

# Chamber Chatter

## Osawatomie Chamber of Commerce

March 2008

### **LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST & VOTE'08 YOUTH RALLY**

We had a total of 105 people attend the Legislative Breakfast. We were happy to have Senator Pat Apple, Senator Dennis Wilson, Rep. Jene Vickrey, and Rep. Bill Feuerborn with us. This year we implemented a new program to go along with the breakfast, we had a vote'08 youth rally at the high school that was welcomed not only by school officials but city and county officials as well. We are hoping to have the two programs run together again next year.



### **COFFEE TIME**

We have several new businesses that have joined the Chamber. Osawatomie Rehabilitation, Cook's Chiropractic, Bridge to Freedom,

### **AFTER HOURS NETWORKING EVENTS**

Our after-hours networking event in February had a good turnout. Don't forget our next one is March 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm at the Elk's Lodge on Main St. We hope you can come out and enjoy some good old fashion neighborhood fun.

### **NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

We are pleased to introduce our newest board members. Cameron Hodges from Life Care Center, Teresa Martin also from Life Care Center, Donna Darner from Osawatomie State Hospital, Joe Lilley from Miami County YMCA, Tammy Gilner from TeamBank, NA, Lori Needham from Hanes Florist. Welcome to each one of you. We still have one seat open on the board. Anyone wishing to be considered for this position on the board may submit their letter of intent to the Director by e-mail, fax or in person before the next board meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **RETAILER'S MEETING**

The Retailer's meeting was held on February 26, 2008, 8:00am at The Gathering Place. The meeting was successful. Retailers got the chance to give their input on issues such as, the Northland Project, rebuilding the downtown business district, chamber events. Refreshments were provided by Casey's General Store n Main St., Kellie Firley, & Susan Barrett.

## **RAILROAD DAYS FIRST ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK**

Put on your running shoes and lets head on down to the Railroad Days First Annual 5K Run/Walk. In association with Tri-Ko, Railroad Museum, and Adair Cabin. The run to be held Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information you can contact the Chamber Office or the Adair Cabin. Look for announcements of other fun events to be held that day.

## **TAX TIPS**

Here are some web sites that Kellie Firley has found that might be of interest to some of you. Remember tax deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you can qualify for the tax incentive for individuals the president has enacted you might want to get your taxes in as soon as possible the faster you get them in the sooner you will get an extra check.

[http://biz.yahoo.com/brn/080214/19693.html?v=1&.pf=taxes,](http://biz.yahoo.com/brn/080214/19693.html?v=1&.pf=taxes)

<http://finance.yahoo.com/taxes/article/104462/Don't-Overlook-These-Itemized-Deductions>

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=151226,00.html>

[http://www.bankrate.com/yho/itax/tax\\_adviser/20080219\\_business\\_loss\\_a1.asp](http://www.bankrate.com/yho/itax/tax_adviser/20080219_business_loss_a1.asp)

## **WELCOME PACKETS**

As you know we have welcome packets at City Hall that are given out to new residents. We are in need of advertisement items from our members to go into these packets. If you have some items please either bring them by our office or call and we will come and get them. Thank you for your help and support.

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