



# Osawatomi Chamber of Commerce: Chamber Chat

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## Welcome New & Renewing Chamber Members!

Tom Burgin, Ted and Vivien Hunter, Miami County Cancer Foundation, Summit Publications, Bill and Pat Butler, Ann Hauber, Medallion Healthy Homes, Community Senior Service Center, Landmark Bank, Miami County Economic Development, Midwest Regional Credit Union, Navrats Office Products, Life Care Center of Osawatomi, Frontier Twirlers, Read it Free/Pat's Signs, Ernest Swenson, Eddy Birchard Funeral Home

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The 3-M's Class will be held in Osawatomi, tomorrow December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at First Option Bank, 10:00am. Business consultant Bob Kolich will focus this free, 90 minute session, on money, marketing, and management. He will offer tips on financing and tracking business expenses along with identifying sources of revenue. The marketing component will provide resources for market research and tracking sales. The management review will encompass human resources, risk management, operations, and accounting. The course's small group environment will encourage addressing specialized questions focused on the needs of the persons present. Registration is not required, but is suggested. Call the Chamber with questions, or to register. This class is made possible through a combined effort of the Kansas Small Business Development Center, Osawatomi Chamber of Commerce, and Miami County Economic Development.

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### **American Family Insurance Agent Cathy Leaver earns Distinguished Insurance Agency distinction from J.D. Power and Associates**

Cathy Leaver, an American Family Insurance agent in Paola, KS and Osawatomi Chamber of Commerce Member, has been recognized for customer satisfaction excellence under the J.D. Power and Associates Distinguished Insurance Agency Program.

Leaver joins other American Family agents who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to outstanding customer service. She has been an agent for American Family since December 2006. Her office is located at 210 N. Hospital Drive.

Congratulations Cathy!

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It's that time of year again. We appreciate the support of our current membership and hope to have even more businesses and individuals join for the upcoming year. An invoice is attached, for your convenience. Completed paperwork can be e-mailed, sent, or dropped off at the Chamber Office. Fees are the same as last year and an installment plan is available. Call the Chamber if you have any questions. 755-4114

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### **The Osawatomie Christmas Festival**

Was held on November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Friday evening began with patrons signing up for giveaways, in local businesses. Paola School of Dance and the Band of Oz entertained the public in the City Auditorium. At 7:00pm, the new light posts were lit and Main Street took on a festive flair.

Following the lighting, names were drawn for the prizes, donated by many local merchants. Saturday morning, the fun continued with a craft fair in the auditorium, with over 30 vendors. Santa was available for pictures, and more prizes were given away.

Thank you to all the businesses that stayed open late on Friday evening, and to all those that generously donated prizes for the drawings. Thanks to you, over 50 people were "winners" and their Holiday Season was made a little brighter.

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## **Business Owners Group-Update**

The third meeting of the Business Owner's Group took place on November 10th. There were close to 10 people in attendance. Plans for the Osawatomie Christmas Festival were discussed, along with next summer's John Brown Jamboree. The idea of having an Arts and Crafts Festival, next fall, was brought up. Our new Main Street was suggested as the location. The possibility of having this the same weekend as the Sugar Mound Festival was mentioned, in the hopes of attracting more people. Several people offered to form a committee to look into and plan this project. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00am, at Coach Light. Anyone is welcome to attend.

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## **Elks Serve Veterans**

The Osawatomie Elks opened and served over 40 veterans, free of charge, on Veteran's Day. Along with their meal, each Veteran also received a National certificate, thanking them for their selfless service to our country. They were pleased with the turn out and happy to honor these very deserving men and women.

The Elks Dining Room is open to the public. They are open Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. Great food and it's close - stop in and see them!

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## **Senior Citizen Discount Day**

Tuesday is Senior Discount Day in Osawatomie. Eight local businesses. Ages 62 and over can shop Brown's hardware, Coach Light, Hanes Florist, M & L Collectibles, Moon's Hometown Market, Nice as New, Radio Shack, and Spencer Nicole's on Tuesdays, to receive special Senior only discounts. Check with individual stores for details- the deals vary by merchant. Look for the bright yellow signs.

**Businesses interested in joining in this campaign should contact the Chamber Office**

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## business spotlight

### **Osawatomie Library**

was host to a special monthly Coffee Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, to showcase the recently completed portions of their renovation. Over ten people attended and were able to tour the facility, take a ride on the new elevator, enjoy refreshments, and have their questions answered by Elizabeth Trigg, Sarah Dorsett, and Pat Butler. The renovations are beautiful and they appreciate the tremendous community support they have received during this endeavor. Please stop in and see for yourself. Cindy Lewis was the lucky winner of a book of her choice, as the door prize. The library followed their coffee with a public Open House, the following Sunday.

### **Plum Creek Treasures**

hosted the monthly Coffee on Tuesday, November 9. Sixteen people attended and took the opportunity to shop in the store while visiting with other attendees. Refreshments were served and Joyce Schrader won the Christmas wreath door prize. Dewain and Linda Crouch spoke about their business and introduced their employees.

**Thanks to all of you that take time to attend these monthly coffees. It's a great opportunity to network with others while supporting a fellow merchant. The host is given the chance to speak about and promote their business, while letting the attendees know of any upcoming sales, specials, or programs they may be offering. You can learn quite a lot about our local merchants, just by attending!**

**Coffees are generally held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. If you are interested in hosting a coffee in the new year, please contact the Chamber Office at 755-4114.**

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## Networking Events

Hanes Florist will host the monthly coffee on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. They are located at 411 E. Mill, 2 blocks south of Sonic. Come see their gift shop, decorated for the Holidays, and get some great gift giving ideas. Refreshments will be served and a door prize will be offered.

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**The Osawatomie Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to wish our Membership a safe and Happy Holiday Season!**



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### 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.

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#### Donation Form

\_\_\_\_ An engraved Wood Book Spine \$125. Name to be imprinted.  
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\_\_\_\_ A new book with name plate \$25: In memory or honor of  
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\_\_\_\_ 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.

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## Calendar of Events in Osawatomie

### December

- 2 3M's Class at First Option Bank, 10:00am
- 4 Rotary Pancake Feed at the City Auditorium 7:00am – 1:00pm
- Christmas at the Adair Cabin 7:00 – 9:00pm
- 8 Merchants Group Meeting at Coach Light, 8:00am
- 9 City Council Meeting at Memorial Hall, 7:00pm
- 10 Life Care Center Holiday Open House 6:00pm
- 11 Main Body Works Customer Appreciation Party 10:00am – 7:00pm
- Old Stone Church Vespers Service 7:00pm
- UPS Store Holiday Pajama party 7:00 – 10:00pm
- 14 Monthly Coffee at Hanes Florist, 9:00am
- 17 First Option Bank's Holiday Open House
- 16 City Council Work Session at Memorial Hall, 7:00pm
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 28 Chamber Board Meeting, 8:00am
- 31 New year's Eve