

The Chamber Beat



Put me in coach, I'm ready to play!

Well, even if you're not ready to play, you're probably ready for warmer temperatures and maybe watching some baseball this spring and summer.

And while you're watching those games or checking scores, you might as well see if you can win something at the same time.

From March 1st through the 31st, just come by or email us which professional team you think will win the most games this season. L.A.? New York? San Diego? Toronto? What about KC and St. Louis? You can only enter with one team. When you come by the office or email us, you have to include at least one receipt from a Chamber-member business in order to enter your team.

During the season, we will post the standings every Monday on our FB page and include the names of the people who chose what team. We will get to see just how good at predicting we all are!

If the team that ends up with the most wins has multiple entries, we put those names in a baseball cap and draw a winner.

If two or more teams tie for the best record at the end of the regular season, we put all of those names in the cap and draw the winner.

All you need to do is email david@clintonmo.com or joyce@clintonmo.com and tell us which team you think will win the most games in the 2021 season and include that receipt. But hurry, you need to get your entry into the Chamber by April 1st.

The winner this fall will receive a prize pack from the Chamber and several of our area Chamber businesses.

Good luck and we hope you don't swing and miss with the Chamber's latest promotion!

CHAMBER BUSINESS INFO



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OUT OUR FRIENDS AT KAYSINGER BASIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION?!?!

HELLO,
SURVEY, SURVEY, SURVEY! THE NEXT PHASE OF REGIONAL WORKFORCE STUDY IS TO ROLL OUT THE RESIDENT SURVEY THAT NEEDS TO BE SHARED FAR AND WIDE! IT WILL BE OPEN UNTIL MARCH 26TH.

[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/KAYSINGERRESIDENTSURVEY](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/kaysingerresidentsurvey)

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FUNDING AVAILABLE TO EASE WINTER ENERGY BILLS

SPRING MAY BE JUST AROUND THE CORNER, BUT COLDER THAN USUAL TEMPERATURES IN FEBRUARY CAUSED HEATING COSTS TO SKYROCKET ACROSS THE REGION. INDIVIDUALS MAY BE ABLE TO FIND RELIEF THROUGH THE WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY LIHEAP (LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM).

FUNDING ALLOCATIONS CAN HELP HOUSEHOLDS MAKE UP THE SHORTFALL CAUSED BY COVID, BITTER WEATHER, AND ECONOMIC DOWNTURNS. JAMIE OBERLY, CHIEF COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER FOR WEST CENTRAL COMMENTED, "WE KNOW MANY PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET, AND WANT THEM TO KNOW WE HAVE ASSISTANCE THAT CAN HELP! ANYONE WHO NEEDS HELP SHOULD APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE EVEN HAVE A DROP BOX FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE AT SEVERAL OF OUR LOCATIONS!"

THE LIHEAP PROGRAM HELPS LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS MEET THEIR ENERGY NEEDS. TO QUALIFY, YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE MONTHLY HEATING BILL, HAVE LESS THAN \$3,000 IN SAVINGS OR CHECKING, AND MEET CERTAIN INCOME GUIDELINES. (FOR EXAMPLE, A FAMILY OF FOUR WITH AN ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF \$35,000 OR LESS WOULD QUALIFY.) INDIVIDUALS CAN RECEIVE AN INITIAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE PAYMENT WITHOUT A DISCONNECT NOTICE; ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS ALSO AVAILABLE IN CASE OF SHUT-OFFS OR THREAT OF DISCONNECTION.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE PROGRAM ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.WCMCAA.ORG/EA/, OR BY CALLING THE WEST CENTRAL OFFICE AT 660-476-2185. COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION MAY BE RETURNED BY MAILING TO: WCMCAA, 106 WEST 4TH STREET, APPLETON CITY, MO 64724. APPLICATIONS MAY BE FAXED TO: 660-476-5901, OR EMAILED TO ENERGYHELP@WCMCAA.ORG. APPLICATIONS CAN ALSO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY CENTRAL OFFICE, 106 WEST 4TH, APPLETON CITY, MO (EXTERIOR DOOR SLOT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING)

WEST CENTRAL EL DORADO SPRINGS OFFICE (LISTON CENTER), 508 NORTH MAIN, EL DORADO SPRINGS, MO (EXTERIOR DROP BOX)

WEST CENTRAL RAYMORE OFFICE, 208 WEST WALNUT, RAYMORE, MO (EXTERIOR DOOR SLOT ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE BUILDING)

CELEBRATE!

OPEN HOUSES MARCH 8-12 - NEW GROWTH

OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

MARCH 8-12, 2021, ACROSS 15 COUNTIES IN MISSOURI AND KANSAS WILL CELEBRATE WOMEN IN BUSINESS. THEY WILL ALSO LAUNCH A NEW RURAL RESOURCE FOR ALL ENTREPRENEURS, THE NEW GROWTH WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTER.

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NOTE FROM THE CHAMBER DIRECTOR

A week ago today(Friday), as I was writing my weekly update, the first-ever Greater Clinton-Area Chamber of Commerce Drive-thru Job Fair was going on in the alley behind the Chamber office. We ended up having 35 businesses send us or bring by their job openings. We put all of that information into a packet and when folks came by the Chamber, we went out and gave them a packet. We printed enough for ten packets on Thursday aft. Our first job-seeker drove up at 7:55am. Joyce was busy making copies all day long and I helped put the packets together as we ended up having 27 come through on Friday and three more got the packets from our big mailbox in the back over the weekend. We think we had a great turnout, not only in the numbers of people looking for employment but also the number of businesses that sent us their info. You can also find those job postings on our Facebook page. These job listings are a service to our Chamber members. If your business is not a member, email david@clintonmo.com, call 660-885-8166 or stop by 200 South Main St. and we'll tell you all of the other advantages of being a member. If you are not a member of the Chamber, we will still post those job openings for \$25. Our next Drive-thru Job Fair will be April 30th.

On Thursday afternoon, I got another tour. It wasn't a manufacturing plant or a business. This time, my tour guide was Tim Komer, the Sports Editor from the Clinton Daily Democrat. The tour Tim gave me was the disc golf course in Artesian Park. Right now, there are nine holes and it's been around for about 8 years. Late last year, Tim and I visited in my office about how this nine hole course could become an 18 hole course and draw more people from Clinton and elsewhere to play there. Tim already has a map of how the "back nine" might look and it's impressive. Holes 10-18 look to be difficult but a couple of those holes might be on property not owned by the Clinton Park and Recreation Dept. so of course we would need to talk to those folks before we move forward. Tim has visited with a lot of people using the nine hole course and most agree that nine more holes would make the course much more desirable and more people, especially from out of town, would use the course and hopefully generate more money for our community along with having a fun experience in Artesian Park. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED IN PLANNING THIS UPGRADE TO THE DISC GOLF COURSE, PLEASE EMAIL david@clintonmo.com.

As I've told you before, we get about three or four inquires each week, sometimes more, from the public wanting to know about places to rent in Clinton. We do have a list of landlords we give to them or email, but now each Monday on our Facebook page, we will be updating that list to make sure it is accurate and includes more information for folks looking for a place to rent. If you have houses or apartments to rent, make sure the Chamber knows about it so you will be on the list.

NOTE FROM THE CHAMBER DIRECTOR

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We are continuing to contact the few individuals and businesses that were Chamber members in 2020 but had not yet signed up for 2021. Most of these people either forgot, lost their invoice or maybe they just didn't get an invoice. We are also contacting businesses that have never been a member of the Chamber to see if they would like to be a member, and we are getting positive feedback from those folks as well.

Spring Hill Press is producing new maps for the Chamber that will replace the maps produced about five years ago. They are selling advertising and when finished, they will deliver to the Chamber.

We have sent out our weekly newsletter. Here at the Clinton Chamber, we want to keep our members more up-to-date on what we are doing for them, activities and events that are coming up and any other information we need to relay in a timely matter.

Don't forget, if you're a business owner and belong to the Chamber, be sure to update those Facebook pages so we can share your information on the Chamber's Facebook page. If you would like to get involved in moving Clinton forward, just reach out and we'll find the perfect place for you! Be sure like us on Facebook: Greater Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce, and watch for the new website coming soon.

The Clinton City Council met on Tuesday night via Zoom. On Friday, I emailed a Chamber and Tourism report to Wendee Seaton at the City offices and she included that in the email she sent out to all the Council members. I will present these reports every-other month and when the Council starts meeting in person again, I hope to attend to give this report and answer any questions they may have.

On Wed., also via Zoom, I listened in to the Whiteman Air Force Base 'Base Community Council' meeting. There were more than 50 people in this meeting. It was good to hear from the leadership at the Base and everything they have going on for the men and women helping to keep this great Country safe.

