

CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

Downtown Revitalization

The Bowling Green Downtown Revitalization is planning a mini-festival on the Square! They will have a photo scavenger hunt, living windows contest, Easter egg hunt, pictures with the Easter Bunny, Music and much more! It will be Friday, March 23rd from 6pm to 7pm.



New Board Members

At the Annual Banquet in January, we welcomed our New President and 2018 Board.

Deanna Feldmann from Hannibal National Bank has stepped into the role of President after several years as a Board Member. We know she is going to do a great job and look forward to having her in this leadership position!

Thank you to everyone who braved the weather and attended, volunteered, and organized this event. It would not have been possible without you!

Please contact me at bgmocc@att.net if you are interested in joining a Committee. Your help is greatly appreciated!

January Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

We were honored to welcome Hannibal Regional Medical Group (previously Pike Medical Clinic) to the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce at their Grand Opening last month. They are committed to fulfilling the health needs of the community and their new facility provides space for speciality and diagnostic testing. Follow them on Facebook at Hannibal Regional Healthcare System for all the latest news.



Leadership Missouri

What is Leadership Northeast Missouri?

A regional leadership institute, which consists of six learning and networking sessions throughout the Northeast Missouri region.

Who should participate?

- Anyone interested in enhancing their leadership skills and gaining a deeper understanding of our region. Leaders and future leaders.

Why should I participate?

- boost your leadership skills
- enhance your ability to evaluate issues in a regional context
- develop a deeper understanding of issues facing our region
- identify avenues for active participation at the local and regional level • create a network of regional contacts
- professional development hours - 45 hours total

I have attached a flyer regarding this event with the Newsletter that has all the information and details. Please contact John Gulick gulickj@missouri.edu for application and enrollment.

Resources for Missouri's Startups & Small Businesses

Small businesses and startup firms are the engines that keep Missouri moving forward, creating jobs and pioneering innovations that help the Show-Me State compete in today's global economy. And with 95 percent of total businesses in the state classified as small businesses (1-49 employees), we have the manpower, tools, and proven track record of providing a welcoming, supportive environment for small business owners and entrepreneurs to feel at home. In fact, the latest U.S. Census data (2013) found that Missouri is leading the nation in new business creation, with new business numbers surging by more than 16 percent, more than double of any other state in the country.

You may have heard of up and coming social media platform LockerDome, or maybe national video news service Newsy, or even global provider of probiotic products, SCD Probiotics? These are just a few of the hundreds of startups popping up around the state and growing the state's tech and innovative scene. But even big corporations—like Express Scripts, Boeing and World Wide Technology, all of which are Fortune 100 companies, had to start somewhere and they chose Missouri. Take advantage of the state's **targeted resources**, **talented workforce**, and **support** for innovation, and start growing your business right here in the Show-Me State