THIS WEEK IN Atchison
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

DECEMBER 10-16, 2013
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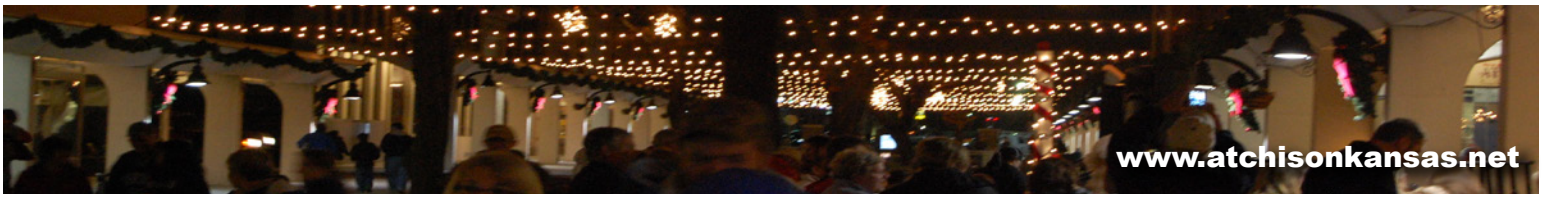

UPCOMING CHAMBER MEETINGS & COMMUNITY EVENTS:

TUESDAY DEC. 10
- Atchison Public Library, Created Equal Film Series @ 6:30 p.m. – "The Abolitionists" part 2

WEDNESDAY DEC. 11
- Verizon Wireless Ribbon Cutting, 12:15pm
- Atchison Public Library, Created Equal Film Series @ 6:30 p.m. – "The Abolitionists" part 3

THURSDAY DEC. 12
- Ladies Nights Out, 5-8pm, Downtown Atchison, Jerry's Again immediately following

FRIDAY DEC. 13
- Retail Mtg, 8:15am @ Pepper Mill & Co.
- *It's a Wonderful Life*, Theatre Atchison

SATURDAY DEC. 14
- Breakfast with Santa, Atchison Public Library, 9:30am
- Riverwood Winery, The Great Northwest Missouri Wine Trail Holiday Fest:
- *It's a Wonderful Life*, Theatre Atchison

SUNDAY DEC. 15
- Riverwood Winery, 2:00 - 4:00 pm - A Live Staged Reading of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol,*
- *It's a Wonderful Life*, Theatre Atchison, 2pm
- The Peacemakers in Concert, First Christian Church, 4pm

ATCHISON BRAVES THE COLD FOR SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS 2013

Sights & Sounds 2013 - Santa, Horses, Winners and More!

Baby... it was cold outside! But despite the chilly air, Atchison was filled with warmth and holiday spirit this past weekend for the 3rd Annual Sights and Sounds of Christmas all-day celebration.

Activities started at 10am with Santa in his house, taking pictures and talking with over 85 kids from around town. As the day went on, vendors setup their booths, selling seasonal goodies including homemade chili, hot chocolate, and peanut brittle. Families enjoyed rides in downtown Atchison aboard a horse-drawn Cinderella carriage and sleigh to the sounds of live music and favorite Christmas songs playing in Downtown Atchison. Event-goers warmed up inside Santa's workshop where volunteers conducted crafts for kids to take home, and inside the Dance with Me Studio for a live puppet show. Other activities included a Gingerbread House Contest, Baking

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

WOW!! What a wonderful event we had on Saturday!! THANK YOU all for braving the COLD weather to be a part of our Sights and Sounds of Christmas!! Santa was a very busy guy Saturday…he was able to hear wishes from over 85 children, so we expect good girls and boys will get what they want this Christmas :)

We're blessed to have amazing volunteers and so many who helped make it a great event. A very special THANK YOU to our project coordinator Mary Jane Sowers for all her efforts, and the Chamber staff for stepping up to help in so many important ways. Fighting the cold made everything more difficult, so we appreciate EVERYONE who was a part of the event!

The lighted Christmas parade was bigger and better than ever!! So much creativity to make the parade so beautiful!! We hope it continues to grow each year. Do you have a GREAT idea for a float next year? Jot it down…December 6th, 2014, we'll do it again!!

Ladies…get out your ugliest sweater and LET'S SHOP!! This Thursday night is Ladies Night Out, historically a fun night out with girlfriends! Eighteen of your favorite stores are participating, offering great shopping incentives along with a treat or two! Plus…Cash for Christmas gives DOUBLE coupons for the evening! And…we're going to party at Jerry's Again after the shopping with some special drinks and complimentary snacks - with prizes for those UGLY sweaters!! Come join in the fun!!!

A reminder to purchase your Chamber gift certificates!! They can be used at most Chamber member businesses, so they are a perfect gift for those hard-to-buy-for people on your list! Chamber offices are closed December 24th, so don't put off your purchase of Chamber gift certificates!!

Have a great week!

Jacque Pregont, President

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Contest, and bake sale. Shortly after Mr. and Miss Wonderland were crowned at Memorial Hall, the town was lit from block to block for the third annual Sights and Sounds Christmas Parade of Lights. The parade featured more than 30 groups and organizations, and lots of familiar faces like Ronald McDonald.

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped to make this event happen, including those many smiling faces who braved the cold to experience one of Atchison's great events.

CLICK HERE to check out the story from St. Joe's KQ2 News. **CLICK HERE** to see pics from the event!

RETAILERS - DON'T MISS OUT! Get Your Information Included in Kansas Sampler's Online Holiday Directory

Every year, Kansas Sampler does a Christmas online shopping list featuring Kansas-made products. They send it out as an e-blast and on social media feeds.

Check it out at **http://tinyurl.com/o9fo65y**. Or people can find the link on **www.kansassampler.org.**

They will probably do one or two more iterations of it which they will send out on Sundays. If you know of Kansas products in your area that sell online, do let them know. The criteria is listed below.

Eligibility requirements to be listed in this shopping list:

1. Kansas-made product
2. It must be possible to purchase (order and pay) the product online, not just via e-mail.

If you are eligible, please send the following:

- Name of product
- One or two sentence description of product
- Web site or Facebook page for product
- Link to order and payment page
- Name, mailing address and e-mail address.

There is no cost to be on the site but a donation to the Kansas Sampler Foundation is appreciated (978 Arapaho Road, Inman, KS 67546). Or, make donation online.

Send information to Marci at **marci@kansassampler.org**.

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SIGHTS & SOUNDS of Christmas

Atchison, Kansas
Saturday Dec. 7, 2013

Event Winners

PARADE OF LIGHTS FLOAT WINNERS

BUSINESS CATEGORY
1ST - Highland Community College
2ND - Drury Piano Service
3RD - Atchison Dental

CHURCH/YOUTH CATEGORY
1ST - First Christian Church
2ND - Boys & Girls Club
3RD - Atchison Child Care

FAMILY CATEGORY
1ST - Gral Family Fire Department
2ND - Bartlett Family
3RD - Atchison Area Autism

MR. & MISS WINTER WONDERLAND

MR. WINTER WONDERLAND
Avonte Housh

MISS WINTER WONDERLAND
Mariah Warman

BAKING CONTEST WINNERS

CAKES & PIES
1ST - Virginia Kuckleman
2ND - Kelsie Anderson
3RD - Toni Foster

COOKIES & CANDY
1ST - Toni Foster
2ND - Toni Foster
3RD - Donna Erpelding

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST WINNERS

ADULT CATEGORY
1ST - Diane Liebsch
2ND - Kelly Franklin
3RD - Teresa Lanfermann

CHILD (UNDER 10) GROUP
1ST - Luca (age 10) & Rosa (age 8) Zia

CHILD (UNDER 10) INDIVIDUAL
1ST - Carter Heinrich, Age 4

GIANT GIFT STOCKING WINNERS

BOY - Sydney John

GIRL - Mariah Warman

"WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME" COLORING CONTEST WINNERS

PRE-SCHOOL - (1) Delaney Koch (2) Jacie Kelley (3) Robert Begley

KINDERGARTEN - (1) Reyna Tufte (2) Simon Rowley (3) Kaylee Kauszler

1ST GRADE - (1) Daniel Wagner (2) Michelle Adducci (3) Easton Schletzbaum

2ND GRADE - (1) Avery Sutley (2) Emma Regan (3) Nora Colwell

NEWS

American Jobs for American Heroes

American Jobs for America's Heroes — A Nonprofit Campaign to Post Jobs for 60,000 Unemployed National Guard Members — PHILLIPS 66 Lead National Corporate Sponsor

Hiring National Guard members is a win-win for your company, your community and veterans and their families. The nonprofit American Jobs for America's Heroes campaign gives you free, direct access to of highly trained National Guard members who are transitioning to civilian jobs.

"Hiring Guard members is a win for employers because they bring tremendous skills and teamwork values to the workplace - they're very results-oriented and creative in achieving their objectives," said Steve Nowlan, campaign director. "Keeping Guard units strong helps our communities. We all depend on the Guard to help during disasters and to defend our country," he continued.

Employers also benefit because the National Guard trains in 107 occupational specialties, making the men and women of the National Guard among the most highly qualified employment candidates in America. Guard members are focused on continuous learning and improvement so they excel in advanced job training.

"The men and women in the Guard are trained to take on new challenge, organize their team effectively and get the job done, no matter what kind of problems then encounter. Hard work is no stranger. They know how to think on their feet and find a way to get the job done," said Todd Young, campaign communication director. "Guard members are committed to continuous evaluation and self-improvement so they naturally fit into high-performance organizations."

Learn about the success Total Quality Logistics, an Ohio-based company, has had in hiring Guard members by **clicking here.**

In this campaign, your free job postings flow directly to National Guard employment counselors in the states who work one-on-one with Guard candidates to match them to your job requirements. These counselors help you understand how military training and experience translates to your civilian requirements.

Click here to watch a five-minute video about the campaign and then **visit the website** to register online. All services are free. More than 935 employers are already participating. Questions? Contact: Steve Nowlan, Center for America, 201-513-0379.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

DowntownAtchison

thursday dec. 12

Shop on Ladies Night Out and **DOUBLE** the ***Cash for Christmas*** tickets (2 tickets) you earn for every $10 you spend!

join us immediately following at Jerry's Again for the

Ugly Sweater Contest!

Prizes, Special Ladies Night Drinks for Purchase, Complimentary Appetizers

SHOP, WINE, DINE, WIN ... **AND HAVE FUN!**

Ladies, shop Atchison Area businesses between 5pm to 8pm on **Thursday, December 12th** and be treated to a host of Ladies Night Out only specials, drawings and tastings!*

more information at www.atchisonkansas.net

Sarah Kathryn's
12184 Hwy 9, Lancaster
West on US-59/Main St. to US-73, 9 miles West to Hwy 9

Long John Silver's
626 Main St.

Willow Brook
117 N. 8th

SnowBall Eighth Street Bistro
111 N. 8th

The Artist Box
731 Commercial

Always Blooming
719 Commercial

Tacyn's
717 Commercial

Schweser's
619 Commercial

The Hardware Store
609 Commercial

Vintage Gypsy
521 Commercial

Cottage of the Seasons
515 Commercial

Runyan Jewelers
513 Commercial

Lopez de Mexico
112 S. 6th

Sunsetters of Atchison
516 Commercial

Hilligoss Shoe Store
514 Commercial

Gateway to Kansas Shops
504 Commercial

Necessities & Accessories Boutique
117 N. 5th St.

Jerry's Again
125 N. 5th

NEWS

December Events at Riverwood Winery

- **Saturday, December 14th - The Great Northwest Missouri Wine Trail Holiday Fest:** The Great Northwest Missouri Wine Trail is going to be making spirits bright this holiday season with our 1st Holiday Fest! Join the wineries along the trail all day Saturday, December 14th as we celebrate the holiday season. Add this experience to your traditional holiday shopping and festivities. Check out the unique experiences, food, and wines that each of the eight wineries along the trail have to offer. Each winery will be offering its own unique version of mulled wine and will have complimentary holiday treats available throughout the day. Happy Holidays from The Great Northwest Missouri Wine Trail!
- **Sunday, December 15 2:00 - 4:00 p.m - A Live Staged Reading of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol,** $14.00 per person, (call 816-579-9797 to make reservations), Kansas City actors Scott Cox, Wayne Day, Patrick Simpson and Dawn Stevenson, dressed in period costumes, will bring the words of Charles Dickens to vivid life on the Riverwood stage as they present the timeless holiday favorite A Christmas Carol. Bring the whole family and relax with a bottle of wine or a warm mug of mulled wine and listen to the story you know and love. Join Ebenezer Scrooge on his haunted journey through Christmases past, present, and future. Your ears will be delighted by Dickens' prose and your heart will be warmed by this classic tale which never grows old.
- **Saturday, December 21st - Hot Buttered Pretzels with Sea Salt**
- **GLÜHWEIN (Hot Spiced Wine)**, It's the perfect time of year for warming mugs of hot spiced wine! Made from our luscious Blueberry wine. We'll have this available by the mug at the tasting room while the cold weather lasts and until it is time to break out the slushie machine again! We'll also have bottles of Blueberry wine available with spice packets and recipe neck hangers. Sweet and warming, with delicious flavors of cinnamon and cloves. $7.00/mug; $14.25 for a bottle with neckhanger.
- **Coming Early Next Year - Premium & Small Batch Bourbon Tasting**. This will be a formal tasting of six different premium or small batch bourbons, each from a different distillery. We'll talk about the production process and the tasting process and, most important, we'll try the bourbon! After we have tasted and discussed we'll have foods to pair with the bourbon! Watch our website and newsletter for details!

THE CHAMBER WELCOMES ONE OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Bakers 9th Street, LLC

901 Commercial, Atchison, KS

(913) 367-7258 | bakersautorepair@att.net

HOURS:

7am-5pm M-F, 7am-12noon Saturday

Bakers 9th Street, LLC was purchased on December 2, 2013 by Dave Randall, an employee of Bakers for over 15 years. They provide auto repair, welding, and small engine repair services. Dave is proud to offer good, dependable, and honest service to the Atchison area.

WELCOME ABOARD!

CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA AT BAKER'S!

Saturday, December 21, 10am - noon

Join us on Dec. 21 to greet our special guest, Santa, and enjoy some delicious homemade sugar cookies!

NEWS

ATCHISON CHAMBER GIFT CERTIFICATES

make *great* gifts!

EASY TO BUY. EASY TO USE.

Good for use at over 50 Atchison businesses!

shopping,
dining,
utilities,
healthcare,
... and more!

Chamber of Commerce gift certificate

Stop by the Chamber or call 367-2427 to order yours today!

IMPORTANT:

The Chamber will be closed on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 and on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. Be sure to stop by or call and get your gift certificates before then! Also, please allow for processing time on large orders.

LADIES' NIGHT

THURSDAY NIGHT • DECEMBER 12TH • 5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

SPEND & SAVE ON CHRISTMAS DECOR

WILLOW BROOK

SPEND $30-59 SAVE 30%

SPEND $60-99 SAVE 40%

SPEND $100+ SAVE 50%

SALE FROM 5:00PM TO 8:00PM ON DECEMBER 12, 2013 ONLY • NO EARLY SALES • NO DISCOUNTS ON PREVIOUS SALES
ALL SALES FINAL • CHRISTMAS DECOR ONLY • NO HOLDS • NO DISCOUNTS ON LAYAWAY • NO RETURNS, REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES

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DON'T MISS THE MEMBER SHOW AT THE MUCHNIC THIS SEASON!

Nov. 27 - Dec. 29

What an amazing show that does a great job of highlighting the amazing talent we have right here in Atchison Kansas! If you haven't been already, please stop by the Muchnic Art Gallery Atchison Art Association for the Member Show, on display through Dec. 29. YOU WILL BE INSPIRED! 2013 MEMBER SHOW WINNERS:

Best of the Muchnic Member Show:
Patty Boldridge
Grand Champion: Naomi Popp
Excellent: Ronda Sue McGarry Crossland

Mixed Media:
1st: Roger Guier
2nd Place: Clare Giesen
3rd Place: Patty Boldridge

Textile/Other:
1st Place Meredith Lockhart
2nd Place: Christy Harris
3rd Place Tied: Christa Kagin & Terri Boldridge

Painting/Drawing:
!st Place Deborah Spatz Geiger
2nd Place: Roger Guier
3rd Place: Linda Clements

Youth:
1st Place Emily Crossland
2nd Place: Gwendolyn Crossland
3rd Place: Isiaha Boldridge

3 Dimensional:
1st Place Carlton Groves
2nd Place: Carla Wick
3rd Place: Max King

Photography:
1st Place Carla Wick
2nd Place: Courtney Mize Laurie
3rd Place: Kate Zackery

Atchison Art Association
The Muchnic Gallery, 704 North 4th Street
ATCHISONART.org

NEWS

Ladies Night Out Pinterest Party, Dec. 12, at Gateway to Kansas Shops

Don't Just Pin It- Make It Your Own At Our Pinterest Party. All supplies will be available to purchase according to projects. Call your friends and get yourself registered! 913-367-1533 or email gatewaytokansas@yahoo.com.

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 913-367-1037 or visit www.theartistboxllc.com.

All December Long

- PAINT AND TAKE CERAMIC ORNAMENTS $5.00 per ornament.

Saturday December 14th

- FELT SANTA PINS any time 9am-3pm $5.00

Saturday December 21st

- WOODEN ANGELS any time 9am-3pm $5.00

Saturday December 28th

- NEW YEARS EVE PARTY HATS any time 9am-3pm $5.00

This Week at the Atchison Public Library

Tuesday, December 10th

- Twisted Stitchers Needle Craft @ 6:00 p.m. – beginner to expert
- Created Equal Film Series @ 6:30 p.m. – "The Abolitionists" part 2

Wednesday, December 11th

- Teen Screen Early Out Movie @ 2:00 p.m. – Finale Fantasy Adventure Movie
- Created Equal Film Series @ 6:30 p.m. – "The Abolitionists" part 3

Thursday, December 12th

- Pre-school Story Time @ 10:30 a.m. – stories and crafts
- Teen "Craft-a-Palooza" @ 3:00 P.M. – Make and Take Crafts/Gifts
- Tech Petting Zoo @ 6:30 p.m. – Learn about eReaders and Tablets

Saturday, December 14th

- Special Children's Event @ 9:30 – Breakfast with Santa

Monday, December 16th

- NO STORY TIME – This activity will resume in January
- Page to Screen Book/Movie Club @ 5:00 p.m. – read the book; watch the movie

Atchison Community Blood Drive Scheduled for December 23rd

Please plan to donate life saving blood at the Atchison Community Blood Drive on December 23rd from 12:00 Pm – 6:00 pm at First Baptist Church - Riley street(next to high school). This event is sponsored by the Atchison Hospital Auxiliary. Community Blood Center is the sole provider of blood and blood products to the Atchison Community Hospital.

Please go online today to sign up to save a life. Go to www.esavealifenow.org and use sponsor code "atchisoncom". Also, register to win *Spirit Of Giving Getaway.*

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FOR QUESTIONS OR SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION, CONTACT

THE ATCHISON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(800) 234-1854

JACQUE PREGONT

president@atchisonkansas.net

NEWS

The Peacemakers

Present

Sunday, December 15, 2013

4:00 p.m.

First Christian Church

New Year's Eve at the Glick Mansion

Devote the Beginning of 2014 to a Tranquil New Year's Eve Event
Great for groups of family/friends, partners and couples!

- Overnight accommodation in an Outstanding B&B featured in the BEST of *Midwest Living*
- New Year's Eve Dinner served with Wine
- Flowers in your suite
- Champagne at Midnight (or earlier if retiring)
- Chair Massage by a CMT
- Delectable Breakfast
- Early Check-in & Later Check-out

$299 per couple. SPACE IS LIMITED - CALL (913) 367-9110
A Splendid Overnight Event Tailored to Your New Year to Come!

SHOP LATE, SHOP LOCAL,

on Thursdays!

Several **Downtown Atchison** stores are now open late on Thursdays **after 5pm.**

Shop on Thursday evenings between 5-8pm and **enter to win in a weekly $25 Chamber Gift Certificate drawing!**

For list of participating stores and more details, visit **atchisonkansas.net.**

NEW YEAR'S EVE Murder Mystery Dinner

Tuesday, December 31 | 6-8pm

Interactive Murder Mystery Dinner
@Pepper Mill & Co. Restaurant
101 Commercial | $35 per person

Fried Chicken Buffet Meal *(country green beans, homemade mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, and croissants with honey butter)*

Limited space! Order your tickets online at
www.atchisonkansas.net
or call (800) 234-1854

NEWS

Breakfast with Santa

@ the Atchison Public Library

Saturday, December 14
9:30am-11:30am

Join us for breakfast and storytime with our special guest Santa. There will be crafts, face-painting, and entertainment.

♬ Electrifying Elf ♬ Start tapping your merry 'mistle-toes' as we charge up your holiday celebration with the elf boogie and sing about Santa, his helpers, reindeer, toys, and the season of giving.

Professional Entertainer, Cynthia Ziesman, delivers a theme performance with pizzazz! This versatile Queen of Theme captivates young audiences with a compelling stage personality as her brightly costumed characters come to life and get everyone involved in the singing and dancing fun.

(You may remember Cynthia from Summer Reading in 2012 with Disney Dreams.)

ATCHISON LIBRARY

This event is FREE to the Public

Breakfast is guaranteed for only the first 100 patrons.

SPREAD SOME JOY, AND GET SOME TOO!

Get $5 in Snow Ball Rewards Bucks with Every $25 Gift Card Purchase!*

Hi Nails NEW LOCATION!

118 N. 4th Street
(NE Corner of 4th & Kansas)
(913) 367-1088

WEEKLY **$10 HOMEMADE SPECIALS** AT
RUBY'S LANDING!

Comes with mashed potatoes & gravy, your choice of corn, green beans, or mac n' cheese, plus coffee, tea or water. Tax included.

MONDAY - Homemade Meatloaf
WEDNESDAY - Open-Face Beef
FRIDAY - Salisbury Steak

WHOLE-FISH DINNERS on Friday, 6-8, served with fried potatoes and coleslaw
Catfish $15, Carp $12
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French Bistro

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Gallery Five Seventeen
517 Commercial St.

Thurs., Fri., & Sat.
11:30am -2:30pm

MENU CHANGES WEEKLY.
Check menu at restaurant or call (913) 302-6376.

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LAKEFEST 2014 7.18.14

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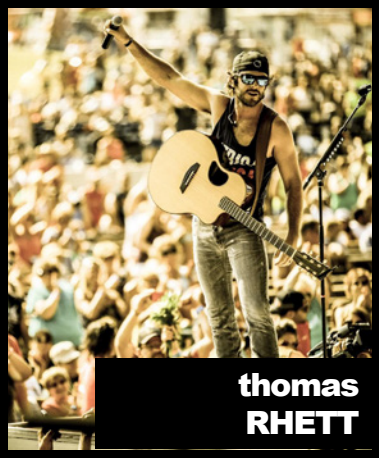

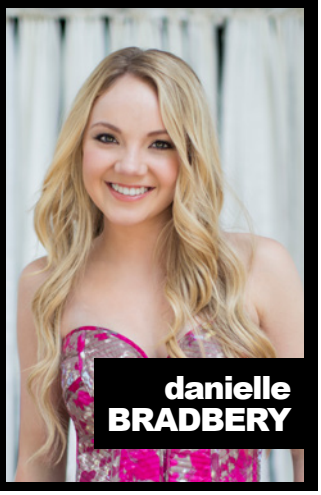

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