



Feb. 19, 2013 - Feb. 26, 2013

# THIS WEEK IN Atchison

AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## CHAMBER MEETINGS/ EVENTS:

- Feb. 21 Tourism, 9:15 a.m., Depot
- Feb. 23 BC Scholarship Ball
- Feb. 27 Ambassadors, noon
- Mar. 2 Legislative Coffee, 9 a.m., Depot
- Mar. 5 Leadership, 12:15 p.m., Depot
- Mar. 10 Atchison Bridal Show
- Mar. 14-16 Spring Open House
- Mar. 16 St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Mar. 26 Farm-City Banquet



### Notes from the President

I enjoyed spending several days in Wichita sharing Atchison with over 15,000 women (And a few men)!

The Wichita Women's Fair is held each year in February with over 375 booths. We take Atchison to the thousands who attend and visit with them about coming to Atchison. It is so nice to hear all the wonderful and complimentary things people say about their experiences here in our home town. Of course, we also have many who don't know where Atchison is! That's when we go to work selling what a great place this is to visit.

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Amelia Earhart is always one of our biggest topics

# Giving Back



Chamber President Jacquie Pregont (left) and Projects Coordinator Mary Jane Sowers (right) present a check for \$375 to Terry Knopke, director of the Atchison Area United Way. The Chamber donated the proceeds from its first annual Atchison Chocolate Tasting to the local United Way.



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## CHAMBER NEWS

### 37th Farm-City Banquet scheduled for March 26

The Atchison business community is invited to join us in celebrating generations of cooperation with the agricultural community in the Atchison area during the 37th annual Farm-City Banquet on Tuesday, March 26.

The annual event will be held at the Atchison Heritage Conference Center and includes vendor booths, dinner and an entertaining program. We will also have the popular pie-baking contest again, so get those recipes ready!

The Chamber is currently looking for sponsors. Businesses can sponsor the event by purchasing tickets that will allow farm families to attend the event free of charge. We are also looking for door prize donations and booth exhibitors.

For more information or to inquire about sponsorships and donations, please contact Mary Jane Sowers, Chamber Proj-

ects Coordinator, at 913-367-2427 or send an email to [projects@atchisonkansas.net](mailto:projects@atchisonkansas.net).

Please join us in this special, longstanding tradition!

### Legislative Coffee series resumes on March 2

The Chamber's annual Legislative Coffee series, sponsored by AT&T, is set to resume on Saturday, March 2, at 9 a.m. at the Santa Fe Depot.

Area residents are invited to attend the event, during which area legislators will speak about the issues being discussed in Topeka and Washington. This is also an opportunity to offer your insights to your representatives in state and national government.

We have invited the following elected officials: U.S. Senators Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran, U.S. Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins, State Representatives Jerry Henry and Randy Garber, State Senator Dennis Pyle and Gover-

nor Sam Brownback.

Coffee, juice and donuts will be served.

### Full weekend Celebrating the Arts set for April 26-27

The Atchison Art Association and the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce have joined forces to create a weekend of special events that will celebrate the arts in Atchison!

From the unique Pop-Up Body Art Display to the relaxing Art Walk and the stunning location of the Open Air Fair, we will welcome artists from a variety of forms to our community on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27. Make plans to join us as we celebrate the arts!

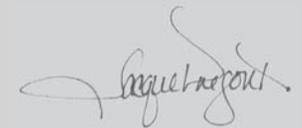
More information, as well as artist registration forms for all three events are available under the "Events" tab on our website, [www.atchisonkansas.net](http://www.atchisonkansas.net). Just look for "Celebrating the Arts."

of conversation. So many students do reports and are happy to share some of what they have learned. We encourage them to come see the place where Amelia was born and lived as a girl. One girl in particular who is a student at Amelia Earhart Elementary School in Wichita told us, "Oh, I know Amelia Earhart. She was named after my school!" Loved it! :)

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Don't forget about our gift shop when you need Atchison souvenirs. We have a variety of things the make great gifts, or just some beautiful post-cards to send to friends.

Have a great week!



## VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER SHOWCASE

Showcase your business at the Visitor Information Center, located in the historic Santa Fe Depot. These shelves are located in a prime location in the Visitors Center and are a focal point for the thousands of travelers who visit the Depot each year. Space is available for \$25 per year. Space is limited, so contact us today to reserve yours!

Contact: Jann McGregor | 367-2427 | [tours@atchisonkansas.net](mailto:tours@atchisonkansas.net)

## Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce

# Member SPOTLIGHT

### Atchison County Raceway

10548 Sedgewick Rd.  
Atchison, KS 66002

*In business since May 2012*



#### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

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Friday and Saturday  
Gates open 5:00 p.m.  
Racing begins at 8:00 p.m.

#### **WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT**

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Dirt track racing, demolition derbies and trailer smash races.

#### **JOIN THE FUN**

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ACR offers exciting entertainment every Friday and Saturday night in the form of dirt track racing. Watch the excitement unfold as local drivers compete with drivers from surrounding cities and states. Talent that has made it as far as NASCAR completes at ACR on a weekly basis.

#### **STAY IN TOUCH**

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Phone: 913-370-2520 | email: [phil@acraceway.com](mailto:phil@acraceway.com)  
On the web: [www.acraceway.com](http://www.acraceway.com)

# New Chamber member to host meet and greet event in Atchison

*KVC Behavioral HealthCare, Inc., to host career-focused 'Meet and Greets' in local communities*

KVC Behavioral HealthCare, Inc. will visit local communities during February and March 2013 to give interested applicants an opportunity to learn more about the KVC culture and job opportunities resulting from recently awarded new state contracts.

There will be a one-hour presentation at the start of each gathering, as well as opportunities to meet KVC staff and learn more about the application process. Interested applicants are encouraged to attend one of the Meet and Greets and check [www.kvc.org](http://www.kvc.org) to view and apply for job openings. For information on KVC's additional meet and greet events in other Kansas locations, visit [www.kvc.org](http://www.kvc.org).

Atchison event information:

- **Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 9:30-11:30 a.m.**
- **Friday, March 1, 2013, 3:30-5:30 p.m.** American Red Cross Senior Center 504 Kansas Avenue, Atchison, KS 66002

Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) announced in January that KVC was awarded the contracts for Reintegration/Foster Care/Adoption Services and Family Preservation Services for the Kansas

City and East Regions. With these awards, KVC will continue to serve all existing communities and expand its service reach even further. This represents a 30-county area of eastern Kansas, spanning from Nebraska to Oklahoma, and includes approximately 50 percent of all children served in Kansas child welfare.

"We are excited about the opportunity to visit these communities and share the KVC story," President of KVC Behavioral HealthCare, Inc. Chad Anderson said. "We are eager to meet those interested in career opportunities with KVC, and we look forward to serving the children and families in these regions."

About KVC Behavioral HealthCare, Inc. KVC's work as a private, non-profit organization enriches and enhances the lives of thousands of children and families by providing medical and behavioral health-care, social services and education. Founded in 1970 as Wyandotte House, KVC works to heal the most traumatic cases of childhood abuse and neglect. Named in 2008 by the Annie E. Casey Foundation as a best-practice organization, KVC is a leader in the use of evidence-based research and innovative tools and technology to advance the welfare of children and families in our communities. To learn more about KVC, go to [www.kvc.org](http://www.kvc.org)

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LAUREN ALAINA



FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2013  
GATES OPEN AT 4:00 PM

AT SCENIC  
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ATCHISON, KS



ADVANCED TICKETS: \$25 | AT THE GATE: \$30  
CHILDREN AGE 10 & UNDER ADMITTED FREE

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## MEMBER NEWS

### Register for these exciting classes at The Artist Box!

The following classes are available at The Artist Box in March. The Artist Box is located at 731 Commercial. Call 913-367-1037 for more information.

- March 2 — Decoupage Eggs, 10 a.m., \$5.00
- March 9 & 16 — Paper Mache' Eggs, 10 a.m., \$15.00 (must attend both classes to complete project)
- March 23 — String Eggs, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$5.00
- March 30 — Dye eggs, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$2.00

### Spring Break Giveaway at Necessities & Accessories Boutique

Necessities & Accessories Boutique is celebrating the season with a Spring Break Giveaway. Register from now until March 11 to win a Classy & Sassy Cover Up of your choice. The drawing will be held at 4:30 p.m. on March 11.

Necessities & Accessories Boutique is located at 117 N. 5th St. For more information, call 913-674-3160.

You do not need to be present to win and no purchase necessary!

### Community panel to address social change

Civil rights, religion and education will take center stage during a panel discussion on social change set for February 20, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in O'Malley-McAllister Auditorium on the Benedictine College campus in Atchison. The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Development Council and

Benedictine College. It is being held in conjunction with the college's annual Social Justice Week, which is now in its 25th year.

A group of panelists will give a presentation titled "50 Years of Change: A Reflection on Civil, Educational and Religious Achievement in America and Atchison." Each speaker will give a 10-minute summary on one area and the group will then take follow-up questions.

Benedictine's Social Justice Week gives student groups related to social issues a chance to gain a focus on campus and in the community. Participating groups include the Knights of Columbus, Benedictine College Hunger Coalition, Ravens Respect Life and the Black Student Union.



### Specials all week long at Pepper Mill

#### "Work Week Special"

Monday-Friday

Cheeseburger, Fries and a Drink all for 4.99. This special only good from 11am-2pm.

#### Evening Buffets: 5pm-8pm

Monday — Pasta Bar

Tuesday — Potato Bar

Wednesday — Taco Bar

All buffets are served with a salad, the buffet and dessert for 7.99

B.C. Students & Highland students, show us your student I.D. & the buffet is only \$5.00

Kids 0-4 years old eat for FREE!

5 years old - 11 years old eat for 3.99

#### Daily Specials

Mon. Pork Tenderloin & Fries 6.99

Tue. 1/2# Cheeseburger & Fries 6.99

Wed. Chicken Pot Pie & Salad 6.99

Thurs. Chicken Strips 4.99

8oz. Ribeye Steak, baked potato & salad 9.99

Fri. Fettuccine Alfredo & Garlic toast 7.99

Butterfly Pork Chops, from Van Dykes, served w/ 2 sides 8.99

#### Happy Hour from 5-8pm (Mon.-Fri.)

All Domestic Bottle Beers 2.25

All well drinks \$3.00

All Pints Draft Beers 2.50

#### Karaoke Every Friday Night

8pm-close

No Cover Charge

### February specials at Necessities & Accessories Boutique

Don't miss out on an amazing month of specials at Necessities & Accessories Boutique!

Our specials for the month of February are: 10% off Body Mist and Bubble Mania Bath Bomb, 25% off Fleece Blankets and all Turquoise Jewelry.

Necessities & Accessories Boutique is located at 117 N. 5th. For more information, call 913-674-3160.

### February classes at Sarah Kathryn's

There's a lot going on at Sarah Kathryn's this month. Join us for a series of classes perfect for this time of the year.

Get your "Kids in the Kitchen" from

2-3:30 p.m., on Sunday, Feb. 24. The class will feature pizza, smoothies and more goodies.

On Monday, Feb. 25, join us for a class on Winter Soups, a handy technique for the cold winter months. The class runs from 6-8 p.m.

All classes are \$15.

For more information, stop by Sarah Kathryn's at 12184 Hwy. 9 in Lancaster or call 913-255-2000.

### News from Riverwood Winery

For everything from live music and theater to tequila and great wine, visit Riverwood Winery this month.

On Sunday, Feb. 25, we will have our monthly free wine tasting from 12-4 p.m.

For more information, go online to [www.riverwoodwinery.com](http://www.riverwoodwinery.com).

### First Annual Atchison Area Bridal Show

The First Annual Atchison Area Bridal Show is set for Sunday, March 10, from 1-4 p.m. at the Atchison Heritage Conference Center.

Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. Vendor booths will be open from 1-4 p.m. There will be a fashion show at 3 p.m. Giveaways throughout the day and a \$500 grand prize at 4 p.m.!

You can purchase your tickets at the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce, Poor Richard's, Heritage Tractor's Atchison location and Midwestern Lace by Sarah Bell and Melissa Koontz.

Follow us on Facebook for updates and other ticket locations: [www.facebook.com/AtchisonAreaBridalShow](http://www.facebook.com/AtchisonAreaBridalShow).



# my Ghost Story

## Pepper Mill to be featured on ‘My Ghost Story’

Pepper Mill & Co., has long been a favorite site of paranormal enthusiasts. This Saturday, February 23, the Atchison restaurant and historic building will be featured during an episode of “My Ghost Story.” The program is scheduled to air at 9 p.m. CST on the Bio channel. For the correct channel number, please consult your cable or satellite guide.

**What: “My Ghost Story”**

**When: 9:00pm, Saturday, Feb. 23**

**Where: Bio Channel**

PEPPER · MILL & CO.  
— CASUAL · DINING —



# The Dining Room Auditions

Feb. 26 & 27, 7:00 PM

Theatre Atchison  
401 Santa Fe  
Atchison, KS 66002  
367-1647

[theatre@theatreatchison.org](mailto:theatre@theatreatchison.org)

Performances

April 12, 13, 19 & 20, 8:00 PM

April 14 & 21, 2:00 PM

Open to anyone 18 and older.

*“The Dining Room” ~ If these walls could talk ~*

*Through a series of vignettes, we get to see that this dining room has quite a few stories about the generations of people who lived in the house through over a hundred years. In its telling, we experience slices of everyday people’s lives as they meet the challenges and joys of life, love, and family.*

*With each actor assuming multiple roles ranging from teen to grandparent, this play is a great opportunity for actors to spread their wings. Required are 4 males and 4 females, 18 – 65. Experience is not necessary, but enthusiasm is. No prior preparation is required; auditions will consist of readings from the script.*

*Auditions will be 27-28 February in the Cray Little Theater. Rehearsals will be March 1 – April 11. Please be able to provide your conflicts during the rehearsal period. Directed by Rumi Dodson.*

# State marks severe weather awareness week March 3-9

As the end of winter draws closer, many Kansans are thinking toward the sunshine and balmy weather of spring. However, in addition to sunny skies and warmer temperatures, spring may also bring thunderstorms, flash floods, tornadoes and other severe weather. Despite advance warning many people are killed or seriously injured by tornadoes and other types of severe weather. In 2012, there were more than 450 weather-related fatalities

and nearly 2,600 injuries nationwide.

To urge Kansans to start thinking about springtime emergency preparedness, Gov. Sam Brownback will sign a proclamation Friday, Feb. 22, designating March 3-9 as "Severe Weather Awareness Week in Kansas." The proclamation coincides with the national Severe Weather Awareness Week.

Angee Morgan, deputy director of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management, said a home emergency kit should

include everything needed for each family member to survive for a minimum of three days without power or heat. Kits should include one gallon of water per person per day; nonperishable, high energy foods; a battery powered NOAA weather radio; flashlights; extra batteries; a safe, alternate heat source; blankets; medications and other essentials. Additional information about preparing an emergency kit may be

found online at [www.ksready.gov](http://www.ksready.gov).

To help make emergency preparedness more manageable, KDEM has instituted an online "Kansas Preparedness Challenge." Completing each monthly challenge makes participants eligible for a prize drawing. Go to [www.ksready.gov](http://www.ksready.gov) and click on the "Kansas Preparedness Challenge" link to get started.

**CELEBRATING PARTNERSHIP FOR 37 YEARS**

**ATCHISON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**FARM-CITY BANQUET**

**37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BANQUET**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 26**  
**367-2427 FOR DETAILS**

**BOOTHS • DINNER • PIE BAKING • ENTERTAINMENT**

**THANK YOU**  
For investing in your community

**Welcome to our newest member**  
**KVC Health Systems, Inc.**  
**21350 W. 153rd St.**  
**Olathe, KS 66061**

**Businesses that have renewed their membership for 2013**

Keith & Dorothy Atlakson  
Atchison Family YMCA  
Clubs for Kids FDN, Inc.  
United Country Heart of America  
Real Estate & Auction

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