



Louisburg Chamber of Commerce

LCOC EXTRA

January— February, 2010 * HAPPY NEW YEAR*

News and notes...
in addition to
Chamber updates
emailed to members.

Free Business Workshop Scheduled

The Chamber has scheduled Robert Kolich with the Small Business Development Center to speak to those interested in getting advice and ideas on Money, Marketing and Management for their existing business or to someone considering starting up a business. The one and a half to two hour workshop will be in the conference/break room on the first floor of the Louisburg Plaza Office Building on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 9 a.m. Businesses do not need to RSVP. You are invited to come and get some new ideas, tips on running a successful business and have questions discussed and answered that would be helpful to you.

City and Chamber Attend Forum on Incentive Programs. City Administrator Jeff Cantrell and Chamber President Doug Furnell participated in a round table discussion early in December in Paola regarding different economic development incentive tools currently in place in Miami county and how they can be used. Points of view from the county and individual cities within the county were discussed as well as ideas for the future.

Welcome New Businesses to Louisburg

The Bungalow Boutique, 702 W. Amity, 913-837-3443, owner Kim Hall

H & R Block, 602 W. Amity, 913-837-5418, owner, Michael Hansen

Tourism

U.S. Hwy 69 has an existing designation from Kansas as the *Frontier Military Scenic Byway*. Recently application for a National Scenic Byway designation was denied. After much work the disappointed committee is planning their next move and consideration if to reapply.

Louisburg Library has scheduled free computer classes for next year, open to the public. Phone 837-2217 and ask for Holly.

The November 12, 2009 Chamber Annual Dinner at Timber Creek Event Center was a great event with 120 reservations received. To make sure everyone knew who was in the crowd all businesses in attendance were introduced in addition to a social hour before the dinner. Long time community supporter and volunteer, Edith Elliott graciously accepted the annual *Chamber Appreciation Award* from the upstanding but mischievous Damon Dennis.

Thank you to the following corporate and tabletop sponsors. Auburn Pharmacy, First Option Bank, KCP&L, Landmark National Bank, Mary Stephenson, MoKan Dial, Western Metal, Cedar Cove Feline Park, Connie's Antiques, Klass N Cruises & Travel, Knight Lighter, Louisburg Library, Meridian Business Services, Paola Electric, Penwell Gabel Funeral Home, Peoples Bank and Personable Pets.

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MoKan Dial, Inc. Update on Metro Calling

MoKan's attempt to provide Metro Plus two way calling between the Louisburg and Hillsdale exchanges was unsuccessful. AT&T and Century Link/Embarq refused to work with us on implementing the plan. And since it was a two way plan, without their cooperation, the plan cannot happen. I would like to reassure all of you that MoKan will continue to work at providing quality telephone service at affordable prices. We are implementing new Unlimited Calling Plans for both residential and business customers. Our Unlimited Calling Plans include local service, calling features, and unlimited long distance (within the 48 states). Residential rates will be \$39.95, Business rates \$44.95. (Taxes and surcharges will apply.) Customers will also be able to bundle their DSL service with the Unlimited plan. Residents \$79.95, Business \$99.95 (One Line). We will also be creating a low cost 800 number for business customers that depend on out-of-area clients.

As many of you know, this was a project I felt very strong about. While the results were not what I had hoped for, I know that we did everything we could to try to get AT&T and Century Tel to the table. I would like to thank all of you for your support of our efforts.

Jane Prettyman, Area Manager

Calendar of Events

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| Jan. 1 | 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.—Chris Cakes' Black-eyed Peas at Fox Hall, donations will go to local Agape Food Pantry |
| Jan. 13 | 7 p.m. at Louisburg Library— <i>River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey</i> by Candice Millard. Marvin Barkis, discussion leader. |
| Jan. 15 | 10 a.m. Chamber coffee at Louisburg United Methodist Church |
| Jan. 20 | 9 a.m. to 11—Chamber business workshop, led by Robert Kolich of Small Business Development Center. First floor conference room in Louisburg Plaza Office Bldg. |
| Jan. 30 | Kansas Day and Business Expo at National Guard Armory in Paola. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m |
| Feb. 6 | 7 a.m. Louisburg Legislative Breakfast at LHS |

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