



DEADLINE THURSDAY, MAY 31 ORDER CARDS TICKETS, SHIRTS NOW!

The deadline is quickly approaching to purchase tickets and t-shirts for the annual Bolivar Day at the Springfield Cardinals. Deadline to purchase t-shirts is May 31 for the Tuesday, June 12 game.

Order forms are available at the chamber office at 117A S. Main on the west side of the Bolivar Square. Ticket/t-shirt package prices are \$17 and include a premium, cardinal red t-shirt (oversized shirts are more). Groups with 12 or more have the opportunity to add their logo or group name to the shirt for an additional \$3 per shirt. Tickets only are \$10 each.

The Springfield Cardinals will take on the Tulsa Drillers. Special promotions for the evening include \$1 hot dogs and a free hat. Field activities begin at 6 p.m. with the first pitch by Ed Kurtz of Design Group Architects at 6:30 p.m.



SBU personnel, chamber board members with Dr. Taylor



Ed Kurtz, front right, greets Dr. Taylor; Jesse Ankrum greets SBU's Lee Skinkle



Chamber President Jesse Ankrum with Dr. C. Pat Taylor



Dr. Taylor sharing SBU progress at the May 17 Networking @ Noon meeting

THANK YOU DR. TAYLOR!

A big shout out to Dr. Taylor for his many years of service to Southwest Baptist University and the Bolivar community. It was great to celebrate your influence on our town during the May Networking@Noon meeting. We wish you all the best in your retirement this fall!

To see more photos, visit the Chamber's Facebook page.

FOCUS

Focus is the Chamber's news link with its membership, reporting on Chamber action involved in building a better community.

Phone: 417.326.4118
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JOIN THE CHAMBER... PASS IT ON

Do you know of a business that could benefit from a Bolivar Area Chamber of Commerce membership? Encourage them to join; invite them to a meeting; forward the newsletter to them.

INSPIRING WORDS OF WISDOM

"Life begins at the end of your comfort zone."
~ Neale Donald Walsch

"I don't count my sit-ups. I only start counting when it starts hurting. That is when I start counting, because then it really counts. That's what makes you a champion." ~ Muhammad Ali

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 10, 2018

- Jesse Ankrom – Welcome/Introductions
 - New Executive Partner – Sonic
 - New Members
 - Rose Roweton
 - Heritage Baptist Church
 - Sound Advice Hearing Doctors
 - Out of Season Ministries
 - Kaleb Follis – Springfield Cardinals
 - BDATSC – Tuesday, June 12
 - Ed Kurtz is throwing first pitch
 - Jesse Ankrom
 - BDATSC t-shirts/tickets on sale
 - 12 or more shirts – you can get logo
 - Introduction of Dr. C. Pat Taylor, retiring President of SBU
 - Dr. C. Pat Taylor – the past 22 years at SBU
 - Moving to Florida
 - Moved to Bolivar 22 years prior, will miss community
 - Graduating students
 - 16,963 diplomas given out
 - 17,594 after this May
 - SBU has big economic impact on Bolivar
 - Mission statement
 - “SBU is a Christ-centered, academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society.”
 - Essence of SBU – who we are today and who we aspire to be
 - Academic impact – becoming servant leaders
 - Projects - \$60 million dollars of construction in past 22 years
 - Bolivar community supports SBU well
 - Jester Center
 - Front entrance and fence – one shot at a first impression
 - Football turf – share with BHS
 - Brings students in and promotes good citizenship
 - Taylor building
 - New nursing program – partnered with CMH
 - Students will be missed
 - Appreciate partnership with the Chamber
 - Thank you for supporting SBU! Go Bearcats!
- Jesse Ankrom
 - Presented donation to C. Pat Scholarship Fund from the Chamber
 - Intro of networking rounds
- Amy Gardner – Bolivar Herald-Free Press
 - 150th anniversary – oldest continuous business in Polk County
 - BHS celebration – June 8, 3-7 PM
 - Dave Berry will be in dunk tank!
 - Photo booth, games, bounce house, etc.
 - Come celebrate!
 - Advertising opportunities - special section – talk to Deanna
- Chris Rozier – Best Western
 - Opening on June 1
 - Thank you for your support!
 - Ribbon cutting/grand opening – July 10
- Dr. Beth Mincey – Sound Advice Hearing Doctors
 - Educational seminar on hearing loss/tinnitus
 - Contact office if interested
 - Smith’s Restaurant next Thursday
 - Ribbon cutting on Monday

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- Jaimie Boltz – House of Hope
 - Hope Run – thank for your support!
 - Planning for next year – contact if interested
- Julie Conway – Good Samaritan Boys Ranch
 - Vegetable garden project – donation of seeds and veggies accepted
 - Call Ranch for more info
- Gary Christopher – DAV
 - PC Welcome Home Veterans – thank you for your support!
 - Donations were made for about \$1600 to Honor Flight of the Ozarks
 - SBU has been a great supporter, along with other sponsors
 - Flag day – June 14
- Vicki Culver – CMH Marketplace
 - Access to healthcare luncheon – Tuesday
 - Everyone is welcome
 - Topic – health insurance
 - Partnership with Polk County Health Center
- Trish Lavish - AHEC
 - MASH Camp – June 7-8, 9-4
 - Still open for HS students
 - Contact Trish for more info
 - Introduction to healthcare jobs
- Myrna Walker – Exodus Ministries
 - Helps women transition out of prison
 - Two October fundraisers – will need vendors
 - Contact Myrna for more info
- James Nevins – Employee Benefit Design
 - New health insurance program for small employers through the Chamber
 - Reach out for more info
- Ed Kurtz – Design Group Architects
 - Holiday flag program – supports Rotary Club
 - Contact for more info
- Rebekah Wright - SBU
 - Graduation – many guests!
 - Congratulations to students in business

windows would be appreciated

- Jesse Ankrom
 - Reminders and closings
- Linda Bunch
 - Frisco Highline Trail – next meeting (2nd Thursday)
 - Impact of tourism
 - Dr. Taylor – look at his impact and thank you
- Brad Johnson – SBU
 - Closed in prayer

Board Members

- Bobbie McKnight
- Jared Taylor – Vice President
- Jennifer Cole
- Jesse Ankrom – President
- Josh Baker
- Rebekah Wright – Secretary
- Sheldon Toler – Treasurer
- Tiffany Phillips

Attendees

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aaron Sloan • Amy Gardner • Anna Presley • Aric Gooch • Brad Johnson • Beth Mincey • C. Pat Taylor • Carol Poindexter • Charlotte Marsch • Chris Rozier • Dan Bunch • Daniel Leith • David Fieth • Deanna Moore • Debbi Roberts-McGinnis • Donna Peterson • Ed Kurtz • Gary Christopher • Greg Ankrom | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jaimie Boltz • James Nevins • Jennifer Fields • Kerrick Tweedy • Lee Skt • Linda Bunch • Lucy Mayfield • Meilani Conley • Melinda Robertson • Melody Glasgow • Myrna Walker • Rachel Mclauchlin • Randy Boulware • Rob Harris • Shannon Hancock • Shannon Tidwell • Shirley Allison • Sydney Allen • Tiffany Baker • Trish Lavish • Vickie Culver |
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DID YOU KNOW??

You have the power to reach the Chamber network with a simple email? Get the word out on a special event, class, promotion by taking advantage of the weekly email blast to your fellow Chamber members. The e-blast deadline is 5 p.m. on Tuesday. E-blast will be sent out on Wednesday. Submit e-blast information to info@bolivarchamber.com.



Looking to start
or grow
your business
this year?

Contact the Polk County Economic Development Coalition (PEDCO) or the Bolivar Area Chamber of Commerce at 417-326-4118 for help.

-- Upcoming Events --

Chamber Office Closed

Memorial Day
Monday, May 28

**Bolivar Herald-Free Press
150th Celebration**

Friday, June 8 at 4 p.m. at
Bolivar High School

**Bolivar Day at the
Springfield Cardinals**

Tuesday, June 12 at 6:10 p.m.

June Networking@Noon meeting

Thursday, June 14 at noon at CMH

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CONGRATULATIONS SANDY!

Congratulations to the recent Civic Service Award winner Sandy Duffield. Sandy is the creator and driving force behind the Chamber's Light the Park display each Christmas season. Sandy will serve as the grand marshal during the annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade on December 8. Thank you Sandy for all you do!

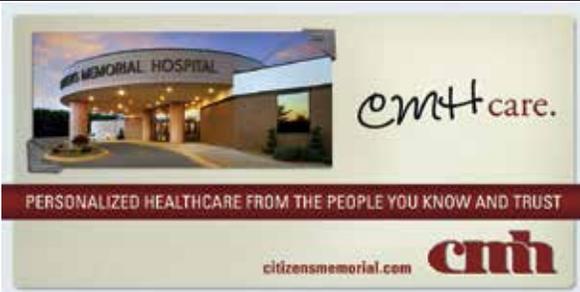


THREE BUSINESSES OPEN DOORS

Welcome to Bolivar Auto Sales & Detailing and Elite Pawn (above) and Sound Advice Hearing Doctors of Bolivar (below) on their recent grand openings. Bolivar Auto Sales and Detailing and Elite Pawn are located at 607 W Broadway and Sound Advice Hearing Doctors are located at 830 E Aldrich Rd, Bolivar.



Support Your Fellow Chamber Members.
Thanks to the Chamber Corporate Partner Businesses.



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