



# Louisburg Chamber of Commerce

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## Newsletter

May – June 2008

### Welcome New Member

*Rejuvenate Spa*, 8A Broadway, 913-837-4685, Kim Jones owner

### Chamber Calendar

May 1	First Option Bank Community Day, Open House 2 – 4 pm; free hot dogs & hamburgers 5 – 7 pm
May 2	Noon Board meeting in room 102, Louisburg Plaza Office Building
May 3	City clean up day pick up
May 4	Cruise the Burg Classic Car Show, downtown on Broadway, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
May 10, 11	Miami County Scenic Farm Tour, details at <a href="http://www.miamicountyks.org/ecodevtour.htm">www.miamicountyks.org/ecodevtour.htm</a> or Chamber office
May 10	Louisburg Cider Mill, Slow Food KC event, 14730 Hwy 68 - see details below in notes and news
May 13	9 a.m. Chamber Coffee at the Louisburg Library, 206 S. Broadway – update on the new Library
June 6	Noon Board meeting in room 102, Louisburg Plaza Office Building
June 10	9 a.m. Chamber Coffee at Rejuvenate Spa, 8A Broadway
June 12	Noon, General Membership lunch meeting, location to be announced, RSVPS will be needed
June 14	13 <sup>th</sup> annual Louisburg Fishing Derby at City Lake, 16 yrs. & under, registration starts at 7 a.m.
June 21	Miami County Historical Museum in Paola, celebrates the 75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Lone Ranger, 12:30 p.m.
July 4	Freedom Celebration Event & Fireworks, Lewis Young Park, music by Middle Creek Opry band

### Notes and News From Members

Congratulations to the Jason Culbertson family of **The Culbertson Organization** with their new addition, baby Vanessa Caren Elizabeth Culbertson born April 14.

The **Louisburg Cider Mill's** Slow Food KC event is free to attend and open to the public, Sat. May 10. Jasper Mirabile of Jasper's restaurant is broadcasting his show live from the Cider Mill 11 a.m. to noon. Slow food Kansas City will have guest chefs from Jasper's, **Timbercreek**, Beethoven's Molly's Table Catering and Casa Somerset Catering providing cooking demonstrations using the products produced by Miami County farm tour participants and area farmers. Samples will be aplenty. At 6:30 p.m. a concert by Nashville singing artist Adrienne Young will perform as a benefit event for Slow Food KC, \$10 per person, under 10 yrs. old free. Bring your chairs and food and beverage if you like or enjoy a light pasta meal by Chef Mike Hursey of Casa Somerset for a \$5 donation.

Sam Abu Ali of **Golden Gate, Inc. / T-Mobile** has expanded his business services to include international consulting in such areas as: terrorism, homeland security and security abroad, cultural diversity and awareness, ethnic profiling, international politics, corporate image, leadership development and international business development.

The **Miami County Historical Museum** (Swan River Museum) holds their monthly meeting the fourth Monday of the month at 3 p.m. and always welcomes new memberships. Longtime volunteer Betty Bendorf notified the Chamber they need more members from the Louisburg area. The museum recently requested a letter of support from the Chamber to include with an application for acquiring the *Journey Stories* traveling Smithsonian exhibition. In June Bud Bortner displays his Lone Ranger collection celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Lone Ranger with a free public program at 12:30 p.m. Sat. June 21 at the museum, 12 E. Peoria, Paola.



Chamber Coffee's in March and April were at **Ann's Floral & Design, Midwest Connections, Timbercreek Bar & Grill, and Landscapers Supply**. A Chamber *After Hours Mixer* was hosted by **Louisburg Ford**. Thank you to all these businesses for having us.

Also in March the Chamber's Economic Development Committee scheduled Robert Kolich from the Kansas Small Business Development Center located at Johnson County Community College. Kolich spoke at Fox Hall to Chamber members on [A Search for Employees That Fit](#) and reviewed behavioral interviewing. Ksbdc can be contacted at [www.ksbdc.biz](http://www.ksbdc.biz)



### **Kansas Dept. of Commerce, Travel and Tourism Division Promotes Kansas Culture and Tourism**

It is known that travelers are eager to purchase original products from the destinations they experience. Soon Kansas visitors will be able to purchase items made by Kansas artisans of handcrafted items, specialty foods, artwork and more through a new ecommerce site. [www.TakeKansasHome.com](http://www.TakeKansasHome.com) will feature Kansas products supported with a complete marketing program by Free Bird Business Solutions. In addition to the dedicated website, the Goodland Travel Information Center gift shop will expose Kansas products to it's 140,000 visitors passing through per year. This project will test whether exposure to such products will cause visitors to travel to the areas in Kansas where featured products are produced and if sales can be generated for artisans in Kansas. For information on the vendor participation application contact Becky Blake at 785-296-6988. The Chamber office also has detailed information on the program.

### **Volunteer Center of Johnson County**

Recently the Louisburg Chamber and other area Chamber's staff met with Elaine Perilla of the Volunteer Center of Johnson County. The volunteer center exists to recruit and mobilize volunteers to meet community needs and they have many resources and volunteers ready to serve. Miami County can be served by this organization. Your business or organization may want to familiarize yourself with becoming a partner with the volunteer center, which is located on the third floor of Metcalf South Shopping Center. The center can be reached at 913-341-1792.

### **New Louisburg Businesses**

Artistic Imaging, 508 S. Metcalf (inside Frankie's Salon & Boutique) 816-716-8617, Tiffany Manson owner  
Celebrity Pets, 601 S. Metcalf #200, 913-837-4549, Amy Kessler owner  
Rejuvenate Spa, 8A Broadway, 913-837-4685, Kim Jones owner

### **Human Resources Roundtable**

Recently representatives from school districts, large employers, Cities, Chambers of Commerce and professionals from Louisburg, Paola, Osawatomie and Spring Hill met at Fort Scott Community College in Paola to discuss employment issues important to Miami County. Keeping skilled workers in the area, posting of jobs, grants available for various industry training, evaluation of skills, and recruiting workers were some of the topics discussed. Representatives from Kansas Works through the Dept. of Commerce reviewed resources available to employers, job seekers and job support partners. Resource websites and personal contacts that would be glad to help you with questions and information are:

[www.kansasworks.com](http://www.kansasworks.com)

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Business contact, Travis Allen, 620-404-9548 or 620-232-2849; for job seeker or educational institution, Tina Troth, 620-231-6597

If you are interested in finding out about a Registered Apprenticeship program available contact, Loretta Shelley at 785-296-4161. The Chamber office also has a brief summary of this program.

