

THE CHAMBER BEAT



Mark Dawson, Clinton's Economic Development Director, was guest speaker at the Rotary Club. He compared the economic environment in 2020 to 2019. Locally, home sales are up 7% with average sales price of \$136,337. The challenge is there are few homes currently available on the market. Commercial construction is up 300%. Unemployment rate as of December 31, 2020 was 5.8% in Henry County, with 93.98% of population employed, compared to 61.5% in the US. Currently there are five local commercial expansions and two additional ones by others from outside the area. Mark is currently monitoring 17 possible projects. He is shown with Ashley Wareham and President Carla Moberly.



Second Round PPP (Paycheck Protection Program)!

A second round of PPP loans is especially good for small businesses.

Anyone filing as a Schedule C business on their tax return has a chance to increase their PPP amount this time. Please contact your banker or accountant to see if you qualify.

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CHAMBER BUSINESS INFO



Modern Exchange is running a sale now until the end of May! All clothes are 60% OFF but if you buy 10 or more items of clothing it's 70% OFF! Everything else is 50% off!



Seeds of Faith Preschool will be participating in the "Give Ozarks Event" this year to help raise funds for our Financial Assistance Account. Due to COVID, financial needs were much greater for the 2020-2021 school year than ever before. We are seeking funds to ensure families in need can continue to send their children to preschool. "The vision of Seeds of Faith Preschool is to teach any child in a Christ-centered environment those skills that prepare them for school, but more importantly, to plant those seeds of faith that will grow children and help them ultimately come to know our Lord Jesus Christ. Additionally, Seeds of Faith Preschool will be an outreach ministry by sharing the gospel with parents and a lighthouse to our community by helping those who financially cannot afford it (in part or in full) by trusting God to supply all of our needs."

The event will take place on Wednesday, March 24 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The preschool would appreciate your support through this event and these young children in our community!

The link for the event to give is:

<https://causmomentum.org/projects/assisting-families-with-financial-assistance>

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SATURDAY MARCH 27TH

7PM TO 10PM

32 SE AA HWY
CLINTON, MO



St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Wednesday, March 17th at
11 AM-8 PM

Address: 32 SE Highway AA
Clinton, Mo 64735



Any day of the year...

When your patient needs care, we are ready to provide it. Any day of the year, Heartland Hospice can initiate hospice care for an eligible patient.

A patient who might be potentially-eligible for and benefit from hospice care may demonstrate some of these symptoms:

- Unintentional weight loss
- Excessive sleeping throughout the day for long periods
- Multiple hospital visits/stays in the past six months
- Excessive swelling of the legs and ankles, even when feet are propped up
- Difficulty breathing, even at rest or with increased oxygen levels
- Weakness during activities of daily living
- Frequent changes in medications
- Pain that is poorly controlled
- Loss of interest in activities
- Not "bouncing back" after an illness

Contact us any time, day or night, weekends or holidays, just to talk or to refer a potentially-eligible patient. For 24/7 admissions, please call:

800.955.1219



The Golden Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church at 2000 N Community Dr. Clinton is partnering with The Family Resource Center of Missouri. Our mission is to provide families in need with some of the essentials needed to raise happy, healthy children birth to age 5 in Henry and surrounding counties. Some of the items that we will provide is formula, up to 50 diapers a month per child, wipes, baby food, toddler snacks, new bottles and nipples, breast feeding supplies, baby blankets, diaper rash cream and books. These items will be by appointment only on a monthly first come, first served basis while supplies last. This program is need based, no income restrictions.

You must pre-register on-line:

www.mofamilyresource.org. each month prior to arrival.

You may contact Sarah Dunwoody, Site Manager at: gvsdachurch@mofamilyresource.org or call 816-425-5706 for more info.

Hours: 2nd and 4th Thursday's every month
10:00am to 2:00pm

" The Home Town Realty Agent Team recently had a company photo shoot. We are ramping up for spring and summer! We are eager and excited for all the clients we will be serving this year as we make their Home and Land buying dreams a reality!"





Only One Week Away From Spring

Phone Number: 660-885-6911

GROFF Dental are doing a campaign in the month of April for Oral Cancer Awareness Month. Offering complimentary oral cancer screenings to the public.



FREE *Community Cookout*
HOT DOGS*CHIPS*COOKIES*DRINKS



HELP US CELEBRATE 1
YEAR AT OUR CLINTON
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CARDINALS SEASON
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Prizes *Everyone Welcome* Give
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April 1st
Southside Clinton Square
11a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Hosted by Mortgage Enterprises Inc.

660 223-0069

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NOTE FROM THE CHAMBER DIRECTOR

By David Lee

I'll start off this week talking about Chamber gift certificates. I know during the Holidays I talked a lot about gift certificates in this column because we were selling and giving away A LOT of certificates. One day earlier this week, we sold eight certificates to three different people. This just made me want to remind you that Chamber gift certificates make great gifts in Dec., March or anytime during the year. You can order your certificates ahead of time if you want. Just call 885-8166. We can make the certificates and have them ready to go when you come by the Depot to pay for them.

I stopped into a couple of new businesses in Clinton that weren't even open yet on Tuesday. Hannah Bananas Coffee and More is located just south of the State Fair Comm. College and Central Methodist Univ. building. Besides coffee, they will feature ice cream, food, a place for birthday parties and more. On the Downtown Square you will find Silhouettes. There, you will find high quality bras, sleepwear, swimwear, post-surgical and mastectomy products and more. You will soon start seeing more about these businesses on the Chamber's Facebook page.

Meetings this week I attended included our tourism committee meeting on Tuesday, the Clinton Main St. Board meeting on Wed., the weekly Rotary meeting on Thursday and the meeting for Henry County's celebration of Missouri's Bicentennial, also on Thursday aft. It's fun getting to work with and/or listen in at meetings like this to find out what's going on and how hard people are working to make Clinton a better place to live, work, get an education, shop, have fun and more. Clinton's Economic Developer Mark Dawson was the guest-presenter at that Rotary meeting. He talked about the lack of housing, projects he is working on, construction and more.

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. 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.

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.