



Aug. 6 - Aug. 13, 2013

THIS WEEK IN *Atchison*

AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Notes from the President

CHAMBER MEETINGS/ EVENTS:

- Aug. 6 Atchison County Fair Parade
- Aug. 14 Chamber Board, 4 p.m., Depot
- Aug. 15 Tourism, 9:15 a.m., Depot
- Aug. 20 Workforce, noon, Depot
- Aug. 22-24 Willow Brook Open House
- Aug. 22 Back-to-School Reception
- Aug. 28 Ambassadors

**"IT'S ALL ABOUT FAMILY, FRIENDS
AND FUN AT THE COUNTY FAIR"**

Parade Tonight • 7:00 • Effingham



August 6-10 ♦ Effingham, KS

For more information visit www.thenewsleaf.com/fair.htm

It's fair week! Hope to see you all at the parade tonight in Effingham as the Atchison County Fair gets underway. It's a fun week full of 4H competition and a variety of activities for the entire family. Enjoy! And good luck to all the 4Hers!

Stop by the Chamber in the next few weeks and welcome our two new employees. We're happy to introduce Diana Kruger and Angie Parker to you in today's enews. They both started in the chaos of the Amelia Earhart Festival so they're already seasoned staff! Both are going to be great assets both to the



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CHAMBER NEWS

Visitor Information Center seeking volunteers

The Atchison Visitor Information Center and gift shop is looking for volunteers. Volunteers play a critical role in welcoming visitors to Atchison, providing directions and giving information to visitors about our many local attractions. If you would like to help make Atchison a more welcoming city and help the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce in a variety of exciting projects, please contact Tourism Coordinator Angie Parker at 913-367-2427 or send her an email at tours@atchisonkansas.net. We have shifts to fill from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays and Fridays, but can work around your schedule.

Seasonal work available during Haunted Atchison season

If you're intrigued by the excitement of Haunted Atchison season, consider doing

some part-time work as a host or driver on the Haunted Trolley Tour.

Hosts manage the audio production, add other tidbits of information and make visitors feel welcome. Drivers must have a valid CDL and airbrakes endorsement.

Please call Angie Parker at 913-367-2427 for more information.

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 Under-

ground, recently purchased the Atchison Strategic Storage Facility, also known as the Atchison Caves, and renamed it Citadel Caverns.

Social Security Update available online

The latest edition of Social Security Update is now available online. You can access the newsletter at www.socialsecurity.gov/newletter.

Some of the highlights include a report on benefits for same sex couples, new WIPA grant application process and accessing your Social Security statement.

Chamber logo available

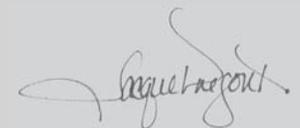
The Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce logo is available for all member businesses for use on websites or promotional materials. Call Jason at 913-367-2427 or email trolley@atchisonkansas.net for available formats.

chamber and furthering tourism in the community.

Our annual Fall Clean-up is scheduled for September 14th. We hope you will join us that morning to clean up Atchison. We take pride in our community and want it to look clean and beautiful all the time. Call our office for details! We would love to have your help!

A Taste of Atchison will be here before you know it! Mark your calendars to join us on September 20th for an evening of music, entertainment, and opportunity to taste what local restaurants and businesses have to offer! If you have some photos taken in Atchison County we'll be taking entries in the photo contest again. Share your photos and win Chamber gift certificates! It's always a great evening...and watch for upcoming announcements of some additional entertainment this year!

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: Angie Parker | 367-2427 | tours@atchisonkansas.net

MEET YOUR STAFF

Angela Parker

TOURISM COORDINATOR



Born and raised in Atchison, Angela Parker returns home after serving as the co-manager of North Belt Wal-Mart in St. Joe. She will head the Chamber's tourism efforts as our new Tourism Coordinator.

In addition, Parker will oversee a staff of volunteers and part-time employees and manage the Warming Hut Gift Shop.

Parker and her husband, Matthew, have one son, Brandon Kistler, who will enroll at the University of Kansas this fall.

Diana Kruger

OFFICE MANAGER



Diana Kruger was born in Oketo, a tiny Kansas town (population 66 in the last census) on the Nebraska border, but has lived in Atchison since 1976.

She graduated from Highland Community College and has worked in the county attorney's office and at Atchison Hospital, and is involved with BSA Troop 92. She has one grown son, Jordan.

Kruger will handle the day-to-day operations of the Chamber office, head the Gift Certificate Program and facilitate the Workforce Development Council.

Survey to be included in August utility bills

The City of Atchison Community Development Department wants to hear from Atchison citizens to help guide the future of Atchison. Starting the week of August 12, 2013, citizens and business will receive a yellow survey card with their August utility billing statement. The City is requesting that everyone take a couple minutes to fill out the yellow survey card, insert it along with the payment in the envelope provided and mail back or drop off at City Hall or the billing drop box behind the Post Office. For anyone who would prefer to fill it out online or for additional members of the household that receives the bill, the survey is available now on the City's website, www.cityofatchison.com.

The results of the survey will help guide the City's Comprehensive Plan, which the City will begin updating this fall. A Comprehensive Plan is a blueprint that guides a community's physical, social, and economic development. Atchison updates its plan every 10 years, and its current plan will expire in 2015. "It is essential that we hear from everyone in our community on how the City should grow or

change in the future. It takes only a couple minutes to fill out, so I encourage everyone to voice their opinions and fill out the yellow cards or complete the survey online," says Stefanie Leif, Community Development Director.

The yellow survey cards will arrive with the utility bills from the week of August 12 through early September. The deadline to complete the survey and return to the City or complete online will be September 25, 2013. Following this date, the City will compile the results and develop priorities, goals, and actions based on the survey feedback as well as input from a diversity of community stakeholders including citizens, businesses, organizations, Planning Commission, City Commission, and City Staff. The City will keep the community updated on public meetings and other opportunities to help guide the City's Comprehensive Planning process. Please contact the Community Development Department with any questions about the Comprehensive Planning process, 913-367-5560.

CHAMBER NEWS

Labor Day drunk driving enforcement crackdown Aug. 16 - Sept. 2

Drunk driving continues to take a terrible toll on the nation, killing almost 10,000 people each year. In 2011, there were 9,878 fatalities on America's highways in which drunk drivers or motorcycle riders were involved. That works out to about an average of one fatality every 53 minutes. Labor Day holidays are particularly dangerous for encountering drunk drivers; During the Labor Day holiday in 2011, 138 people were killed nationwide in crashes involving drivers or motorcyclists whose blood alcohol concentrations (BAC) registered at least .08 or higher. It is illegal in all 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to drive drunk.

That's why local law enforcement agencies in Kansas are banding together to get drunk drivers off our roads by aggressively conducting the enforce-

ment crackdown. Choosing to drive drunk will result in serious consequences.

August is Back to School Safety Month

As summer draws to a close, back-to-school season is in full effect. Safety should be a priority for every family as children return to classrooms this fall. It is important for parents and motorists work together to keep children safe as they walk, ride and drive back to school.

The National Safety Council has provided information for Traveling to School, a flyer to remind parents what to share with their children and Back to School, a flyer of safety tips for all motorists.

For more information and resources on safety tips for Back to School Safety Month, visit the National Safety Council's website, www.nsc.org.

MEMBER NEWS

Store front grand opening at Reckless Designz

Visit the Chamber's newest member, Reckless Designz, and celebrate the grand opening of their store front at 732 Kansas Ave.

Reckless Designz offers custom screen printing, vinyl graphics, signs, banners, semi door lettering, promotional items and more!

Call 913-367-2222 for quotes or questions.

Upcoming events at Atchison Library

Tuesday, August 6

- Twisted Stitchers Needle Craft Club (6:00) knit, crochet, needlepoint

Thursday, August 8

- No Story Time

Ladies Night at Gateway to Kansas Shops

Join Gateway to Kansas Shops for Ladies Night on Thursday, August 15, from 5:30-7:30. Just \$10.00. Grab the girls and come on down. Visit the Hawaiian Tropics with Cheryl from Atchison Travel Center. Eat, drink and do the "Hula".

Shop the 65 vendor booths, A-Town Boutique, The Book Nook and the lovely Christmas area on our lower level!

Hope to see you all there! Register for door prizes throughout the fun-filled evening!

Get your season passes for an exciting year coming to Theatre Atchison!

We're excited to announce our line-up for the 2013-2014 season! This is our 30th year of entertaining Atchison audiences and providing quality programs for youth. We truly appreciate your support. Here is our line-up of shows and dates for our 2013-2014 season:

- Bye Bye Birdie: Sept. 20-22 and 27-29
- It's a Wonderful Life: Dec. 6-8 and 13-15
- On Golden Pond: Feb. 14-16 and 21-23
- Big River: April 4-6 and 11-13
- The Dixie Swim Club: May 30 – June 1 and 6-8

Each season membership includes five show passes and entitles you to many benefits, including the "Flex-Tix" advantage: use your show passes at your convenience. You may choose to use two, three or four tickets for a single show when treating friends to live theatre, or use a single ticket for each show of the season. It's your choice! Just call us at your convenience to reserve seats for the performance date you want to attend. We track the number of tickets you use throughout the season. Your member benefits also include free beverages during intermission at our productions and discounts on Summerstage, class/workshop tuition, and special events.

We appreciate and value our members and contributors. Your continued support makes our programming possible. We look forward to seeing you at the Theatre!

Season ticket forms are also available at the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce, 200 S. 10th St.



Huge savings at Willow Brook!

We are running a STORE-WIDE SALE at Willow Brook! Making room for our new Fall & Halloween Collection... 30% off ALL items originally priced at \$100 or LESS.* (*Excludes Crabtree & Evelyn Products) Sale ends Saturday, August 17, 2013. All sales are final. No discount on previously purchased items, layaway items or gift cards.

Support your Community Blood Center

The Community Blood Center is the sole provider of blood to Atchison Hospital and depends on the support

of our community to help meet the daily need for blood. To meet this need, the center needs to collect 580 units of blood each day.

Please take time to donate at the Atchison Community Blood Drive from 12:30-6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 16 at the First Baptist Church, 1640 Riley St. Register to win a Disney family vacation!

