



May 7 - May 14, 2013

THIS WEEK IN *Atchison*

AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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CHAMBER MEETINGS/ EVENTS:

- May 7 After Hours hosted by Marie's Mystics, 5-7 p.m., Depot
- May 9 Cottage of the Seasons
Black & White Party for VICs
- May 12 Kiwanis Spring Flea Market
- May 15 Chamber Board, 4 p.m., Depot
- May 16 Tourism, 9:15 a.m., Depot
- May 18 Farmer's Market Opening Day
- May 21 Workforce, noon, Depot
- May 22 Ambassadors, noon
- May 25 Vintage and Experimental Aircraft Fly-In, Amelia Earhart Airport
- May 27 Chamber offices closed
Visitors Center open 12-4 p.m.
- June 1 Haunted Tours, 6 & 7 p.m.
- June 4 Leadership, 12:15 p.m., Depot
- June 7 Chamber Golf Classic
- June 8 Paolucci's Street Dance



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Empowering Youth



The Chamber's Leadership Council recently sponsored a "Teens Against Bullying" workshop for local seventh- and eighth-grade students. The two-hour-long workshop was held at Memorial Hall, with students from Trinity Lutheran, Atchison Catholic Elementary School and Atchison Middle School in attendance. The purpose of the event was to educate our youth about the seriousness of bullying behavior and inspire them to become advocates of bullying prevention.



Notes from the President

This week we're celebrating National Travel and Tourism Week! We emphasize the importance of tourism and what it means to our economy...as a nation, but also as a state and a community.

The latest state study tells us that over 32 million visitors came to Kansas in 2011 and they spent over \$8 billion dollars. Wow! That's a huge impact for the Kansas economy. EVERY household in the state enjoyed a \$917 tax savings because of tourism.

We invite you to get out and experience the fun, interesting and educational things that our community has to offer tourists. Come

CHAMBER NEWS

Marie's Mystics to host After Hours tonight at the Depot

Get to know one of our newest Chamber members during an After Hours event tonight!

Marie's Mystics, which offers local medium, ghost investigator and tarot reading services, will host the After Hours from 5-7 p.m. at the Santa Fe Depot.

Join us in welcoming Marie's Mystics, catching up with fellow members and enjoying snacks and beverages during this After Hours event. Call 913-367-2427 for more information.

Social Security Announces New Mobile Site for Smartphone Users

Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, today announced the agency is offering a new mobile optimized website, specifically aimed at smartphone users across the country. People visiting the agency's website, www.socialsecurity.gov, via smartphone (Android, Blackberry, iPhone, and Windows devices) will be redirected to the agency's new mobile-friendly site. Once there, visitors can access a mobile version of Social Security's Frequently Asked Questions, an interactive Social Security number (SSN) decision tree to help people identify documents needed for a new/replacement SSN card, and mobile publications which they can listen to in both English and Spanish right on their phone.

"We are committed to meeting the changing needs of the American people and the launch of our new mobile site helps reinforce our online presence and adaptability to advances in technology," Colvin said.

In addition, visitors to the new mobile site can learn how to create a personal my Social Security account to get an online Social Security Statement, learn more about Social Security's award-winning online

services, and connect with Social Security on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Pinterest. For people unable to complete their Social Security business online or over the telephone, the agency also unveiled a new mobile field office locator. The new mobile office locator has the capability to provide turn-by-turn directions to the nearest Social Security office based on information entered by the person.

Each year, more than 35 million Social Security web page views come via smartphones.

For more information, please go to www.socialsecurity.gov.

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.

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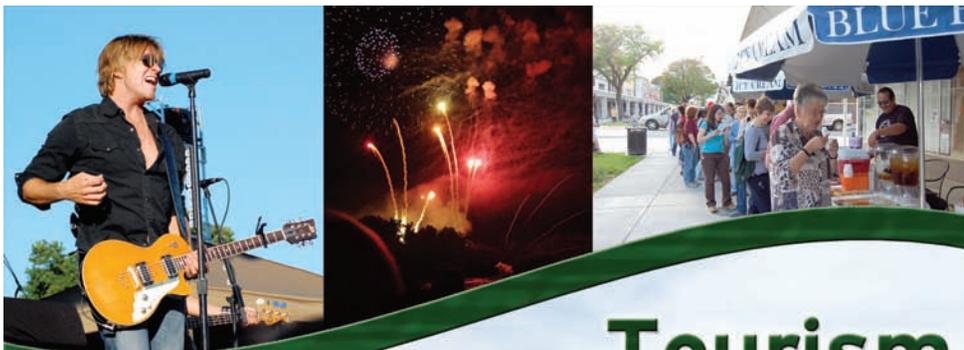
**Businesses that have renewed
their membership for 2013**

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see us at the Santa Fe Depot Visitor Information Center for information about all the local things of interest.

One of our primary goals at the Chamber is to encourage and promote tourism. The tourism council is currently finishing a strategic plan that will take us through the next few years.



Tourism

What's in it for you?

More than 32 million people visited Kansas in 2011, with expenditures totaling more than \$8 billion. The tourism industry is so important to Kansas that one out of every 10 Kansans owes his/her job to tourism.

- More Jobs**
- Better Civil Services**
- Strong local businesses**
- Lower property taxes**
- More Amenities**
- Civic Programs**



Advocating for Atchison

The Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce spends much of its time marketing the Atchison area to prospective visitors, organizing events to draw travelers and setting up itineraries and activities for tour groups.

This week marks the annual National Travel & Tourism Week across the nation, much of which is highly dependent on tourism.

In Kansas alone, visitors to the state accounted for more than \$8 billion in expenditures. In fact, the travel and tourism industry is the third largest employer in the state — employing



more than 148,000 Kansans and paying \$2.5 billion in wages annually.

Closer to home, tourism expenditures accounted for more than \$32 million in Atchison County

in 2011, a 13 percent growth from the previous year. Travel and tourism provided \$917 in tax relief to each Kansas household.

On Monday, Mayor Dave Butler proclaimed May 4-12 as Travel and Tourism Week in Atchison. Chamber staff members Peggy Scholz, Jann McGregor and Mary Jane Sowers displayed the proclamation outside the Visitor Information Center.

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SPOTLIGHT



**Susan
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USD 409

What does it mean to you to be an Ambassador?

To be an Ambassador means to serve as a positive liaison between the Chamber and USD 409 while supporting and serving the Atchison Community through volunteerism.

Tell us about Atchison Public Schools.

Atchison Public Schools ensures high levels of learning for all students to prepare for success in college and careers through the use of innovative teaching practices and cutting edge technology.

How has being an Ambassador helped your business?

I have become more knowledgeable of the people, places and history of Atchison.

In what Ambassador activities have you participated?

Annual banquet, Art Walk, Back to School Reception, A Taste of Atchison, Haunted Atchison season, Santa House, ribbon cuttings and After Hours.

MEMBER NEWS

Poor Richard's to open FedEx Ship Center

Wednesday May 1st. Poor Richard's will be opening a FedEx Ship center in the store. If you need it shipped or packed we can help you out. Our new hours will begin as well. Monday-Friday 8am to 6pm. Saturdays 9am to noon. We have also added a new paper section with scrapbook paper, cardstocks and fun envelopes.

Poor Richard's is located at 718 Commercial. Call 913-367-7600 for more information.

Paolucci's 19th Annual Street Dance scheduled for June 8

Paolucci's 19th Annual Street Dance is scheduled for Saturday, June 8. The bar and food station will open at 4 p.m., and wrap up at midnight.

This year, we will feature the band "Oasis," which will play from 8 p.m. to midnight. Join us for a great evening!

Paolucci's is located at 113-115 S. 2nd St. For more information, call 913-367-6105.

Farmers' Market Opening Day scheduled for May 18

The Atchison Farmers' Market will celebrate its Opening Day and its 15th year on Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to noon. There will be cake, balloons, music and magnet gifts. There will even be spring vegetables!

Theatre Atchison taking reservations for 'California Suite'

Theatre Atchison is pleased to present the comedy "California Suite" by Neil Simon to end its 29th season. This hilarious comedy tells the adventures and misadventures of the various couples who stay at The Beverly Hills Hotel.

The four stories in "California Suite" each feature characters who experience events that cause them to examine their lives amid laughter

and tears. "California Suite" keeps the audience laughing and enjoying the various events in one of the finest California suites! The all-star cast will make this show one to remember.

Performances scheduled at 8 p.m. on May 31, June 1, 7 and 8, and at 2 p.m. on June 2 and 9. Adults \$12, youth \$8. For reservations, call the box office at 913-367-SHOW(7469).

Mother's Day specials at Necessities & Accessories Boutique

Visit Necessities & Accessories Boutique at 117 N. 5th St. for some great Mother's Day gifts.

Through May 11, we have 25 percent off jewelry, a \$20 apron is 20 percent off, a \$15 apron is 15 percent off, and Bath Bombs and Body Mist are 10 percent off.

Call 913-674-3160 for more information.

Create a unique Mother's Day gift at The Artist Box

Create your own unique Mother's Day card during the next class at The Artist Box.

For just \$5, we'll provide the supplies and the help, as you make something special for mom. Just \$5 from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 11.

Also, join us at Atchison County Raceway on Friday, May 10, and Saturday, May 11, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We'll be making gifts for mom there too!

For more information, stop by The Artist Box, 731 Commercial, or call 913-367-1037.

Pepper Mill & Co. open Mother's Day

Pepper Mill & Co. will feature a special brunch buffet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mother's Day, May 12. The restaurant will be open all day, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is a great place to dream mom to a great meal.

To make your reservations, call 913-367-3663. Visit us online at www.atchisonpeppermill.com.

MEMBER NEWS

Boy Scouts of America invites you to a fishing clinic!

All youth and their parents/guardians are invited to come and join the scouts and YMCA for a fun fishing outing from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 11 at Atchison State Lake.

The event is open to the public. Boys and girls ages 6-12 are welcome to attend. There will also be an opportunity for parents/guardians to have all their questions answered about Cub/Boy Scouts.

The cost to join Cub Scouts is \$10 if you would like to sign up during the fishing clinic.

For more information, contact Distric Executive Ryan Worland by phone at 913-674-6278 or send an email to Ryan.Worland@Scouting.org.

Spring Book Sale at Atchison Library

Friends of Atchison Library will host a Spring Book Sale May 10-12 at Atchison Library, 401 Kansas Ave.

The sale will be held downstairs in the community room. Browse hundreds of items for low cost: \$1 hardbacks, \$0.50 paperbacks and \$0.50 VHS tapes. Buy five, get one free!

There will also be a silent auction on used computer equipment and furniture. Cash or check only please.

Light refreshments will be served.

The sale begins with a special preview for Friends of Atchison Library from 12-7 p.m. on Friday, May 10. The sale continues from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, May 11. The event features a bag sale from 12-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 12. Just \$1 per bag!

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.

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.

Let KANSASWORKS help with your hiring needs

As we are moving into the busy time of the year and employers in your area begin to hire, please refer them to KANSASWORKS for posting job opportunities at no cost. Employers can create an employer account at www.kansasworks.com and enter job openings easily to find qualified and skilled candidates matching their job specifications. If the employer needs assistance with posting job openings, they can call (877) 509-6757 and ask Workforce Center staff for assistance with this process. Employers can also search for resumes of job candidates by experience, keyword, and other search criteria once they have created an account on KANSASWORKS.

If you have any employers in your area struggling to fill specific positions, please contact Kansas Department of Commerce Workforce Response Coordinators for further assistance: Debra Rodenbaugh-Schaub at drodenbaugh@kansasworks.com or phone # 785-224-6664; or Phyllis LaShell at plashell@kansasworks.com or phone # 785-577-4610.

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- Awards & Presentations
- "Concert in the Sky" Fireworks Finale

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Carrigan Memorial Tournament slated for June 15

River Cities Community Credit Union is sponsoring its Seventeenth Annual Joseph M. Carrigan Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 15th at the Bellevue Golf Club located at 1713 Country Club Road in Atchison, Kansas. Entry Fee for the tournament is \$65.00 per player or \$260 per team, which includes green fees, cart rental, prizes and lunch.

The tournament is a four-person flighted scramble with tee off scheduled for 9:00 a.m. The winning team will receive a free berth in next year's tournament. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Joseph M. Carrigan Scholarship Fund. Joe was well known for his involvement

in our community and we honor him by offering a scholarship in his memory. Scholarships in the amount of \$750 are awarded each year in memory of Joseph M. Carrigan to high school seniors who plan to attend the college or university of their choice. This year's scholarship winners are Sam Nolte and Jared Hoffman.

Sixteen teams participated in last year's tournament on a beautiful day in June. The winning team members were Bob Myers, Brian Busenbarrick, Josh Middleton & Tony Ramirez. For more information or to sign up for the tournament, contact Bev McConaughy at 913-367-1488.



The first annual Open Air Fair brought Atchison's riverfront to life on April 27. Dozens of exhibitors displayed art in a variety of forms, as well as hand-made goods and produce. Pop-Up Body Art (left) was also a popular addition to the scene on the riverfront, organized by the Atchison Art Association.

