

Baldwin City Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

May 2009

Office Statistics

Website hits
last month: 3033
previous month: 3235

Phone Calls: 71
Visits: 21
Relocation/Visitor Packets:
4
Welcome Packet: 1
Brochures requested by
Travel Sites: 400

Happy May!!

Interested in getting the latest advice on building your business? The Chamber is planning a few forums to be hosted by Will Katz from the [KU Small Business Development Center](#). The first one will focus on how to prepare financial statements. It will be held this **Monday, May 4th** at The Lodge from 6-7:30pm. We encourage you to RSVP to the office by noon on Monday if you plan to attend. If you decide at the last minute that you can come, please feel free to do so!!



Congratulations to the Baldwin City Signal for winning the Sweepstakes Award in the Kansas Press Association's 2009 Awards of Excellence ceremony!

Congratulations also to Arrowhead Hardware & Rental! Their store is now open at their new location at 318 Crimson! Their hours are M-F 8-7; Sat 8-6 and Sunday 10-5.

Work is underway on the Lumberyard Art Center! Stop by and check out their progress!!

We hope that you will join us for this month's membership **luncheon!** It is May 13 at noon at The Lodge. Our caterer will be Cordoba's and our main speaker will be Jay Pryor with Heartland Works. One of their programs is **sponsoring a summer youth program for 350 area youth ages 14-24 in Northeast Kansas. The jobs that will be available are paid work experiences and internships. The goal is to provide a safe and meaningful work experience for youth in quality jobs. Other information and applications are available at www.heartlandworks.org.**

Have questions about the H1N1 Flu? The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has established a website which contains information on the Swine flu as well as a toll free number and e-mail addresses for general information about Swine flu and lab/clinician questions.

Website: www.swinefluks.org

Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-427-7317

E-Mail Address -- General inquiries: swinefluinfo@kdheks.gov

E-Mail Address -- Lab/Clinicians: epihotline@kdheks.gov

OR Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

Contact CDC 24 Hours/Every Day

1-800-CDC- INFO (232-4636)

Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns Job Accommodation Network (JAN) has just released a new fact sheet, **Considering the Needs of Employees with Disabilities During a Pandemic Flu Outbreak.**

Covering Critical Questions, Telework, and General Considerations, it also offers links to valuable resources you can use immediately. Later today, the fact sheet will be available in Spanish. This fact sheet is now available. <http://www.kcdcinfo.com/list.asp?mode=del>

CVB NEWS

The CVB(Convention & Visitors Bureau) is promoting our attractions and events at a booth at [SamplerFest](#), an annual tourism event being hosted by Concordia May 2-3.Thank you to Diane & Jim Niehoff for setting up the

booth and hosting it again this year. Gary & Maria Sanden will also be helping them. We also appreciate everyone that donated items to be given away at the event!

Member to Member Discount Program

If you would like to participate in this program, please contact the office. We will have key fobs available at the luncheons or you can stop by the office to pick yours up. Members that have paid their dues for 2009 will receive one key fob that can be presented to get the discount. Additional key fobs can be purchased for family members or employees for \$2 each.

Current discounts being offered are listed on the front page of the chamber website. This will be updated as needed, so check it often!

Announcements!

It's time to clean out that garage!!

The City Wide Garage Sales will be held on June 6th

The Friends work to promote the Baldwin City Library as an educational, cultural, and recreational asset to our community. Through our fundraisers, such as the Garage Sale Directory, the Friends help sponsor the Summer Reading program, guest speakers, and book talks. We are also able to help purchase books, audiotapes, videos and equipment for community use with your support!

Your Garage Sale Registration Fee entitles you to a listing in the Directory, a sign to draw special attention to your sale and a free copy of the Directory!!

Individual: \$5.00

Multi-family: \$5.00 per family please

Organization: \$20.00

Forms are available at the library and from the chamber office.

Please submit your registration form and payment no later than

Saturday, **May 23**, by either:

Dropping off the registration form and payment at the Library checkout desk, or

Enclosing the form and payment in an envelope for deposit in the Library Drop Box, or

Enclosing the form and payment in an envelope to mail to:
o Baldwin City Public Library, Baldwin City, KS 66006.

Garage Sale directories and stakes to mark your site as a garage sale location can be picked up at the Baldwin City Library on Friday, June 5 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

****Kansas Gas Service** is offering another GREEN opportunity for our customers: the convenience of signing up for E- Bill on their natural gas residential and commercial accounts.

Lisa Bunce, Community Relations Manager, Kansas Gas Service

www.kansasgasservice.com Phone: 913-599-8912

****American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Provides Relief for Kansas Families**

Are you aware of your Federal Tax benefits? Have you searched the Unclaimed property database recently?? Visit the State Treasurer's website to find savings on groceries, utilities, insurance, taxes, etc.

<http://www.kansasstatetreasurer.com/prodweb/index.php> Click on the link entitled "ARRA Benefits" to see a complete list of key provisions and to learn if you are eligible for them.

8 WONDERS OF KANSAS CUISINE FINALISTS ANNOUNCED!

The Kansas Sampler Foundation announced the 24 finalists for the 8 Wonders of Kansas Cuisine. From 124 public nominations, the following were selected to represent the diversity of Kansas cuisine. The public may vote for their top

eight online at www.8wonders.org or once by paper ballot. One e-mail address may be used three times to vote.

TakeKansasHome.com is the official website endorsed by the Kansas Travel and Tourism Division and is a retail website where shoppers from all over the U.S. can easily find high-quality, hand-crafted artisan products made right here in Kansas!

Vendors participating in TKH.com also enjoy gift shop space in the Goodland Travel Information Center. The staff there is set and ready to welcome the influx of travelers who will stop by the TIC this travel season, which officially starts in May and will run through the Fall. The State anticipates that a great majority of the 150,000 visitors who will drop into the Goodland Center this calendar year will do so during the busy travel season!

In addition to exposure in the Goodland TIC gift shop, TKH.com is heavily marketed to targeted consumers eager to buy. Consider this exposure:

- Links to the Kansas Travel and Tourism Website, which sees 3000 unique visitors per day
- Links on the KANSAS! Magazine website
- Google Ad Words
- Kansas Getaway Guide advertising--800,000 copies produced and distributed
- Kansas Event Guide advertising--350,000 copies produced and distributed
- Advertising in the Kansas Traveler Marketplace Section
- Exposure at conferences, fairs, etc.--we'll be at the Kansas Sampler Festival in May, we just went to the Ag Marketing Conference in March
- Article in KANSAS! Magazine
- Regular email couponing to extensive targeted email lists

Create a new revenue stream for yourself by joining TKH.com. Best of all, participation is free! And you'll be joining a host of other artists and food producers offering some of the best items made in Kansas!

Check us out, and while you're there, find the perfect Mother's Day gift for your mom--get 20% off when you type in promotional code MOM. This offer expires 7/1/09.

Information and application for the program are available through the chamber office. Our next Jury meeting to review product submissions is coming up soon! Submit your entry today!

Special Events This Month

The **Farmers' Market** will have their official "Kick off" tomorrow, May 2. The market will normally be open from 7:30am-noon every Saturday thru mid-October. There will also be a market in the same location along High St. between 7th & 8th on Wednesday evenings from 4:30-6:30pm

CHAMBER SOCIAL

Let's Celebrate Cinco de Mayo!!

Join us for a social at Mid-America Bank on May 5th from 5-6:30pm. Co-hosted by Cordoba's Family Restaurant.

May 8 - From 2-4 PM Vintage Park is having a **Mothers Day Tea/ Quilt, Handiwork and Art show** featuring our residents talents! -----

You are invited to: **Permaculture Workshop: Growing the Food of the Future**, May 9 10am - 5pm
The Light Center, 1542 Woodson Rd
The one-day Permaculture Workshop that was planned for March 28 at The

Light Center in Baldwin was canceled due to bad weather. We have rescheduled it for Saturday May 9. Please join us for a motivating introduction to Kansas Home grown, Permaculture: Growing the Food of the Future.

Please e-mail us for a flier - or contact Robin at:

info@lightcenter.info

Friday, May 15th

National Peace Officers Memorial Day honors police officers who have died in service to their community and country. Please mark this day and honor those who have fallen in the line of duty by flying the flag of the United States at half-staff.

Day Out with Thomas at Midland Railway

May 29-31 and June 5-7

For tickets and information visit www.ticketweb.com or call 866.468.7630

Enter promo code "pta" and receive \$2 off the \$18 tickets.

Tickets are needed for ages 2 and up.

Advance purchase is recommended.

Ticket sales are final. Events are rain or shine.

VINTAGE PARK AT BALDWIN CITY

WESTERN ROUNDUP

Saturday May 30th at 4:30 pm

Old West Reenactment by The Kansas River Gang & Western Music by Roy Kramer

Please join us for an evening of great entertainment, fellowship & great food!

\$2 Pork Burger & Smoked Sausage by Don Flory

Western Style Side Dishes, Desserts, & Drinks by Vintage Park

Bring your family & friends and your Lawn Chairs!!

Join us for the **153rd Anniversary of
The Battle of Black Jack**

May 30th from 1-8:30 p.m.

Dinner · tours · live period music · quilt show

vendors/crafters · reenactors performance

old time photos · nature walks

General admission to the event is FREE!

Dinner served from 5:30-7p.m. \$15 adult/\$5 child

Advance dinner ticket sales (\$12.50 adult/\$5 child) sold at:

· The Lawrence Visitors Center

· Mid America Bank in Baldwin City

· Baldwin City Chamber Office

Park open year round for self guided tours

Guided tours weekends from May - October

Battlefield -- Nature Park -- Farmstead

Located 3 miles east of Baldwin City, Kansas,

1/4 mile south of Highway 56 on E 2000 Road.

163 E 2000 Road · Wellsville, KS 66092

info@blackjackbattlefield.org · 785-883-2106

More Member Information

Visit the Baldwin City Recreation Commission website for a full listing of their classes and more: <http://www.baldwinrec.org/>

Just a few reminders for you:

The [agendas](#) for the city council meetings can be found on their website.

If your business has job openings, please inform the office. We can post your business name on the front page of our website and will ask potential applicants to contact you directly.

Need a chance to network? Join us for a **Chamber Breakfast with other members. This month we will meet at the Harter Union at 7:30am. on May 22.

**The [Douglas County Treasurer's](#) Office satellite office at the Baldwin State Bank location inside Baldwin City Market is open from 8am-11am and Noon-4pm May 11-15.

**Welcome Neighbor Program - Don't miss out on this opportunity to let new residents know about your business!

**Need a gift?? Give Baldwin Bucks! These can be used like gift certificates at any local business. You can purchase them in any increment at [Baldwin State Bank](#), [Kansas State Bank](#), or [Mid-America Bank](#).

If you'd like more information about the film industry in Kansas, contact the Kansas Film Commission at www.filmkansas.com.

Calendar of Events

May

1&2 - Spring Plant Sale at the Library
 2 - Kickoff for Farmers' Market
 2&3 - Spring Tour of Homes
 5 - Business & Professional Women(BPW) meets at 6:30 at Vintage Park
 6 - Social at Mid-America Bank
 7 - CVB meeting at 9am at Three Sisters Inn
 7 - Maple Leaf committee meeting at the Public library at 7pm
 8 - Mother's Day Tea/Quilt Show at Vintage Park
 10 - Mother's Day
 11 - Planes, Trains & Automobiles meeting at 8am
 11 - Lions Club meets at Vintage Park Meal 6:30, mtg at 7pm
 12 -Healthfair at Baldwin Healthcare(2nd Tues of each month 9:30-11:30am)
 13 - Chamber Luncheon
 22 - Networking Breakfast
 23 - Deadline to register for citywide garage sale
 30 - Western Roundup at Vintage Park
 30 - Black Jack Battlefield Anniversary
 May 29-31, June 5-7 - Day Out With Thomas
 For full details on these events, please visit the calendar on our website

Upcoming Events:

June 4-7; 10-12 - Performance of WILLY WONKA and the Chocolate Factory
 June 6 - City Wide Garage Sales
 June 19 - Art Walk followed by Family Outdoor Movie
 June 20 - Planes, Trains & Automobiles

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