

MEMBER NEWS

PRATT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHAMBER'S 2010-2011 MEMBERSHIPS DUE

Local businesses and individuals are invited to make their annual investments in the Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce in the coming weeks.

"I invite everyone to renew their association with the chamber for the 2010-2011 fiscal year beginning July 1," said Jan Scarbrough, executive director of the Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Your continued support promotes the Pratt economy by encouraging local business investment resulting in a greater tax base for the benefit of all citizens."

Business memberships are available for \$195 while individuals can enroll for \$95.

Payments can be made on an annual, semi-annual or quarterly basis.

For more information, contact the chamber office at (620) 672-5501.

DIRECTORS NAMED TO BOARD

Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce members elected Gary Barker, Bill Skaggs, Brad Simpson and Carol Stull to the board of directors in June and the board appointed Barry Fisher to a term vacated by Greg Harry.

"I encourage these new directors to jump right in by offering new ideas and concepts, taking leadership roles within our committees and becoming active ambassadors of the chamber." said Jan Scarbrough, Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce ex-

ecutive director. "There are changes happening with the chamber and so many things going on in Pratt right now that this will be an exciting time to be a member of the board."

The new board members will begin their appointments in July.

Members are invited to meet the chamber's new leadership at a July 29 reception at Park Hills Country Club from 5-7 p.m.

SIDEWALK SALE ON JULY 10

Take advantage of summer savings during the Pratt Sidewalk Sale on July 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Merchant savings are available citywide during the sale with area vendors also present downtown.

Free hamburgers provided by the City of Pratt and served by the Pratt City Fire Department are available from 11:30-1:30 p.m.

The Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce's 2-\$50 gift cer-

tificate drawings are scheduled at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Shoppers can register to win at the chamber's booth in front of First National Bank in Pratt.

Current Chamber Membership: 238

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PLEASE SHARE THE CHAMBER NEWS WITH YOUR STAFF!



LEFT: Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting on June 23 in honor of Arrowhead West's grand opening of two duplexes. The handicapped accessible duplexes at 704 S. High can house a total of eight of the organization's clients.

A MESSAGE FROM JAN

As I move into my second month on the job, the chamber ends its year. The new fiscal year begins July 1. A time to **re-new**...for the chamber and its board to renew its commitment to its members to offer services, to assist with growth of existing businesses, to attract new businesses and residents; for the chamber members to renew their commitment to helping promote Pratt and to participate in community endeavors that encourage visitors to come to Pratt. This is a **joint** effort to make our town the best that it can be—and to let “the world” know just how great we are. I am committed to helping make this a reality.

We say goodbye to our outgoing board members: Cheri Hitt, Kelly Mason, Kelly McDermeit and Mark Ploger. A huge thank you to them for the time they have spent participating in board activities and serving our membership. And, of course, thank you to Kurt McAfee,

outgoing president, for his year of leadership.

At the July board meeting the new board members will be officially “seated.” We welcome them and look forward to working with them on the board.

We have a busy month ahead of us. Thunder on the Prairie activities kick off the month of July with their parade, followed by live music and fireworks at Pratt County Veteran’s Memorial Lake. Plans for the sidewalk sale are in full swing—I personally can hardly wait to see what bargains are in store for us. We wrap up the month with the Pratt County Fair. It’s been a long time (and no, I won’t tell you how long!) since I’ve attended the fair and I’m excited. Dust off the boots....

It’s going to be a great year, folks!

MEMBER NEWS

Trand Award

Trand, Inc. owners Terry and Sandra Arnett have been named the U.S. Small Business Administration’s 2010 Small Business Persons of the year for the state of Kansas.

Every year since 1963, the SBA, in conjunction with National Small Business Week, has recognized outstanding individuals from America’s small business community for their achievements and contributions to the nation’s economy. Winners are evaluated and selected on various criteria including staying power; increase in sales; current and past financial performance; innovativeness of product or service offered; and



response to adversity or challenges.

Trand, Inc., has gone through many changes over its 20 year history. In the beginning, it provided transportation and set up of oil drilling rigs in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. When oilfield work began to dry up, the company branched into long haul, flat bed trucking. The oilfield trucks were sold in 1995 and two double drop trailers were purchased for hauling various types of oversize and overweight loads. More recently, the company has specialized in providing hydraulic crane services throughout the Midwest. With a fleet of cranes ranging from 30-tons all the way to 550-tons, Trand’s varied customer base includes millwrights, farmer’s coops, gas plants, oil producers, ethanol plants, steel erectors and wind farms.

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COUPON BOOK TO FEATURE MEMBERS

The Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Pratt Travel & Tourism, is introducing a coupon book featuring members' goods and services this summer.

"The coupon book will be shared with visitors, new residents and those participating in special events held in Pratt

County free of charge," said Ludi Eggling, chairperson of the Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce City Promotions Committee. "The coupon book is another opportunity for the chamber to market member businesses."

Chamber members can include a promotion for their business in the coupon

book by contacting the office by July 9. The included discounts or specials need to be valid through December 31.

For more information about the coupon book please contact the chamber office at (620) 672-5501 or info@prattkan.com.

AMBASSADORS GREETING HELD IN JUNE

Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors met Gary Haworth of PC Shop LLC in June. Haworth, a Pratt native, operates a home computer service company at his home at 605 Green. Open Tuesdays-Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Haworth is also available to work offsite or by appointment.

The PC Shop's July discounts include \$5 off a diagnostic fee, bringing your price to \$20 and 5% off all part orders.

The PC Shop LLC is available at (620) 388-2419.



ABOVE: Jan Scarbrough and the Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors welcomed Gary Haworth to the Pratt business community in June.

APPLICATIONS FOR RECOVERY ZONE BOND AUTHORITY • continued on page 4

The Kansas Department of Commerce will begin accepting applications July 1 for \$46 million in available Recovery Zone Facility Bond and \$31.5 million in Recovery Zone Economic Development Bond allocation authority for business and public improvement projects.

Both amounts of state bond capacity could potentially increase if local allocations are not issued by June 30. Updated total bond capacity amounts will be posted at kansascommerce.com/rz as the Kansas Department of Commerce receives waivers of local allocations.

The Kansas Department of Commerce will accept applications from July 1-23, and announcements of awards will be made by Aug. 15. Applications will be evaluated on the merit of each project and the economic impact it will have on the state. Applicants must demonstrate

the ability to issue bonds by December 31, 2010.

Applicants can download an application at kansascommerce.com/rz and



ABOVE: Roy and Elsie Blythe Foundation President Porter Loomis, with members of the Blythe family, led a groundbreaking ceremony for the Blythe Family Fitness building on June 22. The fitness facility is funded, in part, by the City of Pratt, Pratt Area Economic Development Corp. and Pratt County. The foundation also acquired Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce members Leon and Kristina Kaufman's business, Bodies Elite Gym & Fitness. Kristina Kaufman will serve as the facility's executive director.



Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce

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Save the Date!

Pratt Community Blood Drive

June 25 • 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Pratt Community Building
Visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment.

numana Packaging Event

June 26 • 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pratt Municipal Building
Haiti still needs our help! Help pack 285,120 meals for Haitians. For more information contact Anne Loomis at (620) 672-7140.

Homemade Jams & Jellies

June 30 • 6-9 p.m.
Pratt County Extension Office
Learn how to make two types of jelly and one type of jam. Cost for materials and three small jars of jelly is \$10. Register by calling Jodi Drake at the Pratt County Extension Office at (620) 672-6121.

Thunder on the Prairie

July 3
American Legion Riders Post 86 hosts the 2nd annual Thunder on the Prairie. The event begins with a military parade in downtown Pratt at 11 a.m. Live entertainment, vendors, food and beverages are available on the island at the Pratt County Veterans Memorial Lake for \$15 each or \$25 a couple beginning at 1 p.m. Fireworks are scheduled at dark. Event proceeds benefit the Legacy Fund, Fr. Riley Resilient Warrior Project and Relay for Life.

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mail it to the address on the form. Applicants who are awarded an allocation through the reallocation process must pay an administrative fee of \$250 to the Kansas Department of Commerce Bond Fee Fund at the time of issuance.

Recovery Zone Facility Bonds and Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds are two new types of bonds created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to help economically distressed areas. Recovery Zone Facility Bonds are intended to be used for privately owned projects. These bonds are federally tax exempt, which can provide the principal beneficiary with a lower cost of capital. Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds are used for public infrastructure and are fully taxable to the bond holders, but the U.S. Treasury will pay to the issuer (cities, counties) an amount equal to 45 percent of each interest payment.

For details, contact Ed Serrano at (785) 368-7293.

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