

# Jasper County Focus

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## Chamber Board of Directors

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Fall Festival will be here  
before we know it.  
Can you volunteer  
a few hours?



## Golf Tournament = Success !

13 Teams participated in this event with the winners as follows:

- o Longest Drive went to Jeremy Reich
- o Longest Putt went to Melvin Radke
- o Closest to Pin went to Torrey Fouts
- o The winners of the Bogus Business Sign were Warren Mitchell & Vic Stevens

There were two flights of Play and the winning teams were-

- 1st Place Brian Reich, Jeremy Reich, Jay Leffler, Clay Pickens.
- 1st Place Torrey Fouts, David Flemming, Dale Hatcher, Warren Mitchell.
- 2nd Place Daman Atkins, Jacob Ochs, Brett Snow, Daniel Weber.
- 2nd Place Danny Britton, Clay Britton, Melvin Radke, Kevin Radke.

## PRESIDENT'S PLACE

2009 Shop Local  
Campaign!!

It's July!!! The 7<sup>th</sup> month already in 2009!!!! Have you been busy focusing on Shopping Locally??

I know the Chamber has been extremely focused on the day to day things... Answering the phones directing customers to who sells tires, who has licensed day cares and a 100 other things!

When you are sitting at your place of business and you are thinking what does the Chamber do for me, lets stop and think of a few of the benefits that should come to mind: Website visibility, Membership Mailings, Community Events, Networking Opportunities, Community Calendar and just the everyday word of mouth advertising of Chamber Members!!

I want to thank the members who have supported the Chamber year after year and

the new ones coming on board. Thanks to the members who think of one another when they are shopping or need services of different kinds and seek out local businesses. Without an active Chamber of Commerce to promote and support one another where we would be?

It all falls once again back on the same concept that I have month after month been talking about which is SHOP LOCAL!!

**I know the economy has played a big factor in several different businesses, however I'm starting to look around and think it is helping JASPER COUNTY!! We have so many new and exciting things happening!! When you decide to shop locally, you are not only helping to sustain and grow businesses in the area, but you are fueling our economy!**

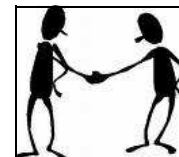
*-June*

## Meet the Board Member

### June Bierman

June was raised in Jasper County born on Dec 4; worked in the family owned business from a week old in her parents Jewelry store. Rauchs Jewelry has been in operation for 49 years. She married Scott Bierman and moved to Kentucky and started her family; but after just 4 years they choose to move back and raise their family in Jasper County.

Scott and June purchased Personal Service Realty, a family owned business of Scott's Grandfather "Scotty" Scott a third generation business, that now has been in operation for 49 years. She is a mother of two boys, her hobbies including attending all of the boys' activities, volunteering at St. Thomas, scrapbooking, and camping. She is the President of our Chamber of Commerce and is excited about the vast opportunities that Jasper County has to offer.



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## FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK...

The office has been a buzz...Camping, Fishing, Family Reunions, The Fair, Revivals, and the Burl Ives Celebration. These are just a few of the reasons that visitors have stopped by the chamber in person or on the internet. People know that their first stop should be the Chamber of Commerce. The office has many resources for visitors, and the staff hopes to make a lasting first impression. We also encourage locals to stop by as we might have resources for you as well.

Enjoy Jasper County this Summer - Lisa

## What's Happening in the Office?

"The Chamber is working for you and we want to know what you think."

### The Surveys are coming in.....

I would like to say thank you to all that have responded to the recent survey that was sent to Chamber Members.

I would encourage all that have yet to respond to please take part in this important decision. The Chamber is working for you and we want to know what you think.

The Newcomers Club is starting once again to gather items for the Fall Social, being planned for August. Spread the word to those that are new in the community to call the chamber so that they can be invited.

Also if you would like to include items for the goodie baskets please let the office know so we can arrange for delivery.

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## Thank You Renewing Members

**ES Computer Sales & Service**  
**Lewis Transportation**  
**Meinhart Farms**

**The Plant Farm**  
**Huddleston Supply**  
**Marshall Clinic**

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## Welcome New Members

**Chuck's Satellite &  
 Antenna Sales**  
 302 Park Ave  
 Newton, IL 62448  
 618-783-8222  
 Satellite Sales & Service,  
 Your local Dish Network  
 Representative

**The Gathering Place**  
 124 S. Van Buren St.  
 Newton, IL 62448  
 618-783-3430  
 Tanning Beds, New &  
 Used Crafts, Jam & Jellies,  
 Primitive Piece, Clothing &  
 Much More

**Ramon Kocher  
 Construction**  
 104 N. 5th Avenue  
 Newton, IL 62448  
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 618-553-2295  
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 Owner Ramon Kocher

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**Change Service Requested**



- *Newcomers*
- *Cellular One*
- *Body Styles*
- *NWTF Banquet*
- *Farmers Market*
- *Calendar of Events*

**JASPER COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**



**This Months Newsletter Sponsors:**

Jasper County NWTF  
Cell One  
Body Styles

Got an insert for the newsletter?  
Deadline for the  
August newsletter is  
July 30th.

**Congratulations**

July  
Chamber Member  
of the Month

**MCCLAVE MOTORS  
CHRYSLER-DODGE-JEEP**

**July Character Counts - Patriotism**

“Patriotism... is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a life time.”

- Adlai Stevenson