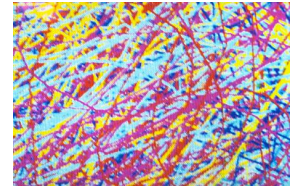


Wamego Chamber of Commerce/ Mainstreet

May 2006



Mothers Day Poem Winners Announced

The Wamego Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet is proud to announce the winners of the 2006 Mother's Day poem contest. Each year the Wamego Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet Community Life Committee sponsors a contest for Mother's Day poems written by the Wamego West Elementary 5th grade students. This year the students were given the option to write a Mother's Day or Father's Day poem for the contest. We had numerous in the Mothers Day contest and many wonderful poems. The winners for this year are; First Place-Megan Elder and her mother Erika Elder, Second Place-Madison Wieggers and her mother Cristi Wieggers, Third Place-Emily Stratton and her mother Lori Stratton, Honorable Mention-Brook Boatwright and her mother Ruthann Boatwright. Local businesses sponsor prizes for the winning mothers. The first place prize is two tickets for a dinner and show at The

Columbian Theatre courtesy of The Columbian Theatre and Wamego Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet. The second place winner is awarded a gift certificate to Ramblers Steakhouse courtesy of Ramblers owner Doug Long. The Flower Mill donates a bouquet of flowers to the third place winner. Honorable mention winner is awarded a flowering plant courtesy of the Wamego Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet Community Life Committee. The Community Life committee would like to extend our thanks to all the entrants and to the generous prize sponsors. The poems are on display in several downtown Wamego businesses. The winners are displayed at The Columbian Theatre, and the other Mother's Day poems entries are on display throughout downtown. Please take time to stop and read these thoughtful poems! Next month Community Life will be judging the Father's Day poems that were submitted.

Chamber Calendar

May 29

Memorial Day

June 4-7

National Mainstreet Conference

June 19

General Membership Meeting

July 4

Parade at 6 p.m.

Fireworks at 10 p.m.

July 18

General Membership Meeting

July 22

Flint Hills Freedom Run

For details go to www.flinthillsfreedomrun.com

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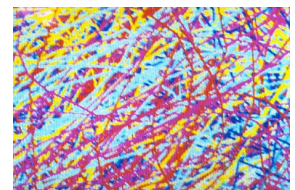
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The rung of a ladder
was never meant to
rest upon, but only to
hold a man's foot long
enough to enable him
to put the other
somewhat higher.

Thomas Huxley



Easter 2006

Wamego's 2006 Easter Egg hunt was a beautiful April day for the children and the arrival of our special guests Mrs & the Easter Bunny. The children enjoyed their hunt for the eggs and were especially thrilled when they received a coupon for a special prize. Over 800 special prize coupons were placed in the eggs by volunteers. Approximately 300 of the prizes



were in the shelter house for the children to pick up that Saturday morning, the rest were at the donor business location.

The Easter Egg Hunt is still known as the Chamber's 'shortest event' although takes a good deal of time and effort to prepare. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for the hunt, and who helped the day of the hunt. Also thank you to everyone who donated candy and the prizes.

What Do People Want From their Jobs? What Motivates People?



At this time of critical workforce shortages businesses in Pottawatomie County need to be the "employers of choice". If employers know what people want from their jobs and what motivates them; they will be better able to retain top performers. Various studies show that appreciation, recognition and praise motivate people to put forth their best efforts and to perform in their jobs at higher levels. Susan Herrington, of the North Tennessee Private Industry Council has surveyed numerous employees and managers across the country to determine "What Do People Want From their Jobs" and below are the surprising results:

Supervisors and employees rated the statements below from 1 to 10 with 1 being the most important motivator and 10 the least.

Supervisors

1. High Wages
2. Job Security
3. Promotion in the Company
4. Good Working Conditions
5. Interesting Work
6. Personal Loyalty of Supervisor
7. Tactful Discipline
8. Full Appreciation of Work Done
9. Help on Personal Problems
10. Feeling of Being in On Things

Employees

1. Full Appreciation of Work Done

2. Feeling of Being in On Things
3. Help on Personal Problems
4. Job Security
5. Interesting Work
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7. Promotion in the Company
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If you want more information about how to be the employer of choice contact Jo Brunner at jbrunner@kansascommerce.com or 785.539.5691, your Business Services Consultant, Department of Commerce.

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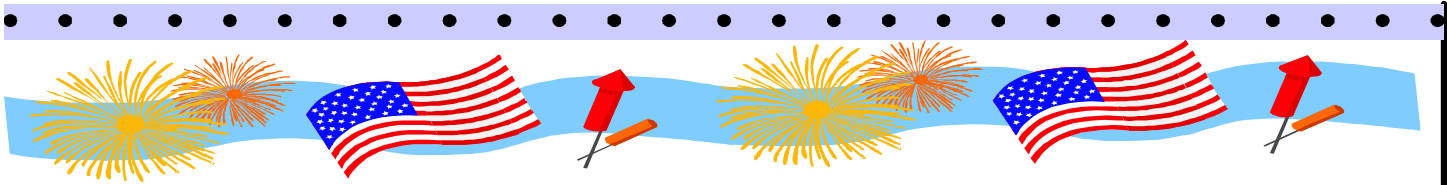


We are currently missing a video called "Maximizing Store Impact" by Donna Geary and the University of Toronto. The book that goes with this video is here in the Chamber office, but we are needing the video back as soon as possible. If you have this in your possession, please return it to the office as soon as you can.

Want to Market to Newcomers to Town?

The Wamego Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet has Welcome Wagon Buckets that are full of our member's information. These buckets are filled with information and taken to the City office. When someone new comes to town the City gives them a Welcome Wagon Bucket.

If you would like to participate in this simple and easy method, please bring your information to the Chamber/Mainstreet office.



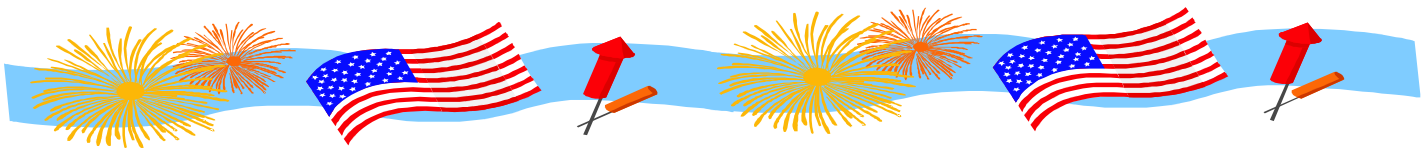
135th Annual Independence Day Parade

The Wamego Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet has set the time and date for the annual Wamego Independence Day Parade. The parade will start at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, and run its traditional route, north to south, down Lincoln Avenue.

The Chamber is currently seeking parade entries. Entry is free, and entry forms for the parade can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce office, 529 Lincoln, by calling 456-7849, or by visiting the Chamber website www.wamegochamber.com.

Once again this year, businesses and organizations are encouraged to enter the Fourth of July float contest.

The theme for the contest this year is "Rockets Red Glare." Banners and cash prizes in three categories will be awarded.



June is Neighborhood Block Party Month!

Enjoy your neighborhood by planning a block party! June has been declared Neighborhood Block Party Month in Wamego. Help build a strong sense of community by organizing a block party with your neighbors and friends. The party can be as big or small as you wish, the sky is the limit! Be creative and plan a great family friendly event.

Once you have picked a date, there are a few things you need to do:



First, if you plan to block a street or alley contact the Wamego Police Department

at 456-8380 to make sure your street is not an emergency vehicle route.

Second, notify the Police department of the date, time and location of your party and ask them to also notify the Wamego Fire Department.

Third, call Rick Asbury with the City of Wamego at 456-9119 to request road barricades if you plan to block a street or alley.

It is that simple! Contact your neighbors and plan a block party today!

Neighborhoods/people do not need to ask the city commission for permission to hold a block party if they follow the rules stated above (the calling police, etc). The commission has already approved the concept with those rules in place.

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Welcome New Members

April

Pinnacle Electric
Karnowski Building, Inc.

May

Kansas State Bank
Wamego Housing Authority

Ridiculous Days August 18, 19 & 20

The Chamber Promotions committee has announced the dates for what has become one of Wamego's most successful merchant promotion weekends. Ridiculous Days 2006 will be held Friday through Sunday, August 18, 19 and 20.

That weekend coincides with the return of students to the KSU campus in Manhattan. The Promotions Committee is hoping this

event can take advantage of the added traffic in the area.

Past years have seen local merchants plan special sales and unique promotions to piggyback on the weekend's theme. As in the past, the Promotions Committee will be putting together a lemonade contest and other "ridiculous" events throughout the weekend. Last year Ridiculous Days drew hundreds of shoppers and visitors

to Wamego. Local merchants overwhelmingly were pleased by the buzz created by an event that is only now in its third year.

