



# The Wamego Outlook

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## POINTS OF INTEREST

May's Annual Meeting will begin at 11:45 a.m. Monday, May 16, at the Columbian Theatre.

Dave Kendall, of KTWU "Sunflower Journeys," will speak on the Flint Hills and status of public broadcasting in Kansas.

A pasta lunch will be catered by the Gambino's.

To RSVP, please contact the Chamber at (785) 456-7849, or at [wchamber@wamego.net](mailto:wchamber@wamego.net).

## DIAMOND MEMBERS

Caterpillar

City of Wamego

Cotton O'Neil Clinic

First National Bank of Wamego

KanEquip

Kaw Valley State Bank

Landmark National Bank

Midwest Concrete Materials

Wamego City Hospital

Wamego Telecommunications

## Cinco de Mayo Golf Tournament & After Hours

This year the Cinco de Mayo golf tournament had an exciting new twist – everyone attending got their picture taken wearing a sombrero!

It wasn't only about golf - it was about having fun and meeting other chamber members in a relaxing environment.

Eighteen teams teed up for a chance to hit the Justin Boot, make a long drive or putt, or just drop a ticket in the container to win a big prize.

Everyone attending drew a number and received a prize from either Vanderbilt's, Wrangler, Justin Boot, Carhartt, Under Armour, Ariat, 3-D, CAT clothing, or Head First, and then enjoyed the beautiful weather while playing for the rest of the afternoon.

A great big 'thank-you' goes to our sponsors: Brown Chevrolet Buick, Inc., Briggs Auto Group, Vanderbilt's, The Audio Junction, Area Wide Electric, Ariat Boots, Barleycorn's/Rambler's/Lincoln Street Station, Bennington State Bank, Concordia Tractor Inc., Dyer's, Ebert Construc-



Justin Boots / Vanderbilt's winning team with the low score of 58.

tion, Family Eye Care, Farm Bureau Financial / Jim Waters, First National Bank of Wamego, Highland Community College, Justin Boots, KanEquip, Inc., Kaw Valley State Bank, PRN Home Health & Hospice, Spirits of '76, Stewart Funeral Home, TC Retail Liquor, Tyner Insurance Group, Wamego City Hospital, Wamego Dental Center, Wamego Telecommunications, and Wolverine Boots.

Hole prizes provided by Justin and

Wolverine boots were given to Chris Hupe, Tom Martin, Matt Bulk, and Tim Woods for their efforts. See more winners on page two.

After the tournament the Wamego Country Club again welcomed the members to a business after hours taco dinner.

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers, sponsors and those participating for a successful tournament!

## Hawaiian Luau Chamber After Hours

The "Hawaiian Luau Block Party" will be Thursday, June 2, from 5 to 7 pm in the backyard of Kaw Valley State Bank. Enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, and beer. Several door prizes will also be given out!

It is sponsored by Dr. Steve Bates & Dr. Timothy Woods, Homestead Senior Residences, Kaw Valley State Bank, Lichtenhan Ace Hardware, Dr. Todd Spilker, and T2 Wireless Verizon Premium Retailer.

## Independence Day Parade Theme Announced

Wamego's 140th Independence Parade will be on July 4 at 6 pm. "Saluting the Stars and Stripes Since 1861" is the theme for the float contest, and participants are encouraged to decorate their entries in manner relating to the theme. Entry forms are available at [www.wamegochamber.com](http://www.wamegochamber.com) or by calling the (785) 456-7849. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer!

## Business Information

It is important to us that we know the ins and outs of each of our membership's businesses.

We would like to invite our membership to send us a short, informational piece that best describes the products provided or areas of service for your business.

Please limit your descriptions to two sentences. Descriptions will be utilized throughout Chamber publications.

For more information, please contact the Chamber at (785) 456-7849, or at [wchamber@wamego.net](mailto:wchamber@wamego.net).

## Golf Tournament's Winners

### Team Winners

Group photos top to bottom: The Jim Waters / Farm Bureau Financial team took fifth place; the Clutter Prox / Landmark National Bank team took 12th place; and the Highland Community College team took last place.

### Big Prize Winners

Individual photos clockwise from top: Shaun Rowe, winner of the JVC 32" Flat Screen TV w/DVD (donated by The Audio Junction); Mike Rice, winner of the Justin Full-Quill Ostrich Boots (donated by Justin Boots /Vanderbilt's); Brent Elder, winner of the Apple iPad (donated by Briggs Auto Group).



Photo by Lance White



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## Mother's Day Essay Contest Winner



Photo by Michelle Cristler

By Emma Faulkner for her mother, Jennifer Faulkner

Words can't describe my mom. She is kind, loving and caring. She has green emerald eyes. She talks like a queen and has hair as beautiful as a princess. I love when my mom helps me with my homework reading.

And my favorite is when she talks about her job. My mom works as a baby Nurse. She works on labor and delivery. I want to grow up to be like my mom, but I won't be as gorgeous as her. I would never ever change my mom or get a new one. She is the BEST MOM EVER!

## Chamber Board 2011

Chamber President Jody Price, Kaw Valley State Bank; Chamber Vice President Chris Hupe, RW Milling; Past-President and Treasurer Dwight Faulkner, First National Bank; Doug Conwell, USD 320; Scott Kohl, Highland Community College; Kim Kohler, Landmark National Bank; Mike Morton, Bluestem Electric; Mark Portell, The Wamego Times; Heidi Rice, Living Stone Ranch; Bart Stewart, Stewart Funeral Home; Barbara Torrey, Crossroads Real Estate & Auction; Becky Wassom, Civic Member; Lance White, First National Bank.

## Wamego at the Kansas Sampler Festival



Photo by Mary Lyn Barnett



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Pottawatomie County was well represented at the Kansas Sampler Festival in Leavenworth. Above, Michelle Crisler representing Wamego, and children enjoying the duck races.

## Ribbon Cutting by Ambassadors



Photo by Mark Portell

Crossroads Real Estate & Auction Realtors at their grand opening with the Ambassadors on May 12 at 406 Lincoln Ave.

## Welcome New Member

### Totally You Salon

Brenda Packard  
527 Lincoln Ave.  
Wamego, KS 66547  
Ph: (785) 456-7374  
[totally.you7374@hotmail.com](mailto:totally.you7374@hotmail.com)  
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As a full service salon everything we do is TOTALLY for YOU!

We offer hair, nail and tanning services with a special every month and convenient hours to match your schedule!

## Letter from the Executive Director

Last week, I attended the yearly National Main Street Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. They certainly went all out to make us feel welcome!

The opening reception on Sunday was at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. We enjoyed live entertainment, a car show, a petting zoo, local beer / wine / food, and especially all the homemade pie you could eat!

Overall, the conference is a time to come together with Main Street managers from all over the country and see what each is doing in their own community.

The sessions I attended were on growing the support of your own program, how to become a better manager, what we need to know about retailers, event evaluation, starting a small business incubator, and identifying different building styles.

What tied each of these sessions together for me was the feeling that if you know your businesses and the individuals who run them - anything is possible.

It was inspiring to listen to the stories of unexpected success that followed other people's successes.

Communication is the key, and I hope to make my presence known even better and am excited to learn what we can do together as members of our community.

I am always open for new ideas or a different way to do things, and now I feel I have enough experience to have a deep conversation about why we do what we do here in Wamego.

I invite each of you to feel free to call me at (785) 456-7849 or come in to the office anytime.

Let's see what we can accomplish together!



**Mary Lyn Barnett,**  
Executive Director for the  
Wamego Chamber of Commerce /  
Mainstreet



Small town. BIG experience.

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### Mission Statement

“To promote the business community, benefit members, and strengthen the community of Wamego through networking, promotion, economic development, and by serving as a resource from which ideas, energy, and finances can be drawn.”

Visit us on the web at [www.WamegoChamber.com](http://www.WamegoChamber.com)

# Thank You to our Chamber Membership 2011

#### Diamond Members

Caterpillar Work Tools  
City of Wamego  
Cotton-O'Neil-Wamego  
First National Bank of Wamego  
KanEquip, Inc.  
Kaw Valley State Bank  
Landmark National Bank  
Midwest Concrete Materials  
Wamego City Hospital  
Wamego Telecommunications

#### Gold Members

Bennington State Bank  
Briggs Super Center  
CR's Tire & Muffler  
Construction Inc.  
Dick Edwards Ford Lincoln Mercury, Inc.  
Dyer's IGA  
Dymax, Inc.  
Ebert Construction Co., Inc.  
Kansas Gas Service  
KBS Constructors, Inc.  
Pott. Co. Economic Development Corp.  
Reese & Novelty, PA  
R-Tech Tool & Machine, Inc.  
Short Stop #8  
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Tri-County Waste  
USD 320  
Vanderbilt's  
Wamego Inn & Suites  
Wamego Self Storage

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Bluestem Electric Coop, Inc.  
Campanella-Evans Mortuary  
Concordia Tractor Inc.  
Higgins Stone Co.  
Lichtenhan ACE Hardware

McPeak & Pugh Real Estate  
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McQuillen, John D., DDS, PA  
Mid-America Office Supplies  
Smoke Signal  
Superior Roofing, Inc.  
T2 Wireless  
Trust Company of Manhattan  
Varney & Associates, CPA's, LLC  
Vintage Park  
Vision Source! - Wamego  
Wamego Dental Center  
Wamego Times

#### Bronze Members

Advanced Promotions  
Aflac  
American Family Insurance, Chris McDonald  
AMI Plumbing, Heating & Cooling  
Area Wide Electric, Inc.  
Auto Clinic  
Berner Jewelry  
Black Jack Hills  
Body Works Massage Therapy  
Bowman Bowman Novick Inc.  
Brilliant Beginnings  
Brown Chevrolet Buick, Inc.  
Bruce McMillan, AIA, Architects  
Butler Plumbing & Heating, Inc.  
Calvin's RV Camping  
Carnahan & Associates Real Estate  
Celebrations  
Century Business Systems  
Clutter Proz  
Copeland Insurance  
Dynamic Management Solutions  
Edward Jones Investments  
Family Eye Care  
Farm Bureau Financial Services, Jim Waters  
Farmers State Bank  
Farmers Union Co-op Assn.  
Flower Mill  
Fox Business Systems  
Friendly Cooker  
Frontier Farm Credit  
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H&R Block  
Heartland Physical Therapy  
Highland Community College  
Imagemakers  
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Lang, John E. (P.A.)  
Last Stop  
Oakhill Estates Apartments  
OZ Museum  
Oz Winery  
Pizza Hut  
Positive Air LLC  
Pugh & Pugh Law Offices  
Quilts & Crafts  
REED Company  
Riley Construction  
R-W Milling  
Salon Generations  
Sink, Gillmore & Gordon  
Sonic Drive-In  
Spirits of '76  
State Farm Insurance, Michele Jacobs  
Suther Farm  
Suther Farms  
TC Retail Liquor  
Tidalwave Entertainment  
Totally You Salon  
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Wamego Veterinary Clinic  
Ward, Lisa - Attorney  
Whirling Earth Pottery

#### Non-Profit Members

Advocate Home Specialty Care, Inc.  
American Red Cross  
Columbian Theatre  
Community Health Ministry  
First Baptist Church  
Kansas Rural Communities Foundation  
Living Stone Ranch  
Manhattan Area Technical College  
Manhattan Association of Realtor's  
Manhattan Workforce Center  
Nek-Cap Inc.  
Pottawatomie Consortium  
RSVP of the Flint Hills  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
Three Rivers Inc.  
UFM Community Learning Center  
United Way of Riley County  
Wamego Community Foundation  
Wamego Historical Society  
Wamego Hospital Foundation  
Wamego Housing Authority  
Wamego Public Library

#### Civic Members

Ditto, Dr. Bill  
Eichman, Casie  
Stewart, Luranell  
Symons, Susan