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# FUN at the EXPO

It was estimated that nearly 1,700 attended the 4th annual Chamber Business Expo on April 22nd. The event is held in conjunction with Chanute Safari Days, a collaboration between the Martin and Osa Johnson Safari Museum, the Chamber of Commerce, Neosho County Community College and (new this year) Main Street Chanute. The Expo featured more than 40 vendors from local and area businesses, and live entertainment inside and outside the NCCC gymnasium. An added attraction this year was the annual Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center Health Fair.

The Martin and Osa Johnson Safari Museum hosted two films during the festival. Friday night the featured film was the Johnson's "Congorilla" which was followed by the original "King Kong" on Saturday evening. Matinees of films from the Johnson collection were shown during the day on Saturday.

Saturday included a wide-range of activities for all ages. Pony rides, a giant slide and moon walk were available for the kids courtesy of Bank of Commerce, Commercial Bank, Community National Bank, Home Savings, Bill Reinhardt and the NCCC Student Senate. The college hosted a preview of programs and transfer opportunities they offer, as well as a snake exhibit, and blood-pressure screening by nursing students. Date for next year's Expo is tentative set for April 14, 2007.



**Newsletter Sponsor for May**

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Congratulations to Joe Morgan, Chanute Winner of the \$500 drawing

# Expo Entertainment



St. Patrick's School Choir



Blind Boys Blues Band



The Oliphant Family



Cathy Whitworth



The Jack Suite Band



2006 NMRMC  
*Health Fair*

## Thank you to the participants in the 2006 Chanute EXPO

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## *Thank You!*

A very special thank to Don and Sandy Strack who made the trip to pick-up the Expo booths from the Iola Chamber. And to everyone who assisted in setting up of the booths on Friday and tearing down on Saturday afternoon. Your work on the Expo is truly appreciated.



**Frontier Farm Credit**  
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*You are cordially invited to a retirement reception honoring*  
**Sandy Strack**  
*Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>*  
*4 to 6 p.m.*  
**Frontier Farm Credit**  
*725 W. Cherry, Chanute*  
*Join us in thanking Sandy for*  
*29 years of quality service*  
*Refreshments will be served*

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# May Calendar

**Monday, May 8th**

Executive Board, at 11:30 a.m. Opie's Pizza

**Tuesday, May 9th**

Ambassadors, Noon, in the Oak Room, NCCC  
Open House at the USD #413 Board Office, 1 to 6:30 p.m. Chamber After Hours 5 to 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 16th**

Chamber Board, 11:30 a.m. at Mo Gedi's

**Wednesday, May 17th**

Retirement Reception for Sandra Strack, 4 to 6 p.m. at Frontier Farm Credit, 725 W. Cherry

**Monday, May 22nd**

Tourism Board, 11:30 a.m. at Tall N' Shorty's

**Tuesday, May 23rd**

Eco Devo Group, 11:30 a.m. at Safari Grill



*Looking Ahead*

*State of the City Breakfast*

*Friday, June 2nd*

*7 a.m. Safari Grill*

*RSVP to 431-3350 Join us & share in Chanute's good news*

## Frontier Farm Credit announces retirement

Frontier Farm Credit is announcing the retirement of Sandy Strack, after 29 years of quality service.

"The best aspects of working at Farm Credit have been meeting and helping customers, the changing demands that kept things challenging and the opportunity to work with a caring and knowledgeable staff," said Sandy.

Sandy began her Farm Credit career in 1977. She worked for the Federal Land Bank Association as office assistant, office manager, and assistant vice president-operations. In the early 1990's she began assisting customers with rural home loans and worked as a loan officer for several years before moving to a credit analyst role in 2001. In 2003 Sandy made the transition from credit analyst to a financial officer at the Chanute office. Sandy has also represented Farm Credit as a representative to the Chanute Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Sandy and her husband Don reside in Chanute and have three sons, Mike, Rick and Greg and six grandchildren. Don retired from Ash Grove Cement in March of this year. They plan on spending time traveling and visiting their grandchildren in their retirement. A retirement reception is scheduled for May 17th at the Chanute of-

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Don't miss the first annual  
**State of the City  
Breakfast**

Sponsored by the  
Chanute Area Chamber of  
Commerce and Office of Tourism  
**7 a.m. Friday, June 2nd  
Safari Grill Ballroom**

Special presentation by Chanute  
Mayor Maury Thompson

RSVP Required Call 431-3350

**Tourism Board of Directors**

**Motel Industry Representatives:**

Colleen Mills (Super 8 Motel)  
Todd Johnson (Tioga Suites)

**City Representative:** Nancy Isaac

**Two Members at Large:**

Penny Galemore & Cathy Cleaver

**Chamber Representatives:**

Jackie Witherspoon, Chairman,  
Greg Bolton, Dr. Brian Inbody, Deb Milkulka

**Ex-Officio Members:**

Brad Eilts, City of Chanute Nancy Qualls, Main Street  
Conrad Froehlich, Martin & Osa Johnson Safari Museum  
Elly McCoy, Chanute Art Gallery  
Betty Barnhart, Chanute Historic Museum  
Jodi Lucke, Exec. Director  
Anna Methvin, Exec. Assistant

**HSB celebrates 120th anniversary**



Mike Reid, the officers and staff at Home Savings Bank hosted a Chamber Business After Hours on April 18th to help celebrate their 120th anniversary. The bank featured a wine and cheese tasting event, along with delicious deserts...including a chocolate fountain with fresh strawberries.

Home Savings was chartered as a mutual Savings and Loan in 1886. The focus of the organization in the beginning was home financing for its members. Home Savings Bank has been in their present location for more than 60 years and was previously located at Main and Santa Fe, the current home of Total Image Studio. Home Savings Bank is a full-service financial institution offering Internet banking and an on-site ATM. Their hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday.



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**Chanute**  
a TRADITION of INNOVATION

Chanute is an exceptional community, creating opportunities by investing in the future, while building on our successes.

**Chamber Mission**

“The Chanute Area Chamber of Commerce and Office of Tourism shall create, conduct, and promote activities which enhance business, industry, and the quality of life in the Chanute area.”

*Common threads....  
Innovative intersections*



Pictured is Dr. Vicky Smith, left, and Karen

Karen Lair spoke to Chamber Ambassadors at their April meeting. Karen spoke about the fund raising event set for April 29th to benefit the Martin and Osa Johnson Safari Museum. Chamber Ambassadors meet the second Tuesday of the month in the Oak Room at Neosho County Community College. If you would like to join this fun group, call the office at 431-3350!



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Member F.D.I.C.

## *June is Business Appreciation Month*

In conjunction with the State of Kansas, the Chanute Area Chamber of Commerce and Office of Tourism and the City of Chanute will be recognizing a local business/industry as the

### *2006 Business of the Year*

Please take the time to nominate a Chamber business or industry and complete the award application form below. The award winner will be recognized at a luncheon scheduled for mid-June. Your nomination could be the name of the local business or industry to be added to the list of distinguished winners.

Send in your nomination form today!



## 2006 Chanute Business of the Year Award Application Form



Application Deadline May 19th

Business Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe why you believe this business should be Chanute's 2006 Business of the Year. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

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(Optional)  
Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Return to:

The Chanute Area Chamber of Commerce & Office of Tourism  
P.O. Box 747 — 21 N. Lincoln Chanute, KS 66720

FAX to: (620)431-7770 or Email to: [director@chanutechamber.com](mailto:director@chanutechamber.com)

**Chanute Area Chamber  
of Commerce and  
Office of Tourism  
2006 Board of Directors**

**Executive Board**

**Tim Fairchild, President**  
Commercial Bank  
**Steve Payne, President-Elect**  
State Farm Insurance  
**Dr. Nathan Falk, Treasurer**  
Chanute Chiropractic Center  
**Carolyn Russell, Past President,**  
Bank of Commerce, Retired

**Elected Board Members**

**Term: January 2007**

**Roger Flax**  
Magna Tech  
**Nancy Isaac**  
The Chanute Tribune  
**Steve Parsons**  
USD #413

**David Reinhardt**  
Cleaver Farm & Home

**Term: January 2008**

**Darin Luebbering**  
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**Tyson Jelinek**  
Edward Jones

**Jim Earl**  
Penwell-Gable Chapels

**Perry Hartman**  
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**Term: January 2009**

**Becky Waggoner**  
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**Sandra Strack**  
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**Randy Riggs**  
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**Kelsey Jarred  
& Todd Lickteig**

**Legal Counsel:**

R. Kent Pringle, Attorney

**Staff:**

Jodi D. Lucke  
Executive Director  
Anna Methvin  
Executive Assistant



**Ribbon Cutting celebrates new location**



Members of the Chamber celebrated the opening of the new Chanute Subway at a Ribbon Cutting on April 11th. In addition to the ceremonial cutting of the ribbon, recognition was given to owner Ed Pennuto for his dedication to the Chamber through membership and the



growth, expansion and commitment to Chanute by his Subway franchise. The new Subway is located at 2208 S. Santa Fe and a second store has also opened in the Chanute Wal-Mart.



**Landscaping nearly complete near Giraffe sculpture**

Dr. Dwight Blackwood and city staff have been working to complete the landscaping at the Giraffe sculpture in front of the Santa Fe Depot. The Giraffe were donated by Dwight and are the designs of Frank Jensen, of Augusta. They were installed December 22nd by city employees.



**Open House at USD #413 Board Office, 315 W. 35th**  
Open House begins at 1 p.m.  
**Chamber Business After Hours 5 to 6:30 p.m.**



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# Chanute teen crowned Miss Southeast Kansas



Christian Watkins was crowned Miss Southeast Kansas on March 4th in Fredonia. Christian, 18, is the daughter of Mark and Diane Watkins and a senior at Chanute High School. Her platform at the pageant was young voter registration. As Miss SEK, Christian will represent the area at the Miss Kansas Pageant scheduled for June in Pratt, where she will perform an Italian aria during the talent competition. Whoever takes the Miss Kansas crown will represent the state in the Miss American pageant.

Christian is currently looking for sponsors to help her in the Miss Kansas Pageant. All sponsors will receive recognition in the program. Those interested in sponsoring Christian can call her at 431-3649.

In addition to Christian's hectic schedule as a senior at CHS, she is also very involved in Chanute's Community Building project and serves on the committee to increase and expand the enrichment of youth programs and services.

## Event introduced new writer at Tribune



Chamber members, coaches, athletic directors and trainers enjoyed a Business After Hours on April 26th at The Chanute Tribune. The event was scheduled to introduce Jason Peake to the community and those he will work directly with as the new sport editor at the Tribune. Jason graduated from Western Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in journalism. He joined the Tribune from Peoria, Illinois, where he covered high school sports for the Peoria Journal Star.



Check out the changes and new information at [www.chanutechamber.com](http://www.chanutechamber.com)



The Chamber website helps share the good news, vision and direction of our great community!

Thank you to everyone who supports the Chamber's Technology Fund that makes the website possible!

**Nearly 18,500 hits**

Don't Miss the Business After Hours  
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Tuesday, May 9th

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Open House  
Tuesday, May 9th  
1 to 6:30 p.m.

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Just a reminder - summer classes begin June 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Check out our course schedule on the web at  
[www.neosho.edu](http://www.neosho.edu) or call  
431-2820, ext. 502 or 233 for more information.



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## Opportunity Awaits...

The Economic Development Committee, comprised of the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Chanute, will host a variety of activities during the celebration of Business Appreciation week, June 12th-16th.

The week will begin with a luncheon on Monday, June 12, (at a location yet to be determined) to announce the recipient of the 2006 *Business of the Year*. On Tuesday, June 13th, the committee will host a Business Leadership Forum for upper management of the Chanute business and industry community. The forum will be held in the Oak Room at Neosho County Community College beginning at 4 p.m. and invited guests will enjoy networking and dialogue with community business leaders.... and a catered deli buffet. The event should last around two hours and more information will be distributed in the next few weeks.



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## ATTENTION Eco Devo Task Force

We will meet May 23rd at 11:30 a.m. All monthly meetings are held at the Safari Grill beginning at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP!  
Call 431-3350 or [director@chanutechamber.com](mailto:director@chanutechamber.com)

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