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Thoughts for Today:

- If you are failing to plan, you are planning to fail.
Tariq Siddique
- Many attempts to communicate are nullified by saying too much.
Robert Greenleaf
- Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves.
Carl Jung
- Human action can be modified to some extent, but human nature cannot be changed.
Abraham Lincoln



Hello Again,

It's Fall again in Peotone, and great things are happening in the community. Our kids are back in school and fall sports events are in full swing. The chamber would like to wish the students of Peotone School District the best of luck this school year of 2008-09, in all of your studies and extracurricular activities.

As you read through this early fall issue of the Commerce Connection, you will see some great successes that our members are enjoying. Congratulations to Pearl Dodge and Chrysler Jeep on taking occupancy of their new facility on Route 50. It's good to see that even in this bleak economy, a Peotone car dealership is able to build a new home and continue to serve customers in this region of Illinois. Likewise, our member, Central Collision, opened up a new facility in Oak Forest in July, and the American Cancer Society held another successful Relay for Life in August. In addition to all of these, we would also like to congratulate the Will County Fair Association for holding its 105th Annual Fair back in August. This year the weather held out, and the fair bounced back from the rain disaster last year! I hope you were able to enjoy some of the many venues the fair has to offer. Peotone can be proud to host this yearly event.

A few weeks ago, the Peotone Chamber held its Fourteenth Annual Golf Outing at the Elk's Club in St. Anne. Thanks to all of the sponsors, golfers, and volunteers, we can once again celebrate a very successful event. The funds raised from the outing will cover the overhead costs of running the chamber and will contribute a generous amount to the Peotone Community Scholarship Fund. Please take a moment to look through the information on the following page to acknowledge our sponsors and raffle contributors.

Finally, I would like to close with an update on the status of the Peotone Sesquicentennial DVD, which we announced back in March, was going to be available for sale. Unfortunately, the editing process has taken a bit longer than we had expected. I can tell you after viewing it myself, it is a quality piece of memorabilia, which I believe most families in Peotone will want to purchase and keep in their video libraries for generations to come. We apologize for the delay in the production time of this piece, but I promise it will be worth the wait. You can call or email the chamber, and we will put your name on a call list so that you can be notified as soon as the DVD is complete and ready for sale. Thank you for your patience concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



Marty Schmidt
President



Congratulations to our member Pearl Dodge on the occupancy of its new store on Route 50. The building and grounds are beautiful! (pictured left). Pearl is looking forward to enjoying a great business at its new location on Route 50. Best wishes from the Chamber.



Our member the American Cancer Society once again held a successful *Relay for Life* on the grounds of Peotone Junior High, Aug. 1st and 2nd. This is a community event where people come together to remember loved ones, inspire others and celebrate life. The event raised over \$68,000 for the cause of fighting cancer. Congratulations to the Relay for Life of Peotone.

Thank you Sponsors for Supporting the 14th Annual Peotone Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing!

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 Main Street Dance Academy
 Melco Tire
 Pearl Dodge Chrysler Jeep
 Peotone American Legion
 Peotone Animal Hospital
 Peotone Bank & Trust
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 Will County Fair Association

In addition to our sponsors, there were many generous gifts donated for our raffle. Thank you to the following for your help and contributions!

Dr. Hoch and staff at Natural Health and Wellness Center
 Pearl Dodge and Chrysler Plymouth
 Dralle Chevrolet and Buick
 Tony's Pizza
 VIP Pizza
 Glinda's Gifts
 Peotone Quik Lube and Tire
 Peotone Bank & Trust
 FUSE Salon, Manteno
 Misty's Hair on Second
 Bradley Auto Spa
 Good Times Video
 Advertising Solutions, Robyn Greenfield



Pictured above is Jim Offerman (Star Disposal) John Young (Peotone Fire Dept.) and Bob & Jackie Musch , (Rainbow Farms).



Peotone Educational Foundation Holding \$10,000 Raffle



The Peotone Educational Foundation is holding the \$10,000 Raffle again this to benefit students and teachers throughout Peotone School District. Tickets are selling for \$20 for one or three for \$50 and are available at many locations throughout town including: Dralle Chevrolet, Pearl Chrysler, Peotone Bank, First Community Bank, Charter One, Jones Real Estate, Judi's Shear Pleasure, Misty's Hair Salon, and all schools throughout the district. Last year, all 1500 tickets were sold and the Foundation was able to provide over \$14,000 in grants to the teachers throughout the district. This is a great opportunity to support the schools and maybe win some money in the process! First Prize will claim \$10,000, a second place winner will claim \$1,000, two winners will receive \$500, and five winners will receive \$100. The drawing will be held on Friday Dec. 19th at halftime of the high school boy's basketball game. The Chamber would like to encourage our members and community to continue to support the Educational Foundation in this effort.

Peotone Chamber of Commerce Membership 2008



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First Community Bank & Trust
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Throwback II
TNT Financial Services
Tongren Law Offices
Village of Peotone
VIP Pizza
Will County Fairgrounds
Will Township
Your Logo Here

What's Happening....



Wed. Oct. 8th - 8:30am
Chamber BOD Meeting
First Community Bank & Trust

Fri. Oct. 10th - 4pm and 7pm
Homecoming Parade & Game

Fri. Oct. 31st
Halloween Hot Dog Roast
Peotone Elem. School
4-7pm

Wed. Nov. 12th, 2008 - 8:30am
Chamber BOD Meeting
First Community Bank & Trust

Thurs. Dec. 4th, 2008
5-7pm
Chamber Christmas Party
Throwback II

Wed. Dec. 10th - 8:30am
Chamber BOD Meeting
First Community Bank & Trust

Welcome New Members:

Main Street Dance Academy & Boutique

111 S. First St.
Peotone, IL 60468
(708) 258-3656
www.mainstreetdance.biz

Hubbard Heating

112 S. First Street
Peotone, IL 60468
(708) 258-6313
email: hubbard863@aol.com

We would love to have you on board!

Being a member of the Chamber enables you to market your products and services in the surrounding community. By displaying your Chamber Membership Plaque, your business receives credibility, visibility, and marketability. Your business will receive free listing on our website, with a free link from the Chamber's page to yours. Our Member Spotlight features a new chamber member on the website each month. A free subscription to the Vedette also comes with your membership, not to mention referrals from the Chamber to your business. Finally, a quarterly newsletter is published for our members and the community and placed as an insert in the Vedette. The newsletter provides the opportunity for our members to advertise and announce any upcoming promotions or events they may be planning. These are just a few of the advantages of becoming a member of your Chamber of Commerce. For more information about us, and for a complete listing of membership, go to our website at www.peotonechamber.com. You can download a membership application, or feel free to call the Peotone Chamber of Commerce at 258-9450. We look forward to hearing from you!

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ATTENTION CHAMBER MEMBERS

This publication goes out quarterly. If there is anything you would like us to place in the next newsletter, please let us know. We would love to feature any information that would assist you in promoting your business. Please e-mail the chamber at peotonechamber@hotmail.com or call Kim at 258-9450.



The Peotone Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Girl Scout Troop 205, for helping to keep The *Welcome to Peotone Sign* looking beautiful during the summer months. The troop is shown here after weeding the sign on August 11th. When they were finished, there wasn't one weed left and the landscaping looked immaculate! The work may possibly go toward a badge for the scouts, but more importantly, they are learning to contribute to their community, and that is what their leaders are hoping to achieve by getting them involved in this process.



(Above) Pictured from left to right: Bev Kwasigroch, Jackie Kwasigroch, Zoe, Dee, and Jack Soderstrom, Heidi Demas, Anna and Natalie Proctor.



To show their gratitude, Dr. Hoch and the staff at Natural Health and Wellness Center in Peotone held a Patient Appreciation Day on July 31st. Their theme was "We Are Bananas Over You!" More than 100 people came out to be appreciated. They were greeted outside with music, palm trees and a giant monkey. Many people received gift bags and t-shirts along with refreshments. Tracy Fewkes with Mind, Body and Spirit, donated a free kitchen cleaning set with all natural solvents. For more information, visit the website at www.peotonewellness.com or call 708-258-9600.