

Baldwin City Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

April 2009

Happy Spring!!

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. We will announce the date as soon as it has been set. Watch your email!

Another tool that you might be interested in is a daily email newsletter filled with tips on topics like advertising, website applications, customer service issues and employee retention. Visit this link for more information on SmartBrief:
<http://www.smartbrief.com/entrepreneurs/>

Candidate Forum

We would like to thank everyone that submitted questions and that attended the forum. Approximately 80 people attended to hear from all of the candidates. Don't forget to vote April 7th!!

CVB NEWS

We hope that you will join us for this month's membership **luncheon!** It is April 8th at noon at The Lodge. Our caterer will be Three Sisters Inn and our main speaker will be Roger Boyd, providing an update on our local recycling efforts.

The CVB(Convention & Visitors Bureau) has designed a new community brochure. It contains information about our attractions and events as well as a map. We plan to place them in several locations around town as well as will be sending them to visitors centers across Kansas. If you would like some, please visit the office. We will bring some to the April luncheon as well.

This group is also planning to promote our attractions and events at a booth at [SamplerFest](#), an annual tourism event being hosted by Concordia May 2-3. We would like to hold a drawing for items from our community. We are very interested in items that relate to these 8 Rural Culture Elements: Architecture, Art, Commerce, Cuisine, Geography, History and People. If you have something you'd be willing to donate or if you have questions, contact the office!

Now more than ever, it's time to thank our Kansas businesses.

Business Appreciation Month is our way of thanking our proud Kansas businesses for all they do to keep Kansas strong. Now is your chance to honor businesses in your community by nominating them for a 2009 Kansas Business Appreciation Month Award. Nominations will be accepted in the following four categories:

- Manufacturing/Distribution
- Service
- Retail
- Hospital/Non-Profit

Businesses can be nominated by any individual or organization, and nominators may nominate multiple businesses.

Nominate online at www.Kansascommerce.com.

The nomination deadline is Friday, April 10 at 5 p.m. Late nominations will not be accepted.

Membership Roster

*A & H Air Conditioning & Heating
 *Annunciation Catholic Church
 Antiques on the Prairie
 Arrowhead Hardware
 *Arthritis Center
 *Auburn Pharmacy
 *Baker, Peggy
 *Baker University - Myra Glover
 Baker University - Susan Wade
 *Baldwin Athletic Club
 Baldwin City BPW
 *Baldwin City Community Theatre
 *Baldwin City Lions Club
 *Baldwin City Market
 *Baldwin City Recreation Comm.
 Baldwin City Signal
 *Baldwin Community Arts Council
 *Baldwin Education Foundation
 Baldwin Feed Co.
 *Baldwin First United Methodist Church
 Baldwin Golf Association
 *Baldwin Healthcare & Rehab
 *Baldwin Insurance Services - Roger Arnold
 *Baldwin Insurance Services - Mike Rietcheck
 *Baldwin State Bank - Carl Butell
 *Baldwin State Bank - Bryan Butell
 *Baldwin State Bank - Tom Dillon
 *Baldwin State Bank - Angie Flory
 *Baldwin State Bank - Ivan Huntoon
 *Baldwin State Bank - Jay Randels
 *Baldwin State Bank - Brent Sherwood
 *Baldwin Therapy Services
 Baldwin Tires and Service
 *Baldwin USD #348
 *Ballinger, Linda
 *Bauer Inspection & Consulting Services
 *BCEDC
 Bert Nash
 *Black Jack Battlefield Trust
 *Body Essentials
 *Borgeson Chiropractic
 *Branson, Charles E.
 *Brown, Tony
 Brier Payne Meade Insurance
 *Callahan Retail Liquor
 Charlotte'sDaughters

Special Events This Month

Baldwin Healthcare & Rehabilitation will be holding a **Health Fair** on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 9:30-11:30am. They will be offering: Blood Pressure Checks, Weights, Pulse, Respirations, and Blood Oxygen Levels and you can enter the monthly drawing for prizes!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Silent Basket Auction

Sponsored by: The Rainbow Experience Preschool & Mid-America Bank

April 11th from 10am to noon on the Baker University Campus
(moved to Collins Gym in case of inclement weather)

Enjoy clowns, games, prizes, pictures with the Easter Bunny and bid on incredible donated items from local and regional businesses.

Egg hunts begin at the following times:

Ages 2 & Under - 11 am	Ages 3 & 4 - 11:05am
Ages 5 & 6 - 11:10am	Ages 7 & 8 - 11:15am
Ages 9 & up - 11:20am	



Easter Egg Hunt

April 11th 2:30pm

Baldwin Healthcare 1223 Orchard Lane

Bring your own baskets if you have them! Prizes for special eggs!
Easter Bunny will be in attendance!!
Three age groups
Questions? Call Wendy at 594-6492

Easter Hunt Special

Train rides from Baldwin City to Norwood and back on Saturday, April 11. On board, youngsters up to 12 years old can have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny! At Norwood there is an Egg Hunt with prizes. Trains are at 10:30, 1 & 3:30pm. SPECIAL THIS YEAR from 11:00 TO 3:00 at the depot, the "Three Sisters Inn" will be catering a hamburger or hot dog meal with chips for \$5 and assorted drinks for \$1.50.

Holy Week Activities at Ives Chapel

Everyone is invited to join us for our services at Ives Chapel United Methodist Church, 1018 Miami St.
April 5, Palm Sunday Worship at 11am
April 9 Maundy Thursday Christian Seder meal at 6:30pm
Communion will be served during the meal.
April 12 Easter Sunrise service at 6:30am and Worship at 11am

- *Christopher J. Leiszler, DDS
- *City of Baldwin City
- *Cloon Legal Services Concrete, Inc.
- *Cordoba's Family Restaurant
- *Cottonwood, Inc.
- *Cranberry Market
- Custom Classics Photography
- *Custom Mobile Equipment, Inc.
- *Dark Horse Communications Design Specialties
- *Devore & Assoc. Architects
- *Doctor Dave
- *Douglas County VNA & Hospice Care
- *Dunn's Landing
- *E & E Electric, Inc.
- *EMBARQ Executive Title
- *Family Medicine
- *Farm Fresh Graphics, Inc.
- Firetree Estates
- *Fowler, John
- Franklin County Ins. & Financial Services, Inc. - Travis Oliver
- Franklin County Ins. & Financial Services, Inc. - Tami Rameriz
- Franklin County Ins. & Financial Services, Inc. - Paula Mader
- *Friends of the Baldwin Library
- *Frontier Farm Credit - Mark Knoll
- *Frontier Farm Credit - Dennis Lawson
- *Frontier Farm Credit - Jeffery Van Horn
- *Gilchrist, Paula
- *Globe Art Glass
- *H & R Block
- *Hancuff Place
- *Heritage Tractor, Inc - Diane Wagner
- *Heritage Tractor, Inc - Ken Wagner
- *Hickory Creek BBQ
- *Hilco Mortgage
- *Holland, Tom
- *Integrity Glass
- *Ives Chapel United Methodist Church
- Jackson, Dorthea
- John Langley Cabinets
- *Kansas Gas Service
- *Kansas State Bank - Robyn Bowman
- *Kansas State Bank - Daryl Flager
- *Kansas State Bank - Jay Loschke
- *Kansas State Bank - Jeff Mourning
- *Ken's Auto Repair Service, LLC
- Kip's Carpet Cleaning
- *Killingsworth Family Painting
- *Kiss Me Kate's
- *Kite Video
- *KSK Products & Photography

*****Rainbow Experience's Open Enrollment**

Saturday, April 4th from 9 am to Noon at the preschool. An enrollment form is provided and we will collect a \$50 enrollment fee. If there are any questions, please contact Kisa Nichols at 594-2223. www.rainbowexperiencepreschool.com

*****11th Annual Kansas City Area Quilt Shop Hop**

[Quilters' Paradise](#), 713 8th St, will be participating in the 11th Annual Kansas City Area Quilt Shop Hop April 2nd - 5th

Pick up your special passport...Get stamped in each of the eleven participating shops... Enter to WIN \$1200 + shopping spree

Find the zoo animal in each shop for a chance to WIN passes to the zoo. FREE charms to first 1000 participants!

*****Civil War Preservation Trust Park Day**

Black Jack Battlefield has been registered as an official site for the Civil War Preservation Trust Park Day 2009 on **Saturday, April 4th**. Black Jack Battlefield Park has been invited to participate because more and more people recognize the importance of John Brown's battle at Black Jack to the story of our nation's Civil War. Black Jack will be listed as a participating site in the Civil War Preservation Trust's quarterly magazine, "Hallowed Ground", and on their web site. Come out and volunteer on Saturday, April 4th. Civil War Preservation Trust sends special T-shirts to each site to be given to every volunteer that works on Park Day. To insure that we have enough shirts on hand for all who volunteer, please let us know if you think you will be able to attend. You may leave a message at 785-883-2106 or via email to info@blackjackbattlefield.org.

*****Night of 1000 Stars**

The Friends of the Library will be hosting this annual event at the Public Library, 800 7th St, at 7pm, April 7th. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas. "Celebrity" readers will read stories to the children and they will get a bedtime snack to take home.

Hickory Creek BBQ Events:

Thursday, April 2nd BAKER's 89.7 KNBU will be broadcasting Live 9pm-12
16 person pool tournament -Sign up at 7:30pm, Games Play - 8:00pm
Friday, April 3rd 9pm - Old Country Death Band
10pm - Calamity Cubes No Cover Charge, 18+ after 10pm
Friday, April 10th Karaoke at the Creek - 9:30pm
Saturday, April 18th Live Music BRODY BUSTER!!! 10pm
No Cover Charge, 18+ after 10pm

Services

- *LMH Endowment
- *Lamb-Roberts Funeral Homes
- *Lawrence Home Builders Assoc.
- *Linden Lea
- Lone Star Lake Bison Ranch & Meat Co
- *Lumberyard Arts Center, Inc.
- *Lusky Enterprises, Inc.
- *Lyon Construction, LLC.
- *Maple Leaf Festival Committee
- *Mary's Hair & Nail Salon
- *Mediacom
- *Michael Sloan Agency, Inc.
- *Mid-America Bank - Dave Hill
- *Mid-America Bank - Ron Skaggs
- *Midland Railway
- *Midwest Prgmaming Inc.
- Mitch's Custom Motorcycles
- Mr. Goodcents Subs & Pasta
- *Niehoff/Dunco Heating & Cooling
- *Nutt, Don
- *Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce
- *Patriots Bank
- Pleasant Valley Community Club
- Printing Solutions, Inc.
- Quilters' Paradise
- *The Rainbow Experience Preschool
- *Reece & Nichols Gold Realty - Diane Franklin
- *Reece & Nichols Gold Realty - Kim Bergan
- *Reece & Nichols Gold Realty - Michelle Gorden
- *Reece & Nichols Gold Realty - LuAnn Modica
- *Reece & Nichols Gold Realty - Debra Wieden
- *Reece & Nichols Gold Realty - Patty Wiseman
- *Roberts Drug Store
- *Rodrock Chiropractic - Jeremy Rodrock
- Rodrock Chiropractic - Jeanne Spradling
- *Rodrock Chiropractic - Cindi R. Thomas
- *Rooftop Construction, LLC
- *Rosenthal, Ann
- *Sanden, Gerald E.
- SandyBeaches Tanning
- *Santa Fe Market
- *Santa Fe Trail Historical Society, Inc.
- Seventh Street Hair
- *Signal Ridge Villas
- *Skyview Apartments
- *Stephens Real Estate - Debbie Morgan
- Stephens Real Estate -Lisa Slavin
- Sterling Silver Jewelry Consultant -Tammy Michael

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!

Notes about the Wellness Festival

Ruth Sarna, Co Chair for the Festival writes -
It was with much regret that we made the decision to cancel the Wellness Festival for this year. With the impending ice and snow storm that the weather folks predicted we made the decision to cancel the fair. "It was one of the most agonizing decisions and days of the seven years that we have had the festival!"

For the people that have paid and registered for lab work by Lawrence Memorial Hospital we have organized a time for that work to be done.

Lawrence Memorial Hospital lab will do the ordered lab work from 7:30 AM until 9:30 AM Saturday, April 4 in Collins Gym on the Baker campus. If you have paid for the work and CANNOT make it to the gym on Saturday, LMH lab will send you a rain check that is redeemable at Lawrence Memorial hospital lab within two months after the March 28 date.

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory Summer Musical
Auditions are Friday April 3rd at 6:00 pm. and Saturday April 4th at 10: am. Call backs are Sunday April 5th at 1:00 pm.

Please prepare a short song of your choice, and bring a copy of the sheet music with you for the accompanist. Also be prepared to learn a simple dance routine. Parts are available for 1st grade through senior citizens. Production dates are June 4-5-6-7 and June 10-11-12.

If you are not interested in being in the show, but want to be a part of the show, we are looking for orchestra members, set construction crew, set painters, help with costumes and many other jobs. We need your talent. If you are interested in production please leave your name and number at 785 594 7440, and someone will call you back.

Dunn's Landing is growing into new territory. Still on the homestead property, the new Orchard House Bed and Breakfast will have an **Open House** on April 18th, , 10:00 to 5:00pm. Located at 4574 Ohio Rd, Wellsville, Ks., just south of Baldwin vis 6th St/Ohio Rd.

Thomas the Tank Engine Coming to Baldwin City
This year, Thomas will be here the weekends of May 29th through June 7th! The Baldwin City Community Theater has helped with this event each year, and is one of our biggest fund raisers. If you would like to help please contact Linda Ballinger at lindababe43@yahoo.com.

The [Baldwin City Recreation Commission](#) is looking for summer team sponsors for both baseball and softball. The deadline is April 3rd.

More Member Information

- *Stony Point Hall, LLC
- *Stuarts Rentals, LLC
- *The Bittersweet Vine
- *The Daily Grind
- *The Light Center
- *The Lodge
- *the Webster
- *Three Sisters Inn
- *Traditions Weddings
- Vaughncraft Percussion
- *Vemma Wellness Consultant - Susan Baker
- *Vinland Aerodrome, Inc.
- *Vinland Fair Association
- *Vintage Park
- Voigts Greenhouses
- *Welch, Joan
- Wheat State Pizza
- Whitney's Creative Hair Designs
- *Wilson Locksmithing & Security Svc
- *Wooden Spoke Restaurant

***Indicates members that have paid 2009 dues**

Office Statistics

Website hits
last month: 2331
previous month: 2558

Phone Calls:45
Visits: 19
Relocation/Visitor Packets:
2
Welcome Packet: 1

Visit the Baldwin City Recreation Commission website for a full listing of their classes and more: <http://www.baldwinrec.org/>
The Daily Grind is serving soup on Wednesdays during the winter beginning at 11:30am until it's gone!

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 April 24.

**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 during the week of April 13-16.

**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

April

2 - CVB meeting at 9am at Three Sisters Inn
 2 - Maple Leaf committee meeting at the Public library at 7pm
 2-5 11th Annual Kansas City Area Quilt Shop Hop (Quilters' Paradise will participate)
 3 & 4 - Auditions
 7 - BPW meets at 6:30 at Vintage Park
 8 - Chamber Luncheon
 11-Easter Egg Hunts & Easter Hunt Train
 13 & 27 - Lions Club meets at Vintage Park Meal 6:30, mtg at 7pm
 14 -Healthfair at Baldwin Healthcare(2nd Tues of each month 9:30-11:30am)
 24 - Networking Breakfast
 For full details on these events, please visit the calendar on our website

Upcoming Events:

May 1 & 2 - Spring Plant Sale
 May 2 & 3 - SamplerFest in Concordia, KS
 May 30 - Black Jack Battlefield Anniversary
 May 29-31, June 5-7 - Day Out With Thomas
 June 4-7; 10-12 - Performance of WILLY WONKA and the Chocolate Factory
 June 6 - City Wide Garage Sales
 June 20 - Planes, Trains & Automobiles

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