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Rescheduled "Picnic at Paradise Park" is Thursday, August 10

Annual "Pogue Picnic" is an open Chamber meeting. Bring a friend or prospective member!



Well it rained on our party last month, but – no problem – we'll just try again! Our annual "Picnic at Paradise Park" is alive & well and will take place on Thursday, August 10, starting at 6 p.m. at Paradise Park in Powderly.

This is our official August meeting and we hope you'll join us for all the wonderful food, fun and fellowship, provided by our event sponsor – **The Pogue Automotive Group!**

TWO IMPORTANT NOTES: (1) BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR, AND (2) BRING A FRIEND! This is an open Chamber meeting, so please use it as an opportunity to invite a prospective Chamber member. We'll have this meeting – RAIN or SHINE – and will move indoors to the Ag Center if necessary.

The featured entertainers on the main stage will be the band "**Piano Doctor**" who will play a variety of music from contemporary country to the classic rock of the 70s and 80s.

We'll also have some very special announcements and updates important to the Chamber and community. You don't want to miss this very enjoyable evening as we celebrate Muhlenberg County and the bright road ahead. Again, join us in thanking **The Pogue Automotive Group** for sponsoring the annual Picnic at Paradise Park.

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REMINDER - The 2006 Class of Leadership Muhlenberg starts in October! Be sure to enroll yourself or a future leader from your staff ASAP. The class is limited to 20.

Survey Results Will Be Shared at Special Call Meeting on August 21st

When the Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce invested \$500 to fund the Business Retention and Expansion Program (BREP) survey, we told officials with the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University that we simply wanted to solicit an honest look at the perceived business climate of Muhlenberg County. After our initial review of the survey results, we believe that the mission was accomplished and we appreciate the 38 businesses and their management that took time to give us this valuable feedback.

We look forward to sharing the BREP results on Monday, August 21, with interested Chamber members, our elected officials, community leaders, the news media and the 38 businesses surveyed at a special call meeting that will be held at the UK Extension Office Community Room in Powderly. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. and you're invited.

Dr. Rick Maurer (UK) and Gae Broadwater (Kentucky State) will be on-hand to help in the presentation as well as the Chamber Executive Board and officials from the UK Extension Office in Muhlenberg County. Quite simply, the Chamber wants to use the information as the basis of an action plan that helps us trumpet Muhlenberg County as a place where businesses can succeed and, conversely, work with other community leaders to improve the areas identified as weaknesses. By doing so, we believe we can continue to make a positive difference for our Chamber members and the communities we serve.

GMCC President

Home of the Legends & Community Events Calendar

The Home of the Legends Thumb Picking Weekend in America will take place on Aug 25, 26, & 27th. A badge may be purchased for \$20 to cover all events. On Fri., Aug 25th at 5 p.m. the dedication of the picnic shelter to John M. Kirtley will begin. Everyone is welcome. On Aug. 25, the National Thumb Pickers Hall of Fame Induction begins at 6 p.m. with the Induction Program at 7 p.m. Sat., Aug. 26th, the International Thumb Picking Contest and open guitar contest begins at 9 a.m. In the afternoon guitar clinics will be conducted. At 7 p.m. the concert, from the Hall of Fame Stage, will feature "Country Music Hall of Famer" Hank Thompson. Enjoy Sunday with Edie Pennington's All-day Goat Roping Music, Fun & Food at his Christian County farm near Crofton and Lapex, KY. Call 338-0997 or 338-2520 for information.

Book signing: Lisa D. Piper, Muhlenberg County author of "Discovering Elizabeth" will be at the Library Annex in Greenville for a book signing on Aug 17th from 1 – 5:00 p.m.

Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Central City Church of Christ Tues, Aug. 8 from noon - 6:00 p.m. Register to win tickets to a Tennessee Titans game!

Seasons of Change – Second Baptist Church 2006 Women's Conference will be held Saturday August 19 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Keynote speaker will be Cheryl McGuinness whose husband was the co-pilot of American Airlines Flight 11 – the first airplane to crash into the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Cheryl's message of renewal, recovery, and faith is a message that resonates. Seating is limited. The fee is \$30. This includes lunch. To register or for more information, call the church office at 338-6160.

The Society for Creative Anachronism will be hosting an exhibit of Replications of Renaissance and Middle Ages Art, Craft and Martial Activities at the Duncan Cultural Center. A demonstration by the SCA will be held on Sat., Aug. 26 from 11 – 6 p.m. Visitors can observe and/or participate in dancing, arts, and crafts, trying on armor and clothing of the time and much more! For more information call 338-2605 or email at Duncan.center@ocdirect.net.

Rock 'n Roll Cruise Is Coming Up Labor Day Weekend

Make you plans now to join the fun of the **2006 Everly Brothers / Central City Rock 'n Roll Cruise In** over Labor Day Weekend in Central City. Remember ALL EVENTS ARE FREE, so just prepare yourself for a good time!

- Festivities begin on Wednesday, August 30th, with **Gospel Fest** begins at 6 p.m. with the Crabb Family and friends providing the entertainment. Performers include His Praise, The Palmer Sisters, and Mike Bowling; as well as local favorites – Central City First Baptist Church Men's Choir, Amber Wright and David Richey, Marquetta Adcock and Tammy McGhee. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy this night of gospel music.
- **The River Bottom Bluegrass Band** will be the main stage entertainment on Thursday, August 31st. This two-time State Champion bluegrass band will take the stage at 7 p.m.
- On Sept 1st, the **5th annual Rock 'n Roll Cruise In** begins with registration at 5 p.m. Activities will center along the famous "Central City Strip." The fabulous **Morgan J Cook Band** - flat-out one of the best bands in the mid-South - will take the main stage at 6 p.m. to thrill you with sounds from the past decades. Bring your lawn chair for a fun-filled night!
- The fun continues on Saturday, September 2nd, with a **Car Show** that begins at 9 a.m. From 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Miss Pockets will present "**Wheels Are Fun**" – a children's activity on the front porch of the CC Library. From 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. enjoy the annual **Poker Run with a Motorcycle Show** from 1- 3 p.m. Famed **Elvis impersonator Kavan** will take the stage at 6 p.m. for the pre-show. His gyrations and vocals are a crowd pleaser. At approximately 8 p.m., **ENDLESS SUMMER BAND** (back by popular demand) will once again bring another high energy performance.

Bring a friend and be part of this wonderful community event! For additional information, call the Chamber office.

18th Annual Kentucky Deer Classic is August 26th

Mark your calendars now for the 18th annual **Kentucky Deer Classic** which is coming up on Saturday, August 26th. This is the Chamber's largest fund raising event for the Chamber, so we're going to need plenty of volunteers to contribute a very modest amount of time in order to make it successful yet again!

Over 4,000 visitors are expected to attend and browse the dozens of booths with the latest in hunting and outdoor equipment. The featured seminar speakers for 2006 include Mark Drury from *Drury Outdoors* and *Dream Season*; Tim Farmer, host of *Kentucky Afield*; Don Bell of Bio-Defend; and Jerry Peterson of Woods Wise Game Calls. To volunteer for a booth shift or ticket sales shift, contact Dorothy Walker in our Greenville office at 338-5422 ASAP.

A big thank you – as always – to Lee Fauntleroy, Joey Steele and Uncle Lee's for spear-heading the annual KDC!

Welcome New Members

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3647 Merle Travis Hwy.
Beechmont, KY 42323
&
125 N. Main St.
Greenville, KY 42345

Carpet Interiors
1445 State Route 176
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Suite E
Powderly, KY 42367

Lambert Heating & Cooling, LLC
420 N. Main St.
Greenville, KY 42345

Ribbon Cuttings, Groundbreakings & More

Free Basic Computer Classes will be offered in Muhlenberg County Aug 2 – 28th (on Mondays & Wednesdays) from 9 – 12 or 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. Classes meet twice a week for four weeks. Call 338-2257 to sign up

The Muhlenberg County Campus of Madisonville Community College will extend office hours to 6 p.m. on Aug. 10th. Financial aid and admission representatives will be available during this time for anyone who needs to apply for the Fall semester. No appointment is necessary. Classes begin Aug 14th. Call 757-9881 for more information.

MUHENBERG SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will commemorate the first full year of school in their new state of the art facility at 2 p.m. on Mon., Aug. 7th. Guided tours will immediately follow .

RADIO SHACK at 1508 Everly Bros Blvd. in Central City will hold a ribbon cutting on Thurs., Aug 17 at 2 p.m. to welcome new owner and Chamber member J. Scott Dotson.

CENTRAL CITY LIBRARY – The children of Story Time invite you to the ground breaking for the Central City Library Expansion and Renovation on Thurs, Aug 24th at 10:30 a.m. Join the staff, board of trustees, and patrons of the Public Libraries as they feature the library users of tomorrow in this brief ceremony.

Owensboro Symphony To Present "Concert on the Lawn"

The Owensboro Symphony Orchestra will perform a free concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at Paradise Park. The fun actually begins at 5:30 p.m. when the Muhlenberg North Percussion Ensemble plays. The Band Boosters will also offer food and beverage sales during the event. At 6 p.m., MCTI members will perform a Broadway Revue for the other half of the preshow. Children may enjoy a musical activity from 6-6:30 p.m. led by Dr. Diane Earle, a Kentucky Wesleyan College faculty member in the Music Department and OSO education coordinator.

The OSO begins its "Bravo Broadway!" concert at 7 p.m. Mary Martin of Hartford is the guest soloist. At intermission, the Eagle Express Chorus from Bremen Elementary will entertain crowds. Guests are asked to bring chairs or blankets. Picnic baskets are welcomed; however, concessions are available.

Concert sponsors include: First Kentucky Bank, Old National Bank, Muhlenberg Community Hospital, Elizabeth Gentry, McDonald's, Perdue, Tucker Funeral Home, Mary Brown DMD, Community Health Centers of Western Kentucky, Gary Carver, Willard Keith MD, Muhlenberg Medical Center, First National Bank, CDI Inc., Susan Hawkins MD, and National Thumbpickers Hall of Fame.

Don't forget. The next meeting of the Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce the Picnic at Paradise Park on Thursday, August 10, in Powderly.

Also, special thanks again to our August event sponsor –



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