



# The Chamber News



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Chamber of Commerce



*Thank you*  
*Kentucky Utilities!*

We appreciate everyone at  
Kentucky Utilities for  
acting as our December  
meeting sponsor.

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Greenville Christmas Parade



### **Christmas Parades 2006**

The cities of Central City and Greenville put on two wonderful holiday events recently with the annual Christmas Parades in each town. As always, Santa flew in from the North Pole for each event. As a co-sponsor of the parades, the Chamber provided over \$1,000 in combined financial support, including the prize money for the winning floats. Congratulations!

## *Holiday Meeting of the Chamber is Thursday, December 14th*

Prepare for a fun and entertaining final 2006 meeting of the Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at the First United Methodist Church in Greenville.

Sarah Adams, a featured soloist with the Owensboro Symphony, will perform and

John Peters will provide an update on several important recent happenings at Madisonville Community College and the Muhlenberg Campus.

Our meeting is sponsored by **Kentucky Utilities**, so please join us for good food, fun and fellowship!

## *Chamber Gift Certificates*

Looking for the perfect holiday gift for your family, friends, employees, or customers?

Gift Certificates from the Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce are a great way to say "thank you" to those special people during the Christmas Gift-giving season. Plus, every dollar you spend on a Chamber Gift certificate stays right here at home to support our local economy.

Chamber Gift Certificates are available in denominations of \$10, \$15, and \$25 - and may be redeemed at over 40 local merchants.

To order your gift certificates, contact Shelia Bivins at the Central City office at 754-2360 or Dorothy Walker at the Greenville Office at 338-5422.

## *New Greenville Office – Open House Dec. 15th*

The Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that our new Greenville Office at 100 East Main Cross (formerly the PVA building) is up and running.

The Chamber office takes up the space on the ground floor and the local office of the American Red Cross is upstairs.

In conjunction with ARC, the Chamber will host an official ribbon-cutting and open house for the new facility on Friday, December 15. The ribbon cutting will be held at 12 noon and the open house will run from noon until 6 p.m.

Please join us for a special day in the history of the Chamber.



## Community Events and Reminders



*Sarah Adams will perform for the Chamber membership at our Thursday, December 14, meeting at 12 noon at the First United Methodist Church in Greenville. Sarah is a featured soloist with the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra and a faculty member at Madisonville Community College.*



*Santa at the 2006 Central City Christmas Parade.*

**The Duncan Cultural Center** is hosting a "Picture with Santa" event on Dec. 9 from 8 am-12 Noon. Photos may be ordered by selecting from the following packages: Package A—4--- 4 x 6 for \$4; Package B—2--4 x 6 and 1-- 5 x 7 for \$6; Package C—8 wallets for \$4. Pictures may be picked up no later than Dec. 15.

**The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Bremen Christmas Parade** will be held Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Entries should line-up at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church on Bethlehem Church Road at 12 noon. For more information, call Rev. Leroy Reardon at 525-3413 or 543-6201.

**An open house is planned at the Duncan Cultural Center** on Sunday, Dec. 10, from 1-4 pm. The house is beautifully decorated and also features the newly restored fireplace. You will enjoy lots of food and seasonal music will be provided by Julie Hansen, Freddie Slaughters, the Muhlenberg South High School brass quintet, Greenville Elementary hand bells and the Bremen Elementary School choir. For more information contact the center at 338-2605.

**Greenville Fire Department fundraiser** - Anyone wanting the fire department to deliver gifts to children should make reservations between December 4-14. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fund-raiser for the Greenville Fire Department. For more info., call Genon Putnam at 543-2721 or Tony Armour at 543-8500.

**First National Bank of Muhlenberg County** is raising money for the American Cancer Society through the "Love Lights A Tree" program. Participants purchase an ornament for a minimum of \$10 to honor or in memory of someone, and the ornaments will show the name of the honoree. Ornaments will be placed on the Christmas tree in the lobby of First National Bank in Greenville. There will be a reading for the names at the 5 pm ceremony on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Ornaments can be purchased from First National Bank by calling 338-3505 or by mailing a check to Lanie Gardner, First National Bank, P.O. Box 506, Greenville, KY 42345 with the name of the honoree and who is purchasing the ornament.

**The Center for New Product Development** is a pilot project created to connect small rural manufacturers with university based research teams to test, develop, and commercialize new products. With these resources at their disposal, local manufacturers gain advantages that can help them compete and grow. At the same time, the diversity that these manufacturers bring to local economics helps rural communities remain economically sustainable. Applications are being solicited from potential companies for the pilot project. If your company is interested, or if you know of a company that might benefit from participating, please contact Laura Holt at the Muhlenberg County Extension Office in Powderly (270) 338-3124.

**Family Fun Night:** Christmas Around the World and a visit with Santa Claus takes place on Monday, December 11 at 6:30 pm at the Central City Library. In addition, from Dec. 18 through Jan. 6, all past due library materials may be returned fine free in honor of the holidays. This does not apply to past accumulated fines.

**The Owensboro Symphony Alliance** will host its annual Christmas Tour of Homes from 11am to 3 pm Saturday, December 9 at Lake Forest Subdivision. In addition to the tour the \$15 ticket offers discounts to a car wash and several area restaurants on the day of the tour. Refreshments will be served at the event. The tour features six wreaths that will be raffled off that day. Chances cost \$1 each or six for \$5. Call 270-684-0661 for more information.

**The Muhlenberg County Opportunity Center's 40th Anniversary Cookbook** is for sale from 8 am-4 pm-Monday-Friday at the Center. Price: \$15. Cookbooks make great Christmas presents!

*We Welcome  
Our New Members*

O'Reilly Auto Parts  
202 South Second Street  
Central City, KY

Lake Malone State Park  
331 State Route 8001  
Dunmor, KY

The Gift Gallery  
135 South Main Street  
Greenville, KY



## *Community Events and Reminders*



The Owensboro Symphony Orchestra will present its ever-popular Holiday Pops concert at 3 pm, Sunday, December 10 at the RiverPark Center. The performance features the Owensboro Civic Chorus, Owensboro Center Chorus and Owensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra. Tickets prices are \$12, \$25 or \$32 depending on seat choice. To purchase tickets, call the RiverPark Center box office at 270-687-2787. Patrons who want a meal after the concert might be interested in the Owensboro Symphony Alliance's post-concert dinner, which is catered by MoonLite Bar-B-Q. The meal will be served at 211 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. which is near the RiverPark Center. Reservations are required and need to be made by Dec. 7. Call Betty Butler at 270-684-9567 for your reserved seats.

Start thinking **RECYCLE PHONE BOOKS!!!** It is hoped that every business will place a collection box at the business so that collecting the books will be an easy process. Collection date: January 12, 2007.



## *Educational and Entertainment Opportunities*

The Muhlenberg County Campus of Madisonville Community College will extend office hours to 6 pm on December 14. This will be an opportunity for new students to apply for Spring '07 admission and financial aid. Participants should bring verification of either a high school diploma or GED along with 2005 taxes. For additional information, please contact Penny Jessup at 757-9881. **Course schedules are available online at [www.madisonville.kctcs.edu/schedule](http://www.madisonville.kctcs.edu/schedule)**

**E-Resources** brought to you by your Muhlenberg County Public Libraries are offering tutor.com and Live Homework Help. Both programs are a cooperative offering for the public library systems in Hopkins, Muhlenberg and Webster counties with financial assistance from the Madisonville Community College. Check with the local public libraries to learn more about these helpful programs.

Muhlenberg Community Theatre will present C.S. Lewis' *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* on December 8, 9, 15, 16 at 7 p.m. and December 10 and 17 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices: \$10, \$8, \$7. Call 270-799-1826 for more information.

The Kingston Trio will be performing at the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts in Madisonville on Friday, December 15, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. The trio, formed in 1957, brings the rich tradition of American folk music in to the mainstream for the first time. Tickets: \$30/balcony \$25. For more information call 1-270-821-2787

## *The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Chamber Awards Luncheon is January 11<sup>th</sup>*

The 1<sup>st</sup> annual Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce Awards Luncheon will take place as part of our first 2007 meeting on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 12 noon with our meeting site still to be determined.

In the coming days, each Chamber member will receive a ballot through which you may nominate people for the following awards -

- Business of the Year (under 25 employees)
- Business of the Year (over 25 employees)
- Farm Enterprise of the Year
- New Business of the Year
- Citizen of the Year
- Chamber Member of the Year
- School to Work Award
- Young Entrepreneur of the Year
- Lifetime Business Achievement

The ballot will include the criteria for each award and instructions for submitting your nominations. An awards committee will determine the winners from the nominations submitted.

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*Don't Forget Our Meeting*

Don't forget. The next meeting of the Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce is Thursday, December 14th, at 12 noon at the First United Methodist Church in Greenville.

Also, special thanks again to our November meeting sponsor - Kentucky Utilities.



*A special message from Chamber President Dean Rowe*

*It's hard to believe that it's been 11 months since I sat down to write the President's message for our inaugural newsletter, but here we are in December with the New Year rapidly approaching and with it - endless possibilities for Muhlenberg County's future. I firmly believe that the Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce is the organization that has been and will continue to be the group*

*that charts the course to the complete economic recovery of our county.*

*When I look around the room at our Board of Directors meetings and regular Chamber meetings, I see people who make things happen for our community. As 2007 approaches, let's maintain our will and focus to lead Muhlenberg County forward in positive, progressive manner.*

*May God bless you all this holiday*

