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THIS WEEK IN *Atchison*

AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Notes from the President

We are very saddened by the untimely death of Mark Bottorff. Mark and his company have become an important part of the Atchison community. Our heartfelt sympathies to Linda, Justin, Jordan and the entire Bottorff family. Mark will be missed by everyone.

One of the most fulfilling parts of the Chamber is being able to recognize those who have made a positive impression on Atchison over the last year. If you have not already, please take a few minutes to recognize those that you feel deserve to be recognized at this year's annual banquet. You can

CHAMBER MEETINGS/ EVENTS:

- 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.



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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!

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. Wear 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.

Railroad crossing repair scheduled for Wednesday

EXPECT DELAYS! Southbound K-7/U.S. 73 (10th Street) just south of Main Street in Atchison will be CLOSED for a Union Pacific railroad crossing repair project on Wednesday, January 16 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., weather permitting.

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage and cones. A marked detour will be provided. Northbound and southbound traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction on the northbound side of the roadway. Drivers should expect some delays and may wish to use alternate routes during the lane closures.

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.

access the nomination form from our website. Atchisonkansas.net

We're adding a new promotion for this year... chocolate tasting! Tickets can be purchased that will allow you to taste chocolate at a number of participating merchants. The ticket price will be donated to the United Way. You'll have the opportunity to taste a variety of chocolate products. A limited number of tickets will be available. Watch for all the details...the event will be held on February 8th and 9th.

Thank you to all who have renewed their membership for 2013. We are determined to continue our mission and what a great place Atchison is with the public; encouraging them to visit and experience for themselves how friendly and inviting Atchison and its citizens are!

We hope to see you at the annual banquet on the 26th. If you have not reserved your spot, call us!
THANK YOU!

Chamber president graduates from IOM

Pregont graduates from Institute for Organization Management

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Institute for Organization Management, the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, is pleased to announce that Jacque Pregont IOM, President of the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce has graduated from the program and has received the recognition of IOM. Awarded to all graduates of the Institute program, the IOM Graduate Recognition signifies the individual's completion of 96 hours of course instruction in nonprofit management.

“Institute graduates are recognized across the country as leaders in their industries and organizations,” said Raymond P. Towle, IOM, CAE, the U.S. Chamber Foundation's vice president of Institute for Organization Management. “These individuals have the knowledge, skills, and dedication necessary to achieve professional and organizational success in the dynamic association and chamber industries.”

Since its commencement in 1921, the Institute program has been educating tens of thousands of association, chamber, and other nonprofit leaders on how to build stronger organizations, better serve their members and become strong business advocates. Institute's curriculum consists of four weeklong sessions at five different university locations throughout the country. Through a combination of required courses and electives in areas such as leadership, advocacy, marketing, finance,



and membership, Institute participants are able to enhance their own organizational management skills and add new fuel to their organizations, making them run more efficiently and effectively.

Graduates of Institute receive the IOM recognition, signifying completion of 96 hours of course instruction in nonprofit management. In addition, participants can earn credit hours toward the Certified

Chamber Executive (CCE) or Certified Association Executive (CAE) certifications. Nearly 1,000 individuals attend Institute annually.

Institute for Organization Management is the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. It is the premier nonprofit professional development program for association and chamber professionals, fostering

individual growth through interactive learning and networking opportunities.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation (USCCF) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce dedicated to strengthening America's long-term competitiveness by addressing developments that affect our nation, our economy, and the global business environment.

MEMBER NEWS

Get your chocolate covered strawberries at Snow Ball

Snow Ball Eighth Street Bistro will once again make Valentine's Day sweeter with its decadent Chocolate Covered Strawberries.

Make your order today for that special someone. It's the perfect Valentine's Day gift!

Call 913-367-SODA(7632) to place your order.

Pepper Mill & Co. to host a special Valentine's Day dinner

Pepper Mill & Co., is gearing up for a memorable Valentine's Day. Make your reservations for this special evening with a special menu.

Don't miss this chance to treat your favorite person to a special night.

Call 913-367-FOOD (3663) to reserve your table.

Theatre Atchison Spring Tea set for May 5

Mark your calendar for Theatre Atchison's 4th Annual Spring Tea Fundraiser on Sunday, May 5, 2013, in the lower level of the Heritage Conference Center, 710 S. 9th St., Atchison, KS 66002.

The tea begins at 2:00 PM with champagne punch followed by a delicious full tea menu consisting of tea, tea sandwiches, delicacies and sweets from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

This event also includes a "something for everyone" silent auction and prizes for best hats.

Ticket reservations will be available Tuesday, April 2nd and Wednesday April 3rd. Call Darlene Dulac (913) 367-6177 or email: c.dulac@sbcglobal.net. Ticket price is \$18.00 and payment is required when making reservations. We accept all major credit cards. Make plans to come

THANK YOU
For investing in your community

Businesses that have renewed their membership for 2013

Atchison Country Mart	Maur Hill-Mount Academy
Atchison Public Schools	Medicalodges, Inc.
Atchison Rotary	Mr. G's
Cedar Ridge Banquet & Catering	Phil Servaes Dirt Construction
Dairy Queen	River Cities Community Credit Union
Lockwood	Valley Hope

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and enjoy a fun afternoon!

The Artist Box to host stained glass class

Announcing an Adult Stain Glass Class at the Artist Box!

Starting Feb. 7th, then the 14th and 21st to finish up. Schedule for 6:30pm Thursday evenings. \$40.00 per student, class limited to 10 students.

Come in the store to sign up and pay.

You will be making a sun catcher using the basic stain glass techniques.

If interested an intermediate class may be taught.

The Artist Box is located at 731 Commercial. Call 913-367-1037 for more information.

Upcoming events at Riverwood Winery

Visit Riverwood Winery for this month's Domestic and International Wine Tasting, which will focus on Bold Red Wines from the Pacific Rim. The event is scheduled from 12-4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 27. It is a free event.

And mark your calendars for a special stage event on Sunday, Feb. 10. Enjoy the two-person play, "Love Letters," on the

Riverwood stage on Sunday, Feb. 10.

For more information, go online to www.riverwoodwinery.com.

Support AHS After Prom with Baby Back Ribs

Bill Shipley is grilling up some delicious baby back ribs, just in time for the Super Bowl on Sunday, Feb. 3.

You can get your ribs for \$15 per slab, including a bottle of Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ sauce, and help out a great cause.

The event is a fundraiser for the AHS After Prom committee.

We are taking orders now through Jan. 21. To place an order, please call Jeff Gassmann at 913-370-0620 or Tim Housh at 913-426-6239.

Money must be received by Jan. 21. Any orders of 5 slabs or more can be delivered in the City of Atchison.

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 9-11 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18. Please note the time change!

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 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.

LakeFest 2013 opening acts announced

Lee Brice and American Idol's Lauren Alaina to open for Gary Allan

The Amelia Earhart Festival has announced a pair of up and coming country music stars to join headliner Gary Allan on the LakeFest 2013 stage.

Recent American Idol runner-up Lauren Alaina will open the July 19 outdoor concert at Warnock Lake, and four-time Academy of Country Music nominee Lee Brice will perform in the middle slot, setting the stage for Allan.

"We're really excited about the line-up this year," said Festival Coordinator Jacque Pregont. "Lauren Alaina is familiar to everyone after her appearance on American Idol. She was a crowd favorite then, and I'm sure she will be at LakeFest."

"Lee Brice has had several chart busters and he's a great entertainer," she added. "Two consecutive platinum No. 1 hits means he has arrived! We're thrilled to bring him to Atchison."

Both Brice and Alaina credit maturity, both personally and professionally, as a reason for their success in the music business.

Though Brice plays about 200 shows each year, he has a young family and bought his first home. That focus on his family is evident in his sophomore release "Hard 2 Love."

"Everything on the new album is very pertinent to who I am right now and where I am in my life," Brice said. "I have some very personal stuff on there, and I had to be really honest with it. Hopefully, folks will see that."

The South Carolina native has also grown professional, especially as a song writer and live performer. And music fans have taken notice.

"A Woman Like You," the first single off his latest album, became iTunes' fifth most-purchased song and sold more than 30,000 copies a week.

"At 32, I'm growing up, and I've done a lot more singing, not just in the studio but live," he said. "...I realize you can move people and peel their faces



back without necessarily screaming at them."

Alaina is growing up before our eyes.

As a 16-year-old on Season 10 of American Idol, Alaina captured America's heart with her enthusiasm, humor and warmth, as well as a commanding voice with a range that has been compared to country music's premiere vocalists, including Carrie Underwood and Martina McBride. The show was one of the most popular. A record-breaking 122.4 million votes were cast for the finale, which drew 29.3 viewers to watch Alaina compete against Scotty McCreery.

Alaina's debut album, "Wild-



Country music veteran Lee Brice (above) and former American Idol finalist Lauren Alaina (left) will open LakeFest 2013 at Atchison Warnock Lake on July 19. The opening acts will set the stage for headline Gary Allan. Tickets officially go on sale on May 1. They will be available online at atchisonkansas.net, along with several locations in the Atchison, Leavenworth and St. Joseph areas.

MEMBER NEWS

News from Cedar Ridge

Valentine's Day will be here sooner than you realize, Cedar Ridge will be open 5:00pm to 8:30pm. We are taking reservations now. We will be offering a Prime Rib Buffet with special desserts. Bring your special someone and let us help you celebrate this special day. Call 913-367-4357 for the full menu.

School is back in session and I know that everyone is very busy. Cedar Ridge is open Friday & Saturday 5:00pm – 9:00pm and Sunday brunch 9:30 – 1:00pm. And our location, Mr. G's in Atchison is open Monday –Friday 6:30am –3:00pm. We also offer carry out on the weekend. So no time to cook let us help you get dinner on the table or a sweet treat for your favorite team.

We are taking orders for Hand Dipped Chocolate Strawberries or Hand Dipped Cherries. You can pick them up at our Mr G's location on February 14th between the hours of 7:00am to 2:45pm. Place your order soon.

Mr. G's, our location in Atchison, is offering a salad of the week. Call us at 913-426-4674 to find out our specials of the day and the salad of the week OR follow us on Facebook where the specials are posted every evening for the next day. We want to thank all of you, who have made our Mr. G's a success.

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 Stitchers** - Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. (crochet, needle-point, 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)

Atchison turning around its image

Registration ended Monday for one of the largest health competitions Atchison has ever seen. A total of 115 local residents joined the "Body Transformation Challenge" which had a registration fee of \$10, 6 different categories to compete in, and free wellness coaching. Atchison is just one of several towns participating. The total transformation jackpot is over \$6000

Brooke Johnson of Body & Soul Nutrition says, "I am very proud of all the participants that chose to be a part of this challenge and start their year by taking a step toward better health."

For more information regarding the next Body Transformation Challenge, call Body & Soul Nutrition at 913-367-4199 or visit them at 729 Commercial Street.

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans Available to Kansas Small Businesses

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Small, nonfarm businesses in 104 Kansas counties and neighboring counties in Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma are now eligible to apply for low-interest federal disaster loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). "These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by the drought that began November 15, 2012, in the following primary counties," announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

"SBA eligibility covers both the economic impacts on businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the disaster and businesses directly impacted by the disaster," Judd said.

Small, nonfarm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private, nonprofit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

"Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have

an interest rate of 4% for businesses and 3% for private, nonprofit organizations, a maximum term of 30 years, and are available to small businesses and most private, nonprofits without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Judd said.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency (FSA) about the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However, in drought disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling SBA toll-free at (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877 8339.

The deadline to apply for these loans is September 9, 2013.