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FARM-CITY BANQUET SET FOR MARCH 16

Chamber gives area businesses a chance to honor farm families

ATCHISON, Kan. (Jan. 28, 2009) — The Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce and its member businesses will honor the farming community at the 33rd annual Farm-City Banquet on March 16 at the Atchison Heritage Conference Center.

“The Farm-City Banquet is always a fun evening,” said Chamber president Jacque Pregont. “The Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce wants to recognize the contributions of our farm community and this is a wonderful way to do that. We hope everyone will come and be a part of a special ‘thank you’ to our agricultural partners.”

Area merchants will showcase their wares when booths open at 4:30 p.m. Dinner and a program will follow, featuring activities, contests, live entertainment and plenty of door prizes. The event is scheduled to run from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. The Atchison Heritage Conference Center is located at 710 S. 9th Street in Atchison.

This year’s organizers are also bringing a pie-baking contest to the event, something they hope will draw interest from home bakers and pie-lovers alike.

“I’m excited about the pie-baking contest,” Pregont said. “I *know* we have some fabulous cooks! I can’t wait to see what they bring to the contest.”

Tickets to the event are available for \$10 at the Chamber, located at 200 S. 10th Street.

Complimentary tickets are provided for area farm families. Businesses and individuals interested in purchasing tickets to donate to the farming community can contact the Chamber. A purchase of 75 or more tickets includes program recognition as a major sponsor. The Chamber is also looking for door prize donations.

Area merchants interested in the business expo can reserve a booth by contacting the Chamber. The cost of an 8x10 booth is \$75 for Chamber members and \$100 for non-members. Electrical outlets are available.

For more information about tickets, door prizes and booth reservations, please contact the Chamber at 913-367-2427 or email Jane Paolucci at projects@atchisonkansas.net.

The mission of the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce is to focus on the quality of life, attraction, growth and retention of jobs and businesses in Atchison County. Established in 1919, the Chamber continues to be the leading business organization of the community. With the support of over 400 member investors, the Chamber delivers programs and services that make our community a better place to live, work, raise a family and visit.

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For more information about the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce and its role in helping local business and workers, please call Jacque Pregont at 913-367-2427 or 800-234-1854, or e-mail Jacque at president@atchisonkansas.net.