



# Chamber Insider

## March 2006

## Off to a "running" start

June 10 marks the date for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryville Chamber Country Classic Marathon. Runners from all over the world will participate in the 5K, 10K, half marathon, and full marathon. This is a great opportunity for businesses, organizations, and individuals to become involved and to show our guests what a great community we have.

Opportunities to be involved include: serving on the planning committee; volunteering the day of the event to serve as traffic directors, help with registration the day of and the evening before; assist at the finish line; and work at a water station.

**Based on comments from participants**, one of the things that keep them coming back to Maryville is the support shown to them from the volunteers. We would like to take it one step further in making them feel welcome and create an excitement for our runners. A theme will be selected for the race and we would like to challenge businesses and organizations to decorate their booth playing off the theme. Awards and special recognition will be given to the most energetic and decorated booths. If you would like to sponsor a water station, please contact the Chamber office for more details.

## Ch-ch-ch changes

Spring of 2006 will mark the beginning of Phase I of the Community Renewal project as the revitalization of the downtown square is slated to begin late May, early June. The project is expected to be completed sometime this fall. The Maryville Festival of the Arts will also be undergoing changes.

Due to the downtown being under construction, a decision has been made to postpone the arts festival until 2007. Although a date has not yet been set, plans are being made to develop the festival into a fall event. The climate will be more enjoyable to spectators, and Northwest will be in session allowing students to participate in the festivities. Even though the event will not take place this year, the committee will be taking advantage of this time to create an exciting event that you will not want to miss! If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, please contact the Chamber.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

### The Fence Post Floral and Gifts

Lisa Frueh, Owner  
1911 South Main  
Maryville, MO 64468  
tel 660-562-7555

The Fence Post Floral and Gifts offers fresh flowers, plants, silk arrangements, balloons, candy and gifts.



Did you know...  
That, to date,  
Maryville has donated  
over \$18,000 for  
hurricane relief  
to our sister city,  
Eunice, LA?

## 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!



# Announcements and such...

## Chamber Ambassadors

Monday, March 13  
Noon - Chamber Conference Rm.  
Lunch - TBA

RSVP by Friday, March 10, to the  
Chamber Office: 660-582-8643

You're invited to attend the

## U.S. Bank Check Fraud Seminar

Featuring guest speaker GREG LITSTER  
Topics: Check Fraud, Identity Theft and  
Check 21

Wednesday, March 15th, 2006  
10 a.m. to 12 Noon

**Location:** U.S. Bank—North Location  
120 S. Main (Downstairs-enter through  
the South Door)

Please RSVP to Amber Parker  
by March 6th at  
Amber.Parker@USBank.com

Greg Litster: Mr. Litster is president of SafeChecks, and a former 18-year banker. He lectures on check fraud and identity theft across the United States, and has authored articles on check fraud published by the Association of Financial Professionals (AFP), and American Payroll Association (APA). Mr. Litster is an associate of Frank Abagnale (portrayed in the 2002 Film "Catch Me If You Can") and is editor of Mr. Abagnale's publication, Check 21, Check Fraud, Identity Theft and Embezzlement.

PLANNING AN EVENT? Check with our calendar of events to help avoid conflict with other events already scheduled. Please contact the Chamber with information about your event so that we may include it in our calendar of events and our monthly newsletter. There is a list of the calendar of events available at the chamber if you would like a copy or visit our web page at

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## Chamber Ambassadors

## Ribbon Cuttings



Mark Your Calendars for:

- Thursday, March 9, 10:30 a.m.  
*Maryville Auto & Ag*  
1st and Depot Streets

AND

- Thursday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.  
*The Fence Post Floral & Gifts*  
1911 S. Main

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Chamber Cheers!

The next *Chamber Cheers* e-newsletter will be emailed on April 21, 2006. This e-newsletter focuses on events, award ceremonies and good news from our members. If you have good news to share, please submit items to chamber@asde.net by April 14th. If you would like to receive *Chamber Cheers*, please email the Chamber or call us at 660-582-8643.

