

Baldwin City Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

September 2009

Feels like fall already!!

We welcome our fall intern from Baker University, Eric Ford. He is working in the office nearly every day and is looking forward to meeting many of you! He will be in the office occasionally while I attend a Tourism class September 16-17. The classes are being taught by the Kansas Sampler Foundation and are made possible by a grant from Kansas Travel & Tourism. One aspect of the class will be how to use social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, to promote our community.

Best of Baldwin will be in conjunction with Baker's Family Day Weekend on September 12 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. with merchants/members setting up on the south side of Harter Union at Baker's campus. A limited number of tables will be available so we encourage you to bring your own display set-up. We will be passing out bags to the families with merchant information.

If you have not delivered your coupons, business cards or other promotional items from your business to the office already, please contact Susan as soon as possible. It is your option to place your items in the bags or hand them out directly to the attendees. Students can register to win \$25 in Baldwin Bucks every 25 minutes. Businesses may also offer door prizes. Participating members will be given passes to that evening's game with Mid-America Nazarene. Help show your support for Baker Football by purchasing a "Black Out" shirt, available for sale that day.

The road between a business and the customer can be a long and winding one, full of roadblocks, speed traps and potholes. It is for that reason the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce presents a brand new series to help its members and other businesses in the community learn effective strategies to obtain more customers. Please join 20-year **Marketing and Advertising** consultant Ron Covert as he shares his knowledge about how to navigate the journey and put more money to the bottom line. Covert is currently Chief Operating Officer for Great Plains Media and has taught marketing and advertising to thousands of sales representatives and business owners throughout the United States and Canada. He is also a former instructor at the prestigious Wizard of Ads Academy in Austin, Tex. The following three-part series will be entertaining and packed with ideas that you can take back and implement immediately!

◆ Session I: Business and Pricing Strategy, Friday, September 18

◆ Session II: Advertising and In-Store Strategy, Friday, October 16

◆ Session III: Face-to-Face and After-the-Sale Strategy, Friday, November 20

All sessions will take place from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America auditorium, 1421 Research Park Dr. The cost is \$40 per session or \$99 for all three sessions. A portion of the proceeds will go to PIECE, the Chamber's youth leadership program. To register, call 865-4411.

Welcome to Our New Members!!

Creative Curb, LLC
Rod Haeffner, Owner
210 E High St, Baldwin City, KS 66006
785-594-2334 785-821-1427 - Cell

Creative Curb is a locally owned business that specializes in concrete landscaping curbing and edging.

Worden United Methodist Church
Pastor Bud Tuxhorn, Secretary Rhonda Stiefel
294 E 900 Rd, Baldwin City, KS 66006
785-594-7598

wordenumc@msn.com

Sunday Services:

Early Worship: 8:15am

Sunday School: 9:30am

Contemporary Worship: 10:30am

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8am to Noon

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!

Office Statistics

Website:
1198 unique visitors made
1982 visits
Phone Calls:78
Visits: 21
Relocation/Visitor Packets:
3
Welcome Packets: 1

Board of Directors

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Jim Sears

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Kim Bergan

Upcoming Special Events

Rail fan weekend at the [Midland Railway](#) will be this weekend, Sept. 5, 6, and 7, running trains at 10:30AM, 12:30 and 2:30 PM all 3 days.

Also we will be doing a Tea Party train on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM celebrating Barbie's 50th Birthday. There will be a tea party at the depot followed by a train ride to Norwood where there will be a display of Barbies. Reservations only for this event by calling 785-594-7440 and limited to 70 persons per train. **Linda Ballinger is organizing this event and is seeking volunteers to assist, so please contact her if you can help!** Someone to serve as a guard and guide at Norwood, ticket takers, tea servers are all needed!
She is also looking for items (preferably PINK) to be used as door prizes and awards.

The Friends of the Library will host a **book TALK** series this fall
The series is called The African American Perspective. Books are available at the library one month prior to each discussion. The discussions are at 7pm and are free!
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou on Sept. 10th
Praisesong for the Widow by Paule Marshall on Oct. 11
Autobiography of Malcom X on November 12

The Friends of the Library will hold their **Annual Mum Sale** on the front lawn of the library Sept 18 & 19.
Friday from 8-6pm and Saturday from 8am-noon
Volunteers to help with the sale are encouraged to sign up at the library!

Cuppa Java

Don't miss the final Art Walk of the season!! Join us from 7-9pm on September 18th.
Purchase a hand-crafted mug and delicious homemade dessert, visit the Lumberyard Arts Center and browse the various art and crafts that will be available. The Baldwin Community Art Council wishes to thank everyone for supporting the Art Walks!

Hospice Foundation of America will be hosting the
16th Annual Living with Grief Teleconference
Diversity and End-Of-Life Care Thursday September 24th
3:00pm - 6:00pm
(includes 30 minute discussion following teleconference)
Lawrence Memorial Hospital Auditorium Lower Level *No cost to participate*
Please call Sarah Randolph, VNA Hospice, to register - 785-843-3738

September 27th Cordoba's will have a meeting about their haunted house at 4pm.
They are accepting donations of candy, costumes and cash. Volunteers are also needed to help with the event. Contact Jessica at 594-3123 for more information!

3rd Annual Haunted House at Cordoba's

The haunting will be Saturday, October 31st.
This years Haunted House will be in the Cordoba's parking lot.
Canned food and cash donations go to the Baldwin City Food Bank.
Costume contest & Hayrack ride starts at 6pm.
Doors to the haunted house open at 7pm.

VNA Hospice is also hosting **SkillBuilders-Education and Support for Widows, Widowers and Caregivers**
The following Thursdays at the Lawrence Public Library 10-11:45am

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| Sept 10-Personal Security and Home Safety | Sept 17-Don't Fear Your Electronics |
| Sept 24-Estate and Legal Matters | Oct 1-Searching for Peace |
| Oct 8-Talk with Your Doc like a Pro | Oct 15-Winterizing Your Car |
| Oct 22-Managing Your Money | Oct 29-Winter Gardening |
| Nov 5-Strengthening Your Spiritual Well-Being | |
| Nov 12-Healthy Eating for One | Nov 19-Celebration and Remembrance |

*It's time for **BLUES & BBQ!!!** Join us for the annual fundraiser for the Lumberyard Arts Center
October 3rd, beginning at 6pm. More details will be announced soon!!*

Pleasant Valley Community Fall Show, October 10th
4068 Thomas Rd. Wellsville, Ks. 66092

Old Country-Gospel/Bluegrass featuring-Larry & Audrey Lintner and Friends

DINNER/SHOW- CHILI OR SOUP WITH HOMEMADE PIE. Serving at 6 pm -SHOW 7 pm.

Tickets will be available at the Chamber Office and during Wellsville Days(September 26th)at the Legion Hall or call "Back to Basics" 1-785-883-2559 or Rose Baker--785-242-4642
ADULT-\$10--CHILDREN UNDER 10--\$7

Chamber Mixer hosted by The Lodge - October 23 - 5:00 - ribbon cutting of their "Baker Suite" and showing of "The Electrifying of Baldwin City" video and panel discussion

Teen Challenge has scheduled their **annual banquet** November 6th at the Ritz Charles in Overland Park. The purpose of the banquet is to educate our community about the mission of Teen Challenge in a student's broken life and a low key fundraiser to help with housing expenses. We are currently recruiting table captains to sponsor a table for \$160. Table Captains are responsible for inviting 7 more friends to join them at their table. If you would like to attend but not sponsor a table, it will be \$20 per ticket for dinner. Please email TerriLois if you would like tickets.

We will have a silent auction prior to dinner with all proceeds going to help housing costs. I am looking for donation items for the auction and will be able to give an in kind donation receipt for tax purposes, so if your company is the generous type, please let me know. Feel free to forward this information to other interested people. The guys would appreciate your help!

In Christ, TerriLois Gregory, Program Development Coordinator
Heart of America Teen Challenge of Greater Kansas City, P. O. Box 738, Baldwin City KS 66006
Cell 816-616-7586 Teen Challenge Office 785-594-3069 TerriLoisGregory@HeartOfAmericaTC.com

Business Announcements

The Pink Lady Emporium will open September 12th at 703 8th St!

Three businesses will be inside the emporium. The Pink Lady Consignment Clothing, Charlotte's Daughters Antiques & Gifts and A Gathering Grounds Coffee Bar. Emporium hours will be Monday - Saturday 10am-5pm, Thursday open till 7pm, Sunday noon-5pm. The Coffee Bar will be open from 7am-8pm Monday - Saturday and noon-5pm on Sunday. The Phone number for the emporium will be 785-594-PINK(7465).

Charlotte's Daughters is Evolving! We will be moving to 703 8th St. Our present location will become Vintage Flea Mall. Help us grow our newest venture!! Vintage Flea Mall will be offering booths for rent. We are looking for Quality Antiques and/or craft to fill our spaces. For more information please call us at 785-594-2829. Beginning October 1st, we will be open at both locations from Wednesday through Monday 10 - 5 with the exception of Sunday when we'll be open 12-5.

Our Realtors want to remind everyone that the \$8,000 **tax credit** is still good until Dec. 1, 1009. First time home buyers purchasing a house that closes on or before Dec. 1st qualify!

Baldwin Football Fans...show us your colors! TODAY, Sept 4th, from 3-7 pm, get 25% off rentals at [Kite Video](#) when you are wearing a Baldwin shirt or cap. Stop in before you head to da'bash!

Mondays are **Baldwin Bulldog days** at Kite Video.

With a Bulldog Card get 25% off your movie rental. Purchase cards at Kite Video or from the high school football team. Movie Sale...Green tag special: All green tag movies \$4.99 or 3 for \$12. Check out our \$1.99 movies or 2 for \$3.

Volunteers with a variety of talents are needed at the **Lumberyard!** Sheetrock arrived this week and now the push is on to finish the interior of the front portion of the building. Please contact Jim Niehoff if you can assist!!

Rodrock Chiropractic will be conducting a **food drive** Sept 14-17 to benefit the Community Food Pantry. Complimentary chiropractic treatment will be given in exchange for donations of non-perishable foods items, personal and baby products, or cash donations. For new patients there will be a consultation and exams if necessary. For existing patients, there will be adjustments and therapy as needed. For more information call 785-594-4894.

Heart of America Teen Challenge is exploring the possibility of re-opening a **thrift store** in Baldwin and are looking for a responsible person to manage the store. Please email a resume to TerriLoisGregory@HeartOfAmericaTC.com.

The Lawrence Home Builders Assoc. is in the process of affiliating with the **National GREEN program** and creating an LHBA Green Council. We hope to also offer these courses in Lawrence but wanted you to know about these opportunities to get GREEN now. (If you'd like a flyer about these events, contact the chamber office or bobbie@lhba.net)

September 1 - 3, Kansas City HBA - includes both the two day green building course and the one day business management course

November 2 - 3, Topeka HBA - two day green building course

November 4, Wichita HBA - one day business management course

November 5-6, Wichita HBA - two day green building course

Topeka & Wichita have indicated that you can attend their courses at the "member" rate. The LHBA is in the process of affiliating with the National GREEN program and creating an LHBA Green Council. We hope to also offer these courses in Lawrence but wanted you to know about these opportunities to get GREEN now.

The Douglas County Historical Society has scheduled a series of public meetings during September to gather input on the future direction of the society and Watkins Community Museum. The meetings and an online survey that will be available soon are the first steps in a strategic planning process that the society hopes will help it focus its mission and set a positive course for the future, said Dale Slusser, president of the DCHS board.

The four public meetings are scheduled for:

- ◆ 7 p.m. Sept. 10 at Territorial Capitol/Lane Museum in Lecompton;
- ◆ 7 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Clinton Town Hall;
- ◆ **7 p.m. Sept. 23 in the Baldwin City Library;**
- ◆ 7 p.m. Sept. 24 at Watkins Museum.

Members of public are invited to attend the meetings and share their thoughts about how the Douglas County Historical Society and Watkins Museum can best tell the county's important historical stories and connect those stories both within the county and with the stories in other parts of the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

For more information:

Dale Slusser, DCHS president, 813-1223 or Judy Billings, Destination Management Inc., 856-5301

Letter from the Baldwin Community Theatre

Two months of practice and hard work paid off for Baldwin City Community Theatre members, actors and volunteers. The magical production of Ron Dahl's Willie Wonka was brought to life on the outside stage for the first two weekends of June. A world of pure imagination, Oompa loompas and kids with bad manners was created with a cast of over 65 from ages 4-65ish. Over 1,100 people attended the event, double the number from last year. Locals as well as those from the communities of Kansas City, Gardner, Wellsville, Lawrence and Topeka attended.

Community theatre is a true community event. Actors, parents of child actors, volunteers and donations from the community are what make this special and successful. There is no production fee to be a part of a cast. We are always in need of help for ticket sales, backstage, props, programs and publicity. If you are interested in theatre and theatre production please join us. Our meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7pm (unless a holiday) at the theatre office, 816 High, and everyone is welcome.

Annette Cook, director of this year's production, said "A little girl was hanging on the fence during rehearsal and said 'I'm so excited to come and see the show. I can't wait!' This is what community theatre is all about."

Next on the plate for BCCT is the **Terror Train**. Dates are October 23, 24, 29 and 30th. Please call the BCCT office and leave a message if you would like more information or would like to help.

More Member Information

Here is a list of activities available through Baldwin Recreation. Please go to our website for detailed information.

Vinland After School Program, Marion Springs After School Program, BESPC/IC Before and After School, Youth Volleyball, Wrestling Clinic, Kids Day Outs, Basketball, Tae Kwon Do, Martial Arts, Craft Classes, Halloween Coloring Contest, Haunting Halloween Stories, Music Fun Class, Drawing Class, Painting Class, Open Gym, Junior Golf Tournament, Parent/Child Golf Tournament, Friday Fun Night, NFL Punt Pass and Kick, Fleece Blanket Class, Adult Volleyball, Adult Basketball, Racquetball league, Group Fitness Class, Self Defense Class, Belly Dancing, Line Dancing, Swing Dance Clinic, Couples Dance Clinic, Chili Cook-Off, Breakfast with Santa,"

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

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.

**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 Sept 14-18, Oct 12-16, Nov 9-13 and Dec 14-18.

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

IMAGINE!

A bright, healthy smile can change the world. It starts a little spark of joy in yourself and those around you. It's contagious! Just fill out our form and when your friend completes the first appointment with us, we'll donate \$25 in your name to the brand new Lumber Yard Arts Center. Chris Leiszler, [Family and Cosmetic Dentistry](#) 414 Ames Street 785-594-9834

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 need more information, please contact the chamber office or one of the banks.

The Farmers' Market will normally be open from 7:30am-noon every Saturday thru mid-October.

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

www.filmkansas.com.

Looking for events or places to visit in Kansas? Our official state travel website, [TravelKS](#) continues to average over 3,000 visitors a day to the site. Our local attractions & unique businesses as well as events are listed there for free!

Calendar of Events

September

- 1- Business and Professional Women Meeting
- 3 - Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB) 9:00am @ Three Sisters Inn
- 3 - Maple Leaf Festival Meeting (MLF) 7:00pm
- 4 - da Bash
- 5-7 - Midland Railfans Weekend
- 8 - Health Fair at Baldwin Healthcare & Rehab 9:30am
- 9 - Chamber Luncheon
- 11- Penny Jones Golf Tournament
- 12 - Best of Baldwin
- 13 - Tea Party Train
- 14 - Lions Club Meeting 6:30pm
- 18 - Cuppa Java Art Walk
- 18-19 - Friends of Library Mum Sale 8-6, 8-12
- 23- Douglas County Historical Society meeting at Baldwin City Library 7pm
- 25 - Networking Breakfast 7:30am
- 27- Cordoba's meeting about Annual Haunted House
- 28 - Lions Club Meeting 6:30pm

October

- 3 - Blues & BBQ
- 10 - Pleasant Valley Show
- 17-18 - Maple Leaf Festival
- 23,24 & 29,30 - Terror Train
- 31- 3rd Annual Haunted House & hayrack ride at Cordoba's 7pm

November

- 28 - Holiday Light Parade

For more details, please visit the calendar of events on our website

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