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## SHAWNEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BOB REGNIER OF BANK OF BLUE VALLEY HOST CEO ROUNDTABLE

### Area CEO'S Gather to Exchange Information, Ideas and Insights on the Business World

SHAWNEE, Kan. June, 2010 – The Shawnee Chamber of Commerce has teamed with Bob Regnier with Bank of Blue Valley to provide a CEO roundtable for Top Chief Executive Officers in and around Shawnee. The panel met Tuesday, June 29 at the Hereford House in Shawnee. The panel held an open discussion on the turbulent economy and the effects and tactics businesses have.

The panel discussion was kicked off when Bob Regnier shared an article on the cover of the New York Times that read, "The End of Community Banking." Regnier, President of Bank of Blue Valley disagreed with the article and opened up discussion on the importance of building relationships at your business, and the how important integrity is. The panel also covered a variety of other topics including; the business climate, change in health care for employees, the education system, changing in marketing strategies for businesses, strong values that should be placed in the business world, new loaning and cash flow requirements and more.

Bob Regnier felt it was important to have the CEO Roundtable because, "It gets local business leaders together to discuss important current issues, it builds connections between people in our community and it provides an introduction to people who are not acquainted within our community.

Bob Regnier, Bank of Blue Valley, moderated the panel. Other invited CEO'S in attendance were; Tim Harmon; 2010 Chairman of the Board Harmon Construction Inc., Todd Fitzpatrick, Bank of Blue Valley, Chris Hansen, KU MedWest, Dick Shull, Shawnee Mission Ford, Tom Zarda, Zarda/Rieke Development Corporation, Dr. Gene Johnson, Shawnee Mission School District, Brian Brown, Sharon Lane Nursing Home and Ernie Straub III, Straub Construction Co., Inc., Linda Leeper; President |CEO, Shawnee Chamber of Commerce.

#### About the Chamber:

Established in 1946, the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization that works to preserve the best possible business climate and quality of life for Shawnee. With over 650 business members, the Shawnee Chamber Corporation (501C6) is comprised of two divisions: the Economic Development Council, and the Convention and Visitor's Bureau. For more information, contact us at 913.631.6545 or visit our website at [www.goodstartshere.com](http://www.goodstartshere.com).

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