

ENTREPRENEUR SPOTLIGHT

Third Annual Holiday Gift Guide

Once again this year, we encourage you to purchase your holiday gifts locally from businesses that have utilized Enterprise Facilitation. We hope that the following guide helps you to find the perfect gift for everyone on your list and wish you a joyous holiday season!

Project Outcomes:

(June 2, 2003 to October 31, 2008)

- ◆ Total Clients Assisted: **476**
- ◆ Businesses Started: **35**
- ◆ Businesses Expanded: **13**
- ◆ Jobs Created: **127**
- ◆ Businesses Retained: **8**
- ◆ Jobs Retained: **39**
- ◆ Tune-Ups of Existing Businesses: **50**

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Beauty Care Products:

Bee Royal Products (see complete listing under Health & Wellness)

Books:

Usborne Books at Home (www.usborneneks.com or 785-459-2249) - Judy has a terrific selection of educational books that kids love! And, she's happy to meet with you to review her entire catalog and help you find the perfect gift for each child on your shopping list. Or, shop her website and register to win free books!

Business Opportunity:

The Parsonage Guesthouse, LLC (425 W. 4th St., Holton, KS) - This holiday season take advantage of the rare opportunity to own a historic inn/bed & breakfast that has been in successful operation for more than 10 years. This Victorian home served as a parsonage for the Methodist/Episcopal Church for over 100 years and has been fully renovated. It features over 3,500 square feet of updated living space including 5 bedrooms and 5 1/2 baths. Sellers will work with buyers to include antique furnishings and supplies for a total turnkey operation. Contact Charlene Herbers with United Country Real Estate at 785-851-0866 for more information.

Buy, Sell, or Trade:

Jackson County Trader (www.jacksoncountytrader.com or 785-364-7819) - Need to make room for that new gift or make a little extra money for the holidays? Searching for that perfect gift? Let the Jackson County Trader help! The Trader offers low cost online advertising either on the home page or in any of more than 25 categories including Autos, Pets, Sporting Goods, Quilts, Furniture, and Tools. Ads can be changed at any time for any reason. There are no commitments and the advertiser can write his/her own ad. The Trader also includes advertisements for local businesses offering a variety of unique items for the holidays. The Trader recently expanded to the Topeka area with the Shawnee County Trader which offers even more gift options. As a Christmas special, the Trader is offering totally free advertising in any of the categories offered except home page ads. So, if you have anything you want to buy, sell or trade, give them a call!

Candy:

All Around Sweets (see complete listing under Food)

Circleville Market (see complete listing under Food)

Donate, Volunteer, & Support:

The Homestead (785-872-3719 or 3181 Chautauqua Rd., Holton, KS - southwest Atchison County/ ¼ mile north of Highway 116) - The Homestead is a nonprofit 501(c)3 community service provider licensed by Social and Rehabilitation Services since December 2001. Their program for adults with developmental disabilities offers training and employment in agricultural related enterprises.

Sales of items produced by the special needs individuals support the expense of operating the program. Items for sale include canned whole tomatoes, juice, salsa, and Italian stewed tomatoes ready for chili, spaghetti sauce, or other recipes. You will appreciate how the tomato products simplify and reduce time in the kitchen. Applesauce, apple jelly, apple butter, grape jelly, crab-apple jelly, cranberry jam, apricot jam, and cherry syrup will enhance any meal and make wonderful gifts. A variety of wood birdhouses, critter feeders and benches are also available. One of the best buys is the organic Top Secret Dog Cookies. Beware, once your beloved pets taste these, they will be less than enthusiastic for commercial treats. Fresh brown eggs are also available for use in your holiday baking. Hours of operation are 8 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday or by appointment. They will also mail your order with the addition of a small delivery charge.

Engraving:

Country Images (www.cimages.us or 785-364-2873) - Country Images offers unique items customized for you including custom mirrors, wood, leather, tile, awards, lariat rope & western items. From the wood frame to the engraved mirror, Aleta invites you to have her customize your next gift or award. Custom engraved Christmas ornaments capturing that special family memory are also available in leather, glass, acrylic, & wood. Check out the wooden wall tributes and ornaments designed to honor members of the military or other organizations! Tributes representing events and hobbies are also available. Photos of most items are available on the website and orders may be placed via phone, mail, or e-mail. Aleta does have a showroom which you may visit by appointment.

Facilities to Rent:

Big Mike's Diner (see complete listing under Food)

Laurie Beth's Restaurant & Bakery (see complete listing under Food)

MuleSkinner Lodge (see complete listing under Lodging)

The Inn at Muddy Creek, LLC (see complete listing under Lodging)

Food:

All Around Sweets (317 Pennsylvania, Holton, KS; 785-364-3300; or www.allaroundsweets.com) - Let All Around Sweets take care of your holiday treats! Many homemade varieties of candy are available each day including fudge, caramels, and chocolate covered cherries. The gift shop is full of unique tins, dishes, and platters ready for your holiday gift giving. A large selection of pie is also available, whole or by the slice. Call now with your holiday order! New this year, All Around Sweets serves coffee house espresso drinks including cappuccinos, lattes, mochas, hot chocolates and much more. While out shopping, don't forget that All Around Sweets also offers cinnamon rolls, quiche, breakfast burritos, homemade soup, chili, and sandwiches for a quick breakfast or lunch. Be sure to stop by on December 13th from 9am-12pm for a live KNZA remote! Hours are 6:30 am to 6 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday; 6:30 am to 7 pm on Thursday; and 8 am to 4 pm on Saturday.

Food, continued:

Big Mike's Diner (316 Pennsylvania, Holton, KS or 785-362-6453) - Big Mike's is a 50's style diner offering home cooked food in a fun, retro atmosphere. Food offerings include hamburgers, sandwiches, old-fashioned malts, root beer floats, and a full breakfast menu. Hours are 6 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday and 6 am to 2 pm on Saturday. Big Mike's is also available to host that holiday gathering. Call now to reserve your date!

Circleville Market (201 Lincoln, Circleville, KS or 785-924-3321) Shop the Circleville Market first for your holiday grocery needs! Featured for the holidays are 15 varieties of bulk, bag it yourself candy. Judy also reminds shoppers that freshly sliced deli meats and cheeses are handy for holiday entertaining. Store hours are 8 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Wednesday and 8 am to 7 pm Thursday through Saturday. Orders may be phoned in for quick pickup. The Market also has gasoline so don't forget to fuel up while you're there!

Kickin Bull Ranch (www.kickinbullranch.com or 785-248-3218) - Kickin Bull Ranch features chemical-free, lean Angus beef. The Ranch uses certified organic fertilizer, and their animals are raised without added hormones, steroids, sub-therapeutic antibiotics, or animal by-products. Cattle are free to roam the pastures and graze in a low stress environment which Ron & Diane believe creates a more tender and better tasting meat. For the holidays, Kickin Bull Ranch is offering gift certificates redeemable for packaged beef after their next harvest.

Laurie Beth's Restaurant & Bakery (208 N. 1st, Hiawatha, KS or 785-742-3200) - Enjoy a hot breakfast before starting your holiday shopping or stop by for lunch or supper when you're done. Laurie Beth offers home-cooked meals and homemade breads, pies, and cookies in a relaxed, smoke free atmosphere. Let Laurie Beth cater your holiday party, bake that holiday cake, or make sure Santa's cookies are just right for Christmas Eve. Call to book your party or order those homemade delights today! Hours are 6 am to 8 pm Monday through Thursday and 6 am to 9 pm on Friday and Saturday.

The Homestead (see complete listing under Donate, Volunteer, & Support)

The Inn at Muddy Creek, LLC (see complete listing under Lodging)

Wagon Wheel Bar & Grill (449 East 15th St., Horton, KS or 785-486-9500) - Take a break from holiday shopping for lunch or dinner at the Wagon Wheel! Hours are 11 am to 10 pm Monday through Thursday and 11 am to midnight on Friday.

Fuel:

Circleville Market (see complete listing under Food)

Garden:

C&J Welding and Fabrication (10955B US Hwy 59, Atchison, KS or 913-674-6187) - Let Jeremie beautify your home or garden with some decorative metalwork! Bring in your own design or let him create something for you. Jeremie is also available to handle your other welding and fabrication needs.

Carefree Designs (336 N. Liberty, Troy, KS or 816-244-9553) - Sharon offers beautiful, low maintenance garden designs to add sparkle to your home in the new year.

Coleman Nursery & Tree Farm (16267 142nd Rd., Hoyt, KS or 785-966-2127) - Give the gift of plants this holiday season! Coleman Nursery offers gift certificates that may be redeemed in the spring for a wide selection of trees, shrubs, flowering plants, and vegetable starts. The Nursery is available by appointment only during the winter months but will reopen in April from 10 am to 6 pm Tuesday through Saturday.

Health & Wellness:

Bee Royal Products (www.beeroyalproducts.com or 1-866-698-2337) - Give the gift of health and beauty this year! Bee Royal Products specializes in bee products including the finest quality royal jelly and bee pollen. These products have long been known to increase health and wellness. Bee Royal also offers a complete line of skincare and cosmetics under the Bee Luscious label. Ana & Jim encourage you to get luscious with Bee Luscious this holiday season! Gift Guide shoppers will receive 45% off their online order by using the code NEFAC.

In addition, Bee Royal is now offering Papayamine and Cholesamine at www.papayamine.com. These patented organic protein supplements help users lower cholesterol and lose weight. Gift Guide shoppers will receive \$5.00 off any bottle by using code NE5.

Holle's Studio (785-742-3890 or hollesstudio@hotmail.com) - Holle's Studio offers combination dance classes including ballet, jazz, contemporary, and hip hop in Hiawatha, KS for ages 4 through high school. The Studio also offers an adult tap class and will soon be offering adult yoga. For more information about classes, please call or e-mail Holle.

Home Décor:

C&J Welding and Fabrication (see complete listing under Garden)

Country Images (see complete listing under Engraving)

Jackson County Trader (see complete listing under Buy, Sell, or Trade)

The English Leather Shop (see complete listing under Leather Goods)

The Homestead (see complete listing under Donate, Volunteer, & Support)

Jewelry:

For the Nations (available at the Bern Meat Plant, 411 Main, Bern, KS or 785-336-2165) - For the Nations specializes in handmade jewelry featuring pearls, silver, and crystals from East Asia. Profits support Christian mission work.

Leather Goods:

The English Leather Shop (119 W. 8th St., Horton, KS; 785-741-0128; or www.englishleathershop.com) - The English Leather Shop offers shoppers a variety of leather goods including wallets, boots, and shoes as well as western gift and home décor items. The Shop also carries western supplies and does custom leather work. Hours are 9 am to 5 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday and 9 am to noon on Saturday.

Lodging:

MuleSkinner Lodge (19010 W Rd., Denison, KS; 785-935-2279; or www.muleskinnerlodge.com) - The MuleSkinner Lodge is a unique, rustic bed and breakfast retreat available for private getaways (sleeps 6) or gatherings of up to 24 people. Holiday specials include 20% off regular price for weeknight stays in November, December, or January. Groups booking events for November through January will also receive a reduced rate. Call now to reserve your special time!

Lodging, continued:

The Inn at Muddy Creek, LLC (www.innatmuddycreek.com or 785-986-6356) - The Inn at Muddy Creek is a bed and breakfast located conveniently between Topeka and Holton, just off Highway 75. The beautiful log home includes five themed guest rooms, all with private baths, and can accommodate up to 14 guests comfortably. It is the perfect setting for family reunions, quilting retreats, scrapbooking weekends, Bunko groups, or couples wanting to get away.

The Inn's lower level meeting room, The Emerald City, is available for holiday parties but also works nicely for business retreats, anniversary or wedding celebrations, quilters, scrapbookers, and other groups. Catering menus and group pricing are available upon request. Gift certificates are also available.

Ornaments:

Country Images (see complete listing under Engraving)

Pets:

Homestead Pet Resort and Spa, LLC (785-872-3200 or 3233 Chautauqua Rd., Holton, KS - southwest Atchison County/ ¾ mile north of Highway 116) - Going on vacation and need a way to take care of your pet? Homestead Pet Resort and Spa is opening for business December 15, 2008. The Pet Resort & Spa is located on the same site as The Homestead and will support its mission of providing training and employment in agricultural related enterprises for developmentally disabled adults. The boarding facility is a replica of the farmstead's original 1880's barn.

Homestead Pet Resort & Spa is modeled after the doggie day care concept to provide pet owners an alternative to the standard boarding kennel. Staff is on site 24/7. Socialized dogs are divided into play groups according to size, age, and temperament. Large interior and exterior spaces provide exercise plus interaction with other dogs. At all times pet care givers monitor the activities to assure safety and security.

Cats are boarded in spacious condos that have a separate ventilation system from the dogs. Active cats have access to a large play area filled with entertaining toys.

Bring this Entrepreneur Spotlight and receive a 15% discount on a 3-5 day boarding of your dog or cat!

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The Homestead (see complete listing under Donate, Volunteer, & Support)

Toys:

Stuff-n-Luv Create-An-Animal Workshop (www.americanstuffabear.com/hiawatha/ or 785-742-1779) - Stuff-n-Luv features American Stuff-A-Bear products, the nation's largest selection of stuff-your-own-plush. American Stuff-a-Bear parties are awesome! They provide the activity and the party favor in one! Each animal kit comes with everything you need: plush skin, stuffing, birth certificate, wishing star, and Free T-Shirt for Your New Stuffed Animal (applies to online purchases only). More than 40 new Party Pack Kits have arrived! Party Packs include everything for your perfect party including invitations plus free extras (soundchips and t-shirts). Online birthday party orders of \$150 or more receive a recordable soundchip for the birthday child as a FREE GIFT (an \$8 value). For more information, contact Linda at stuffnluv2@embarqmail.com.