

# CHAMBER NEWS

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## BOARD WELCOMES NEWLY ELECTED DIRECTOR, DEBBIE THOMURE

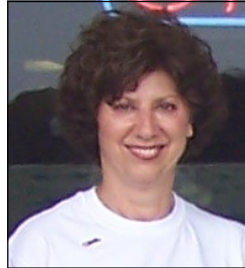
The Park Hills - Leadington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is excited to welcome Debbie Thomure back to the Chamber board.

Debbie was recently elected via special ballot to complete the unexpired term of Brenda Crews. Crews resigned in June stating that her full time work schedule along with the responsibilities of the many businesses that she and her husband Joe own keep her from devoting 100 % to the Chamber

board as she would like to.

Crews was a very creative asset to the chamber board, always sharing new ideas and will be missed. We appreciate all that she has done for the board and wish her the best.

Debbie Thomure is no stranger to the Chamber board as she served two three year terms back to back from 1995 to 2000, three of which she was named Chamber Treasurer.



Debbie is employed as the Branch Manager for the US Bank Leadington Branch.

We are excited to welcome Debbie back to the board!

## REPRESENTATIVE ROBINSON TO DISCUSS ST. JOE STATE PARK

Join us Tuesday, September 18th at Rosener's Restaurant as State Representative, Brad Robinson, talks to the Chamber investors about two important topics affecting the Parkland.

First, Representative Robinson, will be discussing the No Child Left Behind Act. Learn how this program works and see how our schools measure up.

Finally, with the recent reports of the EPA's concerns with lead

tailings at the ATV riding and swimming areas of St. Joe State Park, the Chamber board thought some insight from our



*The EPA is taking a closer look at the ORV Park as part of an ongoing remediation program to address all lead contaminated areas in St. Francois County.*

Photo & article clip taken from The Daily Journal online archive titled "EPA takes a closer look at St. Joe State Park" dated August 22, 2007



local representative would be very much welcomed.

Representative Robinson, will address the recent uproar of concern and highlight some of the steps being taken to help prevent the closing of the off road vehicle riding and swimming sections of the park.

Join us for lunch at noon. No reservations are required.

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## CHRISTMAS PARADE PREP BEGINS

As summer fades away and cooler weather begins to move in, you can't help but think, Christmas will be here before you know it!

Chamber board members are already beginning to think about that joyful season as they slate the first of several meetings to plan the organization's annual Christmas Parade.

Parade organizer's will meet Tuesday, September 18th immediately following the

regular investor meeting to begin discussing the theme, prizes, entertainment and parade route.

If you would be interested in assisting with planning or have some new ideas for the event, your invited to attend!



## PLANNING FOR FOSTER CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

As many of you know, the Foster Children's Christmas Party is the largest event that the Park Hills - Leadington Chamber of Commerce hosts.

Serving 4 counties and nearly 150 children each year requires lots and lots of time, volunteers and money. For this reason, we traditionally begin the major planning stages of the party in September each year.

The first stages of planning include selecting a theme, games, crafts, entertainment, and goodie bag items. With that in mind, the Chamber Board has slated September 25th at 1:00 p.m. as the official date for the very first planning meeting. Anyone interested in assisting with

the planning stages of this huge event is invited to join us at MiCasa Mexican Restaurant in Leadington on the 25th.

If you are not interested in the initial planning of the event, watch your upcoming Chamber News and Chamber Chatter for other ways you can help. Many bodies are needed the day of the event, as well as sponsors to help with purchasing Christmas gifts for the children. Wish lists are expected to be delivered to Chamber members the first part of November, so keep an eye out!

As always, we appreciate your participation in this and all Chamber events. Without You, We Wouldn't Be!



Check out the Chamber Calendar ONLINE  
24 hours a day,  
7 days a week!

Go See It Now!

[http://  
calendar.yahoo.com/  
phlcoc@sbcglobal.net](http://calendar.yahoo.com/phlcoc@sbcglobal.net)



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As a member of the Park Hills - Leadington Chamber of Commerce....

*You are welcome to use our*  
**COPIER, FAX MACHINE,  
BINDING MACHINE,  
SADDLE STAPPLER,  
INTERNET, AND OTHER  
OFFICE EQUIPMENT**  
Investors Cost: FREE

*You can rent our*  
**18' x 18' CARNIVAL TENT**  
Investors Cost: \$25 Per Use

*You are welcome to use our*  
**CONFERENCE ROOMS**  
Investors Cost: FREE

Call the Chamber office to find out about more Investor Benefits!!

# INVESTORS *on the inside*

SPOTLIGHT YOUR BUSINESS  
HERE!

**FREE OF CHARGE!!!**

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TODAY TO FIND OUT HOW!



## LOOK WHO'S RECENTLY JOINED:

### BASE ROCK MINERALS

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Bonne Terre, MO 63601  
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Contact: Kerry Bauman  
baserock@email.com

### DREAMS COME TRUE

233 W. Main Street  
Park Hills, MO 63601  
**PHONE: 573-518-0107**  
Owners: Marlana Crews  
dreamscometrue233@yahoo.com

### Jimmie Lee McCarver

Individual Investor  
Retired  
E-Mail: jimccarver@att.net

### MINERAL AREA BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES

5905 Maple Street  
Park Hills, MO 63601  
**PHONE: 573-518-0340**  
Owner: Marilyn Rawson

### PARKLAND MOTORS, INC.

224 Woodlawn Drive  
Leadington, MO 63601  
**PHONE: 573-431-0888**  
Owners: Angela or Jeff Wright

### THE RIVER WORSHIP CENTRE

207 Dix Avenue  
Park Hills, MO 63601  
**PHONE: 573-431-9200**  
Contact: Pastor D.J. Edwards  
www.theriverworshipcentre.org

### BOW TIE CATERING

208 N. Harry Jr.  
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www.lachanceheatingandcooling.com

### MICASA MEXICAN RESTAURANT

106 St. Francis Plaza,  
Leadington, MO 63601  
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Owner: Adam arango

### PARK HILLS RIVER MART

7 East Main Street  
Park Hills, MO 63601  
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### RUSTIC TREASURES LLC

220 S. Front Street  
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### VILLAGE PROFILE.COM

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www.villageprofile.com

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## Events Calendar September 2007

**18th - Investor Meeting**  
Rosener's Restaurant  
12:00 noon

**18th - Parade Planning  
Meeting**  
Rosener's Restaurant  
1:00 p.m.

**19th - Parkland Council of  
Chambers Meeting**  
Rosener's Restaurant  
12:00 noon

**24th - Foster Children's  
Christmas Party Planning  
Meeting**  
MiCasa Mexican Restaurant  
1:00 p.m.

**27th - Downtown Park Hills**  
All Occasions Hall  
8:30 a.m.

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## **PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE**

As the curtain slowly falls on the joy and laughter of another summer, and the dawn of a new fall and winter season lingers on the horizon, I look about Park Hills and Leadington and see so much opportunity for those with an entrepreneurial spirit, those with the vision and desire to be successful.

We have a wide array of buildings throughout Park Hills, particularly in the down town area that could be renovated to their original grandeur or remodeled to start a new history. In Leadington, there is the opportunity to take advantage of new development with the increased traffic on the new service road which can get even better after the new overpass is completed.

Often our view of something dictates our emotions and responses, as well as our behavior.

So many times, I have been in towns and cities and have been amazed by what people with vision have accomplished. When I have talked with owners and managers, I have found they are not so different than people here, but something sparked their imagination, their entrepreneurial spirit and their view became more "what could be" instead of "what is."

I think all of us as Chamber members and citizens of our communities, will serve our cities better with a "what could be" attitude and as we go forth into these new seasons have a more visionary and entrepreneurial view of what we can help accomplish. After all, it has to start somewhere.

Kelly Valle  
President

## **Happy Birthday!**

### **SEPTEMBER**

**25th - Joe Briley**  
*Mineral Area Memorial  
VFW Post 5741*

**28th - Joe Crews**  
*All Occasions Hall &  
All 4 Da Kids*

**30th - Tammi Burns**  
*Chamber of Commerce*

### **OCTOBER**

**2nd - Brad Cooper**  
*Cooper Financial*

**14th - Juanita Mahurin**  
*Retired*

**27th - Jim Eaton**  
*First State  
Community Bank*



*Do you have a birthday announcement?  
Go to the following web address:*

<http://www.BirthdayAlarm.com/dob/26702479a612777185b363>  
*and enter the name and birthday or contact the Chamber Office at  
573-431-1051 to have it added to our Birthday List!*