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GMCC Welcomes Kentucky Chamber President at May 11 Meeting



David Adkisson

*President & CEO
Kentucky Chamber
of Commerce*

The Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome **David Adkisson, President and CEO of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce**, as guest speaker at our Thursday, May 11, meeting.

A graduate of Georgetown College, Adkisson earned a masters degree in ethics from Harvard University in 1975. He began his career with the Owensboro Chamber of Commerce, first as project manager and then as the executive vice president. At age 34 he was elected mayor of Owensboro. During his eight year administration, he led the effort to revitalize Owensboro's downtown, created a performing arts complex, developed the MidAmerica Industrial Airpark, expanded the city's parks and bikeways and developed a new bridge linking Kentucky and Indiana. After leaving Owensboro, Adkisson served as president of the Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce, AL.

Since March 2005, Adkisson has served as the President and CEO of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. He continues to be a successful, passionate advocate for Kentucky's business community and we are honored to have him as our guest in Muhlenberg County.

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, May 11th, at 12 noon for the Chamber meeting at the United Methodist Church in Greenville.

Again, in order to adequately prepare, RSVP's will be required for this meeting. Please contact Dorothy Walker at 338-5422 or Shelia Bivins at 754-2360 by Tuesday May 9, to reserve your space.

We also want to offer a special thank you to **Muhlenberg Community Hospital** for sponsoring our May meeting. We truly appreciate your support of the Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce in this special way.

Greater Days Ahead for Muhlenberg County

Muhlenberg County got a double-shot of good news in April with the EPPC Secretary's decision to uphold the Thoroughbred Energy Campus air permit and the announcement that Gourmet Dining will be moving its operations to the former home of SuperValu in Greenville! Many, many Chamber members have played key roles in each project and we thank you for your hard work. Each of these developments bode well for the further economic development of our county and region.

However, we want more! Muhlenberg County is a place where businesses can and do thrive every day. We're going to continue delivering that message here at home, in Frankfort, in Washington D.C., and any where else we can be heard. These are great days for Muhlenberg County, but we believe the best is yet to come.

Sean Rowe **President, Greater Muhlenberg Chamber**



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Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Greenville First Baptist Church on Tuesday, May 9 from noon – 6 p.m. Register to win free Nashville Superspeedway Tickets.

Relay for Life Cookout at Muhlenberg Community Hospital Long Term Care Patio on May 10 from 11:15 – 1:00 p.m. Brown Bag Hamburger Special is \$4.50 and Hotdog Special is \$3.50

Pathway of Hope will host a banquet on May 11 at 6 p.m. at the Mercer Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome and donations (either monetary or supplies) will be accepted. A meal and program will be provided. RSVPs are appreciated but not required.

Pandemic Flu Summit sponsored by the Muhlenberg – Todd County Health Departments will be held May 11 from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Christian Life Center of First Baptist Church of Greenville. For more information, contact Marquita Johnson 887-4160.

National Hospital Week will be celebrated May 7 – 13. The theme for 2006 is "Where Miracles Happen Every Day." Congratulations to Muhlenberg Community Hospital and their wonderful staff for all the recent improvements.

Learn to Crochet with Cindy at the Harbin Memorial Library on May 6 & 13 from 9 – noon. Please sign up at the library.

Primary Election Day – Tuesday, May 16th. Be sure to VOTE!

The Duncan Cultural Center Museum and Art Gallery located at 122 South Cherry Street in Greenville proudly presents "The World Through My Eyes", a photography exhibit by Muhlenberg Preschool and Head Start students. Meet the "little" photographers at Open House, Thurs., May 11, from 4-6 p.m. Refreshments and Live Acoustic Music with Emily Boggess and Megan Grace will be provided. Regular hours are Mon – Fri 1-4 p.m. or call 338-2605 for an appointment.

MCTI open auditions for the Broadway Revue to be presented this summer will be held May 18 from 6:30-8:30 for children singers and 6:30-8:30 May 22-23 for adult singers, dancers and technical workers.

Glema Mahr Center will hold auditions for the Community Theater's summer musical, "The Sound of Music" Monday, May 15 at 6:30. Those who plan to audition should prepare a piece of music to sing. For more information call 824-8650 or 824-8685.

5th Annual Ride for the Cure Poker Run and Cookout Saturday, May 27 from 9 – 1 at the Greenville Office of First National Bank. Hands are \$5 per person and you do not have to ride in order to play! Best hand wins \$100 and Worst Hand wins \$25. All proceeds benefit Muhlenberg County's Relay for Life

First Thursday Series at the History Annex of Harbin Memorial Library on Thursday, June 1 will be "Kentucky Politics: Bombast, Burgoo & Bourbon. The speaker will be Berry Craig, an Associate Professor of History at WKCTC in Mayfield, KY.

GRAND OPENING – Saturday, May 13th, from 10 am – 2 pm for Allstate Insurance, Kevin Rice agent; Oak Tree Finance; and Express Check Advance. All of these fine businesses are located at 707 West Everly Bros. Blvd in Central City (that's the former home of Bunny Bread). Finger-printing for child IDs and Child Safety Seat Inspections will be available. There will be live entertainment by "Sight & Sound" as well as free hot dogs, hamburgers, and popcorn.

SUMMERFEST continues Saturday, May 6. Carnival rides open at 5:30 p.m. Challenge for Charity – Relay for Life Teams begins at 6:30 p.m. "Puttin' On the Hits" featuring local chamber business people begins at 8 p.m. and Entertainment by "Snake Bite" begins at 8:30. A variety of booths featuring food and crafts will be available. Thank you to all of our Chamber volunteers and to Summerfest chair David Richey for leading another successful Summerfest effort!

Educational Opportunities

Western Kentucky University plans to begin offering graduate education coursework at the Madisonville Community College Muhlenberg County Campus beginning Fall 2007. The decision will be dependent upon student demand for the classes. The program is geared toward currently employed teachers to continue their education at the graduate level and to enhance their professional development. Coursework will lead to a master's degree in elementary education from WKU. An information session will be held at the Muhlenberg County Campus at 4 p.m. May 9.

It is not too late so sign up for Summer classes at Madisonville Community College Central City Campus. Courses will be offered in Writing, Algebra, Nursing Assistant, and Improved College Reading. For a complete listing of classes and times call Penny Jessup at 757-9881 or check their website.

Vacation Plans

As summer vacation time approaches – remember that there are countless opportunities within Kentucky for travel, fun, and education. Both of your chamber offices have state highway maps, Kentucky Travel Guides, and the 2006 Official Visitors Guide. You can also use the state website www.kentuckytourism.com or find out more about the local area at www.bbbregion.org.

The Business Retention & Expansion Survey is nearly complete. This has been an incredibly valuable exercise! Results are expected around August and we look forward to sharing those results and developing an action plan ASAP.

LOCAL THEATRE HAS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY BUT NEEDS HELP!

The Muhlenberg Community Theatre Inc. has the opportunity to purchase the building adjacent to the Palace Theatre in Greenville. The owner of the building has been kind enough to allow use of the building for free since 1983, but has decided to sell and has given MCTI the first option to purchase the building. The much-needed building is used for office space, a green room, costume & prop storage, and makeup rooms. Since the cost for the purchase is \$75,000, theatre lovers/concerned citizens are being asked to help in any way possible. Fundraising efforts have just begun, with a \$43.91 plea to mailing list subscribers, which is a start. The \$75,000 goal needs to be raised by October. Donations may be sent to Muhlenberg Community Theatre, 119 North Main Street, Greenville, KY 42345

Don't forget. The next meeting of the Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce is Thursday, May 11, at the Greenville United Methodist Church

Don't forget to RSVP for this very special meeting with Ky. Chamber of Commerce President Dave Adkisson.

- Also, special thanks again to our May meeting sponsor -



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