

Baldwin City Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

February 2010

The **Annual Awards Banquet** will be held February 27th at Stony Point Hall.

We hope that you can join us as we celebrate the following winners:

Arrowhead Hardware
Business of the Year

Kite Video
New Business of the Year

Lumberyard Arts Center
Community Service Award

We are also inviting you to promote your business by becoming a Table Sponsor during the banquet. Fee is \$125. Please contact the office or a board member if you're interested!

Banquet tickets are \$25/person. Deadline to RSVP is Feb.19th.

Welcome to our New Members

Atom-O-Rama

Elizabeth Watson
P.O. Box 452, Baldwin City,
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<http://www.atom-o-rama.com>

Design studio specializing in Web design, graphic design and sound design

Crete-It

Casey Simoneau
Baldwin City
785-221-7910
crete_it@yahoo.com

Concrete overlayment of counter tops and flooring

We hope that you can join us for the February luncheon on the 10th at noon at The Lodge.

Are you using Facebook or Twitter? During the February luncheon, we will be sharing some ways that businesses can utilize social media as well as how to use other tools available on the internet. We have a facebook fan page, so look us up under "GetBaldwinCity". We are also using Twitter. The City, Baldwin City Signal, Melange Apron, Kiss Me Kate's, The Pink Lady, CLO's Midnight Farm, Shirt Shack, Elk Creek Engraving, Arrowhead Hardware, Three Sisters Inn, The Gathering Grounds and DeLancie Galleries are among members using at least one of these forms to reach their customers.

The Baldwin City Chamber would like to thank Jim Sears for his commitment to the Chamber Board as Treasurer. Jim has been a great asset to our board and will be missed. Jim has accepted a position in Olpe, Kansas and we want to wish him the best of luck.

We are pleased to announce that Ron Skaggs has agreed to fulfill Jim's term on the board and take over the Treasurer's responsibilities. This is a position that Ron has held in the past and we are glad to have him back.

Open houses

The Kansas Department of Transportation and its hired consultants plan to share draft recommendations included in the U.S. 56 Corridor Management Plan, during two public open houses:

- 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 9, Mildale Farm Equestrian Barn, 35250 W. 199th St., Edgerton.
- 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 11, American Legion Hall, 803 High St., Baldwin City

It's our Census! Be counted!

It's time for the 2010 Census and it's an opportunity for you to help out Baldwin City and Douglas County by participating.

Why is the Census important? The data from this constitutionally mandated count of citizens is used in formulas for allocating Federal dollars for a number of public service endeavors, describing the community during economic development recruitment activities, including statistics about our labor pool, and for reapportioning the districts of elected officials. If less than a complete count of our community occurs, the entire community will suffer.

It is estimated that over a ten-year period, \$5,300 is lost in federal funding, per person, if an individual does not participate in the Census. In 2008 alone, Douglas County received \$180 million in grants - based in part on Census figures for Douglas County.

The information people provide will be kept completely confidential. No person, government agency or business has access to anyone's individual information.

The Census questionnaire has only 10 questions and can be filled out in 10 minutes. The official count date is April 1, 2010.

P.S. Love To Clean

Pamela Bone
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 785-691-9829
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 House and small office
 cleaning

Ribbon Cutting

The Chamber officially welcomed DeLancie Galleries during a ribbon cutting on January 8, 2010. Wayne Jarvis, Art Photographer, has his works on display at the Gathering Grounds Coffee Bar. Please visit his website for more information about his art.

Chamber Board of Directors

Ivan Huntoon, President
 Jay Randels, V-President
 Ron Skaggs, Treasurer
 Myra Glover, Secretary
 Kim Bergan, Membership

A fact sheet about the 2010 Census can be found [here](#).

2010Census.Gov

Business & Event Announcements

Feb 4 - H1N1 CLINIC 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Baldwin High School, 415 Eisenhower St. You may download a consent form prior to your visit. http://www.ldcchealth.org/index.php_or_call_843-3060.

Rotary Club Chili Feed

When: 02/06/2010 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Where: Baldwin City Primary Center

Details: The Baldwin City Rotary Club is having a chili feed to benefit the Baldwin City Cub Scouts. It will be held from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Baldwin City Primary Center. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children thru elementary school age. Please come out for some great chili and support the Cub Scouts!

Caregiver Support Meeting

Baldwin Healthcare and Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging will offer a Caregiver Support Meeting from 1-2pm, on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Baldwin Healthcare Center, 1223 Orchard LN.

If you are a caregiver of a senior 60 years or older, this is for you. We know that when caregivers receive the support and resources they need, it reduces stress and caregiver burnout. Marilyn Thomas, Family Caregiver Specialist with JAAA will be the facilitator. Please contact Wendy Wolfe at Baldwin Healthcare, at admbaldwin@skilledhc.com or 785-594-6492 or Marilyn Thomas at mthomas@jhawkaaa.org or 1-800-798-1366 to sign up or for more information. All meetings are confidential.

Rainbow Preschool Chili Feed

When: 02/20/2010 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Rainbow Preschool's annual chili feed and silent auction will be held at the Baldwin Intermediate Center-100 Bull Pup drive. There will be homemade chili, soup, and dessert, along with a silent auction including handmade items and items from local businesses, and a short music program performed by the students of Rainbow Preschool. The cost for the event is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children and those 2 and under are free. Tickets are available at the

door.

Texas Hold'em Benefit Tournaments

Come out and help support local families in need on the 1st & 4th Friday of each month. Tourney begins at 7pm at The Gathering Grounds Coffee Bar, 703 8th St. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Reservations Suggested! Please Call (785) 865-8720.

Kite Video announces their New Rental Rewards Program: Rent 10 movies or games, get #11 free!(see store for details)

The Friends of the Library will host "**Book Talk**" at 7pm on February 11 and March 11. The Series is "The Immigrant Experience".

Valentine's Events

Valentine's Gala When: 02/06/2010 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
 Where: Stony Point Hall, 1514 N 600th Road

Enjoy a night of fine dining, dancing, red roses, fine chocolates and a special couple's portrait all at once. Delancie Galleries will be on site doing couple's portraits. You can also pre-purchase a box of fine chocolates or roses that will be ready for you when you walk through the door.

Tickets are \$25/single or \$50/couple

Purchase from members of the arts council or at the Baldwin Chamber of

Commerce, 8th and High streets, (785) 594-3200, Baldwin City Recreation Commission, 715 High St (785) 594-3670, or the Pink Lady Emporium at 721 8th Street, (785) 594-7465. It is recommended that you purchase them in advance, as a limited number are available. You can pre-order amenities with the tickets.

22nd Annual BCAC Chocolate Auction

Sunday, 02/07/2010 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Where: Lumberyard Arts Center at 718 High St

Annual Chocolate Auction. Held in the newly completed Lumberyard Arts Center at 718 High Street. Hundreds of chocolate delicacies available for sample and sale. Original works by area and regional artists will be sold by silent or live auction. The Silent Auction begins at 1:00pm followed by the live auction promptly at 2:00pm. The auction is a family event, and children will be invited to bid in the silent auction with prices starting as low as 25 cents. You can find details on the Baldwin-City-Arts-Council Facebook Page or www.baldwinarts.org. Suggested donation of \$1.

[Three Sisters Inn](#) will be celebrating Valentine's Day all week! Bring your valentine (or a group of friends) for an elegant candlelit dinner in one of our romantic, Victorian dining rooms! February 11 - 13: \$19.95 per person. February 14: \$24.95 per person. (Includes a long-stemmed, red rose for every lady present on Valentine's Day. Plus tax and gratuity. Drinks extra. 6:30 p.m. seating) Seating is limited so call today for reservations.594-3244

Valentine Dance

When: 02/13/2010 7:00 pm Where: The Lodge, 502 Ames
Details: Live Music
Mark Valentine & The Ticklers (Headline Band for The Sandbar Birthday Party)
Hors d'oeuvres Dinner Included
\$25.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple
\$10/person cover charge after 9pm
This is a Singles and Couples Dance
If you ain't bringing your Love, come find one!
Add A Motel Room To Your Evening of Fun!
\$99.00 Motel Room, Hors d'oeuvres Dinner & Dance for Two
\$149.00 Motel Suite, Hors d'oeuvres Dinner & Dance for Two

CALL NOW FOR RESERVATIONS! Must Be 21 or Older
502 Ames Baldwin City, KS 66006 785-594-3900

The [Melange Apron](#) would like to invite you to spend a special Candle Light Valentine's right here in Baldwin! We are offering a Four Course meal, Flowers, and Wine Service. See the attached menu or visit our website. We thank you for your business and look forward to seeing you, your sweetie, friends, or family on Feb 12th, 13th, or 14th. Reservations are encouraged at 594-0519 or melangeapron@embarqmail.com.

Upcoming Events

March

9 - Friends of the Library Annual Meeting
11 - Baldwin Education Foundation "State of the District Luncheon"
27 - Community Health Fair

April

3 - Easter Train at Midland Railway
3 - Rainbow Preschool Community Easter Egg Hunt
10- Civil War Preservation Trust Park Day at Black Jack Battlefield

June

4,5,6 and 11,12,13 - Day Out With Thomas
5 - City Wide Garage Sale
5 - Black Jack Battlefield anniversary & re-enactment
19 - Planes, Trains & Automobiles

Event details for most of our community events can be found on the website calendar.

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