

Chariton Abstract and Title Co. Recognized as May Business of the Month
By Janet Weaver

The Keytesville Chamber of Commerce has recognized Chariton Abstract and Title Co. as the May business of the month. The business, located at 209 S. Ash Street in Keytesville, has only been at that location in more recent years. Since its purchase on October 1, 2010, the new owner Chuck Johnson, who is also the owner of Carrol Co. Title Co., has operated this business at its present location. Prior to Mr. Johnson's purchase of the enterprise, people may remember that for many years the business was located east of the Chariton Co. Courthouse on Walnut Street.

The new location for the office is in a bright, spacious, and much more modern building. This makes for very pleasant working conditions for the two employees. Workers in the office are Tena Callighan and Carla Gladbach. Hours of operation for this business are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Title searches and real estate title insurance transactions, which are important to both buyers of property and money lenders, comprise a good portion of the office time as well as closings on actual property transfers due to sales.

Owner Chuck Johnson indicated, when interviewed, that every transaction performed, while following a set format, is still unique in its own way because of the different people involved. While he could not recount anything that had occurred in the office that was humorous in nature, he pointed out that his favorite part of the business was seeing first time home owners acquire their very first house. He said the happiness that he witnesses when this event happens is quite gratifying. On the flip side, however, there are poignant times in the business as well, such as when, perhaps due to a divorce, a couple is dividing the proceeds from the sale of their former property. Sadder yet can be the more extreme event when one spouse has died and the remaining spouse sells the property that the couple has lived in for years. Those times are very emotional in many cases for the party involved. It is obvious in talking to Chuck Johnson, owner of Chariton Abstract and Title Co., that he very much enjoys his work and provides a much needed service for our town of Keytesville and Chariton County.

The Keytesville Chamber of Commerce congratulates Chariton Abstract and Title Co. for being the May Business of the Month.