, I didn't even mention half the things to do at the festival and I'm ready to take a nap & chill. I just hope you all come to the festival and celebrate this great event for our community. I know Brenda is contacting many of you right now about being a sponsor and I hope you help us out. She has even put a flyer inside this newsletter that lets you know what we need. You can fill it out and fax it back to her today. Call her at 989-224-7248 if you have any questions (she likes to talk). Don't forget, if you want me or one of my stand up figures for your business, call the Chamber today. Talk to you soon...


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WIN \$500

Recruit a new member to the Chamber and you will be entered into a drawing to win \$500 in October. Call the Chamber (989-224-7248) for a referral application & brochure today.

RENEWALS

A-1 Tanning Salon
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St. Johns Motel - Gold Star Mbr
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Tastefully Simple Gourmet Foods
Transitions / The Pet Pantry
Two Men and A Truck
Waugh's Culligan
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Announcing our GOLD Star Members!

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Announcing our SILVER Star Members!

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Hub Tire Center
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Schwan's Home Service
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Welcome Wagon
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Member News

The St. Johns Exchange Club will complete a project in May making people aware of the number of child abuse cases in Clinton County. At the beginning of the month they will put on the St. Johns Community Tree (on the depot lawn) a blue ribbon for every child abused in 2007. They will remain on the tree for the month of May. The Exchange Club will also be at the Chamber's Community EXPO on Saturday, May 3 passing out information about Child Abuse Prevention. For more information about this project, contact Brenda Terpening, Exchange Club President at 989-224-7248.

May 23-25 the Chamber of Commerce will host one of the Texas Hold Em' Tournaments at Trippers in Lansing. If you have ever wondered what all

the hoopla is about, sign up to work a shift at the event. We have times open on Sunday, May 25. Call the Chamber office today.

The Annual Spring Fling is coming to downtown St. Johns. It includes a Classic Car/Truck Show, vendors with landscaping, flowers, home improvement, arts & crafts, music & great food. Call Tyler at 989-227-1717 with questions. Sponsored by the St. Johns Downtown Management Board.

The Clinton County Senior Center will be holding a Garage (and parking lot) Sale on May 29 & 30 at 201 E Walker Street in St. Johns. If you want to donate gently used items for their sale, please call Joanne at 989-224-4257. They are not accepting clothes.

2008 Chamber Luncheons...

May 15

Program: Networking
Cost: \$7
Caterer: Burger King
Placemats: First United Methodist Church
Time: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

The luncheon is open to any employee of any Chamber member business.

You are also welcome to bring a non-member business associate with you but please...

RSVP TO THE CHAMBER BY TUESDAY THE WEEK OF THE LUNCHEON TO LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING TO THE LUNCHEON SO THE CATERER CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY!

Future Luncheons

June 19: Fun w/auction
August 21: Picnic in the Park
September 18: Networking
October 16: Awards
November 20: TBA
December 18: Chamber's Most Talented

MAY 13: BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

The next Business After Hours will be on Tuesday, May 13 at The Emerald at Maple Creek from 4:30-6:00 pm. Please watch upcoming emails and this newsletter about exciting changes to the Business After Hours in the future.

The next Good Morning Clinton County will be held on Wednesday, May 28 at Chesme Capital Management in DeWitt from 7:30-8:30 am, - check the enclosed flyer for more information.

Perk Up Clinton County:

For the month of May, our Coffee Sponsor at the Chamber office will be Clinton Memorial Hospital. Stop in, enjoy a cup of coffee and see what programs they have to offer.



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May 13:

Business After
Hours to be held at
The Emerald At
Maple Creek in
St. Johns
(4:30-6 pm)

Best Excuses If Your Boss Catches You Visiting Non Work Related Web Sites While at Work

1. I was researching our competition and discovered a flaw in their website & it shot me here.
2. Look at the number of hits these guys have racked up - we have GOT to figure out their marketing strategy!
3. I'm testing my monitor to make sure it gets all 4 million colors.
4. I need to download all these MP3s to thoroughly test the sound drivers. I'm having intermittent problems with the sound.
5. I'm checking out reports of bandwidth problems.
6. I found this site listed in the web history of a co-worker and was just viewing the content to determine if it was appropriate or should be blocked. I'm going to audit your PC next.
7. I don't know HOW my browser got to this site, darn Microsoft and Bill Gates.
8. Mutter, mutter, "Dang these pop-up ads."
9. Dang Viruses...did you know they can change all your bookmarks?
10. I was just checking on the navigation on this site. We should consider implementing a similar structure.
11. Isn't it frustrating how many irrelevant hot links they put into bona-fide news articles.
12. Our firewall is worthless. I need 30k for an upgrade!
13. I'm not playing a game, I'm programming a game - I thought you were interested in expanding your business!
14. I'm not letting Liz use my desk anymore - I think someone around here has a problem.

An anonymous quote about Volunteers: "Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, but they have the heart". Thank you to all our Chamber volunteers. You are very much appreciated.