

# The Chamber Page

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## First National Bank hosts after hours event

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BURLINGTON—First National Bank hosts chamber event

It was cold and rainy but that didn't dampen the spirits of Chamber members in attendance at the April 17 Chamber After Hours hosted by staff at First National Bank of Kansas, Burlington.

Members and guests enjoyed the opportunity to meet other members and network in a relaxed setting.

First National Bank provided cheeses and meats, fruits and drinks for guests. Walker drew names for the "Dollar Draw" and "Ad-mania" drawings. Brandee Freeman, First National Bank of Kansas, won the "Dollar Draw" 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.

All Chamber members (and their guests) are invited to the May 24 Chamber After Hours at the Life Care Center of Burlington. Stop in for an hour or so to visit with and meet new Chamber member businesses, and bring your business card and \$2 for the drawings. You could be the next



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Brandee Freeman, First National Bank staff, displays her cash jackpot after winning the Dollar Draw

winner of the kitty or free advertising on the Chamber's website and in the Chamber Connection. You must be present to win the drawings.

Please call or e-mail the Chamber office to schedule an After Hours gathering at your Chamber member business.

Thank you to these chamber members for attending the April function: First National Bank of Kansas: Donna Bauer and Bill Bauer (guest), Bob Drumm, Brandee Freeman, Shelli Houston; Brown Quality Builders, Inc.: Darcy Brown; Coffey County Land Title Co, Inc.: Polly Epting and Gary Epting (guest); The Accounting Place: Lisa I. Garrett, CPA; Life Care Center of Burlington: Martha Newkirk and Michael Pelzer; City of New Strawn: Christi Norman; Rose Business Solutions: Kenda Rose and Tim Smith (guest); American Red Cross, Coffey County Office: Teri Seaton; Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant, Terri Tweedy; Coffey County Fire District No. 1: Bill Walker; Coffey County Chamber: Mary K. Walker.



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More than 80 graduating seniors and 120 guests enjoyed a catered meal May 2 during the annual Senior Honors Night banquet.

## Academic excellence honored

BURLINGTON—Coffey County's graduating seniors, who have achieved specific academic excellence, were honored during a banquet May 2. The event, hosted by Coffey County Chamber of Commerce, was held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Parish Hall.

To receive an invitation to the annual banquet, a senior must sustain a 3.0 grade point average or higher, for seven semesters. Eighty-one students met this goal and 56 attended, along with 120 guests, to celebrate the achievement.

The evening began with an invocation by the chamber board's past president, Martha Newkirk, followed by a welcome from Chamber Executive Director Mary K. Walker.

After the meal, catered by Beto Junction Catering, the evening proceeded with recognition of all senior sponsors, special gift sponsors, volunteers, and the catering staff.

Guest speaker for the event was Josh Anderson, 2007 Kansas Teacher of the Year. 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 excel-



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2007 Teacher of the Year Josh Anderson, above, received a standing ovation after challenging the honorees to develop their skills to create a vision for the future.

lence that is phenomenal and encouraged them to use the talents and special gifts they possess to develop a vision for the future. Once achieving their academic or personal goals, he challenged them 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.

Following Anderson's words, seniors received a certificate of achievement from the Chamber, and a special gift (a portfolio) from the Burlington Jaynes, Caldwell Imple-

ment 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 and staff, as well as the caterer for helping make the evening a memorable one. A special thank you to Doug Vander Linden for helping the Chamber with pictures.

Visit the Chamber's Web site to view a complete list of senior sponsors, special gift sponsors, and pictures of the attending seniors. Pictures posted to the Web site may be saved to your computer or CD from the Web site. Go to [www.coffeycounty-chamber.com](http://www.coffeycounty-chamber.com) then click "Senior Honors" to visit the senior honors page.

"This year's Senior Honors Night was a huge success, thanks to the task force members and volunteers," said Chamber President Terri Tweedy. "Special thanks go 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."

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

Since the make-over of the Chamber's Web site, 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 Web site 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 Web site or member Web page.

Visit the Chamber's Web site today!

## Life Care Center to host

The May Chamber After Hours will be hosted by Life Care Center of Burlington at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 24 at 601 Cross Street. 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!

## RCIL to cut ribbon

BURLINGTON—The Coffey County Library, Burlington Branch, will host an open house 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, to preview the new video conferencing room available for meetings. Call Mary Markwalter, (620) 364-8910, for more information.

## Open house is June 6

BURLINGTON—The Chamber will have a ribbon cutting ceremony about 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at the Burlington location of Resource Center for Independent Living, Inc. (RCIL). RCIL will host an open house over the noon hour with refreshments.

## Article on business postponed

The Chamber was unable to interview the featured business, Burris Roofing, in time for publication. The interview will be conducted and the May newsletter will be re-posted on the Chamber's Web site. The Burris Roofing article will be on the June Chamber Page.

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