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## **CHAMBER TO HOST LEGISLATIVE COFFEES**

Area residents have opportunity to discuss issues with elected officials

ATCHISON, Kan. (Jan. 15, 2009) — Beginning Feb. 7, area residents will have three opportunities to discuss legislative issues with their elected officials during a series of legislative coffees in Atchison.

All legislators whose districts include all or part of Atchison County have been invited to attend the three meetings, scheduled for Feb. 7, March 7 and April 4. Each of the events will begin at 9 a.m. at the Santa Fe Depot, 200 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., in Atchison.

The series of informal events, sponsored by the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce and AT&T, have had strong attendance by area legislators in the past, especially with the state representatives most involved with the area. The list of invitees includes Sen. Dennis Pyle, R-Hiawatha, Rep. Jerry Henry, D-Cummings, Rep. Melanie Meier, D-Leavenworth, and Rep. Lee Tafanelli, R-Ozawkie, in addition to the U.S. Congressmen from Kansas. Henry has already committed to attend the series.

The legislative coffees are scheduled while the Kansas Legislature is in session, which gives legislators a chance to receive direct input from citizens while the issues are being debated in Topeka.

Coffee and donuts will be served at each of the events.

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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