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AUGUST

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 Rebel Rodders Cruise-In Car Show - Courthouse Square |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Leadership Montgomery Co. Retreat |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Small Town America Festival Small Town America Weekend Sat. morning - 5k Pump & Run Sat - Car Show & Street Fair Sunday - Air Show |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Small Town America Festival | School Employee Appreciation Breakfast | Work Ethic Seal Volunteer Training | Event Committee (11:00 am) | Main Event | Membership Committee Meeting at the Chamber Office (8:45 am) | Kentucky State Fair |
| 23 / 30 | 24 / 31 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| Kentucky State Fair 22nd - Recreation Bowl at Montgomery Co. High School | 24th - Kentucky State Fair 31st - Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament at Mt. Sterling Golf & Country Club (12:00) | Kentucky State Fair | Kentucky State Fair Industrial Authority Board Meeting (3:00) | Kentucky State Fair | Kentucky State Fair | Kentucky State Fair |

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SEPTEMBER

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 5 Rebel Rodders Cruise-In Car Show - Courthouse Square |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Labor Day Car Show at Judy Drive In | Labor Day Industrial Authority, Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Offices will be closed for Labor Day | Speed Meet (8:00 am) | Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting at MSU at Mt. Sterling (8:00 am) | Main Event | First Friday Art Opening | Membership Committee Meeting at the Chamber Office (8:45 am) |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
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| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | | | Industrial Authority Board Meeting (3:30 pm) | Senior Citizens Day at the Park | | Two Sisters Pumpkin Patch opens Active Adult Sock Hop |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

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Share your newsletter
with your co-workers

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CAN YOU IMAGINE?

In a recent meeting of about 50 people, a gentleman asked everyone to raise their hand that been touched in some way by the drug problem. All except 7 people raised their hand. He then commented that the other 7 weren't being honest. What he meant by this is we are all be affected by the problem whether or not we have a family member, friend, acquaintance or co-worker with a problem, we are all suffering the consequences of substance abuse.

Drugs lead to jail, financial ruin and/or death. They will lead to nothing else. The drug issue is growing and someone recently said "the Calvary is not coming to save us; we are going to have to grow ideas and support to solve this problem from within."

What can you do as a business or industry leader do?

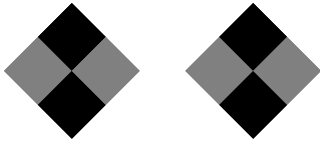


- **Initiate pre-hire and random drug testing.** If you have a positive test, seek ways to help the employee rather than just discharge them. An addict needs rehabilitation in some form to recover. Open Eyes and other groups have done some research on treatment facilities and resources. If your insurance company doesn't offer that assistance, consider switching to a plan that does.
- **The Sheriff's Department has two great resources in their canine unit.** Have them do a parking lot search for you...let the employees know as a business and as a community we don't want drugs in our community, but we will try and help the addict.
- **Join and/or support Open Eyes, Celebrate Recovery, Narcotics Anonymous and other organizations that are working to rid us of this substance abuse issue.**
- **If you have an idea, share it...call the Chamber and we will do our best to help you find the resources to implement your ideas.**

Being optimistic, we see this crisis as an economic opportunity for our community and here's why...

Everyone across the nation is dealing with this issue and some are making progress. If we work together and work on ways to combat the problem we can become a model for others to emulate. This could give us the ability to recruit more jobs and more economic wealth by being known as a community that is progressive and works to solve its own problems. It will also make us a safer and better community in which to live work and do business.

Can you imagine a community with 85% less inmates in our jail, a community where there are less auto accidents because fewer people are driving under the influence, less shoplifting, less crime, fewer drug addicts and fewer families dealing with these issues? We could have a more productive workforce, more money for local government, community projects and education. We would have more commerce in general. This can only happen if we as a community rally together. If you can imagine, then share your ideas and get involved.



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L-R: Commonwealth Bank showcased its new building to Chamber Members on April 29th hosting a Ribbon Cutting and Business After Hours. Approximately 100 people came to tour the new facility. They also saw the new Board Room dedicated as the Lane-Clemons room in honor of long standing board members, Caswell Lane and Lucian Clemons. • A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for TK's Gymnastics at their new location, 112 Brandon Way. In addition to gymnastics TK's offers cheerleading, modern dancing, ballroom dancing and martial arts classes. They also have "open gym" on Friday and Saturday nights and are available for birthday parties.



L-R: Chamber members gathered at Camargo City Hall on Monday, May 5th for the Grand Opening of the Camargo Branch of the Montgomery County Library. The new branch has over 11,000 items and five computer stations. • Bryan Puckett, owner of Mobile Tech invited Chamber members to gather with him at the Clay Community Center for a Ribbon Cutting. Bryan offers on-site mechanic work for vehicles of all sizes, if it's got wheels he can fix it. Give Bryan a call anytime at 859-432-5978, he'll be glad to help you.



L-R : Aaron's Sales and Lease – Jamey Jessee, General Manger, of Aaron's Sales and Lease welcomed Chamber Members to their new location at 1112 Camargo Road for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Aaron's offers leasing options and sales discounts on home furnishing and appliances. Be sure and stop by to welcome them to the Chamber. • The Baptist Worship Center, Lead by Travis Drake was launched in Mt. Sterling, KY in May 2007. Drake and family invited Chamber Members to a ribbon cutting at their new location (formerly the First Baptist Church). Worship service is held at 10:45 Sunday morning and TEAMKID is held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30.

CHAMBER NEWS

Business Directory: All members should have received their new business directory. If you have not, please contact the Chamber office. We have been made aware of a few changes. If you have a correction please send it to our office no later than July 31st and we will update that information in the next newsletter.

The Chamber of Commerce hosted its first Speed Meet on June 9th at Old Silo. Each of the 40 businesses represented had one minute to introduce themselves, and their business. Mark your calendars for the next Speed Meet on Tuesday September 15.



Left: Community members came together on Wednesday, May 13th to take part in Community Conversations. This all day event was an effort to broaden awareness of our Community's drug problem and to be able to unite forces in order to solve it. Pictured is keynote speaker Van Ingram the Executive Director for the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy.

New Chamber Members

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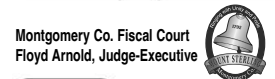
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Commonwealth Bank



If you are interested in becoming a more involved Chamber member, we have many opportunities for you to serve. Please contact our office for more details.