May 21 - May 28, 2013

THIS WEEK IN Atchison

AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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CHAMBER MEETINGS/ EVENTS:

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.
May 30	Ribbon Cutting, Skyway Motors, 12:15 p.m., 1400 Hwy 59
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
June 8-9	Juneteenth Celebration
June 12	Chamber Board, 4 p.m., Depot
June 15	Carrigan Memorial Golf Tournament
June 18	Workforce, noon, Depot
June 20	Tourism, 9:15 a.m., Depot
June 21-22	International Forest of Friendship Celebration

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Notes from the President

We announced in last week's news that we have Federal and State Labor Law posters for Chamber members. THANK YOU to Coby Cullins and the Mo-Kan Underground Business Center for supplying them. Stop by the Chamber and pick up your posters. We're so happy to have Coby as the new owner of the underground facility and look forward to the opportunity it presents to Atchison.

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Enjoy the Memorial Day weekend in Atchison. The EEA Chapter #967 is once again sponsoring the vintage and experimental aircraft fly-in at the Amelia Earhart Airport with a

Welcome Banner Program

We have come to the end of our three-year agreement on the Welcome Banners. With wear and tear evident on many of them, workers will begin taking them down.

A newly-formed committee is currently studying the program and will give us a recommendation on the best way to continue this beneficial program. We will update our members and the community when we have new information.

Save the Date! Career Fair scheduled for Oct. 17

The Chamber's Leadership Council will host its annual high school career fair on Oct. 17 at Atchison High School.

Please plan to have a booth and show our area students what career opportunities are available right here in Atchison. Chamber members are invited to set up a booth free of charge. The non-member fee will be $25.

2013 Pony Express Re-Ride

April 3 marks the annual anniversary of the start of the famed Pony Express. 153 years later, horsemen still want to deliver mail by horseback and on the same trail.

The National Pony Express Association will carry personal mail and commemorative letters from St. Joseph, Mo., to Sacramento, Calif., in June 2013. The first rider leaves the Patee House in St. Joseph at 10 a.m. on June 17, and the last rider will ride into Pony Express Plaza in Old Sacramento at 10:30 a.m. June 27.

The 1,996-mile route will be over the Pony Express National Historic Trail, from Missouri, across Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada to Central California.

More than 600 riders will participate, each taking the Pony Express Oath and receiving a Bible. They will relay a mochila with cachets and personal mail 24 hours a day.

The commemorative letter will be a vignette of Pony Express history in Utah. They can be purchased in advanced by the public at 1860 prices —$5. Letter applications can be obtained by writing: NPEA, 2482 Road M, Emporia, KS 66801 or by calling 620-342-6963.

THEATRE ATCHISON

Donations to benefit local family

Theatre Atchison is collecting donations for a local family whose home was destroyed by fire this morning. The Theatre released the following on its Facebook page this morning:

"Our thoughts are with the Horvatic family this morning. As they are members at Theatre Atchison and involved in our programming, we would like to put together a basket of toiletry items and gift cards. If you have new items to share, please drop them off at Theatre Atchison this week during our office hours, 9:00-4:00."

Free Labor Law posters available for Chamber members

Thanks to a generous donation from Coby Cullins and MO-KAN Underground, the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce will offer free 2013 Labor Law posters to all of its member businesses.

The State of Kansas made some changes to the laws, so all businesses will need new posters this year.

Stop by the Santa Fe Depot at 200 S. 10th Street to pick up your set of two posters.

Cullins, the owner of MO-KAN Underground, recently purchased the Atchison Strategic Storage Facility, also known as the Atchison Caves.

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.

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.

variety of activities. More information is included in this news.

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Our summer Haunted Tours are on the calendar for June 1. That's also the day our fall haunted tickets go on sale. You'll want to check out all the new activities we have planned for this year. Many different and new things, including some for the younger children. It should be FUN!

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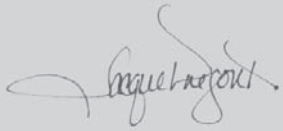
Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected this last week with the horrific weather, as well as the Horvatic family who lost their house this morning. The Red Cross accepts monetary donations to help all those affected. Theatre Atchison is collecting gift cards and toiletries for the Horvatics. Tragedy brings out tremendous community caring. THANK YOU in advance for helping!

Have a great week!



Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce

Member SPOTLIGHT

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SPOTLIGHT

Vicki Jones

Blish-Mize Co.

What does it mean to you to be an Ambassador?

Being an Ambassador helps me to continue giving back to the community as well as supporting the community; values I was taught at a very early age.

Tell us about Blish-Mize Co.

Blish-Mize is one of the oldest businesses here in Atchison. Since 1871, the ownership has lived in the community. They have supported and been involved with countless programs and initiatives over 140-plus years, helping to make Atchison a better place to live, work and raise a family.

How has being an Ambassador helped you or your business?

Working in customer service at Blish-Mize has given me many opportunities to tell customers and co-workers of activities and highlights of Atchison. Serving as an Ambassador has shown me a different side of how involved Blish-Mize is in the community. Being an Ambassador for my company continues to show the community just how important the Chamber of Commerce is to my employer. Supporting local businesses is what it's all about.

What is your favorite thing to do as an Ambassador?

I actually enjoy all aspects of being an Ambassador. It is fun to help with all the great activities that occur to promote Atchison and our community.

MEMBER NEWS

Memorial Day Weekend Fly-In on May 25

The EAA Chapter #967 will hold its annual Memorial Day Weekend Fly-In from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 25 at the Amelia Earhart Airport.

Several types of aircraft will be displayed, including modern, antique, home built, bi-planes, rotorcraft, ultralights, experimentals and R/C models. There will also be antique cars and motorcycles on display and an R/C aircraft demo.

The day features a performanc by the KC Flight Formation Team.

There will also be a ping-pong ball drop with prizes and aircraft judging.

Food will be provided by Boy Scout Troop 216.

Upcoming workshops at Vintage Gypsy

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Upcoming Workshops
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Macramé Basics for Fun

- Wednesday May 22nd , 3pm - 5pm, $10 per person, all supplies included

Terrariums

Learn how to create a tiny world of succulents, rocks, and moss, encapsulated in a glass terrarium for you to enjoy at home!

- Friday, June 7th, 3pm – 5pm, $40 per person, all supplies included

UP-cycled Scrapbooks

- Friday, June 21st, 3pm – 5pm, $35, all supplies included

UP-cycled Plastic Tote Bags

- Saturday, July 6th, 1pm – 3pm, all supplies included

Coming Soon …

- Cheer Bows
- Lightbulb Vases
- Basic Crochet
- Duct Tape Handbags
- Renewal Workshop - Defining And Celebrating Your Own Personal Style… Includes Hair And Face Makeover!

Follow Us on https://www.facebook.com/VinGyp, or check out our website to keep up with special events, cool design ideas, promotions, and workshops! And don't forget to book your child's fantasy party at Vintage Gypsy.

Upcoming classes at The Artist Box

Jar Lanterns

- Saturday, May 25, 9 a.m.-noon. Make your own Jar Lantern. $10 per student.

The Artist Box is located at 731 Commercial. Call 913-367-1037 for more information. To see our great schedule of summer classes, go online to www.theartistboxllc.com.

New addition to Gateway to Kansas Shops

Gateway to Kansas Shops has a new addition: A-Town Boutique. Check it out for great new and gently used fashions and accessories. Located downstairs.

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.

MEMBER NEWS

Atchison County Catbackers event June 17

The Atchison County Catbackers have an exciting event planned for Monday, June 17 at Willie's Bar & Grill.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m., with a 5 p.m. social, followed by the dinner and program at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets to the dinner and auction are $30 and seating is limited to 125. Reservations are due by Monday, June 10.

Some of the guests include head football coach Bill Snyder and Wyatt Thompson, the Voice of the Wildcats, among others.

For more information, contact Reed Berger at 913-367-3700 or Mick Hundley at 913-426-2537. You may also send an email to them at atchisoncatbackers@yahoo.com.

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).

Children's Miracle Network benefit on June 15

The Children's Miracle Network will host a craft & food sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 15 in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

Check out the variety of booths, baked goods and even balloon animals for the kids! There will also be Ident-A-Kid available from 8 a.m. to noon.

Rent your 10x10 booth now for a $25 deposit. The deposit must be in by June 10.

For more information, contact Kathy Damon at 913-367-4062, ext. 199, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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.

Theatre Atchison's 30th Anniversary Season

The Board of Directors and Staff at Theatre Atchison are eager to bring Theatre Atchison's 30th Anniversary Season to you! This season includes a look back to the past with the opening musical, Bye Bye Birdie, the first musical performed at Theatre Atchison in 1984. Exciting changes are coming, complete with a new logo to carry us through the next 30 years. Continue reading for details!

Theatre Atchison Board of Directors
L-R: Peter Murphy, Todd Gigstad, Sharon Berry, Marci Lutz, Larry Worman, Patty Boldridge, Travis Grossman (Executive Director), Kelly Franklin, Janelle Weishaar, Cindy Ladd, Vicki Jones, Carol Lintner, Lisa Howard, Rev. Rachel Dannar, Tim Walters
Not Pictured: Judy Schaeffer

New LoGo

Calling all artists!

If you are interested in helping Theatre Atchison design a new logo, please consider submitting a design. The Board of Directors will choose from the submissions and allow the public to vote. Winning artist receives a free membership to Theatre Atchison's upcoming season!

Submission Deadline: June 28

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www.theatreatchison.org

2013 Amelia Earhart Festival buttons now available

The annual Amelia Earhart Festival is fast approaching, July 19-20, 2013! So don't delay in purchasing your AE collector button! Karen Falk and Sheila Antes are the 2013 AE Button Co-Coordinators. The funds collected from button sales go towards the spectacular fireworks display over the Missouri River Saturday evening

Buttons are a minimum of $1 each and may be purchased at the Atchison Area Chamber Office, local banks, participating businesses, and from Sheila at Exchange National Bank or Karen at Atchison Housing Authority. If you are a business interested in selling the buttons at your establishment, please contact Karen at 367-3323 or Sheila at 367-6000.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of our popular AE Festival! See you at the fireworks!

For more information about the Amelia Earhart Festival and LakeFest 2013, visit www.atchisonkansas.net and click on either the festival graphic or LakeFest poster. We have the full schedule of events up and running, so you can plan your weekend and make sure to hit all the exciting events.

Complete LakeFest 2013 information is also available, including ticket locations and a link to purchase them online.

If you are interested in participating in the Atchison Family YMCA annual Amelia Earhart Fun Run, simply visit the website and either download the event registration guide or register online.

Kansas collecting donations for Oklahoma relief effort

The Kansas Division of Emergency Management is urging anyone wishing to contribute to disaster relief efforts ongoing in Oklahoma to donate cash to disaster relief organizations rather than donating goods.

"It is such a heartbreaking situation we are witnessing with our neighbors in Oklahoma and I know a lot of people want to help because that is just the way Kansans are," said Gov. Sam Brownback. "We see a need and we want to do something about it. The best way we can help right now is to donate cash so that emergency relief organizations can purchase exactly what is needed when it is needed."

KDEM recommends Kansans consider donating to reputable disaster relief organizations of their choice such as the American Red Cross (www.redcross.org), Salvation Army (www.salvationarmyusa.org) or United Way (www.unitedway.org) or local organizations within the communities affected.

Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli, the adjutant general and director of KDEM, urged people to volunteer their time and services through official channels rather than self-deploying.

"We understand everyone wants to help, and we also realize volunteers who self-deploy mean well," said Tafanelli, "but they sometimes forget their presence will put a strain on food and shelter resources needed to help storm victims. It's better to let relief organizations know that you are available and what skills and other resources you can bring. Then they can contact you if and when your help is needed."

Any requests from Oklahoma for civilian emergency responders will come through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact system alerting the Kansas Division of Emergency Management of the need. Requests for Kansas National Guard troops to assist will come through National Guard Bureau to the state and likely also be routed through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact system. This ensures the state is reimbursed through FEMA and state emergency declaration procedures, and the response is part of the overall coordinated state effort.

"We are watching for any requests for assistance from Oklahoma and we have reached out to our state counterparts to let them know we are ready to help," said Brownback.

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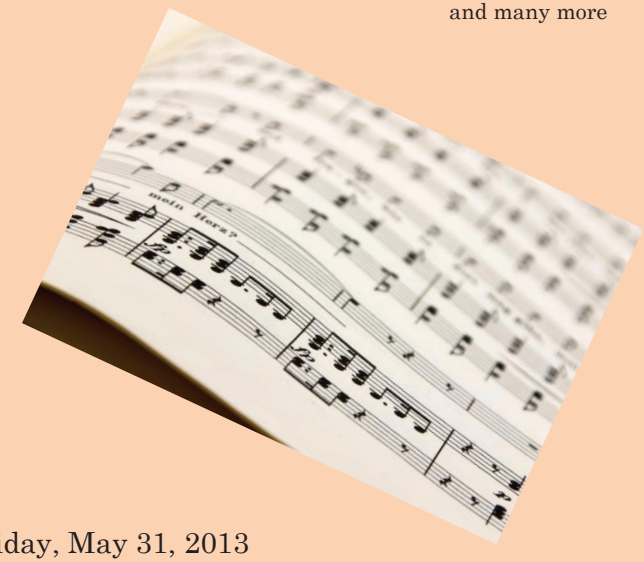

Friday, May 31, 2013
7:00 p.m.
First Christian Church

A freewill offering to benefit the Atchison County Food Pantry at FCC will be taken.