



Chamber Insider

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Northwest Missouri Stands Up in Jefferson City

The shuffling of 500 feet could be heard echoing on the House and Senate Upper Gallery floor as 250 Northwest Missourians filled the galleries and stood to be recognized during the Great Northwest Day at the Capitol in Jefferson City on January 31st. Unity and cooperation were visible as Representatives from the Great Northwest contingent visited with Legislators from across the State.

During the luncheon that day, regional residents heard from Ray McCarty, lobbyist for Missouri Economic Development, as he reviewed issues impacting the region such as Tax Increment Financing, Capitol Improvements, Business Incentive Development and Eminent Domain.

The Great Northwest Day at the Capitol evening event was a legislative reception designed to educate attendees about the community, region, and the issues important to Northwest Missouri citizens. Attendance swelled beyond 500 participants that included 300+ participants from Northwest Missouri, the Lt. Governor, twenty-four Senators, over 100 House of Representative members, aides from key legislative offices and the Executive Branch offices, and State Department representatives.

Participating in the Great Northwest event were 48 individuals from Maryville and Nodaway County including representatives from the Nodaway County Commission, City of Maryville, Nodaway County Economic Development, Regional Council of Governments, Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce, 2006 Leadership Maryville class, and business and community leaders.

The Maryville Area Day at the Capitol, held in conjunction with the Great Northwest Day, was sponsored by: Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce; City of Maryville; Nodaway County Commission; Nodaway County Economic Development; Maryville Industry Development Corporation; St. Francis Hospital & Health Services; 97.1 the Vill; Your Maryville Hy-Vee; KFC; Sprint; and Northwest

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Uh-oh, did you forget to send in your 2006 Chamber Membership Renewal?

Membership renewals were due on January 31, so if you have not already done so, please send your renewal as soon as possible. For your convenience, payment plans may be arranged by contacting the Chamber office. We appreciate your continued support!!



Announcements and such...

Chamber Ambassadors

Monday, February 13
Noon - Chamber Conference Rm.
Lunch - KFC \$5.50

RSVP by Friday, Feb. 9, to the
Chamber Office: 660-582-8643



Chamber Coffee

Tuesday, March 7
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

US Bank North Office
120 S. Main

Join us for your morning
coffee and refreshments!

Chamber Annual Banquet

The Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce would like to thank those who attended the Chamber Annual Banquet and those who supported the Chamber throughout the year. Thank you to Hy-Vee and St. Francis Hospital & Health Services for table decorations; Eric Coutts and the Maryville Elks Lodge for event accommodations; Brett White, Murphys, for use of the sound system; Hy-Vee for catering the event; the 2005 out-going Board members who helped organize the event; our Chamber Champions, 97.1 the Vill, Northwest Ford Lincoln Mercury, St. Francis Hospital & Health Services, Nodaway Valley Bank, Hy-Vee and KFC, for their sponsorship; and to Rod Coutts and Tim Larson for their able emcee-ship.

Congratulations to the following award recipients who were honored at the banquet: **Deb Powers**, President's Spearhead Award; **David Baird**, Good Citizen Award; **Carol Jean and Harold Osborn**, Distinguished Service Award; **Mandy Yates**, BPW Women Mean Business Award; and **Steven Danfelt**, Standard of Excellence Award.

Chamber Ambassadors

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Mark Your Calendars for:

- **Thursday, Feb. 16, 10:30 a.m.**
Derr Equipment, Hwy. 71 North
(across from Carpet Plus Bargain Barn)

AND

- **Friday, Feb. 24, Noon**
Bubba's BBQ, 2119 S. Main



(Above) 2005 Chamber President, Tim Larson, passes the gavel to 2006 President, Rod Coutts.

Be watching for the first Chamber Cheers, a Chamber bi-monthly online publication, which will make its debut this month on Feb. 17.



City directories and 2006 phone books available! Pick up a phone book or city directory (\$20) at the Chamber office. New city directories will come out this summer—to update your business information, contact account executive Leeann Cowhig at 785-766-7841.

