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SOLD-OUT EVENT, SHAWNEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS EXPO 2009

The Chamber's annual Business Expo is sold out, with more than 60 Shawnee and community businesses participating in the Oct. 8, 2009 event!

SHAWNEE, Kan. – The Shawnee Chamber of Commerce Business Expo 2009 will be Thursday, October 8, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Shawnee Civic Center, 13817 Johnson Drive. Having sold out Monday, there will be more than 60 Shawnee and community business exhibitors. The Expo is free to the community, with special features throughout the duration of the event.

The city will feature a Shawnee-Safety Exhibit from 3 to 6 p.m., including a fire truck and the crew; police officers and vehicles; SWAT officers; an armored, rescue vehicle; and Patches and Pumper, a remote device to educate children on fire safety.

Seasonal-flu shots will be administered at Shawnee Mission Urgent Care's booth to qualifying individuals for \$25.00 each. Shawnee Mission Urgent Care reminds the community individuals must be 18 years of age, and pregnant females will need an order from their OBGYN to receive a seasonal-flu shot. The seasonal-flu shot will not be administered under the following circumstances: if you are currently taking an anticoagulant such as Coumadin, Warfarin, Lovenox, etc.; if you are currently taking antibiotics; if you currently have a fever greater than 100.4; and/or if you have an active-nerve disorder.

An eco area will feature businesses encouraging green initiatives and sustainability in the community through their products, programs and services. Eco exhibitors include the following: Basic Business Products; Deffenbaugh Industries; Kansas City Power and Light; Paramount Promotions; Shawnee Lions Club; Shawnee Mission Ford; WaterOne; Wonderscope Children's Museum of Kansas City; and Your Wellness Connection. In addition, the art gallery will wear a green hat, too, as the Green-Works Gallery, featuring art created from recycled materials.

Fun Services of Kansas City, LLC, will have a Bounce House for children as a part of its booth.

Exposure, creating business connections and networking are vital to building and maintaining relationships – especially today. The Expo will be a good opportunity to see new faces and shake new hands with Shawnee and community businesses.

The Business Expo Committee of volunteers has worked enthusiastically to sell out the event and to make it one to remember in the Shawnee community. Thank you to the event's sponsors – Bayer HealthCare LLC, Animal Health

Division; Brotherhood Bank and Trust; Deffenbaugh Industries; The Shawnee Dispatch; and Argentine Federal Savings.

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Contact the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce office, (913) 631-6545, if you have questions about the Business Expo.