



April 16 - April 23, 2013

THIS WEEK IN *Atchison* AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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CHAMBER MEETINGS/ EVENTS:

- Apr. 18 Tourism, 9:15 a.m., Depot
- Apr. 19 Ribbon Cutting, Gateway to Kansas Shops, 12:15 p.m., 504 Commercial
- Apr. 21 BC/Atchison Community Orchestra concert, 3 p.m., O'Malley-McAllister
- Apr. 24 Ambassadors, noon
- Apr 26-17 Atchison Art Association events

Grand Re-Opening!



A large crowd of Chamber members, staff and supporters gathered at The Hardware Store and Atchison Auto Parts for a grand re-opening celebration, Chamber After Hours and ceremonial ribbon cutting on Thursday. Both Atchison businesses now have new looks, new products, new specials and the same great customer service.



Notes from the President

A huge THANK YOU to all who came out on a cool morning Saturday to help with the Beautification Council Spring Clean Up! We had a great group working and what a difference they made! Let's all work to KEEP Atchison clean! Thank you to all those who contributed and sponsored the effort! We're grateful for everyone's dedication to cleaning up Atchison! Watch for our fall date...

As you know, one of our main objectives is to encourage and promote tourism in Atchison. The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism recently released 2011 tourism data. In 2011, Kansas received 32 million visitors that generated \$8



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CHAMBER NEWS

Ribbon Cutting Friday

On Friday, April 19, we will celebrate the opening of Gateway to Kansas Shops with a ribbon cutting at 12:15 p.m. at 504 Commercial.

Members are encouraged to attend and show their support for our new local businesses.

Chamber Golf Classic information available online

Information about the annual Chamber Golf Classic is available on our website, www.atchisonkansas.net. Just click on the golf tournament logo on any page. Find out what sponsorship packages are available, learn more about our silent auction and make sure you register! If you would like to learn more or would like to donate an item, please contact Mary Jane Sowers at 913-367-2427.

Full weekend Celebrating the Arts set for April 26-27

The Atchison Art Association has two events scheduled for April 26-27. Pop-Up Body Art, scheduled for April 26 in downtown Atchison, the event features a 20 art sculptures that will pop up all over town for the day. The Art Association describes the event as "a traveling exhibit of public art produced and sponsored by our community that promotes social interaction and civic dialogue through a visual message to the community."

On Saturday, April 27, the Atchison Art Association will present the first Open Air Fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Atchison Riverfront. The event presents a fresh approach to the exchange of ideas, innovations and creation in a European-style market on the riverfront.

The Open Air Fair will feature booths by artists/artisans, farmer/growers and vintage and repurposed items, along with performance art, music, classes and demonstrations from artists.

Information on these events, including registration packets for artists, can still be found on the Chamber's website, www.atchisonkansas.net. For more information, contact the Atchison Art Association at 913-367-4278 or email atchisonart@gmail.com.

Chamber logo available

The Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce logo is available for all member businesses for use on websites or promotional materials. Call us at 913-367-2427 for available formats.

If you would like to use the logo, which is available in multiple formats, please contact Jason at 913-367-2427 or email trolley@atchisonkansas.net.

If you have updated or recently designed a logo for your own business or organization, please email a copy to Jason.

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Businesses that have renewed their membership for 2013

Jerry's Again
Sam's Club — St. Joseph, Mo.
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billion is tourism expenditures. Wow! There is no doubt that tourism is extremely important to the Kansas economy. Tourism is the 3rd largest industry in the state in terms of jobs, employing 10% of the population. Tourism provides \$917 in tax relief to each Kansas household. Broken down by county, Atchison County in 2011 had \$32.4 million in tourism expenditures with 13.1% growth. Those are powerful numbers...validating how important our focus on tourism and promoting Atchison can be to all of us. If you have an interest in tourism, call us at the Chamber...we might have opportunity for you to be a part of our tourism program.

We're excited to welcome two new businesses to Atchison this week with ribbon cuttings...today American Family Insurance representative Keri Armstrong opens her new office at 601 Commercial. We wish Steve Brooks well as he recently retired.

On Friday we will cut the ribbon at Gateway to Kansas Shops located at 504 Commercial. They're off to a great start. If you haven't been in to see them yet, you should stop by soon!

Have a great week!

Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce

Member SPOTLIGHT

Heritage Tractor

17526 286th Rd.
Atchison, KS 66002

*In business since February 2011
(formerly B&D Equipment)*

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. | Saturday 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Extended summer hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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Website: www.heritagetractor.com

Upcoming Tour Groups



April 18-21

TruePlayer Entertainment
Tours, Marina Del Ray, Calif.
20+ visitors
Tour is part of the American
Ghost Hunter Events

*The above group will visit Atchison soon. The Chamber will update you on tour groups visiting the area, so you can join us in making their visit a memorable experience!
Call 913-367-2427 with questions.*

MEMBER NEWS

Auditions for 'California Suite' set for April 16-17

Theatre Atchison will hold auditions for Neil Simon's "California Suite" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16 and Wednesday, April 17.

There are roles available for men and women. The play will be directed by Chuck Pulliam.

"California Suite" is a humorous confection divided into four parts. Each bit showcases several characters in a heartwarming, hilarious portrayal of their lives. This is Neil Simon at his most humane, compassionate best!

BC and Atchison Community Orchestra to present "I Could Have Danced All Night"

The Benedictine College and Atchison Community Orchestra will present "I Could Have Danced All Night," at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 21 at O'Malley-McAllister Auditorium.

The concert of dance music by Strauss, Dvorak, Bartok, Brahms, Sousa and Rodgers & Hammerstein, will be conducted by Matthew C. Shepard.

Upcoming events at Riverwood Winery

This month's free International Wine Tasting is scheduled from 12-4 p.m. on Sunday, April 21. We haven't decided on a theme yet, but you can go online to our website, www.riverwoodwinery.com, to find out more.

On Sunday, April 28, we will host "Living Shakespeare," a live theater event with Scott Cox. The special live performance is scheduled from 2-4 p.m. Tickets are \$12 per person and reservations are required.

April classes at The Artist Box

Saturday April 20 • any time from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Celebrate Earth day and create art using Mother Nature. \$5.00 to use the spring blooms to create art.

Saturday April 27

The store will be closed but join us on the riverfront for the AAA's Open Air Fair. The Artist Box LLC will have a booth there, also we will be doing a wood fired kiln glaze firing.

News from Cedar Ridge Catering

Mother's Day, May 12th, will be here soon. We will be open for a special brunch to honor that very special person. Make your reservation soon; seating is beginning to get limited.

Have you visited our new place in Atchison? It is called Kennedy's. It is located at 504 Commercial. We feature the old soda fountain favorites, Green Rivers, Malts, and Shakes. We also serve Hamburgers, Tenderloins, Reuben's and many other items. The phone number is 913-370-5639. Come see us soon. Hours are Monday thru Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm.

Also don't forget to visit Mr. G's for our homemade soups and many other items. It is located at 1710 Main.

Do you have a special graduate this year? We can help you plan and prepare for that special celebration. Give us a call.

We are going to have a special buffet luncheon for any College graduate Saturday, May 11th. Hours are noon to 4:00pm. Make your reservation today.

Art Association seeking variety of vendors for Open Air Fair

Atchison Art Association Seeking VENDORS OF HAND-MADE ITEMS ARTIST/ARTISANS/FARMERS/GROWERS/VINTAGE REPURPOSE for our Open Air Fair April 27th, 2013.

WHEN: April 27th, 2013

WHERE: Atchison Riverfront. Atchison, KS (Commercial & River Road, Veterans Memorial Park)

TIMES: Set Up 8:00 a.m. to 10a.m. Open to public 10a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PRICE: \$25.00 for booth size 10 ft. X 10 ft. \$50.00 for food vendor booths. (electricity available, first come, first served)

THIS WILL BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SELL YOUR VINTAGE REPURPOSED ITEMS, ART, HERITAGE CRAFTS, PLANTS & PRODUCE, AND OTHER ARTISAN MERCHANDISE.

CONTACT: Deborah Geiger, atchisonart@gmail.com 913.367.4ART by April 10th, 2013. First come, first served for booth location.

MEMBER NEWS

Vintage Park Provider Awareness Social

Get informed and protect your loved ones with important information on senior health services you may not be aware of!

Join us for the first annual Provider Awareness Social from 1-3 p.m. on Friday, April 19 at Vintage Park at Atchison.

We have a fun-filled day full of information, including those providing hospice, home health services, oxygen, mobile diagnostics, pharmacy services, counseling services and advanced directives.

No ride? No problem! Free shuttle bus service will be available from the Senior Center starting at 12:30 p.m.

The first 100 visitors through the door will receive a free tote bag from Vintage Park. All visitors will have the chance to win fabulous prizes from multiple drawings. Refreshments will also be served.

For more information, contact Cheryl or Jennifer at 913-367-2655 or avintage-parkatchison@skilledhc.com.

April specials at Necessities & Accessories Boutique

We are having 50% off on all Sports theme Fleece Blankets, 25% off on Beaded Scarfs, 10% off on Pillows, Bath Soap, Bath Bombs, and Body Mist. Students show they're School I.D. and they will get 10% off their purchase.

Prom tuxedos available at Rox's Images

Rox's Images has the perfect tuxedo for you as you get ready for prom. Tuxes \$40 off! Choose from more than 60 jacket styles and 175 vests!

Special prom hours at the studio are 9

a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays, and from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. If those times don't fit your schedule, just call 913-367-ROXS(7697) to schedule an appointment.

Rox's Images is located at 8475 Highway 59 in Atchison.

Summer blood drive sponsors needed

The Community Blood Center, the provider of blood to the Atchison Community Hospital is in need of summer blood drive sponsors.

The flu and snow has had a significant impact on our overall collections. Unfortunately, we continue to experience a significant decline in our collections. We need the help from all blood donors to ensure we maintain a safe, dependable blood supply for hospital patients.

The Community Blood Center in St. Joseph Missouri is currently seeking church, clubs, organizations, businesses, and schools to help meet the demand for summer blood. We are in need of summer blood drive sponsors. If you or your group could sponsor a summer blood drive please contact Betty Tinker, Community Blood Center Donor Recruitment Representative at bat@cbckc.org or 816-351-9308 for more information.

'The Dining Room' on stage at Theatre Atchison

Theatre Atchison is pleased to present "The Dining Room" by A.R. Gurney, a delightful theatrical experience of humor and humanity.

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 for more than 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. A pattern of American living through a century comes to life on stage. This show is sure to have audience members laughing and remembering times gone by.

Remaining performances scheduled for April 19 and 20 at 8 p.m., and on April 21 at 2 p.m. Adult tickets are \$12 and youth tickets are \$8. For reservations, call Theatre Atchison's box office at 913-367-SHOW (7469).

Frame and Style Show Thursday, May 2nd 11:00am-4:00pm



Atchison Eye Center Dr. Christopher A. Franken 727 Commercial 913-367-4989

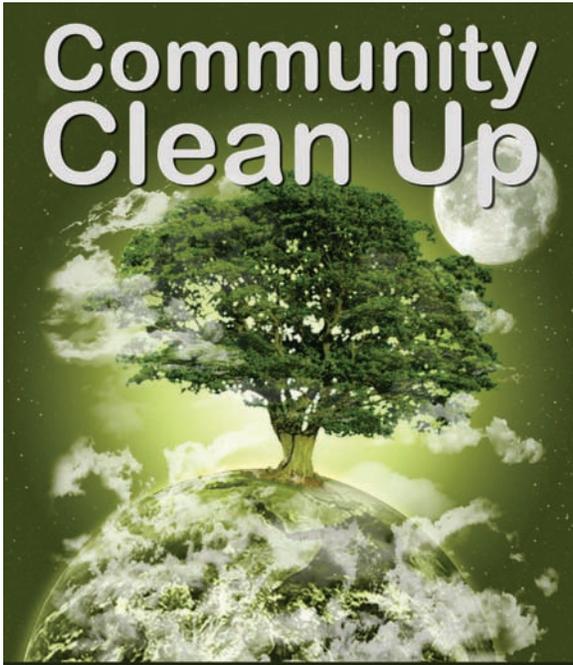
*\$50 routine eye examinations (call to schedule appointment & mention our flyer)

*20% off all frames

*Buy 1 complete pair of glasses, get 2nd pair ½ off

*Door Prizes include; Ray-Ban Sunglasses, Anne Klein Watch and more!!!

Community Clean Up



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