



## Baldwin City Convention and Visitors Bureau Newsletter March 2009

**Dear Susan,**



We appreciate your interest in Baldwin City! This lovely spring picture was taken two years ago on the campus of Baker University, just south of the Harter Union. When you visit our community, we encourage you to take a stroll across this beautiful campus!

2009 promises to be another busy year! A few of our upcoming events are:

- \*\*The Easter Hunt Train will depart from the Santa Fe Depot on Saturday, April 11 at 10:30, 1 & 3:30pm.
- \*\*The Black Jack Battlefield will hold an anniversary event on May 30
- \*\*Our city wide garage sales will take place June 6.
- \*\* "Day Out With Thomas" will be held at the Midland Railway May 29-31, June 5-7
- \*\*Plans are being made for our annual Father's Day event on June 20, "Planes, Trains & Automobiles".

We hope that you can join us for these events!

Interested in discovering recreational opportunities available in Baldwin City? The Baldwin City Recreation Commission has a variety of trips, classes and athletic events scheduled during the next few months. Visit their website or call 785-594-3670 for more details!

Contact the Chamber office and we can help organize a trip for your group. Have you viewed Lawrence from the Signal Oak site or visited the Old Castle Museum? We can provide you with a map that outlines the Santa Fe Trail and all of the related historic sites. Chamber office hours are 10am-2pm, Tuesday through Friday. We have local maps and information available at the office 24/7, so stop by when you're in town!

### ***Downtown Market Plaza News***

**We invite you to visit our historic Downtown Market Plaza! Thank you to the city crew for installing the new Spring light pole banners!**

**Our Downtown Retailers are: Charlotte's Daughters, Design Specialties, Kiss Me Kate's, Quilters' Paradise, Antiques on the Prairie and the Daily Grind Coffee Bar.**

**While you are in town, stop for a bite to eat! Dining opportunities downtown include: Hickory Creek BBQ, Wheat State Pizza, Joy Garden, The Daily Grind Coffee Bar and Kiss Me Kate's. You can find store hours and contact information in the business directory section of our website.**

### **March Featured Business**

## Kiss Me Kate's: A Celtic Conspiracy



The word **Slainte** greets all who arrive at Kiss Me Kate's in downtown Baldwin City, KS at 813 8th St. The Irish phrase, meaning "Cheers" beckons you inside to a world of Celtic wonders.

Katie Skinner opened Kiss Me Kate's storefront in 2007, but has been bringing authentic Scottish, Irish and British goods to the Midwest since 1999. Using her website [www.trubrit.com](http://www.trubrit.com) and festivals, Katie has spread all things Celtic to surrounding cities and across the country. The shop gives visitors a taste of Ireland, England and Scotland all in one visit.

**Stop by and experience the best iced tea in town!!**

Enjoy English or Irish fare from 11:30 am until 2:00 pm in the tea room and explore the many gifts and clothing. Reservations for lunch are also accepted!

**They will be featuring corned beef & cabbage for \$5 all day on St. Patrick's Day!!**

**Open Tuesday-Saturday from 10am-5pm.  
Call 785-979-5887 for more information.**

## Special Events taking place during March and Early April

### **Irish Stew Supper**

Join us for our annual Irish Stew Supper at [Annunciation Catholic Church](#), 740 N. 6th, from 5-7pm on March 17. Good will donations will be accepted for the meal of stew & homemade pie!

### **Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry 5-7pm**

Locations: Assumption Catholic Church in Edgerton on March 20 and Annunciation Catholic Church in Baldwin on March 27. Suggested donations: \$6/adults and \$3/children. Will NOT be held March 13th!

The Baldwin City Community Theatre performance that was scheduled at Stony Point Hall for the weekend of **March 20 has been canceled.**

We do invite you to attend our Summer Musical Production of ***WILLY WONKA and the CHOCOLATE FACTORY***. It is the full length musical version not unlike the original movie with Gene Wilder. Lots of great parts for kids, teen, adults and seniors.

Auditions will be held at the BCCT office Friday April 3rd at 6pm and Saturday April 4th at 10am. Please prepare a song from any musical and bring your sheet music with you. You will be asked to do "cold" readings from the script and learn a very easy dance routine.

Performance will be in the "Lot-O-Torium" downtown on June 4,5,6,7 and 11,12,13.

So if your talents aren't in performing, what about working backstage helping run the performance? If you are interested in backstage work please contact Annette Cook at [alcook76@yahoo.com](mailto:alcook76@yahoo.com). Tell your friends and we'll see you all at auditions!!!

### **Anniversary Celebration at Hickory Creek Bar-Be-Que**

5 yrs ago Hickory Creek was formed. Starting off hocking ribs and pulled pork sandwiches out of a trailer on the corner and at local events, fast forward to today and we are alive and well at 711 High St, serving the best Que in downtown Baldwin City and bringing the party to downtown Baldwin with a full bar, great music and more every weekend! Come join the celebration on Friday, March 20th!

Live music starting at 9pm - Jerry's All stars from Jerry's Baitshop in Lenexa will be Jamming all night.

The Wooden Spoke Restaurant, 203 First St, will host the **David B Band** from 9pm-midnight on March 28th.

### **Permaculture: Growing the Food of the Future**

A one day workshop Saturday March 28 from 10 am to 4:30 pm at the [Light Center](#). The workshop is an introduction to the principles of ecologically sustainable agriculture in time of energy depletion. We will discuss our food security and how we can mitigate the effects declining energy resources. For information and directions contact Robin at [info@lightcenter.info](mailto:info@lightcenter.info).

[Black Jack Battlefield](#) has been registered as an official site for the **Civil War Preservation Trust Park Day 2009 on Saturday, April 4th**. On each annual Park Day, thousands of volunteers interested in battlefield preservation turn out to work at Civil War sites all across the country.

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.

Put this date on your calendar and 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](mailto:info@blackjackbattlefield.org).

## News from Baker University

**Baker University's Quayle Bible Collection is an outstanding gathering of bibles and other sacred and secular materials. These rare books and manuscripts include early and printed materials, handwritten scrolls, significant bible translations and editions with an additional collection of related reference volumes. Items range in age from 2000 BC to the present. Over 900 works are housed in the wing of Collins Library provided by Kenneth A. and Helen F. Spencer. The collection is complemented by the Urishay Castle Room, from Wales, an interior living area about 350 years old.**



**The Quayle Bible Collection is currently open Tuesday-Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Hours may change during the summer. To make an appointment for groups larger than 10 people, please email them through the website or call 785.594.8393 to make arrangements.**

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### Community Wellness Fair

Saturday March 28 9 a.m. - Noon  
Collins Sports and Convention Center 6th & Fremont Street

Sponsored by Baldwin City Recreation Commission and Baker University  
Free health screenings: Blood Pressure · Posture Check · Body Fat · Bone Density · Hearing · Lung Volume · Vision

Drawings for prizes, including an adult and 2 children's bicycles. Free bicycle helmets for children & Free t-shirts to the first 150 attendees. For more information call the Baker Health Center at 785-594-8409

Additional screenings available by Lawrence Memorial Hospital:

Total Lipid Profile with a Prostate Specific Antigen Test (PSA for males) and several other blood tests to assess healthy body functions. (Do not eat or drink anything after midnight prior to having blood drawn.) Pre-register by March 13 and the lab tests are available for \$30 (\$40 with PSA test). Register the day of the festival and the lab tests will be \$40 (\$50 with PSA test)

#### 5K Community Run/Walk

Registration: 7:45 a.m. Start at Collins Center: 8 a.m.  
Entry Fee: \$5 single/\$10 family donation suggested

For information contact the Baldwin City Recreation Commission at 785-594-3670

## Upcoming Events

### MARCH:

12-Ribbon Cutting/Open House at Reece Nichols Gold Realty,LLC, from 4-8pm  
12 - Farmers Market meeting at 7pm at the public library  
17 - Irish Stew Supper  
20,27 - Fish Fry  
28 - Community Wellness Festival  
28 - Celebration at Hickory Creek

Upcoming events in April:

2-5 11th Annual [Kansas City Area Quilt Shop Hop](#) (Quilters' Paradise will participate)  
3&4 - Auditions  
11-Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Hunt Train  
14 -Healthfair at Baldwin Healthcare(2nd Tues of each month 9:30-11:30am)

For full details on these events, please visit the calendar on our website

Calling all Volunteers!

Our Convention & Visitors Bureau and our many organizations are always looking for volunteers! As an example, several groups are currently looking for newsletter editors. Please contact any group that interests you or give our office a call and we can help direct to you a group that could benefit from your talents!

### Contact Information

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March.

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