



Jan. 8, 2013 - Jan. 15, 2013

THIS WEEK IN *Atchison*

AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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CHAMBER MEETINGS/ EVENTS:

- Jan. 9 Chamber Board, 4 p.m., Depot
- Jan. 17 Tourism, 8:30 a.m., Depot
- Jan. 18 Ribbon Cutting, Vintage Gypsy,
12:15 p.m., 521 Commercial
- Jan. 22 Workforce, noon, Depot
- Jan. 23 Ambassadors, noon
- Jan. 26 Chamber Banquet
- Jan. 31 Ribbon Cutting, Necessities &
Accessories Boutique, 12:15 p.m.,
117 N. 5th
- Jan. 31 Atchison Child Care Chili
Supper, 4-6 p.m.



Notes from the President

Our planning calendar at the Chamber is on the front burner!

So many exciting things are planned for 2013...our calendar will be online soon as well as off to the printers!

First you need to be sure and attend the Chamber's Annual Banquet on January 26th!

We're "rollin' in the 50's!" and are planning all kinds of fun for the evening.

Call us and reserve your spot!

We'll be doing a Chocolate Tasting in February...be sure to watch for details in the next couple

At Your Service



Chamber Ambassadors welcomed the staff and supporters of SERC Physical Therapy during a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday. Located at 415 S. 10th St., SERC Physical Therapy provides individualized therapy, based from standard, accepted orthopedic protocols and practices. Along with manual therapy, SERC uses very active, exercise-based approach in the treatment of our patients. Call 913-370-9500 for more information.



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CHAMBER NEWS

Chamber members to host chocolate tasting event

The Chamber's Retail Committee is planning an exciting new event with chocolate as the main draw.

The chocolate tasting event is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 8-9, during normal business hours.

A set number of tickets will be available for purchase at a low cost. The ticket will give patrons the opportunity to sample chocolate at all participating locations.

If your business is interested in participating and attracting new customers, please contact Mary Jane Sowers at 913-367-2427 or email projects@atchisonkansas.net.

Stay tuned for more information about this exciting promotion!

Social Security Update available online

The latest edition of Social Security Update is now available online. This month's edition includes information about fast-tracked disability process, an improved retirement estimator and tips for protecting your identity.

To read the full edition of Social Security Update, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/newsletter.

Social Security launches 'my Social Security'

Social Security has expanded the services available by launching its *my Social Security* account.

Using this online account, more than 60 million people who receive Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) will now be able to immediately request and receive benefit verification letters online. Beneficiaries will also have access to their

payment history and earnings record.

In addition to the benefit verification letter, Social Security beneficiaries can now start or change their direct deposit, and change their address using their *my Social Security* account.

Individuals not receiving benefits can create a *my Social Security* account and quickly receive their online Social Security Statement.

To sign up, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount, to sign up for an account.

We also invite you to listen in on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. EST, to a conference call. During the call we will share additional information about this new online service. To participate, please dial 1-800-967-7149 and enter the passcode 693288#. (Don't forget to press the # sign)

THANK YOU
For investing in your community

Businesses that have renewed their membership for 2013

Al J. Mueller	Lutz Brothers Oil
Blish-Mize	McDonald's
Bottoff Construction	Paolucci's Restaurant
Courtney Laurie	Patsy Porter, CPA
Golden Star	Pro Serve Business Systems
Hausman Metal & Roofing	Reilly & Sons
International Forest of Friendship	Schweser's
Johnson Refrigeration	St. Benedict's Abbey
Kansas Gas Service	Thrivent Financial
Kantiques	Vintage Park

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of weeks.

Another new endeavor... it promises to be DELICIOUS!

Please take a few minutes and nominate your favorites for the Chamber Annual Awards! We need your participation. The nomination form is available online or at the Chamber. Help us recognize the best of 2012!

Have a great week!

MEMBER NEWS

Upcoming events at Atchison Library

The Atchison Public Library has a wealth of activities for those of all interests and age groups. Visit the library, located at 501 Kansas Ave., for everything from children's storytime and teen gaming to knitting groups and help with technology. Call the library at 913-367-1902.

Here's what's on tap this month:

- **Children's Storytime** - Mondays and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
- **Twisted Stitches** - Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. (crochet, needlepoint, knitting group)
- **Tech Petting Zoo** - Wednesday, Jan 9, 6:30 p.m. (help with tablets, e-readers, and other computer issues)
- **Early Out Teen Game Day** - Wednesday, Jan 16, 2:00-4:00 p.m. (after school Wii, Playstation, board games, snacks)
- **Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting** - Thursday, Jan 17, 4:00-5:00 p.m. (volunteers building community support for the library)
- **Cafe Boheme** - Thursday, Jan 17, 6:00 p.m. (open mic readings and music, coffee and snacks)

Cup 'A Joe to host grand reopening

The community is invited to a grand reopening/back to school celebration at Cup 'A Joe, located at 721 Commercial, from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18.

Cup 'A Joe is the latest outreach project of Benedictine College's campus ministry. It is designed to bring the community and students into a common place by providing completely free coffee, wi-fi and an art gallery.

The cafe is open Monday through Friday from 2-9 p.m. It is closed when Benedictine

College is not in session.

Cup 'A Joe is also looking for businesses to provide donations for the grand reopening event to defray the cost of food. If you are interested in donating, please send an email to cupajoe2012@gmail.com or contact executive director Annie Nickels at 719-4793.

Semiannual sale at Hilligoss set for Thursday

Hilligoss Shoe Store will be closed on Wednesday to get everything ready for its semi-annual sale on Thursday, beginning at 7 a.m.

The store is located at 514 Commercial. Come out and save on all the latest in footwear!

Make your reservations for the 94th annual Chamber Banquet

The Chamber's 94th Annual Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 26, and it is shaping up to be one of the most exciting events in quite some time.

Join us for a special round of drinks at Chairman's Cocktails at 6 p.m. The cocktail hour is sponsored by Chamber member High Plains Distillery, which will mix up some classic 1950s drinks with their own spirits.

Dinner begins at 7 p.m., followed by an entertaining program with a "Rollin' with the '50s" theme. Where your favorite 1950s outfit and join us for one of the best nights of the year!

The Chamber will take time to celebrate the achievements of many in the community with the annual Chamber Awards. Please take time to fill out a nomination form so we can recognize those who have truly made a difference.

More banquet information and an online awards nomination form are available at atchisonkansas.net.

Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce

Banquet

94th Annual

Saturday, January 26

Atchison Heritage Conference Center

6:00pm Chairman's Cocktails | 7:00pm Program & Awards

8:00pm Live Entertainment with Crazy Kats



ROLLIN' WITH THE '50S

Gary Allan to headline LakeFest 2013

Veteran country star takes the 'wrong roads and dark horses' to the Atchison stage

Amelia Earhart Festival organizers have announced that country music star Gary Allan will headline LakeFest 2013 at Warnock Lake in Atchison on July 19, 2013. Those organizers have had their eyes on Allan for some time.

"We've considered Gary several times, so we're very excited that it worked out for us this year," said Festival Coordinator Jacque Pregont. "He's an artist who has many hits and has made a big impact on country music. We're delighted to be able to put him on the LakeFest stage."

Two opening acts for LakeFest 2013 will be announced at a later date.

Though offered a recording deal at age 15, Gary Allan has never taken the easy road to stardom. He's spent his life finding his own style, and he only writes songs about his own experiences.

"You'll never hear me singing about tractors or farms, just because I don't know anything about that stuff," said the California native. "Wrong roads and dark horses I know about."

Allan is something of a dark horse himself. Though he is part of the MCA Nashville label, he is fiercely loyal to his own style, whether it's what is hot in Nashville at the time or not — and his fans love him for it.

"It's almost become a challenge to get into this town," he said. "But I'm also really comfortable with where I am, being slightly on the outside."

One thing is undeniable: Allan can put on a show.

"Gary is a great performer," Pregont said. "That is always one of the things we look for in an artist and he will fill the bill! We promise another great show."

Allan has three certificate platinum albums and three No. 1 singles: "Man to Man," Tough Little Boys" and "Nothing On but the Radio." His latest album, "Get Off on the Pain," was released in 2010 to



critical acclaim, as Allmusic Todd Sterling described it as "all killer and no filler." Matt Bjorke of Roughstock went even further, saying the album should be a lesson for other country music artists.

"If there's an artist recording mainstream country records who is as real as Gary Allan, I have yet to see them and if you like authentic, yet modern, country music then Get Off On The Pain is just about as good an album as you're likely to find this year or any



year," he said.

Allan's style has been described as gruff and raspy, but at the same time elegant and brutally honest and revealing, reminiscent of the styles of Merle Haggard and Buck Owens.

"Get Off on the Pain" is just that kind of album, showcasing the ups and downs of life on the road, which followed an even more difficult time in Allan's life. In 2004, Allan's wife, Angela Herzberg, committed suicide after suffering from depression and migraines.

"I relate to the road. It's a relentless life out there, but it's been my life for the last four or five years," Allan said. "Since Ange passed, it's been like a healing process for me — a way to sanity, a way of keeping my mind on something else, namely my music."

Thanks to the success of Allan's current single, "Every Storm (Runs Out Of Rain)," MCA Nashville has moved up the release date on Allan's new album, "Set Your Free," to Jan. 22, 2013. Originally scheduled for release in March, the label moved the release date up as the single moved into the Top 10 this week.

See "Allan's" on next page

Allan's current single flying up the charts

"We don't necessarily look for an artist with a brand new album, but it's a bonus for sure," Pregont said. "His current single is climbing the charts right now and that's always a plus."

LakeFest is the kick-off for the annual Amelia Earhart Festival in Atchison. The festival celebrates the life and spirit of the famous aviatrix, who grew up in Atchison before embarking on her flying career, which carried her to worldwide fame. The festival includes a downtown fair, education and research events, children's events, the Pioneering Achievement Award presentation and much more, including a fireworks show on the banks of the Missouri River considered to be the best in the Midwest. The event draws tens of thousands of visitors each July.

LakeFest 2012 tickets go on sale May 1, 2013. Tickets are \$25 and are available online at www.atchisonkansas.net; at the Santa Fe Depot, 200 S. 10th St. in Atchison; at Atchison bank locations; at Bank of Atchison Lancaster branch; and at Exchange National Bank and Trust locations in Leavenworth, Lansing and Easton; and at Hy-Vee in St. Joseph, Mo. A full list of ticket outlets is available online.

LakeFest 2013 Gift Certificates are on sale now and are a perfect birthday or graduation gift. The \$25 certificate can be redeemed for an official ticket beginning May 1. Tickets are \$30 the day of the concert, July 19.

The concert is held in the natural amphitheatre on the beautiful shores of Warnock Lake. Gates open at 4 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. with the national anthem and opening act, which will be announced at a later date. Food and drink vendors are available onsite, along with inflatable fun for children. Children aged 10 and under are admitted free of charge. Bring your own seating.

For more information, visit www.atchisonkansas.net or call 800-234-1854.

2012 CHAMBER AWARDS

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
TEAM OF THE YEAR
QUALITY OF LIFE AWARD
TOURISM AWARD
ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR
ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR
EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION TODAY!

Pick up a form at the Santa Fe Depot, call 913-367-2427 or visit www.atchisonkansas.net to submit online nominations. Award winners will be announced at the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet on Saturday, January 26.