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**Chamber After Hours**  
**Life Care Center of Burlington**  
**Thursday, May 24th**  
**5 p.m.**  
**601 Cross Street**  
**Burlington, KS**  
*Join us for this great networking opportunity!*  
 Members: bring your business card and \$2 for the "Dollar Draw" and "Ad-mania" drawings! Must be present to win.

**Chamber Board of Directors**

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 Ida Wilson ..... Lebo

May Board Meeting  
 Wed., May 16th at 5:00 p.m.  
 Coffey County Fire District #1 Meeting Room, 113 N 5th St, Burlington.  
 Members are welcome to attend.

Coffey County Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center  
 Mary K. Walker, Executive Director  
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The Chamber Connection is published by the Coffey County Chamber of Commerce the first Friday of each month.

**Current News**

- A note from Board President, Terri Tweedy: *"This year's Senior Honors Night was a huge success thanks to the Task Force members and volunteers. Special thanks goes to Polly Epting, Judy Bentley, Larry Kelley, Ruth Manning, Bill Walker, Mary Walker, Kenda Rose, Teri Seaton and Martha Newkirk. This event would not have been possible without you! All your hard work is greatly appreciated!"*
- New Chamber Member & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**  
 The Chamber will have a **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, May 30th** at the Burlington location of **Resource Center for Independent Living, Inc. (RCIL)**. RCIL will host an **Open House over the noon hour**. The Ribbon Cutting will be at about 12:15 p.m. Refreshments will be served.
- Grandma's Daycare** hosted an Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, April 6th. Please see the April 2007 Chamber Page (on our website) for a recap of the event.
- The May **Chamber After Hours** will be hosted by **Life Care Center of Burlington** at **5 p.m. on Thursday, May 24th** at 601 Cross Street in Burlington. Come out for an hour or so and visit with your fellow Chamber Members in a relaxed setting and get to know some of the new members!  
 Thank you, Chamber Members and guests, for attending the Chamber After Hours hosted by the **First National Bank of Kansas, Burlington branch**. **Brandee Freeman**, First National Bank of Kansas won the "Dollar Draw" and Kenda Rose, **Rose Business Solutions**, won the "Ad-mania" drawing. See the recap on page 6.
- Congratulations to **Martha Newkirk** (Life Care Center of Burlington) for being the first newsletter reader to call the Chamber and correctly identify the location of the "rambling" wheat stock in last month's Chamber Connection. Call (620) 364-2002 or (877) 364-2002 when you find it. You could be this month's winner if you find it first! *The newsletter is posted to the Chamber's website by 4 p.m. on the first Friday of the month. If you have Internet access, check the website!*
- Chamber Bags** were distributed to the attendees of the Regional City Clerks meeting hosted by the **City of LeRoy**. Chamber bags will also be distributed to the May Daze car show participants on May 5th by **Trophies & Things** (organizers of the car show). The Chamber extends a "thank you" to all members who responded to the request for inserts.
- The **Community Calendar** has been updated with the **May Daze** and **Coffey County Fair** schedules, and **American Red Cross training** opportunities. Your event could be on the calendar, too! Call (620) 364-2002 or (877) 364-2002 or e-mail Kenda at chamber\_assistant@earthlink.net with your event information.
- The **Coffey County Library, Burlington Branch**, will be hosting an **Open House** to preview the new video conferencing room available for meetings from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6th. Please call Mary Markwalter at (620) 364-8910 for more information.

Chamber member specials through the month of May. Call for details.

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Rose Business Solutions, winner of the April Chamber After Hours "Ad-mania" drawing.



# From the Director

Mary K. Walker, Executive Director

Josh Anderson, 2007 Kansas Teacher of the Year, held the Senior Honors Dinner banquet audience spell-bound on Wednesday, May 2nd as he shared a true story with the honored guests. It was a story of overcoming seemingly, insurmountable odds and working to realize a vision. The important message Josh shared with the students, parents and guests was that the students of this generation need to continue to learn, become leaders, have ideas and dreams, and make their visions a reality. Then come back and give back, to apply their skills, knowledge and training in their home-town communities making and keeping those communities a viable place to live, work, and grow for future generations. That is a message we are never too young or to old to hear.

The young people of our county hold the future in their hands. By working together and looking into the future, Coffey County will continue to be a place that is a wealth of opportunity.

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## Get On The Web! [www.coffeycountychamber.com](http://www.coffeycountychamber.com)

Since the make-over of the Chamber's website, it has quickly become a great resource for residents as well as visitors coming to the Coffey County area. From the Home Page to About Us, and every page in between, the Chamber is working to enhance and improve the visibility of Chamber Member businesses and the community as a whole.

The Chamber's website has been made-over with warm colors that divide information into clickable groups. The horizontal options—consistent throughout the site—are the backbone; vertical options are relevant to the displayed page.

The **Home** page highlights Coffey County events for a rolling-three-month period, provides general information about Coffey County with links to community information, and city and county websites or web pages. It also announces the featured business and is the home for the Ad-mania drawing winner's (free) web ad.

The **Member Directory** is more than an alphabetical list of Chamber Member businesses. Along with standard location and contact information, our list includes hyperlinks to e-mail, websites, web pages, on-line stores (where applicable), and identifies the type of business. When searching for a business in particular, simply click the alpha options that appear across the top of the page—then click a Back to Top to minimize scrolling. A *Business Category List is scheduled for posting in Mid-May.*



Businesses that have taken the extra step of providing an "on-line brochure" for web visitors have a **Member Web Page**. Business hours, forms of payment accepted, product and service descriptions, as well as contact information is detailed in the profile. Four of the eight businesses with a Member Web Page have completed their profiles; four are in progress.

The **Events Calendar** provides a month-by-month schedule of events happening in Coffey County—for the entire year. Most events are hyperlinked to a description and contact information that appears below the calendar. Schedules and registration forms are included for some events.

**Recreation** opportunities are one of Coffey County's greatest assets. Locations and contact information (when available) for fishing, hunting, camping, pools, boating, and city parks are highlighted on this page.

**Chamber News** lists current and past newsletters and Chamber Pages (from

the Coffey County Republican) as well as links to featured business, After Hours, and Ribbon Cutting articles. Simply click a link to see the desired information that can be printed from the site.

The **Membership** and **About Us** pages provide information about Chamber membership, office hours, contact information, and other Chamber-specific information.

**Let them know you saw it on the web!** Some of our Chamber members advertise on our website. All web ads are "clickable" and redirect either to the member's corporate website or member web page.

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## Chamber After Hours

It was cold and rainy but that didn't dampen the spirits of the Chamber members who came to the Chamber After Hours hosted by the staff members of the First National Bank of Kansas, Burlington branch on Tuesday, April 17th.



The Chamber members and guests that attended the event enjoyed the opportunity to meet other members and

do some networking in a relaxed, after hours setting.

Our cordial hosts provided cheese and meat treats as well as delicious fruits along with an assortment of beverages for the guests. Mary K. Walker, Executive Director, drew names for the "Dollar Draw" and "Ad-mania" drawings. Brandee Freeman, First National Bank of Kansas was the lucky "Dollar Draw" winner and Kenda Rose, Rose Business Solutions, won the "Ad-mania" drawing. Rose Business Solutions is the featured advertisement on the Chamber's website and in the Chamber Connection (see page 1).



All Chamber members (and their guests) are invited to the May Chamber After Hours at the Life Care Center of Burlington on May 24th. Stop in for an hour or so to visit



with and meet new Chamber member businesses. Bring your business card and \$2 for the drawings! You could be the next winner of the kitty or free advertising on the Chamber's website and in the

Chamber Connection! *You must be present to win drawings.* Please call or e-mail the Chamber office to schedule an After Hours get-together at your Chamber member business.

**Thank you, Chamber Members, for coming!**

**First National Bank of Kansas:** Donna Bauer & Bill Bauer (guest), Bob Drumm, Brandee Freeman, & Shelli Houston

**Brown Quality Builders, Inc.:** Darcy Brown

**Coffey County Land Title Co, Inc.:** Polly Epting & Gary Epting (guest)

**Lisa I. Garrett, CPA**

**Life Care Center of Burlington:** Martha Newkirk & Michael Pelzer

**City of New Strawn:** Christi Norman

**Rose Business Solutions:** Kenda Rose & Tim Smith (guest)

**American Red Cross, Coffey County Office:** Teri Seaton

**Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant, Terri Tweedy**

**Coffey County Fire Dist #1:** Bill Walker

**Coffey County Chamber:** Mary K. Walker

## Senior Honors Banquet

The 2007 Senior Honors Banquet, hosted by the Coffey County Chamber of Commerce, was held Wednesday, May 2nd at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Parish Hall in Burlington.

The annual banquet is held to honor Coffey County's graduating seniors who have achieved sustained, academic excellence: seven semesters of 3.0 or better GPA. A total of 176 guests were present to celebrate the achievements of this year's 81 honored seniors. 56 of the seniors, representing Burlington, Lebo, Southern Coffey County, and Waverly high schools were present at the banquet.

The evening began with an invocation by the Chamber Board's past president, Martha Newkirk and followed with a welcome by the Chamber's executive director, Mary K. Walker.

After guests enjoyed the meal, catered by Beto Junction Catering, the evening proceeded with recognition of all senior sponsors, special gift sponsors, volunteers, and the catering staff. Mary then introduced the guest speaker, Josh Anderson, the 2007 Kansas Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Anderson delivered an entertaining and inspirational speech that focused on vision and legacy, and garnered him a standing ovation. He commended the honored seniors for achieving a level of academic excellence that is "phenomenal" and encouraged them to use the



"talents and special gifts" they possess to develop "a vision" for the future. Then, once they had achieved their academic or personal goals, to bring their special gifts and talents back to the communities that have

supported them through their journey, leaving a legacy of success for future generations.

Mr. Anderson's speech was followed by presentation of the certificate of achievement from the Chamber and a special gift (a portfolio) from the Burlington Jaynes, Caldwell Implement Company, Coffey County Economic

Development, Home Health Care Plus, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, and the Chamber.

The Chamber hopes that all of our guests enjoyed the evening and wishes to thank all of the sponsors, volunteers, task force members, Chamber board members & staff, as well as the caterer for helping make the evening a memorable one. *A special "Thanks" goes to Doug Vander Linden for helping the Chamber with pictures!*

Please visit the Chamber's website to view a complete list of the Senior Sponsors, special gift sponsors, and pictures of the attending seniors. Pictures posted to the website may be saved to your computer or CD from the website.

Go to [www.coffeycountychamber.com](http://www.coffeycountychamber.com) then click "Senior Honors" to visit the senior honors page. The recap will be posted the week of May 7th.



## 2007 Coffey County Chamber of Commerce Members ♦ New member 2007

If your business is not listed below, your renewal has not yet been received at the Chamber office. Businesses will be added as renewals are received.

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 Allegre Rexall Drug  
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 Arnold's Greenhouse, Inc.  
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 Beto Junction Travel Plaza  
 Bill's Handyman Service  
 BOS Scrapbook Center  
 Brown Quality Builders, Inc.  
 Burlington Auto Supply  
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 Burlington Construction  
 Burlington Tax & Financial Center  
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 Cactus Shak  
 Caldwell Implement Co. & NAPA Auto Parts  
 Carriage House Glassworks  
 Casey's General Stores, Inc.  
*Burlington, Lebo, & New Strawn*  
 Celestial Club  
 Central National Bank  
 Charloma, Inc.  
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 City of Lebo  
 City of LeRoy  
 City of New Strawn  
 City of Waverly  
 COF Training Services, Inc.  
 Coffey County Economic Development  
 Coffey County Fire District #1  
 Coffey County Historical Society & Museum  
 Coffey County Housing Authority  
 Coffey County Insurance & Real Estate, LLC

Coffey County Land Title Co., Inc.  
 Coffey County Library *Burlington, Gridley, Lebo, LeRoy, New Strawn, & Waverly*  
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 Coffey County Transportation  
 Coffey Health System *CCH Home Health Agency, Coffey County Medical Center, EMS, Gridley Medical Clinic, LeRoy Medical Clinic, Sunset Manor, The Meadows, & Waverly Medical Clinic*  
 Country Haven Inn  
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 Farm Bureau Financial Services  
 Farmers State Bank of Aliceville  
 First National Bank of Kansas *Burlington & Waverly*  
 First National Bank of LeRoy  
 Flint Hills Subway, Inc. *Burlington*  
 Flinthills Eyecare Associates, PA  
 Grandma's Daycare ♦  
 Heartland Office Systems ♦  
 Home Health Care Plus  
 Hoover's Thriftway  
 Jackson Hewitt Tax Service  
 Jamison Farms Plumbing  
 Jones Funeral Home  
 KSNP 97.7 "The Dawg"  
 Larry Hargreaves, DDS  
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 LeRoy Co-Op  
 Lewis Oil Company  
 Life Care Center of Burlington  
 Lisa I. Garrett, CPA  
 Luther's Jerky & Luther's Store ♦  
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 Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority  
 Outback Design, LLC  
 Pamida  
 Pat's Pig Bar-B-Que & Catering II, LLC ♦  
 Payer Sales  
 Prescription Centre  
 Ravin Printing  
 Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL), Inc ♦  
 Rock Creek Entertainment  
 Rock Creek Realty  
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 State Farm Insurance  
 TEC Satellite Services, LLC  
 TECU Credit Union WCNOB Branch  
 The Appliance Store  
 Therapy Services  
 Tiffany's Cabinets & Carpet  
 Trophies and Things  
 Tupperware Consultant, Gayle Taylor ♦  
 USD 244 Burlington Schools *District Office, High School, Middle School, Elementary School*  
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**The Farmer's Market**  
 Fridays May-Oct



**Farmers Market starts the first Friday in May 4 to 7 p.m.**

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**Career Day at BES**

The Chamber participated at Burlington Elementary School's Career Day on April 20th, in the "office jobs" category. Mary and Kenda talked about the types of tasks, office equipment, and skills involved in office jobs, showed the students the Chamber's website (on laptop), and answered student's questions. Approximately 300 Chamber bags were handed out to students.

**Feature Business**

The Chamber was unable to interview **Burris Roofing** in time for this publication. The interview will be conducted and the newsletter will be reposted on the website the week of May 7th. The article will also appear on the May Chamber Page (May 11th).

**Senior Honors Recap**

A recap of the Senior Honors Banquet will be posted to the Chamber's website the week of May 7th. Pictures of the honored seniors will be available via the web page.

**Chamber After Hours**



**May 24th**, the Life Care Center of Burlington is hosting a **Chamber After Hours** starting at 5 p.m. Members: Bring your business card and \$2 for the "Dollar Draw" and "Ad-mania" drawings.

*Congratulations Brandee Freeman, winner of the "Dollar Draw" at the First National Bank of Kansas, Burlington After Hours.*

**Chamber Stats**

- During the month of April, the Chamber:
- Sold \$1,145 in Chamber Bucks.
  - Mailed out 10 information packages.
  - Stuffed 30 Chamber Bags for distribution.
  - Acquired 7 new memberships.
  - Provided 1 ribbon cutting ceremony.
  - Participated at Career Days (BES).
  - Prepared for the Senior Honors Banquet.

**Web Watch**

Chamber Web Stats provided by goDaddy.com hosting site.

- The Chamber's website has been live on goDaddy.com since 11/01/05 and underwent a complete make-over that was posted 02/06/07.
- Total Requests for (non-cached\*) Pages: 49,019 (avg 2,883/mo).
- Most Requested Quarter: 1Q 07 (9,138 requests; avg 3,046/mo).
- Top Search Words: Burlington, Coffey, County, KS, Kansas, Chamber.
- Top Search Phrases: Coffey County Chamber of Commerce, Coffey County Chamber.

\* Cached page requests are not tracked by statistics.



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**The Chamber Page**  
**Coffey County Republican**  
**Friday, May 11, 2007**

**May 2007 Community Calendar**

Visit the Chamber's website @ [www.coffeycountychamber.com](http://www.coffeycountychamber.com) for more event information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Am Red Cross training	2 Senior Honors Banquet	3	4 Chamber Newsletter Farmer's Market	5 May Daze (Burlington)
6	7	8	9	10 Am Red Cross Volunteer Orientation	11 Chamber Page* Farmer's Market	12
13 Mother's Day	14 Am Red Cross training	15 Recipes due for Cf Co Museum	16 Chamber Board meeting	17 Ladies Night Out @ Arnold's Greenhouse	18 Farmer's Market	19
20	21	22 Am Red Cross training	23	24 Chamber After Hours	25 Farmer's Market	26
27	28 Memorial Day Chamber office closed	29 Chamber office summer hours begins (9a-4p)	30 Ribbon Cut @ RCIL, Inc. Am Red Cross training	31	*The Chamber Page is published by <i>The Coffey County Republican</i> .	

Is your Coffey County event on the Chamber's website? The Chamber can help get your information out via the Web. E-mail Kenda at [chamber\\_assistant@earthlink.net](mailto:chamber_assistant@earthlink.net).

## OUR MISSION

**The Coffey County Chamber of Commerce** *is dedicated* to establishing and maintaining itself as **the primary advocate, voice, and resource** for **promoting** the *businesses* of Coffey County by **cultivating** *community involvement,* **encouraging** *business alliances,* **nurturing** the *growth and development* of new and existing businesses, and **creating** *educational opportunities* for the youth of our *communities.*

## The President's Corner

Terri Tweedy, Chamber Board President

Have you taken the time to visit the new website? It is so simple to use and there's a ton of information about Coffey County on the site.

I was looking at the Member Directory page and realized what a simple, stress-free way to shop for all the upcoming spring events such as Mother's Day, graduations, weddings, Father's Day, and birthdays.

There are several restaurants to choose from, a variety of retailers to help you with gift-giving ideas (ask them to gift wrap), and Chamber Bucks or gift certificates for that hard-to-buy-for person. Best of all, your hometown dollars stay here in Coffey County.

Most of the members had e-mail address and/or a website to visit. Phone numbers are listed as well so that all the contact information you need is right at your fingertips. Shop from the comfort of your home and simplify your spring shopping by allowing your fellow Chamber Member businesses to serve you.



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