

“Nation’s Best Chamber”

August 15, 2007  
The Chamber is the voice of business that advances the economic well-being and quality of life in the Olathe community.

## BOARD VOTES TO SUPPORT SCHOOL BONDS

### The Chamber’s Board of Directors voted to support the

Olathe School District’s \$138 million bond proposal, which will come before voters on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

If passed by voters, the bonds will allow the District to improve and refurbish existing schools, upgrade and expand classroom technology, and accommodate massive growth by providing additional elementary school space (including two new elementary schools), building one new junior high and a new Technology Support Center, undertaking design work on a fifth high school, and securing four elementary school sites.

With 26,233 students, the Olathe School District is the third largest district in Kansas. It grows by the equivalent of one or two new elementary schools per year, Superintendent Dr. Pat All told Chamber Board members.

The Chamber Board’s vote of approval was based on the Chamber’s mission to “advance the economic well being and quality of life in Olathe” and its goal to foster economic growth and maintain a balanced tax base.

The Chamber’s Business to Government Advocacy Council Steering Committee and the Chamber’s Executive Committee considered and endorsed the bond issue before it was submitted to the Board for approval.

The vote on the bonds was unanimous, although three members of the Board who wished to avoid a potential conflict of interest abstained from voting.

### Help promote voting! VOTEOLATHE GEARS UP

To increase voter participation, the Chamber encourages its members to participate in its VoteOlathe initiative to help educate voters, foster an awareness of the voting process, and increase voting.

More than 140 Olathe businesses participated in VoteOlathe this spring, sharing with their employees information about ballot issues and registration.

If your business has not yet signed up to participate in VoteOlathe, please contact Susan Wallace at [swallace@olathe.org](mailto:swallace@olathe.org).

Meanwhile, Susan is eager to point out that there will be no voting at the polls in the Oct. 16 school bond election; ballots will be automatically mailed to registered voters 30 days in advance. All residents within the Olathe School District are encouraged to register to vote, if eligible, or update their voter registration at [www.joco-election.org](http://www.joco-election.org) by Tuesday, Oct. 2.

Thanks are extended to the following VoteOlathe sponsors: Bank of Blue Valley, Metcalf Bank, Olathe Medical Center, PepsiAmericas, and Dyce Bonham.

## CORPORATE RIDGE K-10 LOCATION LEADS TO BOOM

### With two major new buildings posed to open

before year’s end and a third already approved by the city, Corporate Ridge Office Park, Ridgeview and K-10, is one of the hottest office developments in the Kansas City area—especially for high-tech companies.

Nearing completion first is Corporate Ridge III, with 100,000 sq. feet, 70,000-sq.-ft. of which will be occupied by **Farmers Insurance Group**. The second building, Corporate Ridge II with 116,000 sq. feet, will house **Terracon Consultants Inc.** and **Garmin International**.

Terracon is relocating its headquarters with 125 employees to Corporate Ridge.

Garmin International, which is also expanding its Ridgeview campus with 180,000-sq.-ft. of new warehouse space, is moving its entire Consumer Product Support team to Corporate Ridge.

With an employee base in Olathe of approximately 3,000 by the end of the year, Farmers Insurance will bring 400 employees from its National Property Claims Operations to Corporate Ridge III.

Construction on Corporate Ridge I, an 87,000-sq.-ft. building, will begin as soon as a tenant is secured, likely within the next few months. Opus Northwest, Corporate Ridge developer, is expected to submit plans for two additional buildings this month, adding another 150,000 sq. feet.

Demand for office space along the rapidly growing K-10 corridor is fueling development, outpacing office development elsewhere in Kansas City, says Tim McKee,



Two new buildings—which will house Terracon and a Garmin division (above, top) and Farmers (above)—will be complete before the end of the year.

the Chamber’s executive vice president of Economic Development.

The proximity to K-10, I-435, and I-35 make Corporate Ridge easily accessible from throughout the Kansas City area.

## RAILS, PARKING IMPROVING DOWNTOWN

### The City of Olathe is making progress on its

plan to turn downtown into a multi-functional business district that is active days, nights, and weekends as it continues to implement its Envision Olathe Downtown Plan.

Downtown revitalization remains a high priority for the Chamber.

The “Raising the Rails” project that elevates train tracks over four critical intersections leading into downtown is scheduled to be completed in time for trains to be using the elevated tracks before the end of 2008.

The City is also working with Burlington Northern/Santa Fe to develop a “quiet zone” for the west track. Currently 23 at-grade railroad crossings exist where trains are required to sound horns. An average of 120 trains travel through the city daily, and as a result, train horns

are blowing in Olathe about 2,760 times every day. The 11 crossings on the western tracks running through downtown generate about five hours of whistle noise each day alone.

“Quiet zones” allow local communities to work with railroad companies to significantly improve crossing for greater safety so that trains are no longer required to sound horns.

The city has been pursuing this goal since 2005, and the Olathe City Council approved \$5.1 million for the project in 2006. Design is underway to eliminate the horn sounds as trains pass on the western tracks. The project is on hold, pending further action by BNSF.

The downtown parking garage expansion is underway at the northwest corner of Loula and Chestnut and is expected to be completed in February 2008.

## BIOSCIENCE CAMPUS PLANS PROGRESS

### The City of Olathe recently approved the development

agreement for the Kansas State University-Olathe Innovation Campus and Kansas Bioscience Authority Science Park. The 91-acre campus will be built on land donated by the City of Olathe northeast of the intersection of College Boulevard and Lone Elm.

The city is officially selling the land to the developers—K-State and the Kansas Bioscience Authority—for \$10. The project is expected to generate approximately \$150 million in public and private investment.

Once a benefit district is created to finance \$7.6 million worth of infrastructure, the city will begin putting the infrastructure in place and will pass the cost along to the developers.

The development agreement approved by the City Council calls for the first structure to be built in the Science Park within three years and the first K-State building to be constructed in six. K-State’s first building is likely to be a \$30-million, 100,000-square-foot food safety institute.

## MORE HOTELS ROOMS COMING

Construction is underway on Candlewood Suites, an 80-room hotel in Southgate Shopping Center west of Target and Home Depot. Studio, one-bedroom, and studio double suites will be available for extended stay and long-term travel needs.

Hampton Inn, 12081 S. Strang Line Rd., is expanding its hotel by 39 rooms and 2,000 square feet of meeting space.

The Residence Inn by Marriott and the Holiday Inn of Olathe have completed or are nearing completion on major renovations.

## VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

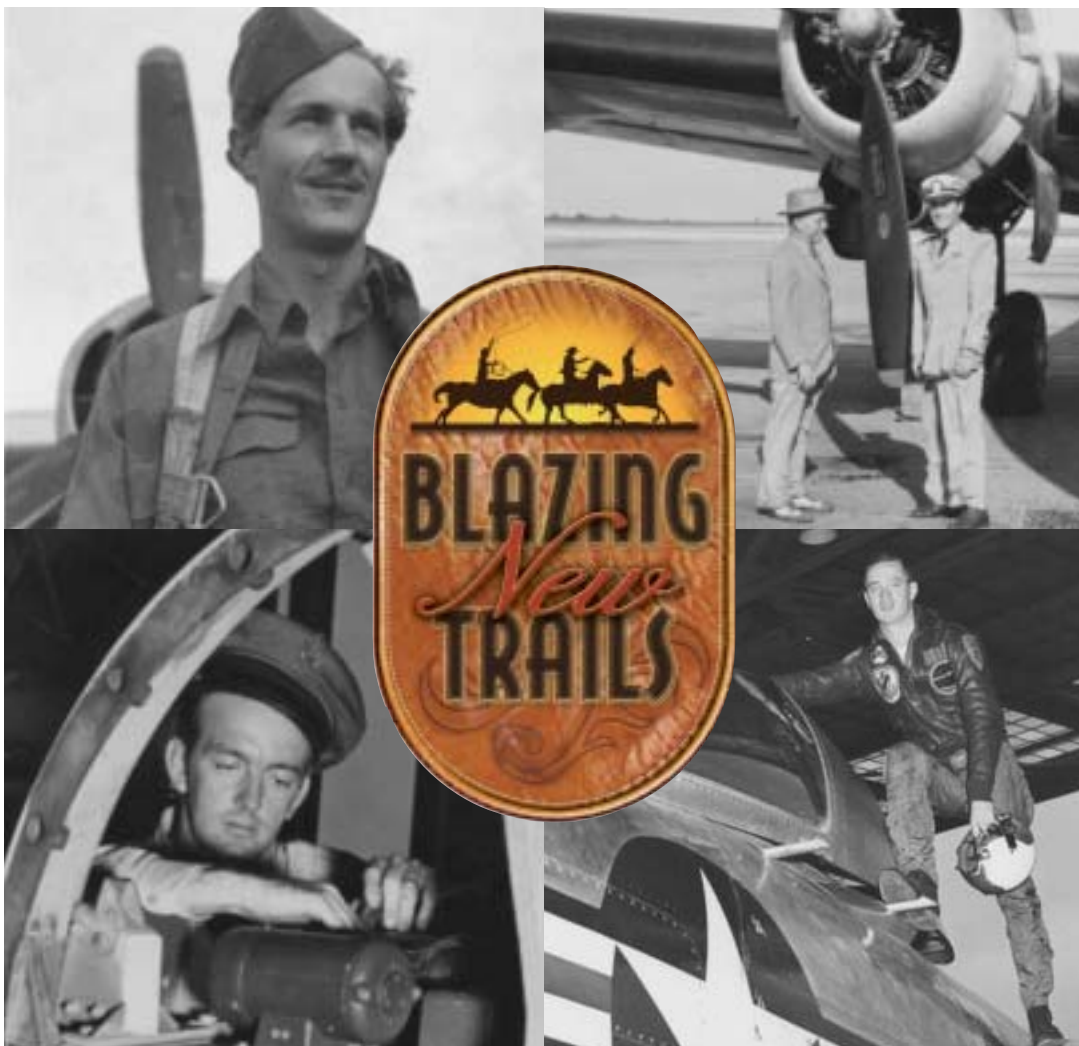
Help the Chamber with two upcoming events, meet new people, and have a great time by signing up as a volunteer for one or both of these events:

- Chamber Golf Classic, Friday, Aug. 24, at Prairie Highlands
- Blazing New Trails Dinner and Auction Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Garmin Hangar, 151 N. New Century Parkway, New Century AirCenter

Sign up for a convenient time slot by visiting [www.olathe.org](http://www.olathe.org) or contact Sara Misemer (764-1050; [smisemer@olathe.org](mailto:smisemer@olathe.org)).

## WEB TRAFFIC INCREASES

Traffic on the Chamber's Web site, [www.olathe.org](http://www.olathe.org), continues to increase. In July '07 there were 51,595 visits, compared to 45,684 in July '06 and 34,096 in July '05. The total number of visits in '06 was 570,767 and in '05, 446,323. If visits continue to increase as they have, the Chamber projects the number of visits in '07 will exceed 625,000.



## REGISTER NOW FOR BLAZING NEW TRAILS

Celebrate Olathe's aviation history with the old Naval Air Station at the Chamber's Blazing New Trails Dinner and Auction Sept. 15, at 6 p.m.

Presented by the Chamber and Garmin International, the event will be at Garmin's hangar at the New Century AirCenter.

Auction items this year will include a stay at a St. Martin island resort, a Nuvi 660 GPS, a day's bass fishing, photography/studio portraits, a year's worth of flowers, horseback riding lessons, aerobatic flight and Garmin holiday jet rides, a week at the Lake of the Ozarks, a City Council dinner for 12, sports tickets, decorative items, autographed footballs (Chiefs and K-State), restaurant, hotel, movie and other gift certificates, gift baskets, and more!

The cost is \$80 per person; \$1,000 for a corporate table of eight. Proceeds will go to the Chamber Foundation Fund.

Co-sponsoring the event are PepsiAmericas and Security Savings Bank. Burns Printing donated the printing of event materials.

RSVP at [www.olathe.org](http://www.olathe.org) or call the Chamber at 913-764-1050.

## First time out of Manhattan...

### WILDCATS TO BRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE TO OLATHE

#### The Kansas State Wildcats will hold an open practice in Olathe

Saturday, Aug. 11, at the College Boulevard Activity Center (CBAC), 11031 S. Valley Rd. The practice, to begin at 2 p.m., will include a two-hour workout followed by a 60-minute autograph session for fans from 4 to 5 p.m.

"The open practice in Olathe is a terrific way for our fans in the eastern part of the state and in the Kansas City metropolitan area to come out and support the Wildcats," said head coach Ron Prince.

The idea for K-State to hold an open practice at CBAC grew out of the University's

partnership with the City of Olathe to build a bioscience research center just west of the sports complex.

There is no charge to attend the workout and parking is free.

"We are excited about our relationship with the City of Olathe and are looking forward to a long-term partnership with the establishment of the K-State Olathe Innovative Campus," K-State President Jon Wefald said. "Having this open practice and fan appreciation day is another great step toward strengthening the link between K-State and the City of Olathe."



## CHAMBER INTRODUCES NEW BENEFIT: IDENTITY THEFT PROGRAM

#### The Chamber works to protect its members from government

mandates and litigation that affect business. Of particular interest lately are new Federal laws pertaining to identity theft and the methods employers must use to handle private information.

Some of this legislation may place responsibilities on business owners. The Chamber and Adell Associates Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc. have formed a partnership to address this issue and provide member business with strategies to address situations that arise when sensitive information is

compromised.

Identity Theft Shield is a new benefit available to Chamber members. Because some lawmakers have leaned toward making businesses—not just ID thieves—accountable, Stan and Adele Adell can help educate member businesses and their employees about ID theft laws and lead owners to take steps to ensure that their business is in compliance.

To learn how you can comply with the expectations and requirements issued by the Federal Trade Commission, contact the Adells at (913) 709-2129.

## CHAMBER PROTECTS YOUR E-MAIL INFO

#### The Chamber has long treated its members' e-mail addresses as

proprietary information. Consequently, the office does not make e-mail addresses available to other members or non-members. For further protection, the Chamber encrypts e-mail addresses of members in its online directory so that "harvesters" cannot gain access to the data on [www.olathe.org](http://www.olathe.org).

It is possible that you have received unsolicited e-mails from other members, unfortu-

nately, because e-mail addresses are listed in the Chamber's printed Membership Directory. A motivated member may thus input contact information into their e-mail system, and there's not much the Chamber can do in response except encourage other types of member-to-member networking and interaction.

For further information about the Chamber's e-mail policy and practice, visit [www.olathe.org](http://www.olathe.org).

## LEADERSHIP OLATHE APPLICATIONS ONLINE

#### Eager to enhance your leadership skills, learn more about

Olathe, and discover how you can become involved in your community? Visit [www.olathe.org](http://www.olathe.org) and download an application for the 2008 Leadership Olathe program.

The deadline to apply is noon Sept. 12, and the 27th Leadership Olathe class will be chosen by the LO steering committee shortly thereafter. LO consists of opening and closing retreats, a holiday reception, and nine day-long sessions. Tuition is \$1,000, and scholarships are available.

Contact Diane Costello, vice president of Leadership Development, for additional information (913-764-1050, [dcostello@olathe.org](mailto:dcostello@olathe.org)).

## PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS IN VISITORS GUIDE

#### Be sure to take advantage of the great visibility the Chamber's

Visitor's Guide has to offer. Published by Peterson Publications, the guide spotlights Olathe attractions, hotels, restaurants, and festivals as no other does. In 2008, 50,000 guides will be printed and distributed to visitors and potential visitors from across the United States.

Judging from 2007, another 45,000 people will access the Visitors Guide on the Chamber's Web site, [www.olathecvb.org](http://www.olathecvb.org). That adds up to more 95,000 impressions!

In addition to sending them to a growing database of people who have expressed an interest in visiting Olathe, the guides will be distributed to visiting groups and through hotels, restaurants, realtors, Bass Pro Shops, MidAmerica Nazarene University, the Kansas School for the Deaf, Johnson County Community College, Union Station, travel information centers across Kansas, and local governmental entities.

To promote your business, goods, and services to Olathe's growing numbers of visitors, contact Cindi Smith, Peterson Publications, at (888) 966-7076.

## NOMINEES FOR 2008 BOARD CONSIDERED

As provided by Article 3, Section 2, of the Chamber's Bylaws, the Executive Committee, acting as the Chamber's Nominating Committee, is making nominations for the Board of Directors.

Six members will be elected for the Class of 2010 to serve a three-year term, beginning Jan. 1, 2008, and expiring Dec. 31, 2010. Serving as chairman of the Board next year will be Brad Cornell, general manager of the Great Mall of the Great Plains.

An effort is made to ensure that the Board represents a broad cross section of the membership and of the community.

If you have a nomination to suggest, please contact Frank Taylor (764-1050, ftaylor@olathe.org) or a member of the Chamber's Executive Committee (please see list on p. 8).

## CHAMBER TASK FORCE TO HELP LOOK AT K-7

The Chamber has assembled a task force to provide the city with input on improvements, growth and development along K-7 Highway in west Olathe.

The City is studying the K-7 corridor with an eye toward aligning it along Lone Elm. The state plans to buildout K-7 from Leavenworth to Spring Hill within the next 15 to 20 years and is looking into access at various intersections and overpasses.

The potential impact for the Olathe Medical Center, the Great Mall of the Great Plains, and other area development is significant as the structure and access of the 151st and the soon-to-be-built 159th interchanges over I-35 are considered.

## CITY SEEKS INPUT ON BILLBOARDS BAN

The City of Olathe is considering changes in its billboard ordinance.

If the ordinance is amended as suggested, new billboards would be prohibited in Olathe, and existing billboards would be eliminated over a period of 10 years.

A task force will consider recommending input on behalf of the Chamber.

To provide input on the possible changes, attend a public hearing Aug. 13 during the City's Planning Commission meeting at 7 p.m. at Olathe City Hall, 100 E. Santa Fe. Written comments also may be submitted by Aug. 8 to the Planning Commission, through the Development Services Department, at 100 E. Santa Fe, P.O. Box 768, Olathe, KS 66051-0768.

Questions can be directed to Erik Pollom or David Abrey in the Development Services Department, (913) 971-8750.

## CHAMBER RETAINS SPOT AS SECOND LARGEST IN METRO

In its June 22 issue, the *Kansas City Business Journal* ranked the Olathe Chamber as the second largest chamber in the metropolitan area in terms of the number of members, the size of budget, and the size of staff.

The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce is the largest chamber in all three measures. The Overland Park Chamber would rank higher than the Olathe Chamber in staff and budget—but not members—if convention and tourism activities were part of the OP Chamber programs instead of provided by a separate entity.

## The View FROM HERE



By L. Franklin Taylor  
President, Olathe Chamber of Commerce

### Much discussion has been focused recently on municipal tax

incentives and tax increment financing in particular. Mark Funkhouser's campaign for mayor in Kansas City, Mo., this spring focused on the use of TIF financing in that community, often in negative terms. Olathe has used tax increment financing for several projects. Like any other tax incentive, it must be applied carefully, and each project must be evaluated on its own merits.

TIF financing uses the tax increment created by development to pay for the removal of outdated improvements and the infrastructure that supports development. In a TIF project, assessed valuation of the property involved in the project is frozen at its pre-project level. The tax increment resulting from improvements to the property is paid by the developer but is utilized for clearing the property and for development infrastructure. That is, the developer pays the full amount of taxes and the City uses the tax increment to pay for infrastructure that makes the project competitive.

In Olathe five separate TIF projects have been undertaken:

- The first TIF project at **119th Street and Strangline** eliminated a truck stop and paved the way for the Comfort Suites Hotel, Home Depot and Best Buy to be built. That project is completed. Projections called for TIF financing to be paid off from the tax increment proceeds in thirteen years; the actual payoff was eight years—**five years early!**
- Two separate TIF districts were used to remove the old **Golfland/Sunsplash Water Park** and to move a natural gas pipeline to make way for the Target Store on 151st Street and related businesses.

### CLARIFYING TWO MISCONCEPTIONS

**1** Olathe has *never* guaranteed TIF bonds with the full faith and credit of the City of Olathe. In other words, the risk of TIF financing is shared by developers and bond holders...not by taxpayers.

**2** TIF projects in Olathe are implemented on a "pay as you go" basis; bonds are issued for TIF financing only as the developer is ready to begin different phases of construction.

In cases in which tax increment revenues are under expectations, the amount of financing utilized is also less than projected for the full project.

## SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON TIF FINANCING

- The Olathe Gateway project occupied by Bass Pro replaces a McCray Lumber Yard.
- The Wal-Mart project at **Highway 7 and Santa Fe** successfully remediates the northwest corner of the intersection on which concrete and construction debris have been dumped for years and moves the ready mix concrete plant on the southeast corner.
- The new Heritage Crossing development on **Kansas City Road** cleared the Atmos Energy building after the company moved to a new location.

In each case, TIF financing has been used to prepare occupied property for an improved use. In each case, it has spawned, or is expected to spawn, additional uses not financed by the tax incentive. From this perspective, TIF works to improve our community.

One concern that has been expressed is that some Olathe TIF projects do not meet projected performance objectives. In fact, two unique features of Olathe projects protect the community.

First, TIF projects in Olathe are implemented on a "pay as you go" basis, meaning that bonds are not issued for TIF financing until the developer is ready to begin construction of a specific portion of the project that will result in a tax increment to be applied to the financing. In cases in which tax increment revenues are under expectations, the amount of financing utilized is also less than projected for the full project.

Second, the Olathe City Council has never guaranteed TIF bonds with the full faith and credit of the City of Olathe. In other words, the risk of TIF financing is shared by developers and bond holders and not by taxpayers.

When you understand how TIF financing works and how it is implemented in Olathe, it is apparent that it is a useful economic development tool. So long as tax incentives such as TIF continue to be applied carefully and judiciously, they enhance the growth of our community, contribute to its quality of life and increase its tax base.

## KCP&L AWARD

The Edison Electric Institute has named Great Plains Energy Inc. as one of two winners of the Edison Award for 2007. The institute gives the award annually to utilities for outstanding contributions to and advancement of the electric power industry. The institute cited Kansas City-based Great Plains for its Kansas City Power & Light Co. subsidiary's comprehensive energy plan to meet the region's demand for clean, affordable energy.

## BEST PLACES TO WORK

A number of Chamber members were among the 30 winners of the *Kansas City Business Journal's* Best Places to Work competition: S.M. Wilson & Co. and Sprint Center (small companies category); McCownGordon Construction and Straub Construction (medium companies); and Farmers Insurance Group and Polsinelli Shalton Flanigan Suelthaus PC (large companies).

## OLATHE NEWS LAUNCHES NEW PAPER

The Olathe News will launch a new newspaper, the *Lenexa Centennial* on Aug. 2. Lenexa, which has 50,000 residents, is celebrating its centennial this year, and hence the new publication's moniker. The *Centennial* will be distributed through the mail. The Olathe News is a McClatchy-owned suburban Kansas City newspaper.



College Point developers are putting the final touches on retail facilities in its multi-use development on College Boulevard, just west of K-10 in northwest Olathe.

The Chamber family extends condolences to the family and friends of Joyce Fischer, a long-time member of the Chamber, a former Board member, and a well-known community leader, who died July 28, 2007.

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## NEW INVESTOR'S GUILD MEMBERS

The Chamber appreciates the following new and renewing Investor's Guild *members of distinction*, who voluntarily increased their membership investment by at least 50 percent to help the Chamber.

For a complete list of Investor's Guild members, visit [www.olathe.org](http://www.olathe.org) or see your membership directory.

**A & F Mortgage, Inc.**  
**The Astra Group**  
**Atmos Energy**  
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**Ball Conference Center/KVC**  
**Bank of Blue Valley**  
**BD Henchek Construction, Inc.**  
**Robert Brogden Olathe Pontiac GMC Buick**  
**Cold Stone Creamery**  
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**Gilmore & Bell**  
**Harlan C. Parker State Farm Insurance**  
**KVC, Behavioral HealthCare**  
**Manning Construction Company, Inc.**  
**Olathe District Schools #233**  
**Operating Sooner Rams Trucking & Ready Mix, Inc.**  
**Scott Harvey Real Estate Services**  
**Universal Electric Company**

## NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST

The Chamber's quarterly New Member Breakfast and Orientation will be Aug. 24 at 8:30 a.m. at Olathe Medical Center, Doctors Bldg. II, Suite 315.

## CHAMBER SURVEYING MEMBERS

In its ongoing effort to secure feedback from members, the Chamber is undertaking a communications survey. The surveys will be e-mailed to members this month and are being sent in INFO-Exchange.



**M&I Bank recently hosted a Chamber coffee at its Olathe Station location.**

# WELCOME NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

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To Olathe Medical Center, which, with Children's Mercy Hospital, is beneficiary of a major land donation from a Stanley family's estate. The estates of Merle Chaney and his sister Ruby Lee Chaney donated 140 acres of land near 159th and Mission Road to be split between the two hospitals.

To CCI Public Relations & Marketing Communications for winning three Awards of Distinction in the 2007 Communicator Awards competition that attracted competitors from around the globe. CCI's work was singled out for designing innovative and effective materials for three different communications campaigns.

To Chamber members Robin Lewis, Ferrellgas Partners LP, and Kathy Schikevitz, McCownGordon Construction, for being named by the Kansas City Business Journal among the "25 Women Who Mean Business."

To Kent Dvorak, Terracon, for being named by the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers as "Engineer of the Year."

To Olathe Medical Center for receiving an approval award by the Commission on Cancer (CoC), a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients. Only one in four hospitals treating cancer patients receive this special approval.

To Fishman & Co., one of the largest real estate brokerage and development firms in the Kansas City area, for its new affiliation with Coldwell Banker Commercial. It is now Coldwell Banker Commercial Fishman & Company.

## NETWORK AT TWO AFTER HOURS

**Two great Chamber After Hours** are planned in the next two months to provide members with double the networking opportunities.

For additional information or to reserve a spot, visit the calendar on [www.olathe.org](http://www.olathe.org).

### RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT

To celebrate a major remodeling, the Residence Inn by Marriott, 12215 S. Strang Line Rd., will treat Chamber members to tours, door prizes, music, complimentary drinks, and food by Carrabbas Italian Grill and McAlister's Deli on Thursday, Aug. 30. This grand re-opening, complete with ribbon cutting, will be from 5 to 7 p.m.

Be prepared to meet Residence Inn's new general manager, Sean Cochran, and view the remodeled lobby, or "gatehouse," and

redecorated rooms with granite countertops, new furniture, and new decorating themes.

Donations will be collected at the door for Special Olympics Kansas to send two local athletes to the World Games in China.

### OLATHE FORD

Dine on Fiorella's Jack Stack BBQ, listen to jazz, and vie for door prizes at the *After Hours* VIP Event at Olathe Ford, 1845 E. Santa Fe, Thursday, Sept. 27.

The festivities will take place in the new car showroom with refreshments at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. The program, with door prizes, will be at 6:15 p.m. View new 2008 Fords, the Taurus and the Edge, an exhibit by the Kansas Highway Patrol, and more. RSVP at [www.olathe.org](http://www.olathe.org) or call (913) 764-1050. Donations will be accepted for TLC for Children and Families.



Prairie Trails West Shopping Center, 151st and Black Bob, is changing the landscape in southeast Olathe.

Be watching [www.olathe.org](http://www.olathe.org) for breaking news!

## QUARTERLY LUNCHEON TO FOCUS ON TRANSPORTATION

The fourth in a series of Chamber quarterly luncheons will focus on transportation with a panel of experts on hand to discuss issues and answer questions.

The event will be Oct. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ball Conference Center, 21340 W. 153rd St. The panelists will be Deb Miller, Kansas secretary of Transportation; Rick Biery, Olathe's director of Public Works; and Alice Amrein, director of Transportation, Johnson County Transit.

The cost will be \$25 per person or \$300 for a table of eight. RSVP at [www.olathe.org](http://www.olathe.org) at least five days before the luncheon.

The quarterly luncheon series has been co-sponsored by the Credit Union of Johnson County, Opus Northwest, and Ball Conference Center. For additional information, call the Chamber, (913) 764-1050.

## NAIA MEN'S SOCCER TO RETURN TO OLATHE

Six hundred student-athletes, coaches, and officials will visit

Olathe Nov. 14-20 for the 49th Annual NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship at the College Boulevard Activity Center (CBAC). Twenty teams from across the United States and Canada will begin playing at noon Nov. 14 at CBAC.

The six-day tournament will bring with it a variety of special events and an economic impact of \$1.7 million.

The Chamber's Sports Commission hosted the NAIA men's soccer national championship in 2003 and 2004 and is bringing the tournament back to Olathe after serving as host for the NAIA women's soccer national championship event in 2005 and 2006.

The championship is co-hosted by the Chamber's OSC and MidAmerica Nazarene University. Dick's Sporting Goods, Farmers Insurance, Gilmore & Bell, Grundfos, and PepsiAmericas, are sponsors of the championship.

For more information, visit [www.olathe.org](http://www.olathe.org).

## What's happening? CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Many of these events require reservations and/or tickets or fees. Please visit [www.olathe.org](http://www.olathe.org) or call 764-1050 or the numbers listed for more about these and other events.

Aug 11

**Kansas State Wildcats open practice and autograph session**, 2 to 5 p.m., College Boulevard Activity Center, 11031 S. Valley Road. Two-hour workout followed by 60-minute autograph session for fans. See article p. 2.

Aug 16

**Chamber Coffee and ribbon cutting at Guier Fence Co., Inc.**, 970 N. Rogers, at 9:30 a.m.

Aug 17-19, 24-25

**"NUNSENSATIONS! The Nonsense Vegas Revue"** at Olathe Community Theatre, at 8 p.m., Olathe Community Theatre Association, 500 E. Loula. [www.olathetheatre.org](http://www.olathetheatre.org).

Aug 21

**Human Resources Roundtable, "Use and Abuse of PTO, Flex-Time, and Leaves of Absence Policies,"** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., City of Olathe, 100 E. Santa Fe. RSVP at [www.olathe.org](http://www.olathe.org). \$10.

Aug 23

**Chamber Coffee at First National Bank**, 13518 S. Alden St., at 9:30 a.m. Co-host: **Kansas City Sports & Fitness**

Aug 24

**Olathe Chamber Golf Classic**, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Prairie Highlands Golf Course, 14695 S. Inverness. See article p. 2.

Aug 24

**New Member Breakfast and Orientation**, 8:30 a.m., Olathe Medical Center, 21500 W. 151st St., Doctors Bldg. 2, Suite 315. RSVP ([www.olathe.org](http://www.olathe.org); 913-764-1050).

Aug 25

**Cedar Lake AquaFest**, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Cedar Lake, 15500 S. Lone Elm Rd.—a celebration of water in our lives for families, adults and children. Water fun and educational activities.

Aug 30

**Chamber Coffee hosted by Gimme Sum China Grill**, 14947 W. 119th St., at 9:30 a.m.

**Business "After Hours," grand re-opening, and ribbon cutting at Residence Inn by Marriott**, 12215 S. Strang Line Rd. 5-7 p.m. See p. 7.

Sept. 3

**Labor Day. Chamber office closed.**

Sept. 6-8

**Johnson County Old Settlers Days** in downtown Olathe, 10 a.m. Nationally recognized musical entertainment, car-

nival rides, parade, antique auto show, arts & crafts, and more. [www.johnson-countysettlers.org](http://www.johnson-countysettlers.org).

Sept. 6

**Chamber Coffee and ribbon cutting at Kid's Creations**, 1905 E. 123rd St., at 9:30 a.m.

**2007 Celebration of the Heart Gala**, benefiting Heart to Heart International, at Hyatt Regency Crown Center, 2345 McGee St.

Sept. 12

Noon deadline to submit applications for **Leadership Olathe**. See article p. 2.

Sept. 13

**Chamber Coffee and ribbon cutting at College Point Medical Plaza**, 23450 College Blvd., at 9:30 a.m.

Sept. and Oct.

**"Two by Two," at Chestnut Fine Arts Center**, 234 N. Chestnut. For dates and times: 913-764-2121; [chestnutfinearts.com](http://chestnutfinearts.com).

Sept. 14

**Last day to register to automatically receive ballot in Oct. 16 Mail-In Ballot Election - Olathe School District #233 Bond Proposal.**

Sept. 15

**Special Olympics Kansas State Soccer & Bocce Tournament.** [www.kssso.org](http://www.kssso.org).

Sept. 15 and 16

**Hidden Glen Arts Festival** at Cedar Creek. Showcase of fine art with regional juried art show of 90 artists, live entertainment, kids' activities. Free. Saturday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sept. 15

**Blazing New Trails Dinner and Auction presented by Garmin International and Chamber**, 6 - 10 p.m., Garmin hangar, New Century AirCenter. See article p. 2.

Sept. 16

**Taste of Olathe D.E.A.F. (Dining for Educational Accessibility for the Future) SUNDAY**, 12 - 4 p.m., Kansas State School for the Deaf, 450 E Park. \$20; ages 4-10 \$5; under 4 years free. Featuring 20 Olathe restaurants, entertainment, children's activities and a live and silent auction. [www.ksdeaf.org](http://www.ksdeaf.org)

Sept. 18

**Human Resources Roundtable**, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., City of Olathe, 100 E. Santa Fe. RSVP. \$10. [www.olathe.org](http://www.olathe.org).

Sept. 20

**Chamber Coffee at Bass Pro Shops**, 12051 Bass Pro Dr., 9:30 a.m.

**Ribbon cutting at Canterbury Academy at Prairie Ridge**, 11197 S. Ambassador Dr. 11 a.m.

Sept. 22 and 23

**Wild West Show & Bullwhacker Days**, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm Historic Site, 1100 E. Kansas City Rd. Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Buffalo Bill, Annie Oakley, trick riders, and other performers and cowboy re-enactors recreate the Wild West shows of the late 1800s! Music, merchandise vendors, living history demos, and kids' activities. \$5 for adults; \$3 for children ages 5-11; free for under 5. 913-971-5111, [olatheks.org](http://olatheks.org)

Sept. 27

**Chamber Coffee at Classic Floors & Design Center**, 13725 S. Mur-Len Rd., at 9:30 a.m.

**Business "After Hours" and VIP Night at Olathe Ford**, 5 - 7 p.m., Olathe Ford, 1845 E. Santa Fe. Jack Stack BBQ, jazz, and more. See p. 7.

Sept. 28

**Office Depot Chamber Day at Kansas Speedway**, 400 Speedway Blvd. Watch for more details! \$35 for lunch, networking with over 1,000 people, and qualifying and practice sessions! Register on [www.olathe.org](http://www.olathe.org).

Sept. 29

**"A Taste of Literacy" Olathe Public Library Foundation's Annual Dinner**, 6 - 9:30 p.m., Holiday Inn-Olathe, 101 W. 151st St. Featuring a menu of fillet of beef mignon with basil shrimp. Speaker: K.C. Star columnist C. W. Gusewelle. RSVP (913-971-6880).

Oct. 2

**Last day to register to vote in Oct. 16 Mail-In Ballot Election**, Olathe School District Bond Proposal, at 5 p.m.

Oct. 16

**Mail-In Ballot Election, Olathe School District Bond Proposal**, at 12 p.m., throughout Olathe School District.

**Human Resources Roundtable**, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., City of Olathe, 100 E. Santa Fe. RSVP. \$10. [www.olathe.org](http://www.olathe.org).

Oct 18 and 19

**Mahaffie's Historic Cemetery Tours**, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Meet at Northview Elementary School, 905 N. Walker. Tours leave at 7, 7:30, and 8 p.m. Experience history brought to life by characters in the Olathe City Cemetery. Visit the graves of some of Olathe's founders and meet the people who rest here as they come alive to tell their stories. Refreshments. Free. Hosted by Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm. 913-971-5111, [www.olatheks.org](http://www.olatheks.org).

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## MNU'S CULTURAL EVENTS CENTER OPENS

**The opening of Bell Cultural Events Center this fall at Mid-America Nazarene University will mean more than a great place for MNU students to perform; it will also serve as the venue for notable outside performers via the university's revitalized cultural events series.**  
First in the lineup: a performance by the

Preservation Hall Jazz Band of New Orleans on Friday, Sept. 28, at 7:30 p.m. The band's mission is to perpetuate the art form of New Orleans Jazz. On Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m., the series will feature the classical music of Nathan Granner and Beau Bledsoe.

For more information, contact MNU.

## CHAMBER CREATES SOLE OF WEST BOOT TOUR

**To showcase the six-foot cowboy boots on display across the city as part of Olathe's Sesquicentennial Celebration, the Chamber's Convention & Visitors Bureau has organized Sole of the West tours for groups of ten or more. The goal is to familiarize residents and visitors alike with the fact that Olathe gave birth to the cowboy boot.**

Charles Hyer, a first-generation American of German descent, designed the first cowboy boot in his Olathe cobbler shop in 1875.

Two types of guided tours are available for those interested in seeing the boot displays:

- The 1- to 1 ½-hour tour will take participants to visit seven of the 12 "Welcome Home! Cowboy Boots" art displays sponsored by the Olathe Public Arts Commission and the Sesquicentennial Committee. The cost is \$10 per person.
- The 2 1/2 tour will include visits to the seven cowboy boots as well as a stop at

the Deaf Cultural Center for a concluding tour and a meal. Tour times will be Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person, including the meal.

Both tours will begin at Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm. Photo opportunities will be available for both tours, which will run through Oct. 31, 2007.

Vehicles must be provided by the touring group.

Proceeds from tours will go to the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm and the Deaf Cultural Center.

For additional information, call Susan Greer Taylor, 913-764-1050, or visit

<http://www.olathecvb.org/>.

For more about the 12 six-foot cowboy boots, which have been painted by local artists to depict Olathe history, visit [http://www.olathe.org-/olathe\\_cvb/attractions/](http://www.olathe.org-/olathe_cvb/attractions/).

To schedule a tour time, call Mahaffie, (913) 971- 5111.



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## COFFEES AT A GLANCE

*The biggest weekly Chamber networking event in Kansas City!*  
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.  
Coffees at a Glance

Aug. 9  
Brotherhood Bank & Trust,  
17900 W. 119th St.  
**NASCAR Tailgate Party!**

Aug. 16  
Guier Fence Co.,  
970 N. Rogers Rd.  
**Ribbon cutting**

Aug. 23  
First National Bank,  
13518 S. Alden  
Co-Host: K.C. Sports  
& Fitness

Aug. 30  
Gimme Sum China Grill,  
14947 W. 119th St.

Sept. 6  
Kid's Creations,  
1905 E. 123rd St.  
**Ribbon cutting**

Sept. 13  
College Point Medical  
Plaza, 23450 College Blvd  
**Ribbon cutting**

Sept. 20  
Bass Pro Shops,  
12051 Bass Pro Dr.

Sept. 27  
Classic Floors & Design  
Center, Inc.,  
13725 S. Mur-Len Rd.

## OMC RECEIVES APPROVAL ON CANCER PROGRAM

Olathe Medical Center was recently granted an approval award by the Commission on Cancer (CoC), a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients. Only one in four hospitals treating cancer patients receive this special approval. This accreditation recognizes the quality of comprehensive cancer care available at a facility.

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