

## From the Director

I've seen the pictures on the news, on the internet and snapshots brought back by volunteers, but absolutely none of that prepared me for what greeted me when I came into what



**Mary K. Walker**  
Executive Director

was once a quaint town of Kansas, one that had its own style, interesting shops; a busy, bustling community, just as we are fortunate to have in Coffey County. The town is Greensburg.

As I was escorted around town and shown the remains of the courthouse, hospital, schools, fire stations, City Hall, Chamber of Commerce and the Largest Hand Dug Well, I came to realize that there was no defined downtown or residential areas; no trees or street signs. Nothing that defines who they were or what was once their home town remained intact.

Greensburg is a busy, bustling community, but, not with commerce. It is bustling with activity as the multitude of agencies and volunteers from around Kansas and beyond pitch in with front-end loaders, dump trucks and generators to remove the debris and offer whatever assistance they can to help residents recover from the devastation.

Agencies from Coffey County have been and are continuing to respond with fire protection apparatus and personnel, ambulance and medical personnel and law enforcement personnel. Volunteers work against the constant wind, the clock and Mother Nature; the pace is brutal but everyone agrees it is necessary in the effort to rebuild Greensburg. Their determination unites them in the cause.

What happened in Greensburg could happen anywhere in Kansas; it could happen in Coffey County. But what is just as important to note here is that an event of lesser proportions could also cause considerable disruption to any one of Coffey County's businesses—a fire, burst water line, a structural failure. What would you do to keep your business going—especially when it is your livelihood? There is no time like the present to evaluate your business and establish a plan to help you recover from an unforeseen disruption of business.

If you have questions regarding Business Recovery plans, contact the Chamber and we will provide resources for you, (620) 364.2002, (877) 364.2002, [countychamber@earthlink.net](mailto:countychamber@earthlink.net).



## May Chamber After Hours

Life Care Center of Burlington hosted the May Chamber After Hours on May 24. Donna Bauer, First National Bank of Kansas, won both drawings, the "Dollar Draw" and "Ad-mania." This is a second Ad-mania win for First National Bank of Kansas.

Thank you, Chamber members, for attending: Coffey County Economic Development - Jon Hotaling; Embarras - Rick Grabill; First National Bank of Kansas - Donna Bauer; Grandma's Daycare - Anna White; Life Care Center of Burlington - Martha Newkirk; Coffey County Chamber - Mary K. Walker.

## June Chamber After Hours

The next Chamber After Hours will be hosted by Merrill Lynch Financial Advisor Cheryl Muench on Wednesday, June 27, at 344 North 5th Street, New Strawn. Please courtesy RSVP at (620) 364.2002 or (877) 364.2002.

## New Chamber member

The Chamber would like to welcome our first sponsored member, Crazy Karaoke. Steve and Kerry Templeton, New Strawn, own and run the karaoke and DJ service.

Krazy Karaoke recently were DJs for the "Dance for Hope" dance at the Burlington Elementary School, provided entertainment for the Relay for Life walk at BHS, and currently provides karaoke at Buddies Bar & Grill the first Friday of the month.

Please join the Chamber in welcoming our new member and keep them in mind for your next party or event! Contact information is listed on the Chamber's member directory at [www.coffeycountychamber.com](http://www.coffeycountychamber.com). Rose Business Solutions is the sponsoring Chamber member.

## Burris Roofing

The time and growth are good indicators of the health of a business and for Kenny Burris, owner of Burris Roofing in New Strawn, business is, well, pretty healthy. In 1997, with not even a ladder, but a desire to work with his hands and be outdoors, Kenny started Burris Roofing from scratch, which is a bit of a surprise when you learn that Kenny has a bachelor's degree in accounting. Back then, Burris Roofing was predominantly commercial roofing but 10 years of business has a way of growing on you.

In 2006, Burris Roofing moved from a home-based office to its present location at 308 North Industrial (on U.S. Highway 75) in New Strawn. With that move, Kenny expanded the business offerings to include residential roofing and seamless guttering. The two products seemed to go "hand-in-hand" and it was an expansion of services already provided.

Burris Roofing installs the popular Tamko Heritage series roofing shingles for residential application that carry a 30-year product warranty. Tamko also offers 50-year, life-time, and designer series roofing shingles. Residential roofing materials includes shake and composite roofing shingles—no metal roofs. Burris offers a 15-year workmanship warranty on residential installations. Seamless guttering is available in 23 colors to compliment your home's exterior. The primary market Burris Roofing serves for residential is northeast Kansas.

On the commercial side, Burris installs PVC and coating restoration on

## FEATURED MEMBER



Kenny Burris has owned Burris Roofing for 10 years.

metal, asphalt, or old PVC as well as sprayed-on polyurethane foam (SPF). Commercial roofing materials carry between 10- and 25-year product warranties and Burris warranties workmanship up to 20 years, depending on the product installed.

Burris Roofing offers a free, no obligation estimate and schedules installations around the current work demand. "(Business is) all about the customer, you give the customer what they want that is the best product for the value," Burris believes. That's why he will work with clients to get the installation scheduled and completed and "won't tear off what can't be covered in a day" on replacement jobs. Burris Roofing is also workman's comp and liability insured so that the client is not at risk

should an accident happen on a job site.

Kenny's seven-man crew is experienced in residential and commercial installations and has been providing roofing maintenance for clients such as the City of Lawrence and Sasnak, a Wichita based company that owns Carlos O'Kellys and privately owned Applebee's. Burris Roofing sometimes sub-contracts other crews to take on large projects like the Jim Stafford Theater in Branson, Mo.

Burris Roofing is located at 308 North Industrial, New Strawn, KS 66839. Call Kristin between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at (620) 364-2059 or toll free at (877) 364-2059 to schedule your free estimate. Product and company information is available at [www.burrisroofing.com](http://www.burrisroofing.com).

## Web Watch 2007

(as of May 30, 2007)

\* Page Requests by Month: January, 3,222; February, 2,508; March, 3,408; April, 3,586; May, 4,209.

\* Page requests by Web page: About Us, 405; Chamber News List, 510; Chamber Pages, 733; Newsletters, 475; Community, 427; Community Calendar (all months), 2,781; Community Calendar (May, 421; April, 384; July, 347; March, 289; June, 238; February, 230; August, 167; November, 158; October, 148; September, 144; January, 133; December, 122); Member Directory, 1,409; Member Web Page List, 609; Member Web Pages (combined), 1,012; Banks Realty, 520; Rose Business Solutions, 262; Caldwell's, 176; Grandma's Daycare, 54; Membership Information, 395; Recreation, 501; Request Information, 262.

## Chamber statistics

During the month of April, the Chamber sold \$1,145 in Chamber Bucks, mailed 10 information packages, stuffed 30 Chamber Bags for distribution, acquired 7 new memberships, provided one ribbon cutting ceremony, participated at Career Days (BES) and prepared for and hosted the Coffey County Senior Honors Banquet.

## BOS Scrapbook Center

Chamber member business BOS Scrapbook Center, 212 Neosho Street, Burlington, is going out of business. 30% off all in-stock scrapbooking and office supplies. Doors close June 30. Thank you BOS Scrapbook Center for your past Chamber involvement and support.

## RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AND OPEN HOUSE



## Resource Center for Independent Living, Inc., Burlington

There was a great turn out for the ribbon cutting ceremony and open house hosted by RCIL's Burlington location, 410 Cumberland. Fresh baked cookies, sandwiches and beverages were served to 15-20 guests who attended the event, welcomed a new Chamber member and celebrated the recent renovation of the Burlington location.

RCIL, Inc. is a non-profit organization that works with individuals, families, and communities to promote independent living and individual choice to persons with disabilities.

Core services offered by RCIL, Inc. include information and referral services, advocacy, IL skills training, peer support services, and deinstitutionalization. Additional and special services and qualifications for programs are detailed on the RCIL Web site at [www.rcilinc.org](http://www.rcilinc.org).

In addition to Burlington, RCIL has locations in Emporia, Arkansas City, El Dorado, Iola, Coffeyville, Topeka, and

Fort Scott. The home office is in Osage City.

Pat Pittman, the independent living counselor at the Burlington location, is excited about being able to provide services for those in and around our community. Pat can be reached by phone or e-mail at (620) 364-2263 or [pat@rcilinc.org](mailto:pat@rcilinc.org).

## Career Day at BES

The Chamber participated at Burlington Elementary School's Career Day April 20, in the "office jobs" category. Chamber executive director Mary Walker and office assistant Kenda Rose talked with students about their work, the office equipment in current use, and skills involved in office jobs. Students viewed the Chamber's Web site on a laptop, and asked questions of the chamber staff. Approximately 300 Chamber bags were distributed to students.

## Coffey County Chamber of Commerce Member List

(Current as of June 6, 2007)

- Across the Borders
- Allegre Rexall Drug
- American Red Cross, Coffey Co. Office
- Arnold's Greenhouse, Inc.
- Arrowhead Hills Travel Service
- Atmos Energy
- Bahr Tire, Inc. & Bahr Storage
- Banks Realty, LLC
- Beto Junction Travel Plaza
- Bill's Handyman Service
- BOS Scrapbook Center
- Brown Quality Builders, Inc.
- Burlington Auto Supply
- Burlington Building Materials
- Burlington Construction
- Burlington Tax & Financial Center
- Burris Roofing
- 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.
- Citizens State Bank - Burlington, Gridley, Hamilton, Madison, New Strawn, & Lyndon
- City of Burlington
- City of Gridley
- City of Lebo
- City of LeRoy
- City of New Strawn
- City of Waverly
- COF Training Services, Inc.
- Coffey County Airport
- 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
- The Coffey County Republican
- 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
- County Haven Inn
- Crow-Moddie Chevrolet, LLC
- Crow-Moddie Ford
- Dr. Dale Herdler, OD
- Elliott Insurance Group
- Embarras
- Farm Bureau Financial Services - Larry Gleue
- Farmers State Bank of Aliceville
- First National Bank of Kansas - Burlington & Waverly
- First National Bank of LeRoy
- Flint Hills Subway, Inc. Burlington
- Flint Hills 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
- Krazy Karaoke
- KSNP 97.7 "The Dawg"
- Larry Hargreaves, DDS
- Lebo's Oak Street Cottage
- LeRoy Co-Op
- Lewis Oil Company
- Life Care Center of Burlington
- Lisa L. Garrett, CPA
- Luther's Jerky & Luther's Store
- Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Made in the Shade Blinds & More
- Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant - Terri Tweedy
- Medical Arts Clinic-Lebo
- Medicine Shoppe
- Meier's Ready Mix
- Merrill Lynch Financial Advisor - Cheryl Muench
- Merry Investments
- Office Supplies Today
- 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, Inc.
- Rock Creek Entertainment
- Rock Creek Realty
- Rocking R Motel
- Rose Business Solutions
- State Farm Insurance - Patty Ann Sanborn
- TEC Satellite Services, LLC
- TECU Credit Union WCNOC 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
- USD 244 Recreation Commission - Recreation Center, 21st Century Community Learning Center
- Wallace's Dairy Queen
- Waverly Lumber
- Wireless Concepts
- Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation
- Yummy Creations

E-mail the Chamber at [countychamber@earthlink.net](mailto:countychamber@earthlink.net)

## SUPPORT THESE COFFEY COUNTY BUSINESSES. THEY HELP SUPPORT MANY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

**WOLF CREEK**  
NUCLEAR OPERATING  
We Support Coffey County  
1550 Oxen Lane N.E. • Burlington, KS  
(620) 364-8831

Office Supplies  
**Today**  
324 Hudson  
Burlington  
(620) 364-5325

**COUNTRY HAVEN INN**  
(620) 364-8260

**Caldwell Implement Co. & Auto Parts**  
S. Hwy. 75 • Burlington  
Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Sat. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. • Sun. 1-4 p.m.  
(620) 364-5327

**Central National Bank**  
Money for Life  
Member FDIC  
201 S. Fourth • Main Bank  
Drive-In at 1022 N. Fourth  
(620) 364-8875

**Larry C. Hargreaves, D.D.S.**  
Family Dentistry  
(620) 364-8414  
314 Neosho • Burlington

**Heartland Office Systems**  
Canon SHARP  
Copiers Full line of office equipment  
Emporia  
(800) 279-8671

**Coffey Health System**  
"Bringing Health Care Home"  
Coffey County Hospital • Coffey County EMS  
• CCH Home Health Agency  
• Coffey County Medical Center  
• LeRoy Medical Clinic • Waverly Medical Clinic  
• The Meadows • Sunset Manor  
• Gridley Medical Clinic  
• Yates Center Medical Clinic

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF KANSAS**  
"Your Bank of a Lifetime"  
We're Here For You  
[www.fnbofks.com](http://www.fnbofks.com)  
Burlington 600 N. 4th (620) 364-9472  
Waverly 305 Pearson (785) 733-2564  
Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

**Training Services Inc.**  
Community Developmental Disabilities Organization providing services to adults and children with disabilities, through cooperation with the community and businesses.  
1415 S. 6th St. Burlington, KS  
(620) 364-2151

**Prescription Centre**  
Western Union, Lottery, Videos, Money Orders, Pharmacy, U.S. Postal Drop, ATM, Film Developing, Double Coupons, Deli, Food Stamps, Fax Center (620) 364-2887

**CITIZENS STATE BANK**  
Gridley (620) 836-2888  
Burlington (620) 364-8211  
New Strawn (620) 364-8871  
Hamilton Madison Lyndon  
[www.bankscb.biz](http://www.bankscb.biz) Member FDIC

**Burlington Tax & Financial Center**  
210 Neosho • Burlington, Ks.  
(620) 364-2200  
**Kent Hoyt**

**Shop at Home**  
Keep Jobs Growing in Coffey County  
**COFFEY COUNTY**  
Coffey County Economic Development

QUALITY CARE  
Where the Quality Continues:  
**Crow-Moddie**  
S. Hwy. 75 • Burlington  
(620) 364-2197

**Coffey County Airport**  
1899 Hwy. 75 • Burlington, KS  
Darren Isch, Manager  
(620) 364-5346  
Email: [ccairport@kans.com](mailto:ccairport@kans.com)  
Summer Hours: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Winter Hours: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Allied Insurance**  
a Nationwide® company  
On Your Side™  
**EIG Elliott Insurance Group**  
"A FULL CIRCLE OF SERVICES"  
800 N. 4th • Burlington  
(620) 364-8811

**Merry Investments**  
201 N. 3rd St.  
Burlington  
(620) 364-3051

Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment  
**Therapy Services**  
420 Kennedy St. • Burlington  
(620) 364-2606  
By appointment only.

**Home HEALTH Care Plus**  
**Wireless Concepts**  
316 Neosho St. • Burlington  
(620) 364-8055

**The Coffey County Republican**  
324 Hudson • Burlington, KS • 66839  
(620) 364-5325  
[www.coffeycountyonline.com](http://www.coffeycountyonline.com)

**CROW MODDIE**  
CHEVY • PONTIAC • BUICK  
1120 S. 4th St • Burlington  
(620) 364-2127  
TOLL FREE  
(866) 364-1465

If you would like to be a sponsor of the Chamber Page please call  
(620) 364-5325 ext. 107.