

Calendar of Events

April 1, 2026

April Membership Luncheon

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM CST

Join us for our monthly Membership Luncheon: local food, great connections, and real value for your business!

Held the first Wednesday of each month (except Jan & July) from Noon-1:00pm at the First Christian Church in Kearney, MO.

Registration is Required! A boxed lunch from a local member restaurant is included.

Deadline to Register: Noon, Monday, March 30.

Cost: \$10.00 Members / \$25 Non-Members

Dietary Restrictions: Please list any dietary restrictions/requirements (including food allergies) at the time of registration. Every attempt will be made to accommodate requests, however, they cannot be guaranteed if they are not submitted prior to the registration deadline.

Cancellation Policy: Reservations cancelled prior to the deadline can be carried over to another luncheon. Reservations cancelled after the deadline will be charged full price. If you are unable to attend, please let us know if someone will be attending in your place.

FEATURE PRESENTATION: Social Media with Kailyn Richardson

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Thank you to our Empowering Business Excellence Sponsors:

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April 1, 2026

Tourism Committee ? Preparing for Summer 2026

Kearney Chamber of Commerce

190 W State Route 92 Hwy

Kearney, MO 64060

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Stacie Bratcher, 8166284229

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Other local leaders and representatives

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? Virtual Option: see link below

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Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

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April 9, 2026

Ribbon Cutting: Verimore Bank East Branch

Verimore Bank East Branch

303 S Jefferson Street

Kearney, MO 64060

04:00 PM - 04:30 PM CST

Stacie Bratcher, 8166284229

execdirector@kearneychamber.org

We love celebrating our businesses!

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting with Verimore Bank East Branch

Thursday, April 9, 4:00pm

Verimore Bank, 303 S Jefferson St, Kearney MO 64060

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North Kansas City Hospital

Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative

Verimore Bank

Edward Jones

KPGZ 102.7FM

Hoffman's D'Creamery

Tracy Tucker State Farm Insurance

Tobacco Barn Farm

T7 Lets Play & T7 Custom Sports

Southern Bank

United Fiber

April 10, 2026

Leadership Academy

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM CST

April 14, 2026

Ambassador Meeting

Pizza Shoppe

921 State Rte 92

Kearney, MO 64060

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM CST

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Kearney Chamber Ambassadors Empower Business Excellence!

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April 21, 2026

Member Appreciation Open House ? Golden Jubilee Edition
Kearney Chamber of Commerce
190 W State Route 92 Hwy
Kearney, MO 64060
03:00 PM - 05:00 PM CST
Stacie Bratcher, 816.628.4229
execdirector@kearneychamber.org
Join Us for a Golden Celebration!

You're invited to a sweet celebration 50 years in the making!

As part of our Golden Jubilee—celebrating 50 years of impact, the Kearney Chamber of Commerce invites you to our Member Appreciation Open House on Tuesday, April 21 from 3:00–5:00 PM at the Chamber office (109 W 92 Hwy).

This come-and-go celebration is our way of saying thank you to the members—past, present, and future—who make our business community thrive.

Enjoy cake, ice cream, and our Golden Candy Bar, enter to win special raffle prizes (just bring your business card!), and connect with fellow members as we celebrate this milestone year together.

We'll also be collecting stories and photos to help tell the story of our first 50 years—so come ready to share a memory or two!

Whether you stay for a few minutes or the full celebration, we hope you'll join us as we honor the past and look ahead to the future.

May 1, 2026

Leadership Showcase 2026

Kearney School District Administrative Offices and Board Room

425 W. Washington St.

Kearney, MO 64060

02:00 PM - 04:00 PM CST

Stacie Bratcher, 816.628.4229

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Leadership Showcase 2026

Strong businesses need strong leaders — and strong communities do too.

Join us for the Leadership Showcase 2026 on Friday, May 1, from 2:00–4:00 PM at the Kearney School District Central Office Board Room for an afternoon centered on leadership growth, professional development, and the future of our community. This free event is open to the public and offers business and community leaders a unique opportunity to hear directly from members of the current Leadership Academy cohort as they share insights, experiences, and perspectives gained through the program.

The afternoon will include networking, opening remarks by Stacie Bratcher, Executive Director of the Kearney Chamber, presentations and Q&A by Academy attendees, and a keynote by Jim Dickerson, Director of Operations at EquityJet and a 2026 Academy Instructor.

Guests will also enjoy light snacks, beverages, and significant door prizes included. PLUS, a leadership book giveaway for the first 10 attendees courtesy of the Kearney Business Group.

This year's cohort represents a strong cross-section of local leadership: Jennifer Grossl, Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative; Angela Gudde, Kearney Enrichment Council/Kearney Senior Center; Zach McMains, Kearney School District; Angel Brown, Lockbaud LLC; and Curtis Murphree, Travelin' Tom's Coffee & Kona Ice.

Whether you are a business owner, executive, manager, nonprofit leader, educator, or community advocate, this event is an opportunity to invest in the kind of leadership that strengthens organizations, builds partnerships, and moves Kearney forward. Come support emerging leaders, gain fresh perspective, and be part of a conversation that matters to the future of our business community.

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May Membership Luncheon

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Deadline to Register: Noon, Monday, May 4.

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FEATURE PRESENTATION: Hallie Higgason, Political Director, Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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May 7, 2026

Missouri Small Business Marketing Bootcamp

08:30 AM - 05:00 PM CST

<https://missourimarketingbootcamp.com/contact>,

Big marketing ideas for Missouri's small businesses!

Marketing in Missouri isn't just business—it's storytelling, grit, and a little bit of Show-Me spirit.

Around here, you've got to be part Mark Twain, part Walt Disney, and a little bit Patrick Mahomes—creative, bold, and ready to make big things happen on a small budget.

The Missouri Small Business Marketing Bootcamp takes a practical, no-fluff approach—guiding you through branding, storytelling, social media, and digital marketing, all tailored to Missouri's small businesses. Whether you're running a café in Kansas City, a boutique in St. Louis, a service company in Columbia, or a shop on Main Street in a small town, this Bootcamp gives you the strategies and confidence to step up to the plate and knock your marketing out of the park.

Because in the Show-Me State, we don't just talk about great marketing—we show it.

Thursday - May 7, 2026

Online Only

Get Your Boss to Approve You Attending by Telling Him/Her This!

Let's be real—traveling for a conference can be a headache. Flights, hotels, meals, time away from work... it all adds up fast. The Missouri Small Business Marketing Bootcamp keeps things simple: no airports, no packing, no extra expenses—just great marketing insight from experts who understand what it's like to run a small business here in the Show-Me State. Whether you're running a boutique, managing a local nonprofit, or growing your service company, you can join from wherever you are—no suitcase required.

And here's the best part: you won't miss a thing. Sessions are recorded, so if two great talks happen at once, you don't have to choose—watch one live and catch the other later. Plus, if something really clicks, you can rewatch it anytime. It's marketing education that fits your schedule, without the hassle of travel.

Is the Bootcamp right for me?

The Missouri Small Business Marketing Bootcamp is designed for:

- ? Local shops and boutiques*
- ? Service-based businesses and startups*
- ? Restaurants, cafés, and hospitality teams*
- ? Nonprofits and community organizations*
- ? Chambers and downtown associations*
- ? Anyone who wants to grow their Missouri brand*

If you're ready to reach more customers, strengthen your message, and build a brand people trust, this Bootcamp is for you.

May 8, 2026

Leadership Academy
08:30 AM - 04:30 PM CST

May 12, 2026

Ambassador Meeting
Pizza Shoppe
921 State Rte 92
Kearney, MO 64060
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08:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST

May 27, 2026

Nonprofit Forum
Northland Therapeutic Riding Center
13608 Henson Rd
Holt, MO 64048

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM CST

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Meeting Schedule for 2026*

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May 27 - NTRC

August 26

November 18

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Roundtable Format:*

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June 3, 2026

June Membership Luncheon
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June 5, 2026

Kearney Coffee
Bull Run Roofing
16806 NE 188th Street
Holt, MO 64048
08:30 AM - 10:00 AM CST
s, 816.628.4229
stacie@kearneychamber.org
?? You're Invited: Kearney Coffee! ??

Kick off your Friday with great coffee, even better conversation, and connections that matter!

? Friday, June 5
? 8:30–10:00 AM
? Bull Run Roofing

We're excited to feature Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck, serving up your favorite morning drinks while you network with fellow Chamber members. ???

Come and go as your schedule allows—just don't miss this energizing start to your day!

#KearneyCoffee #ChamberConnections #Networking #SupportLocal #KearneyChamber

June 19, 2026

Office Closed-Juneteenth
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST

June 19, 2026

Cleats & Beats Community Events
Jesse James Park
3001 MO Hwy 33
Kearney, MO 64060

02:00 PM - 09:00 PM CST

FAN FEST - WATCH PARTY- CONCERT

Plans are underway for a free, family-friendly community event at Jesse James Park on the afternoon of Friday, June 19th with a watch party on a large outdoor screen, activities, food, vendors, and a concert. More information will be shared as details are confirmed (pending FIFA approval).

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July 3, 2026

Office Closed-Independence Day

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST

July 4, 2026

CLAY COUNTY UNDER THE STARS & STRIPES: AMERICA 250

Sailboat Cove at Smithville Lake

4619 Chapel Road

Smithville, MO 64089

12:00 PM - 10:00 PM CST

Deborah Cross , 816-407-3405

dcross@claycountymo.gov

Join us for the annual Smithville Fireworks Show, proudly sponsored by the City of Smithville and Clay County, with extra activities this year as we help celebrate America's 250th birthday!

This FREE event kicks off at Sailboat Cove (4619 Chapel Rd | Smithville) with a DJ from 12:00–4:00PM, featuring local community acts, family-friendly activities, food trucks, and more.

More details coming soon!

Live band: 6:00–9:00 PM

Fireworks Show:

Fireworks will be launched from Smith's Fork Park (1601 DD HWY | Smithville) from the north side of the spillway at dusk, approximately 9:15/9:30PM.

Great viewing spots include:

- *Smith's Fork Park*
- *On the lake near the dam*
- *Smith's Fork Campground*
- *Surrounding areas of the park*
- *Clay County Parks*

Parking: Available throughout Smith's Fork Park, Clay County Parks, and Sailboat Cove

Important Notes:

- *Park restrooms at Smith's Fork Park will be closed due to annual vandalism*
- *Portable restrooms will be available throughout the park*
- *Rainout date: TBD – updates will be shared here*

Bring your friends, family, lawn chairs, and patriotic spirit — we'll see you under the stars!

Thank you to the committee planning this event:

- Clay County Parks*
- City of Smithville | Smithville Parks & Recreation*
- Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce*
- Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce*
- Kearney Parks & Recreation*

August 5, 2026

Membership Lunch (KSD)

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM CST

August 11, 2026

Multi-Chamber Coffee

08:00 AM - 10:00 AM CST

August 26, 2026

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September 2, 2026

Membership Luncheon

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM CST

September 7, 2026

Office Closed-Labor Day

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST

September 11, 2026

Leadership Academy

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM CST

September 24, 2026

Harvest Gala

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM CST

October 3, 2026

OktoberFest

10:00 AM - 03:00 PM CST

October 7, 2026	Membership Luncheon 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM CST
October 9, 2026	Leadership Academy 08:30 AM - 04:30 PM CST
October 12, 2026	Office Closed-Columbus Day 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST
October 21, 2026 - October 23, 2026	Office Closed - CCEM Fall Conference 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST
October 27, 2026	Board Retreat 09:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST
November 1, 2026	Keep the Cheer Here 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST
November 4, 2026	Membership Luncheon 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM CST
November 11, 2026	Office Closed-Veterans Day 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST
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November 26, 2026
- November 27, 2026

Office Closed-Thanksgiving

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST

December 2, 2026

Membership Luncheon

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM CST

December 11, 2026

Leadership Academy

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM CST

December 17, 2026

Jingle & Mingle After Hours

04:00 PM - 06:00 PM CST

December 24, 2026
- December 31, 2026

Office Closed-Holiday

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST