



# The Wamego Outlook

OCTOBER 2010

## POINTS OF INTEREST

October's general meeting and 2011 Board elections will begin at 11:30 a.m. Monday, October 18, at the Columbian Theatre.

Joseph Hutt, Caterpillar Human Resources Manager, will speak on their current projects, and Amy Flinn, Principal of West Elementary, will speak about the award they received.

Lunch will be catered by Juli's on Lincoln.

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

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First National Bank of Wamego

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Midwest Concrete Materials

Wamego City Hospital

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## OZtoberFest Honors Munchkins & Military

Three of the five surviving Munchkins, Karl Slover, Margaret Pellegrini, and Jerry Maren, attended this year's OZtoberFest, which took place Saturday and Sunday, October 2-3, in downtown Wamego.

The Munchkins have developed special relationships over the years with many OZtoberFest organizers, and it was surely a delight for all the "young munchkins" in the Wizard of Oz production at the Columbian Theatre to share the stage with them.

Autograph sessions with the Munchkins were a highlight this year, and festivities included presentations from special guests Steve Cox, author of *The Munchkins Remember*; John Fricke, author / historian; Michael Siewert, Judy Garland collector; Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, owner of the OZ Museum collection; and great-grandsons Roger and Robert Baum and their wives.

The Chamber was able to double the amount of craft, food, and commercial vendors on Lincoln Avenue for the festival. Other attractions on the street included Munchkinland, an



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entertainment stage, and the American Legion Post 172 Deuce Rolling Memorial. New to the festival this year were the "Munchkin for a Day" parade where the original Munchkins judged young contestants based upon their look-a-like efforts, and the "Dorothy Look-a-Like Contest."

On Sunday for Military Appreciation Day the re-signing of the community covenant with our Combat Aviation Brigade partners and honoring of local veterans took center stage.

## Lighted Christmas Parade

The annual lighted Christmas parade will be Saturday, November 27, at 6:00 pm. The theme is "A Kansas Prairie Christmas" in honor of the Kansas Sesquicentennial celebrations for 2011.

There will also be a collection of canned goods during the parade for the Christmas Bureau.

Immediately following the parade, the annual park lighting ceremony will take place in Wamego's City Park with Santa visits in the Wamego Historical Museum school house. Come visit the participating businesses for a holiday open house from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Saturday, enjoy treats, and register for a drawing.

## After Hours Event at Wamego Telecommunications

Wamego Telecommunications is hosting October's Business After Hours event from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Thursday, October 21, at 1009 Lincoln Street. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served.

## 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).

# Ruby Slipper Run



Photo by Mary Lyn Barnett

Kicking off the weekend's OZtoberFest activities, the First-Ever Ruby Slipper 10K Run and Scarecrow 2-Mile Fun Run featured 98 runners of all ages on Saturday, October 2.

The Chamber-sponsored event started and finished in front of the Chamber office at Sixth and Lincoln. Congratulations to everyone who participated! Also, a special thanks to our volunteers!

Thanks to our event sponsors: Cotton-O'Neil Clinic of Wamego, Dick Edwards of Manhattan, Dyers IGA, First National Bank of Wamego, Heartland Physical Therapy, Manhattan Running Company, the Wamego Athletic Club, Wamego City Hospital, Wamego Telecommunications.

# Festival Foto Fun



Photo by Mark Portel

**ABOVE:** The Flower Mill's owners Shane and Trenna Manor with the Wamego chamber ambassadors had a grand opening ribbon cutting on October 1 at 513 Lincoln Ave. **RIGHT:** Bunny McCloud and Michelle Crisler assist Munchkin Margaret Pellegrini with her handprints for the sidewalk insertions.



Photo by Morris Crisler



Photo by Mary Lyn Barnett

**ABOVE:** Lt. Col. Erich Campbell with Fort Riley's Combat Aviation Brigade speaks during the re-signing of the community covenant with the CAB. **BELOW:** Edward Hoover from Wamego dressed as a "Pirate of Oz" and Robert Baum, great-grandson of L. Frank Baum.



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# Chamber Board 2010

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

## Letter from the Executive Director

October was a full and productive month that included OZtoberFest, the Kansas Tourism Conference in Kansas City, and the Kansas Downtown Symposium in Hutchinson, just to name a few.

It is inspiring to see the passion of the Wizard of Oz fans who descended on Wamego to revel in our beautiful downtown and all the special opportunities to meet the original Munchkins and participate in the variety of options available to them at OZtoberFest.

The theme of the tourism conference was echoed in the Downtown Symposium where we reviewed the branding of our communities and how we can capitalize on the brand.

The awards ceremony in Hutchison capped off the month acknowledging the investment two special people put into our community to make this a better place to live. Seeing people make a difference is what I love about my job!



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

*"If you'd like to  
come by and see  
me—I'm here  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,  
Monday - Friday.  
See you soon!"*

## Barbara Torrey & Karla Rosell Receive Kansas Mainstreet Awards



**ABOVE LEFT:** Barbara Torrey (pictured center) accepts a Main Street award with (from left) Lt. Governor Troy Findley, Dave Karnowski, Mary Lyn Barnett, and Commerce Secretary Bill Thornton. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Karla Rosell received a Kansas Main Street Community Award.



HUTCHINSON, Kan. — Lt. Governor Troy Findley and Kansas Department of Commerce Secretary Bill Thornton helped announce the winners of the Kansas Main Street Awards of Excellence Friday, October 22, at the annual Kansas Downtown Symposium at Memorial Hall in Hutchinson. This year, the Symposium helped celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Kansas Main Street program.

The annual event typically draws nearly 200 business and community leaders interested in downtown development, including city and county officials, entrepreneurs, and small-business owners, as well as Main Street directors, board members, and volunteers.

Congratulations are in order for Karla Rosell, who received a Kansas Main Street Community Award, and for Barb Torrey, who received a Kansas Main Street Excellence in Architectural Design Award.

Nominations were in honor of Barb Torrey's 2010 façade renovation and Karla Rosell's hard work on many events in 2009-2010. In attendance from the Wamego Chamber of Commerce / Mainstreet were Chamber President Dwight Faulkner, Chamber Vice President Jody Price, Chamber board member Scott Kohl, and Design Committee Chair Dave Karnowski.

## Trick-or-Treat on Mainstreet



**ABOVE:** Over 1,000 area residents swarm the downtown streets of Wamego during Trick-or-Treat on Mainstreet on Friday, October 29.

**BELOW:** Area trick-or-treaters peruse candy options in a portable toilet, a tradition carried on by the Wamego Drug Store each Halloween.





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 2010

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