

**The Grain Valley Chamber  
Of Commerce**

**CHAMBER CHAT**

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**April Membership Luncheon**

**April 4, 2006**

**11:30 A.M. Networking - 12:00 P.M. Lunch**

**Where: Mardi Gras – 112 E. AA Hwy**

**Direction: Main to AA Hwy, turn east, go ½ block, left side of road**

**Food: Cajun Grilled Chicken, Red Beans and Rice, Roasted Red Potatoes & Green Beans,  
Mixed Tossed Salad, Cherry Cobbler Alamode, Tea & Coffee**

**Cost: \$8.00**

**Please remember to RSVP no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>. To avoid being charged, lunch reservations must be cancelled 24 hours prior to the event. Thank you!!**

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**April Luncheon:** President Brad Burditt and Executive Director Jerry Vaughan will discuss the upcoming community and Chamber events.

**March Luncheon** - A big thank you to Joe Sweeney, Publisher of Ingram's Magazine for our program, and to Nadler's Catering for the wonderful lunch served.

**“Welcome Our New Members”**

**Adams Pointe Conference Center –  
Mr. Bill Essmann**

**Let's make sure we all meet our New Members  
and make them feel welcome.**

**Grain Valley Day at the State Capitol  
Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

For every one interested in going this year, we will spend a good part of the day with our elected officials, finding out firsthand what legislation they are working on. We will also host a lunch for our representatives and their staff, getting a chance to tell them face to face what is most important to the voters back home. We will be able to tour the Capitol and possibly the Governor's Mansion too. Call today to make your reservations (RSVP no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>)

Lets fill every seat of every van going this year and show Missouri just how strong and supportive Grain Valley has become!

For the day's itinerary, please go to our website

[www.grainvalleychamber.org](http://www.grainvalleychamber.org)

Or call the office 847-2627

**Remember to Vote on the School District  
And Fire District Bond Issues on April 4<sup>th</sup>  
No Tax Increase with either Bond Issue**

## **The Proz Says**

It's Time to Vote!!!

With the elections upon us it is now time to stand up and be heard!! The Chamber and City is active working on a foundation and vision for our future. It is important that we speak with our vote on who is to carry out those visions. Get to the polls on Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> and speak with your vote!!

More light was shed upon us at last month's luncheon regarding our community's business needs from our speaker Joe Sweeney, Publisher of Ingram's Magazine. We are no different than our surrounding communities who have the same wants and desires. Our timing is critical to the wants, needs and desires to attract maintain and develop our business community. Our Chamber Board is focused and concerned about our business community. I would encourage you to speak freely with any of our Board members regarding any of your wants, needs or desires on how we can be of service.

We are on the Grow!!! Get out and vote!!

Respectfully,

Brad Burditt

### ***From the Director's Chair***

Last week I had the good fortune to experience a hidden gem of our Metro community. The NAIA Mens' Basketball National Championship has been a part of Kansas City almost every year since the mid 1930's. In the days before the "Final Four" became the "Final Four", both the NAIA and the NCAA Championships were held here in KC, and many times the smaller schools' championship outdrew its now gigantic rival.

We attended the Chamber Night at the NAIA, and thanks to Chamber members Linda Johnson, Dave Hackett, and Kim Roam, we were able to take the GVHS boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams as our guests to the event. 43 of us bought tickets, and in spite of the weather, almost all of us went. We were treated to food from 9 different metro restaurants, entered retiring Coach Randy Draper in a basketball shooting contest, and saw two wonderful games. As an added bonus, we won second place for the number of attendees at the event. And all the other Chambers kept commenting on Grain Valley, "the fast growing community nobody ever heard from before, that's getting ready to make a lot of noise".

I think of Grain Valley in much the same way I think of the NAIA – a hidden gem that has so much to offer. But trust me; everyone in the metro is taking notice. It's time for the Chamber, City, and Community to take the right steps to be receptive to new commercial activity and to help the existing businesses retain and expand their market share. We may never become the "Final Four" of the metro, but if we take the right steps now we'll be blown away by the Grain Valley of 5 to 10 years from now.

Jerry Vaughan, Executive Director

# What's going on in Grain Valley!



## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am  
Armstrong Park



Polaroid picture with the Easter Bunny \$3.00 ea (9-9:50am)  
Please donate canned goods to the GV Assistance Council.  
Sponsored by: Optimist Club of Grain Valley

## Chamber Networking Group

April 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am  
Sterling National Building  
1412 W. AA Hwy  
Open to all Chamber Members  
If you are interested in attending a meeting,  
please give us a call  
Hedy Combs at **FSP Mortgage** 229-2542  
Pam @ the Chamber 847-2627

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS: 2006

- January 28<sup>th</sup> – 3rd Pillar of the Community Gala
- February 14<sup>th</sup> - Valentines Day
- March 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick's Day
- April 12<sup>th</sup> - Grain Valley Day at Jefferson City
- May 6<sup>th</sup> - Scrapbooking Party @ Community Center
- June 14<sup>th</sup> – Flag Day
- July - Fireworks tent (June 27 – July 4)
- August 8<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Chamber Golf Tournament
- September 8-10 – 20<sup>th</sup> Valley Fair Daze
- October 26 – Halloween Hayride
- November 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Taste of the World
- December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas
- Chamber Luncheon – The first Tuesday of the month. Call the Chamber for the location.

## Scrapbooking Party "Crop Till You Drop"

*If you or someone in your family is a scrap booker, you don't want to miss out on this*

**Where:** G V Community Center  
**When:** May 6, 2006  
**Time:** 4:00pm to 12:00am  
**Cost:** \$15 Early Registration  
(\$20 after May 1<sup>st</sup>)

Free Door Prizes Free

For more information call Jim @ 847-6230  
Or check out the website  
[www.cityofgrainvalley.org](http://www.cityofgrainvalley.org) /Parks & Rec.

**Think Grain Valley First!**

## North Central Business And Professional Women

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 2006  
Time: 6:00PM  
Historical Society Building  
506 Main Street

For more info contact Cj 224-8808

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## A Message From;

### North Central Business and Professional Women

Since 1919, the Business and Professional Women (BPW) have been promoting equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information. The North Central (NC) BPW represents eastern Jackson and Lafayette counties in Missouri. The NC BPW will continue to address issues of concern to working women in our community. We will be hosting several events throughout the year to raise awareness of these issues, provide networking opportunities and career development programs.

Of utmost concern to the BPW is the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), which was introduced in Congress in 1923. Congress finally passed the ERA and submitted it to the states for ratification on March 22, 1972. It has been reintroduced into every session of Congress since that time. The ERA would provide a remedy for sex discrimination for both women and men and give equal legal status to women for the first time in our country's history. There are 15 states that have not ratified the ERA including Missouri.

One of the many inequities that women still experience in the United States is disparate pay. To address this, the BPW sponsors a national Equal Pay Day on April 19<sup>th</sup>. This Proclamation symbolizes the time in which the wages paid to American women catch up to men from the previous year. This day is important for women as well as national and local lawmakers. Missouri ranks 34<sup>th</sup> out of 52 in the nation for equal pay. On April 13, 2005, Governor Matt Blunt signed an Equal Pay Proclamation for the Missouri BPW, but Missouri needs to do more. We need to ratify the ERA!

Respectfully,  
North Central Business & Professional Women's Organization  
Grain Valley, MO

Visit NCBPW website at [www.ncbpw.org](http://www.ncbpw.org)

**Remember,** if you want some direct advertising to our new residents, bring your business promotional items (pens, magnets, coupons, calendars, etc) to the Chamber office for the Grain Valley New Residents' packets. We are also putting together a business card file to be presented, so if you'd like your business card to be included, please drop them off as well!

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