



Co-owner Darin Heimer outside the Taylor corporate offices.

Palmyra Chamber of Commerce

Chamber News

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FEATURED BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

HEIMER CONSTRUCTION

Complete construction services...from start to finish.

Heimer Construction: a business that's all about quality work and Christian values. President and CEO Kent Heimer, wife Jan and co-owners son Darin, and his wife Danielle believe you deserve the best in quality, reliability, and innovation.

In 1974, Kent Heimer received his teaching degree in industrial technology one May day and started Heimer Construction with only a two man crew the very next day. Initially the business was focused on building custom homes. Then, during the 1981 downturn in the housing market, Heimer's had an opportunity to bid on a commercial project: Diemakers in Palmyra. Kent Heimer seized the chance to grow his business, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Now, with 40 years of construction experience, Heimer Construction has a solid reputation as a proven general construction contractor. They can accommodate total turnkey projects, from planning and designing to budgeting and comprehensive construction management services. Every element is considered, from assisting with financing to helping with a grand opening, and everything in between. The company is incorporated in the State of Missouri, and licensed to work in Missouri and Illinois.

As a designated Butler Builder®, Heimer Construction has been in partnership with Butler Manufacturing Company since 1987. Heimer's also represents Stockade pre-engineered wood structures, allowing them to provide a wide variety of structural systems to best meet the needs of the commercial / industrial market.

Darin Heimer, a graduate of Illinois State University with a degree in Construction Management, works as the company safety and project manager. He explained that despite the commercial nature and size of the jobs, Heimer Construction chooses to deliver their services within a 75 mile radius. All forty-five skilled employees know that they'll be able to return home to spend time with family every evening, a priority for the Christian-based company. "We like long-term relationships and a home atmosphere. We're a family group. We're small enough that we know the names of everyone's kids," shared Darin. The administrative staff includes experienced Project Managers, Estimators and CAD operators. The work force is led by thirteen jobsite foremen with a combined 200 years of experience.

Heimer Construction has completed a variety of structures and facilities in the area that you will recognize: Anderson's Riding Arena, Bud's Paint & Body Shop, Cornerstone Church, County Market and Ace Hardware in Palmyra; First Baptist Church in Monroe City, Missouri; the Bank of Hannibal and Lamar Advertising in Hannibal; and Home Depot and the Maine Center in Quincy, IL. They are the only general contractor working on a day to day basis at BASF and always have employees there five days a week; currently, two large projects are also underway at this facility. Heimer Construction also does a great deal of work at General Mills in Hannibal, often working 24/7 when the plant is shutdown to complete a necessary job.

New projects include a County Market in Louisiana, Missouri and a new wood storage building for Palmyra's ACE Hardware. "It's been a tough winter, but the hiring sign has gone out," said Darin Heimer.

At Heimer Construction, the goal is to provide professional services and practical solutions to your project. They'd like to help you on your next project.

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Safety and Project Manager, Darin Heimer with receptionist, Kathy Perry.



Chamber Briefs...

PALMYRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014

The Palmyra Chamber of Commerce held its monthly meeting at the VFW Hall Tuesday, April 8. Vice-President Rodney Kuntmeyer welcomed everyone including new Flower City Florist owner, Cheryl Coleman.

Stacey Blomberg, Outreach Coordinator with the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry came up from Jefferson City to talk about Medicaid Expansion and Transformation. To clarify the term, Medicaid is health insurance for low income individuals funded by the federal government and voluntarily funded by states. Currently, states cannot be required to expand Medicaid to individuals without children but must do so on their own. To date, 25 states have or have recently received waivers to expand their Medicaid programs included Iowa, Arkansas, Kentucky, and Illinois.

Missouri has one of the lowest Medicaid eligibility levels for adults in the country: 18% Federal Poverty Level(FPL). That means to qualify for Medicaid, an individual makes \$4531 or less annually. Low income Missourians between 18%-100% FPL have very limited options for affordable health coverage as things stand. They make too much to qualify for Missouri Medicaid and too little to qualify for subsidies under the ACA Insurance Exchanges.

If Missouri expands Medicaid, the federal government will pay 100% for such expansion during the first three years. Funding gradually is lowered to a 90% federal matching rate in 2020. Since the current Medicaid match is 61%, this would be a substantial increase. Providing health coverage in Missouri through Medicaid brings in guaranteed revenue –nearly \$2 billion a year in federal funds. And with Medicaid expansion, approximately 300,000 people in our state would have insurance again.

The two largest business groups, the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Associated Industries of Missouri, support expansion as does the Missouri Hospital Association. What if Missouri fails to pass Medicaid Expansion? Small businesses will be at a competitive disadvantage for failing to comply with the ACA, hidden health care tax will continue to be imposed on those with private insurance, and Missouri will lose our ability to save state general revenue and use such savings to invest in other priorities such as education, transportation, and public safety. No bill is currently on the floor in either house of the legislature, though Governor Nixon supports Medicaid Expansion.

Grand Opening

Bud's Paint & Body Shop celebrated the Grand Opening of its new facility at 105 Thompson Friday, April 25th and Saturday, April 26th with a Chamber Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, free lunch, door prizes and a grand prize drawing.



New Member

It's our pleasure to welcome a new business and Chamber member to Palmyra! Chrystal Walden opened Chrystal's Liquidation for business on Friday, April 18th. We wish you years of successful business operations in our community.



upcoming events CALENDAR

Friday, May 9

Palmyra R-1 "Night of the Arts"
6-8:30 pm

Saturday, May 10

City Wide Garage Sale

Tuesday, May 20

Palmyra R-1 Awards Night

Thursday, May 22

Palmyra R-1 Graduation

UPCOMING MEETING DATES & PROGRAM

REMINDERS

YOUR NEXT CHAMBER MEETING IS NOON

Tues., May 13, 2014 • VFW Hall

Guest Speaker: C. Todd Ahrens, CEO Hannibal Regional Healthcare System. His topic will be "Staying Connected with the Surrounding Communities."

Tues., June 10, 2014 • VFW Hall

Guest Speaker:

Irene Meyers on the Community Foundation. *Community Foundation builds charitable funds that support community needs and opportunities. The funds, mostly permanent endowments, ensure there is support for good, forever, for our region. The public is invited.*

Country Butcher Shop's Pavilion
is now open for lunch!

Stop in and enjoy!

CHAMBER SHOUT OUTS

Check out local Edward Jones financial advisor, Betsy Rush, in online videos on the updated Edward Jones Career website! You might have seen the professional camera crews outside her office and around town last November. Betsy is featured as an advisor for the segments to recruit female advisors as well as those from sales backgrounds. You'll also recognize Flower City Florist and the Old Stone House Inn as location sites for some of the filming. Go to <http://careers.edward-jones.com/us/women/index.html> and http://careers.edward-jones.com/us/professional_sales_service/index.html.

Second and third graders in Palmyra R-1 and Marion County R-11 schools learned a little more about the banking system last month thanks to two HomeBank employees, Chamber Board Member Leanna Delaney and Chamber President Michelle Merkel. The program, Teach Kids to Save, helps students learn how to set up a bank account and keep track of their money.

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