



Palmyra Chamber of Commerce

Chamber News

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FEATURED CHAMBER BUSINESS

MALIE'S BOUTIQUE

Do you like to browse a wide variety of treasures? Are you looking for a unique shopping experience? Malie's Boutique on the northeast corner of Olive and Main needs to be on your list of retail places to frequent! Malie's Boutique has antique, vintage and new gift items. Need a break? Malie's Boutique also has a cozy Coffee Corner offering coffees, cappuccino, soda, and snacks.

Malie's Boutique is new to Palmyra, originally opening in October of 2014 on Highway 61 on Marion City Road across from Shopko and C&R. The boutique is the dream venture of Margaret Click and Alison Higgason. As Click explained, "We were Moms who wanted to get into business. This is something we can do and bring our kids if we want or need to."

Higgason, who has sold cars, insurance and jewelry, knew that none of her previous jobs were really what she wanted. "I always thought it would be neat to have my own shop and to be part of a small town community. Palmyra is a great town with a lot to offer." Higgason shared that she and Click originally worked together every day of the week but now alternate, giving them time at home with their families.

Margaret and Alison had wanted to open Malie's Boutique in downtown Palmyra from the very beginning, but no business space was available initially. When they learned that their current location was being vacated because the owner was moving out of state, they were thrilled to relocate despite having to set up displays a second time. Malie's Boutique rents out vendor space, and the number of vendors doubled with the move! Owners and vendors alike are very happy with the increased foot traffic due to the central downtown location.

Both women display their own work in the boutique. "I've been making jewelry for almost ten years," said Alison, so it's no surprise that that's what Higgason has for sale. In addition to beaded chains, necklaces, earrings and bracelets, she also does some crocheted scarves and fun hairbows. Margaret is quite the seamstress, and sells her own creations as well; these include quilts, hats, scarves and doll and baby clothes.

What else will you find at Malie's? Over fifty different vendors offer a diverse selection with something for everyone. For



The owners visit with two of their vendors in the Boutique's Coffee Corner.



Owner Alison Higgason with her jewelry collection at Malie's.



Owner Margaret Click loves to sew and has personal items for sale at Malie's.



antique and collectible enthusiasts, Malie's Boutique vendors have primitives, furniture, coins and trinkets. Craft lovers will find snap jewels & snap accessories, scrapbooking supplies, framing options, and one-of-a-kind items. The fashion conscious will find fashion products without the fashion price: brand new accessories including purses, bags, scarves, jewelry, perfume and headbands. You'll find distinctive baby and children's items and home décor.

New for the Christmas holidays will be candle warmers and melts, body lotions and special items for babies and kids. Peppermint cappuccino will be offered in the Coffee Corner. Make time to stop in! Malie's Boutique hours are 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday – Friday and 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Chamber Briefs...

CITY UPDATE FROM MAYOR

The Palmyra Chamber of Commerce held its monthly meeting Tuesday, November 10, at the Old Stone House Inn. President Rodney Kuntmeyer welcomed all including newcomers Charlene Liendo and Penny Painter with Mark Twain Title and Kathryn McDaniel, a Community Manager with the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

Teresa Smyser, Taste of Palmyra committee member, shared that this year's event, with 83 vendors and live entertainment, drew record crowds. On behalf of the committee she expressed how appreciative the Chamber is of all the volunteer help. Members discussed suggestions for the 10th anniversary Taste of Palmyra which will be held October 17, 2016.

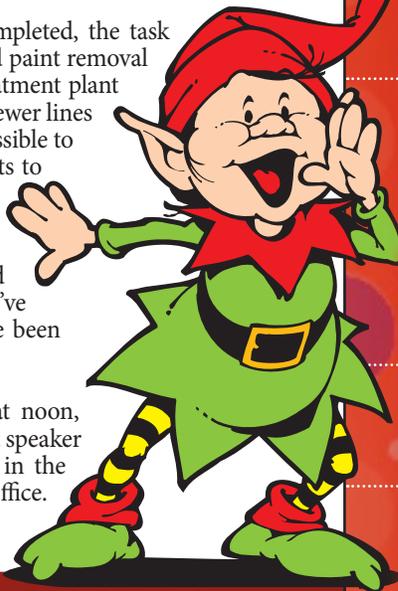
Nancy Speak gave details on Christmas in Palmyra. Chamber events will be held at the Marion County Courthouse in Palmyra beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 5. There will be a musical performance and light refreshments preceding a wreath, basket and mini-tree live auction at 11 a.m. Tickets for a chance to win cash prizes will be distributed at the door; winners must be present. There will be 5 drawings for \$100, 1 for \$200 and 1 for \$300. Anyone wishing to give a monetary donation to help support the event or donate a wreath, miniature tree or Christmas Basket of items to be sold at the live auction may contact the Chamber office (769-0777), Nancy Speak (769-0555) or Heather McChristian (769-4111).

Nominations for Citizen of the Year, Educator of the Year and Volunteer of the Year are now being accepted. Nominating criteria and guidelines are available at showmepalmyra.com; they are also available in print form at the Chamber office, the Palmyra Spectator, and City Hall. Recipients will be announced at the Palmyra Chamber's Annual Banquet, January 7, 2016. A deserving candidate needs you to write the recommendation today.

Mayor Loren Graham, the guest speaker, discussed the many upgrades happening throughout the city. Most visible, perhaps, is the new police station, which will be completed by the end of the year after several delays. The Northeast Missouri Narcotics Task Force will move into the old police station temporarily, while what to do with the space is under discussion. A future improvement to the space behind City Hall will be a municipal parking lot on land purchased behind the old police station.

Repainting and repair of the city water tower is completed, the task extending past six months to fifteen partially due to lead paint removal and contractor issues. The pipe gallery at the water treatment plant has undergone a much needed refurbishing. Palmyra's sewer lines have been cleaned and videoed; GPS maps are now accessible to city workers. BPW has begun installation of LED lights to replace the old street lights for an 85% electrical savings cost. City Council has authorized funds for electrical circuit upgrades and an automatic meter information system which will allow for billing current usage and obtaining information about meters electronically. "I've been mayor for eight years and this is the busiest we've been with projects ever," said Graham.

The next Palmyra Chamber meeting will be held at noon, December 8, at the Palmyra Nutrition Center. The guest speaker will be John Hale, the Director of Investor Education in the Securities Division of the Missouri Secretary of State's Office. His topic will be investment fraud. The public is invited.



UPCOMING MEETING DATES & PROGRAMS YOUR NEXT CHAMBER MEETING IS NOON

Tuesday, December 8th

Luncheon will be held at the Palmyra Nutrition Center. Our guest speaker will be John Hale, the Director of Investor Education in the Securities Division of the Missouri Secretary of State's Office. He will be sharing information on investment fraud.

Thursday, January 7th

Chamber Annual Banquet, Msgr. Farischon Hall
Social - 6 p.m. | Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$15 in advance (by Dec. 30) \$20 at the door

upcoming events CALENDAR

November 26
Happy Thanksgiving!

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Flowers For You has customized wine & beer buckets ~ great holiday or birthday gifts for those who have everything! 769-0404

Nov. 28 - Dec. 19

Ride the fire truck with Santa every Saturday 1 - 2 p.m. ~ Meet at the Palmyra Fire Station & bring a food item for the Food Pantry

December 4

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Edward Jones Christmas Open House ~ Betsy Rush, Financial Advisor. "Our gift of appreciation to our clients, friends and neighbors who make this community a wonderful place to have a business. Please join us in donating non-perishable items to our local food pantry to help those less fortunate. We will collect donations during the open house. (Please note: Edward Jones cannot accept cash or checks as donations.)" Refreshments and light snacks will be served.

December 5

10 a.m. - Noon: Christmas In Palmyra, Palmyra Courthouse Live Auction & Drawing for \$1000 in Cash Prizes (Individuals 18 & older will receive one ticket for the CASH drawing upon arrival & must be present to win.)

December 5

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Sydenstricker's Annual Santa Day. Santa will be on site. Deep discounts on toys and branded products.

December 12

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Autism Awareness Christmas gift wrapping & bake sale, 306 S. Main

December 13

3:30 p.m.: Tree of Memories, Lewis Brothers Funeral Chapel

December 18

Palmyra R-1 Early Dismissal for Christmas Break

December 25

Merry Christmas!

January 1

Happy New Year!

January 7

Chamber Annual Banquet



JA in a Day General Information Palmyra Elementary School

Junior Achievement is in need of nine volunteers to help educate elementary students on financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. The hands-on activities, all provided to you by JA, will be completed in about 3 hours in Grades 3 & 4 at Palmyra Elementary on March 7th. The activities educate youth on the connection between education and success in the workplace. Sharing your real world work experience is invaluable. Curriculum, training, and support is provided by Junior Achievement. We have a vested interest in the success of students in our community!

Contact the Palmyra Chamber of Commerce at 769-0777 or palmyrachamber@gmail.com if you are willing to help fill one of these important roles. You may also contact Denise Drebes, Junior Achievement in Northeast Missouri and West-Central Illinois District Manager at 769-0161 or ddrebes@jastl.org.



Click for more information!

KUDOS!



Congratulations to the Palmyra Panthers!

Winner's of the Mayors Cup, District Champs, and
Class 2 Missouri State Football Semifinalists!

Shown here are 18 of the seniors that finished their season in Malden, Missouri, where they lost 24 - 21 to finish their season 11-3.

upcoming event DEADLINES

ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET

Get your tickets now for the Annual Chamber Banquet, January 7, 2016.

The banquet will be held at Msgr. Farischon Hall with Social at 6:00 and Dinner, catered by the Old Stone House Inn, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance (by December 30th) and \$20 after December 30th and at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber Office, City Hall, HATS, the Old Stone House Inn, and the Palmyra Spectator.

ANNUAL CHAMBER AWARDS

Nominations for Citizen of the Year, Educator of the Year and Volunteer of the Year are now being accepted.

Nominations for Educator of the Year don't have to be for a teacher but may be for any individual who positively guides youth or trains others. To assist you, nominating criteria and guidelines are available at showmepalmyra.com; they are also available in print form at the Chamber office, the Palmyra Spectator, and City Hall. Recipients will be announced at the Palmyra Chamber's Annual Banquet, January 7, 2016. Without you, a deserving candidate may go unrecognized! As in the past, the Palmyra Chamber Board of Directors will select the recipients for the Business Hall of Fame and the Paint Brush Award, the latter for a business that has really improved its looks and added that "something extra" to our community. Hurry: The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, December 29. Send your nominations to the Chamber office at P.O. Box 446, Palmyra, MO 63461 or palmyrachamber@gmail.com.

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