



Osawatomi Chamber of Commerce: Chamber Chat

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- Chamber Annual Dinner October 21st, 6:30 pm Featuring Tom Burgoon-Comedian and Magician
- Board Vacancies
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Welcome New Chamber Members! Plum Creek Treasures

Chamber's Annual Dinner

Please plan to join us on Thursday, October 21st, from 6:30-8:00pm, in the OHS Cafeteria, for an evening of great food, good friends, and lively entertainment. Osawatomi's own, Tom Burgoon, comedian/magician will be performing for us. There will be several awards given and new board members will be announced. Advance tickets are \$18.00 each and may be purchased from the Chamber Office.

Nominations sought for Volunteer/Citizen of the Year Award

Annually, Chamber members recognize one of their own with a Volunteer/Citizen of the Year Award. The award, presented during the October Annual Dinner, is given to the individual who consistently demonstrates their commitment to this community through volunteerism, support of the advancement of our business community and leadership. Recipient will be chosen by the Board, based on the above mentioned criteria. Please submit your nomination, to the Chamber Office by Friday, October 8th.

Board Vacancies

Mark Fuchs and Bret Glendening will both complete their terms this month, which will leave two vacant seats. The nominating committee has suggested Cami Akes from Landmark Bank, and Pat Fagan from First Option Bank, as their replacements. They will both stand elected and will join the Board in November, as there were no write-in candidates suggested by the Membership. Let's show them a warm welcome. They will be officially announced at the Annual Dinner on the 21st.

Christmas In October is tomorrow

Saturday, October 2nd, 7:30 am, organizers and volunteers will meet in the high school cafeteria for donuts and juice, before beginning the work day. Several homes in Osawatomi will receive much needed repairs and maintenance, through the efforts of this kind and generous group of people. It's not too late to volunteer or donate. Contact Diana Neal at (913) 731-1193 for more information.

- Kansas Sampler Contest
- Business Spotlight: Landmark National Bank
- Monthly Coffee
- City Council Meeting October 28th, 7:00pm
- Spook Parade, Friday October 29th, 4pm
- Yard of the Month Awards
- Landmark Restaurant reopens
- Osawatomie Library Adopt-a-Book Program
- Advertising Space at Moon's

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Yard of the Month Awards

September's winners, were John and Linda Haskins, 302 Brown Avenue along with Dennis and Sharon Barden of 126 Rohrer Heights Drive. Drive by and take a look! We appreciate the amount of pride they have in their yards and homes. Watch for the next round of winners, this month!

New Business Owners Group-Update

The first meeting of the Business Owner's Group took place on September 8th. There was a wonderful turn-out, with close to 30 people in attendance. Many ideas were shared, on ways to perk up business. It was decided to have a downtown Sidewalk Sale on September 18th, to go along with the Freedom Festival and Elks Gun Show. They came up with plans to have an adult trick or treat shopping campaign on October 16th. Patrons can shop participating local businesses while enjoying a FREE treat. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 13th, at Coach Light 8:00 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Business Spotlight

A bit thanks goes out to Landmark National Bank for hosting the monthly coffee, on September 29th. Close to 25 people were in attendance. Refreshments were served and Linda Stanchfield (First Option Bank) won the door prize of a fall mum. Cami Akes, Branch Manager, spoke about the history, employees, and current incentives the bank has to offer. Landmark National Bank purchased First Kansas Federal Savings in 2004. There are 21 branches across the state of Kansas, in 16 different communities. There are slightly over 200 employees with 6 at our local branch. Cami has been with the bank for almost 5 years. Landmark is currently offering a Checking and Rewards incentive program. Geoff Branine, mortgage consultant, discussed mortgage rates and how "ridiculously low" they are. He also mentioned the friendly atmosphere of the bank and the longevity of their employees. Stop in and see them!

General Membership Meeting

The quarterly meeting was held at Whistle Stop Café on September 9th. We appreciate everyone that braved the downpour to attend. Bret Glendening, Gary French, and George Pretz were all on hand to talk about current plans and projects and to answer audience questions. A big thanks to them for taking time out of their busy schedules to participate. The next quarterly meeting will be held in December. Watch your newsletters and updates for details.

Spook Parade

The Chamber and the YMCA will be teaming up for an afternoon of games, activities, and fun for the whole family, on Friday, October 29th. Prior to the Spook Parade at 4:00pm, led by our own OHS Dazzlers, there will be activities in the auditorium for the kids to enjoy. We will have costume characters such as the Trix Rabbit, Chester Cheetah, and more (thanks to Moon's IGA), available for pictures that afternoon. All outlying businesses, clubs and individuals are invited to join in the fun by setting up along Main Street, or by participating in "trunk or treating" in the city hall parking lot. Thanks to all of the businesses and individuals who have donated to the goodie bags. We are still in need of more candy to fill them up. If you have any questions or would like to donate, please contact the Chamber Office at 755-4114.

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Networking Events in 2010 Donna & Viola's Shirts & Etc will host the Monthly Coffee Tuesday, October 26th, 9:00 am

Please plan to attend and join in welcoming Steve and Donna Eichorn to their new location, at 522 Main Street.

These coffees provide a time to network and a venue to promote your business to other Chamber Members. So, if you are interested in hosting an event, please call the Chamber at 913-755-4114.

Kansas Sampler's 8 Wonders, Contest

Osawatomie's John Brown has been selected as one of twenty-four finalists in this contest. Please take a moment to vote at 8wonders.com. Each e-mail address may vote three times, or paper ballots are available by calling 620-585-2374. Voting will end October 22nd at midnight. If chosen, it could positively impact tourism in our area, which is good for business.

Business FYI Corner

Landmark restaurant has reopened, under new ownership. Margaret Newbanks is working hard to offer good food at reasonable prices. She gives credit to Alvin Ballou for all the help he has been to her in this new endeavor. They are open Sunday through Tuesday 6am - 2pm, and Wednesday through Saturday 6am - 8pm Stop in and say hello

Adopt a Book – Grow a Library

For a \$10 donation you will be adopting a book from the collection at the Osawatomie Public Library. Donations may be made in your own name, in memory of a loved one or in honor of an individual organization. A label will be placed in a book (genre of your choosing) which has the potential of being shared across Kansas through our Interlibrary Loan Program!

We are embarking on Phase II of our plan to grow our library and offer even more comprehensive services and programs.. We are reaching out to the community for your support in our endeavor to build a more resourceful library. Your donations can help make our vision a reality. All donations are tax deductible. Thank You.

Donation Form

_____ An engraved Wood Book Spine \$125. Name to be imprinted.

_____ A new book with name plate \$25: In memory or honor of _____

_____ Adopt a book from our collection \$10: In memory or honor of _____

Please use these funds as needed: \$250 _____ \$150 _____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ \$25 _____ other _____

I wish additional information about naming a room or purchasing needed equipment

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

**Please bring or mail donations to the Attn: Elizabeth Trigg,
Osawatomie Library Expansion Fund, 527 Brown, Osawatomie KS 66064.**

Chamber Advertising at Moon's Hometown Market

The Chamber in partnership with Pat's Signs, produces a monthly sign that is placed at Moon's Hometown Market. The sign has a list of upcoming Chamber Member events and provides 4 slots for monthly advertising by Chamber Members. The cost for advertising is \$40 per month with \$20 going to the Chamber of Commerce and \$20 going to Pat's Signs for the construction of the sign.

The sign provides information to the committee about Chamber Member events and is a great way to advertise your business at a high traffic location. If you are interested in advertising, please call the Chamber Office at 913-755-4114. Make sure to reserve your spot on the sign for 2010 today!

Calendar of Events in Osawatomie

October

- 2 - Christmas in October, meet at 7:30am at the High School**
- 13 – Business Owners Group Meeting- 8:00am at Coach Light**
- 16 – Adult Trick or Treat Campaign at participating area businesses**
- 14 - City Council Meeting at Memorial Hall - 7:00pm**
- 21 - Annual Dinner - 6:30pm at the High School**
- 26 - Chamber Coffee, Donna and Viola's Shirts & Etc.-9:00am**
- 28 - City Council Meeting at Memorial Hall - 7:00pm**
- 29 - Chamber of Commerce and the YMCA Halloween Activities & Spook Parade , beginning at 3:30pm in the City Auditorium**
- 30 – Talking Tombstones, 7:00pm at The Old Stone Church**

November

- 9 – Chamber Coffee, time and location TBA**
- 11 – Veterans' Day**
- 25 – Thanksgiving Day**
- 26 - 27 - Osawatomie Christmas Festival, watch your weekly updates and monthly newsletter for schedule of events**

December

To be announced