

Baldwin City Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

June 2009

The busy month of June is upon us!!

If you would like to become involved in any of the events that will take place this month, please contact the event organizers!

We have an intern from Baker University assisting us in the office during the next month. Chase Day will be helping with many projects while he is here. Stop by and introduce yourself!

We have updated our website! Midwest Programming, Inc., has redesigned it and will be hosting it. Please let us know if you notice anything that needs to be edited or if you have any suggestions!

Work is continuing 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 June 10th at noon at The Lodge. Our caterer will be Kiss Me Kate's and our main speaker will be State Representative, Tony Brown.

The Summer **Networking Breakfasts** will be held at Cordoba's. Please join us on June 26 at 7:30am!

As part of the economic stimulus package, Congress passed and President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Funds are being distributed by Federal agencies to States and communities throughout the country to build, repair, and upgrade a wide range of facilities, systems, and programs. The Department of Justice wants to take this opportunity to remind State and local government officials, business owners, and building professionals of their obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Generally, agencies or companies that build new facilities or alter existing facilities must comply with the ADA Standards for Accessible Design. The ADA also requires that all State and local government programs and services and all goods and services offered to the public by businesses be accessible to people with disabilities...

Kyle Trendel announces that Devore & Associates has a new website up and running at www.devorearch.com. He wants to let you know that they have experience with the Americans with Disabilities Facilities Review. Contact him if you have questions!

Heartland Works, Inc. is a 501(c)3, private non-profit company headquartered in Topeka, Kansas. Among other services, we administer the US Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration's Workforce Investment Act (WIA) in Local Area II, which consists of 17 counties in Northeast Kansas. Here are a few links on our website: Consider the "Resources for Workforce Professionals" your own personal workforce development library. Are you looking for the unemployment rate for your county or city? Would you like to know the mean and median wage for occupations in Northeast Kansas? Check out our "Labor Market Data" link.

Will provide work experience opportunities and/or paid internships for approximately 350 youth ages 14 to 24 for the period 6/1/09-9/25/09. All 17 counties of Local Area II will benefit with targeted enrollments for each county.

WIA eligibility and program guidelines apply.

We want quality work sites with special consideration given to high-growth/high-demand industries and "green" jobs where available.

We will collaborate with non-profits, businesses, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations and educational institutions.

Worksite and youth applications are available on this website using the SYP 2009 Information link on the website.

<http://www.heartlandworks.org/>

Office Statistics

Website hits
last month: 54,000 hits
from 714 unique visitors
since new site went live

Phone Calls: 79
Visits: 25
Relocation/Visitor Packets:
4
Brochures requested by
Travel Sites: 125

CVB NEWS

The CVB(Convention & Visitors Bureau) is promoting our attractions and

events at a booth during Planes, Trains & Automobiles. If you would like to assist with this or help in other ways, please contact the office.

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!

Midland Railway has announced their schedule for 2009. Normal operations start on June 11, 2009, and continue through September 7th on the days listed on their schedule page. Basic schedule and info:

*** Thursdays, Saturdays, and Holidays (Independence and Labor Days)**

No Sunday trains in 2009 except for Special Events.

*** Special Friday Runs, April, May, September, and October by reservation only!**

*** Second weekend of June through first weekend of September**

*** Trains Operate Rain or Shine**

*** Reservations not necessary (except for Special Friday Runs)**

Did you know....

Numerous visitors visit Baldwin by flying into the [Vinland Aerodrome](#). No landing fees are charged and they have even allowed transient visitors to use the company truck to come into town while they are here.

Kiss Me Kate's is open for lunch from 11:30am-2pm, Tuesday thru Saturday. Normal shop hours are 10am-5pm. During the summer, they will also be open from 10am-2pm. Pie, hot tea & coffee are available anytime!!

Charlotte's Daughters is excited to welcome "The Pink Lady" consignment clothing shop!! Owner Bonnie Plumberg and her upscale resale shop will be sharing their retail space sometime during June. The phone number for the new business is 785-393-8720.

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.

Special Events This Month

The **Farmers' 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

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.

Events are rain or shine.

Some tickets may be available at the gate on Fridays and Sundays. You may call the depot directly during the event for more information:
785-594-6982

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

Garage Sale directories will be available for \$1 at the Baldwin City Library that morning from 7:30-10am. Friends of the Library members and those having sales may pick up their directories Friday night between 4 & 7pm.

**Baldwin City Community Theatre presents
Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka**

Production dates are June 4-5-6-7 and June 11-12-13. at 8:00 p.m. in the "Lot-O-Torium" on High Street Between 7th and 8th Streets. Tickets are \$8 or \$6 for students(grade school thru college).

June 13 - **CITYWIDE CLEANUP**

June 13 & 14 **CAMP NOW!** For all girls 10 to 14 yrs. for a GIRLS GETAWAY with Danae Boguslaw (\$65 includes 2 overnights, food and crafts-partial scholarships available) Enjoy hanging out with your peers, jewelry making, swimming, knitting, crocheting, yoga, fun and lots of down time! Be in the NOW away from nature and the usual electronic world!
Contact us for a flyer with more details info@lightcenter.info

Join us for the 1st **ART WALK** of the 2009 Season!

The Baldwin Community Art Council hosts Art Walk on the 3rd Friday of June through September from 7-9pm. Artists line High Street between 7th & 8th downtown. A Patron's Award and People's Choice Award is presented each night!

June 19 -Live music by "BLIND DATE" and there will be a potters wheel demonstration

July 17 - Community Band Concert & Ice Cream Social

August 21 - features quilters and textile artists

September 18 - Cuppa Java: handmade mugs & dessert available for purchase

Everyone is invited to their **annual meeting** to be held at Three Sisters Inn on June 10 at 6:30pm. Meat will be provided. Bring a side dish and a lawn chair and enjoy a nice meal and live music!

Planes, Trains, & Automobiles

June 20

Join us for our annual Car Show & Antique Motorcycle Festival in historic downtown!!

Friday Events on June 19: Art Walk 7-9pm and Outdoor Family Movie at 9pm(bring your lawnchairs!)

Saturday Events:

*ChrisCakes Pancake Breakfast 7:30-10:30am \$5 in advance/\$6 at the door

*Farmers' Market 7:30am-??

* Baldwin City Running Club 5/10K run & Family 5K walk: register 7:45am

*Craft & Vendor Booths 8am-3pm

*Antique, Classic & Street Rod Car Show-sign in 8am-12; Awards at 3pm

* Vintage Motorcycle Show 8am-3pm

*Vintage Bicycle Show & Vendors 8am-3pm/Ride at 8:30am

*Historic Gravel Road Bicycle Ride 8:30am

*Free Plane Rides for ages 8-17 at Vinland Airport, 9am-noon.

*Dads ride free with paid admission at Midland Railway 11am & 2pm(Sunday also)

*Father's Day Essays 3pm

* KidsZone Area

Shuttles available from Downtown to Midland & to Vinland

June 20 & 21--FAMILY WEEKEND with SOBONFU SOME'

"IT TAKES A VILLAGE" at The Light Center

How often we hear that phrase and yet what does it really mean to be a village? Join us to live the experience of true community with Sobonfu who lived most of her life in a tiny village of 250 people in West Africa. Sobonfu was named the "Keeper of the Rituals" for her people when they observed her special gifts when she was a young girl. Her people live by rituals daily and their beliefs are truly fascinating.

See www.Sobonfu.com to learn more about this wonderful teacher.

ALSO: If you cannot make it for the whole weekend please join us for POT LUCK AND DRUMMING WITH SOBONFU June 20 at 6 PM

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 Cordoba's at 7:30am. on June 26.

****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 June 15-19.

****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.

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