UPCOMING CHAMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Aug. 22  Back-to-School Reception, 3:30-5:30pm, Trinity Lutheran
Aug. 22-24 Willow Brook Open House
Aug. 28  Ambassadors
Sept. 2   Chamber offices closed
          Visitors Center open 12-4 p.m.
Sept. 3  Leadership, 12:15 p.m.
Sept. 6  Retail, 10am - 11am
Sept. 6  Haunted Atchison season begins
Sept. 6  Nell Hill's Open House
Sept. 9  Kiwanis Fall Flea Market
Sept. 10 Leadership, 12:15pm
Sept. 11 Chamber Board, 4pm
Sept. 13 Cottage of the Seasons Open House
Sept. 17 Workforce, noon, Depot
Sept. 18 Workforce Development Seminar
Sept. 19 Tourism, 9:15am
Sept. 20 Taste of Atchison
Sept. 22 KC Catfish Tournament

Notes from the President

Have you taken photos this last year in Atchison County? Do you think they’re pretty good? Do they tell a story about Atchison? We would love to have one or more of those photos entered in our photo contest that’s coming up next month as part of A Taste of Atchison!

This year we have two categories, three age groups and some great prizes to give away. We’ll display all the entries during A Taste of Atchison so attendees can vote on their favorite too!

Join us September 20th from 5-8 pm as
**Promote Your Business at Taste of Atchison!**

We’re happy to invite you to participate in the 5th Annual “Taste of Atchison”. We will be promoting area businesses in a lively setting by mixing music, food and drink, and your unique product or service lets us show visitors and locals alike what a thriving and exciting town we have. The Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce is happy to be sponsoring this event again this year.

We are offering you the chance to participate and promote your business. You may have displays, give-aways, flyers, merchandise, etc. You provide your own set up. We will provide electricity.

The punch cards worked well in the past, so we will continue them this year. Each person who visits every booth can turn in their card for a chance to win a $25 Chamber gift certificate.

We will also promote the photo contest as a part of this event. It has been growing each year. We will again encourage everyone to vote for the “people’s choice award” at the Chamber booth that evening.

We will also have our 3rd annual waiter/waitress race. This is a lot of fun cheering on your favorite waiter or waitress! The cost of the race will be $3 per person. We will have entry forms at the Chamber and at the Chamber booth the evening of this event.

This year we are having a new & exciting event: A Hot Wing Eating Contest between the City of Atchison and Atchison County. Willie’s Bar & Grill will sponsor this event.

Please contact Mary Jane Sowers by email, projects@atchisonkansas.net, or call the Chamber at (913) 367-2427 if you would like to participate in this fun event.

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**Social Security Site Redesign**

The SocialSecurity.gov page has a whole new look and feel that features popular “main menus” to help users quickly and easily find the information they seek. Included in the new design are a new top banner and footer, an updated color scheme, and a simplified layout. The new site is also tablet friendly. Smartphone users will continue to enjoy the benefits of the mobile-friendly website launched in May. The release of the redesigned Internet website is one more step towards the agency’s goal of improving the online experience for the people they serve. To experience the new site, visit: [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

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**U.S. 159 Resurfacing Project**

On Wednesday, August 14, an asphalt crack seal repair project began 27.15 miles of U.S. 159 from the south Horton city limits (Brown County) south to the Atchison/Jefferson County line. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work. The work will be coordinated so that all lanes will be opened to traffic by one-half before sunset. For questions or additional information on this asphalt crack seal repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Michelle Anschutz, Horton Construction Engineer, at (785) 486-2142.

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**Visitor Information Center seeking volunteers**

The Atchison Visitor Information Center and gift shop is looking for volunteers. Volunteers play a critical role in local businesses share samples and information with you on the Commercial Street Mall. We’ll have music and some fun entertainment as well as food and drink.

Courtney Edmonds and Jason Drury will be sharing their musical talents; local waiters and waitresses will compete to see who is the best in a race; and City Manager Trey Cocking and County Commissioner Jeff Schuele will see who eats chicken wings faster!

It really is a fun evening...just one more thing to LOVE about Atchison! Come, join us and be a part of the fun!

Have a great week!

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**PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

**Deadline 9/13**
Hope that everyone is having a great summer. School is just a few days away and I am sure everyone is busy getting ready for the first day of school. Now is a busy time for everyone. Bring the kids and enjoy an evening out with the family before school starts.

With everyone busy with school, let Cedar Ridge cook for you. With 48 hours’ notice we can fix for you (hot or cold) pulled pork, beef brisket, sandwich rolls, lasagna, beef barley soup, chicken noodle soup or beef & noodle soup. If you have a sweet tooth we can also do cookies, brownies, cinnamon rolls, cobblers. Just let us know.

We are still serving fresh sweet corn every Friday night and fresh cantaloupe every Sunday. It comes from Jirak Family Farms. Come enjoy the taste of summer with us. Be sure to visit our two other places in town. Mr. G’s has cold cherry and coffee slushies and much more. Starting Monday, August 19th will be offering delivery to an in-city limit business from 11-2 p.m. with 2 hours’ notice. There is a $2.00 delivery fee and minimum order of $20. Correct change (cash, check or G-Bucks).

Kennedy’s has old fashion Green Rivers, Malts, Shakes and Phosphates, and many grilled items.

Hope to see you soon. Take care and enjoy the rest of summer.

Happy Trails
Sue, Stacey & the staff

www.cedar-ridge-restaurant.com Check us out on Facebook

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, and renamed it Citadel Caverns.

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.
**MEMBER NEWS**

**Literacy Program for Children Birth - 5 Years at Atchison Library (Sep-Dec)**

The Atchison Public Library, in coordination with the Atchison Area BOOK program, is offering literacy programs for families with children aged birth to 5 years. All of our programs are free and offer great incentives, like FREE BOOKS. The 6x6 (Six by Six) program emphasizes six skills that parents and caregivers can help children develop before they learn to read, at about the age of 6. If you would like to join us, please register at the Children’s Circulation desk in person, call (913) 367-1902 x205, or leave a message on Facebook.

**Program Dates:**
Mondays, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2

**Elks Lodge 647 ATV Fun Run Saturday, August 24, 2013**

The annual Elks Lodge 647 ATV Fun Run will be held on Saturday August 24, 2013, at the Todd Handke Farm located 1 mile west on 310, North on K-7 Highway. There will be a photo scavenger hunt with Prizes and Food Afterward. A Digital Camera is needed to participate in the photo scavenger hunt, a phone camera is acceptable. You must be at least 16 years old to operate an ATV in the fun run. Registration starts at 10:00 AM. Ride Start is 11:00 AM. Cost is $15.00 per rider. For more information contact: Todd Handke at 913-370-0619 or Cassy Quick at 913-426-5166.

**Upcoming classes at The Artist Box**

Visit The Artist Box at 731 Commercial for an exciting variety of classes this month! For more information, call 913-367-2427 or visit www.theartistboxllc.com.

Here’s what’s on tap:

- **Saturday August 24**
  - Origami Corner Monster Bookmarks: Any time from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. $5.00

- **Saturday August 31**
  - Recycled Art Project: Make a squirrel. Any time from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. $5.

**Upcoming events at Atchison Library**

- **Tuesday, August 20**
  - Twisted Stitchers Needle Craft @ 6:00 p.m. – beginner to expert

- **Wednesday, August 21**
  - Teen Screen Movie @ 2:00 p.m. – beginning an fantasy/adventure series

- **Thursday, August 22**
  - Pre-school Story Time @ 10:00 a.m. – stories and crafts
  - Mystery Book Club @ 1:00 p.m. – book discussion for adults

- **Monday, August 26**
  - Pre-school Story Time returns @ 10:30 a.m. – stories and crafts

**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.
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.

**THANK YOU**
**For investing in your community**

Businesses that recently renewed their Chamber Membership:

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