

Annual Christmas Dinner and Silent Auction
Thursday, December 10, 2009

Social Hour & Silent Auction

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Dinner Following

Dinner \$10 per person

Ross's Catering

Proceeds of auction benefit Basehor-Linwood Assistance Services (BLAS)

Event Location – Reece & Nichols
1106 155th Street, Basehor

Donations for Silent Auction Needed

RSVP by Tuesday, December 8

(913) 724-9000 or

info@basehorchamber.org

Chamber Luncheon Dates and Topics

Jan. 21, 2010

State of the City

Feb. 18, 2010

Kansas Sampler



Basehor Chamber of Commerce

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Basehor Business Profiles



Chuck Wilderson

Phillip Ashlock



Wilderson Tree Farm

In 1976 when David Wilderson was 14 years old he thought he wanted to become a forester. With his parents help he planted 1,000 seedlings and cared for them through high school and until he was a junior in college when they were ready to sell.

Sales from the Christmas trees were sufficient to pay for David's last two years of college. After graduation the family took over the business and have kept it going. Chuck Wilderson now employs four college students, seven high school students, two grandchildren and a son during the December sales period.

They plant between 500 and 2,000 seedlings each year and currently have approximately 8,500 trees growing on the 18-acre property.

Scotch and Austrian Pine Christmas trees go for \$6.50 per foot, while the White Pine sell for \$7.00 per foot. Half of the trees are brought in from Wisconsin and half are raised locally on the farm.

Hours are 1-5 weekdays and 9-5 on weekends.

Chuck has been very active in Basehor community activities, serving for over 10 years on the Chamber of Commerce Board, twice as president, and with Basehor PRIDE since 1994.

Charles and Jane Wilderson (913) 724-1057



Thomas E. Mills, Jr., Vice President

CSE Emblems, Inc

CSE Emblems was founded in 1985 by a local Kansas City stock room manager who worked for a local independent Textile Rental plant. Our owner, Tom Mills, grew up in the Textile Rental industry where his father managed a number of plants in the mid-west. In 1985 the company moved to Basehor and now employs 28 workers.

They focus on emblems, direct embroidery and silk screening. The silk screening was added last year to meet the demand in the T-shirt business.

The direct embroidery is used for logos on caps, garments, bags and most types of apparel.

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Special thanks to Susan Guy for her service on the Chamber Board. Susan helped get the Chamber started in Basehor in 1985 and served as its first president. As her time on the board ends in December after 25 years, she was granted a lifetime membership by the board at the Dec. 2nd board meeting.



Chamber Board of Directors

Board Members Needed!

The Board needs **new members** to replace outgoing board members! If you are interested in serving on the Board or have questions about the position, call (913) 724-9000 or e-mail info@basehorchamber.org.

2009 Board Members

Gayle Runnels, President, Citizen's Savings & Loan
Aladdin Ashkar, Vice President, Community National Bank
Mary Fallesen, Treasurer, United Title Company
Melanie Morris, Secretary, First State Bank & Trust
Susan Adams, R & S Equipment Inc.
Jim Bebb, Community National Bank
Susan Guy, Self Employed
Kimberly Miller-Tallman, Miller Sign Shoppe
Carl Slaugh, Resident, City of Basehor
Deb Taylor, CPA, Kramer & Associates, CPAs, LLC

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Note from the President

The Basehor Chamber of Commerce invites you to become a partner in improving the economic strength of our area by becoming a member of the Basehor Chamber of Commerce.

Our monthly chamber membership lunch meetings as well as events such as our annual golf tournament, morning coffees, silent auctions and after-hours networking offer our members an opportunity to be informed on current issues, promote their business and cultivate business relationships with other businesses in the area. Our "Spotlight on Business" is another tool we use to promote our businesses as well as constantly promoting your business on our website www.basehorchamber.org



Gayle Runnels, President