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ANNUAL DINNER MEETING MOVED FORWARD IN CHAMBER CALENDAR



By now most of you know that fiscal year 2006 has been a year of internal growth and changes. Staff development and changes, board training, and a look at organizational and committee structure have all been included in the effort to better serve our members and streamline efficiencies. In keeping with our internal goal of aligning our formal changing of officers with the beginning of our new fiscal year (October 1), we have moved the date of the Chamber Annual Meeting from early November to October 19. Please mark your calendars now for this exciting event which will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Honeywell Center. Invitations will be mailed in late August. Also, we are pleased to announce that we currently have eight sponsors (see logos framing this article) for this year's event, allowing us to hold down the cost of ticket prices while providing a quality, entertaining/educational evening for our members. We sincerely thank **Comcast, GDX, C.A.T. Excavating, First Federal Savings Bank, Wabash Valley Refuse, Duke Energy, Wells Fargo Bank and NIPSCO**, for their generous support of this event, and Chair Larry Hoover (**Quality Electric**) for his efforts in ensuring the Annual Meeting will be a memorable evening. If your business is interested in sponsorship, please call or email the Chamber office for more details.



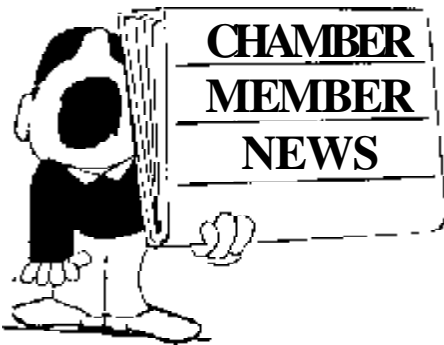
City of Wabash Named 2006 Business of the Year



Doug Lehman, Wabash County Chamber of Commerce Board Chair, announces The **City of Wabash** as the 2006 Business of the Year. "While we may not initially think of the City as a business, with a budget of \$12,897,079.00, almost all of which is spent right here in Wabash, and paying wages to over 100 employees, it *is* a business. Furthermore, no other business affects the lives of as many of Wabash's citizens as does the local government. This is an especially good time to recognize the City because of the major achievements it has recently accomplished with its Brownfield grants, Riverwalk and Streetscape grants, and recent and future street and highway improvements," stated Lehman.

Mayor Robert Vanlandingham responded, "It is an honor and privilege for the City of Wabash to be recognized in this way. Speaking on behalf of all the City employees, I'd like to express my appreciation to the Chamber for selecting us to receive this award. We

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Please route this newsletter to the other staff in your business to keep them up-to-date on services, functions and programs available to all employees of our member companies!

HAVE YOU HAD CHANGES OR IMPROVEMENTS IN YOUR BUSINESS? HAVE YOU RECEIVED AN AWARD, REACHED A MILESTONE, OR COMPLETED ADDITIONAL TRAINING? WE WANT TO KNOW. SHARE THESE THINGS WITH YOUR CHAMBER PARTNERS. THEY TOO ENJOY HEARING. CALL, FAX, E-MAIL, OR MAIL NOTES TO THE CHAMBER OFFICE.

Michelle Martin, **Ivy Tech Community College** and Susan Dripps of the Small Business Development Center announced the “Building Business Strategies for Success” conference to be presented on August 23, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Shoppes on the Square, Kokomo. The day will include a continental breakfast, and lunch featuring keynote speaker Gerry Dick of Inside Indiana Business. Attendees will be able to meet with regional and state experts in business and marketing in these 30-minute sessions which will include: aging workforce, computer security, electronic media/advertising, employment issues, employee benefits, fraud detection, funding options, grants, marketing, safety and emergency procedures, and staff development. To register, or for more information, telephone Ms. Dripps at 765.454.7922

Dan Sharp of **Staffing Resources** reminds members that he and his staff are professionals in staffing and human resources. They place qualified employees with area companies who are experiencing staffing shortages. If your company is in need of their services, Staffing Resources has offices in Wabash (563.7771), Logansport (888.215.2233), or Kokomo (888.973.2211).

Pettit Printing, Inc., 789 S. Carroll St., Wabash, recently released information on copying services: Color copies – single-sided 8 ½ x 11— 49 ¢; 11 x 17 single-sided – 75 ¢. On multiple copies, they are capable of outputting directly from Adobe InDesign & Pagemaker, QuarkXpress, Corel Draw, Microsoft Word and Publisher, Broderbund Print Shop & American Greetings CreaCard, and PDF’s up to 11 x 17 full bleed. Hours are M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Contact Gabi, Greg or Brian at pettit.printing@gmail.com or 260.563.2346.

Wabash Friends Counseling Center will hold their 14th Annual Day of Healing on October 28, at the Honeywell Center. Keynote speaker will be Dr. John Townsend, author, psychologist, and radio host. 20 professional counselors and educators will join Dr. Townsend in leading 30 different workshops throughout the day. Registration fee is \$15 through Oct. 8 and \$25 thereafter. Scholarship funds are available. For a complete listing of the day’s workshops and more information, visit wabashfriendscounseling.com or telephone 260.563.8452 or 877.350.1658.



The Chamber welcomes William (Bill) Konyha as the new President/CEO of the Economic Development Group of Wabash County. Bill officially begins his new position on July 31. The Chamber and the EDGWC will co-host an OPEN HOUSE at their new offices on August 18 from 2 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Please visit us at our new location on the southeast corner of Market and Wabash Streets.

Also, let us know what you think about our new building sign. Produced through **GMS Graphics** and with physical mounting and hardware by **Schlemmer Brothers**, the sign lets the public know that City Hall, your Chamber and EDGWC are all housed in one convenient location. The Chamber sincerely thanks Public Relations Chair Andy Eads (**Wabash Plain Dealer**) for his extensive work on ensuring the completion of the sign project.

Welcome New Members

Char's Coffee Bar - Owners Brian & Charlene Thompson located at 254 S Wabash St, Wabash, IN 46992 Voice: 260.563.1928 E-mail: brichartay@juno.com Business started January 2006 serving Seattle's Best Coffee, Latte's, Cappuccinos - Hot or Cold. Sandwich Shop, Wireless Internet, All Natural Fruit Smoothies.

Metal Source, LLC - Ben Gebhart, Manager located at 505 W Canal St, PO Box 238, Wabash, IN 46992 Voice: 260.563.8833 FAX: 260.563.8835 Buisness started January 2000. Metal Source is a processor of Zinc Dross, Aluminum Dross, and various types of all scrap.

Aztecaz Mexican Grill - Betty Abbott, Contact located at 256 S Miami St, Wabash, IN 46992 Voice: 260.569.0519 Business started July 2006. Excellent menu of Mexican food with great service.



Wabash Paranormal Investigations and Research Group - Jason Schlemmer, Founder, Voice: 260.563.5226, E-mail: WPIRG@Yahoo.com, Website: www.wpirg.net. Business started January 2002 doing research within many various areas of the paranormal field.

Market Strret Grill - Bill Gerding, Owner, located at 90 W Market St, Wabash, IN 46992 Voice: 260.563.7779. Fine dining in downtown Wabash, banquet facilities and catering available.

Mosier's Tarp - Jeff Mosier, Owner, located at 4021 S State Road 15, Wabash, IN 46992 Voice: 260.563.3332, E-mail: jmosier@ctlnet.com. Custom made boat and vehicle covers.

American Red Cross - Mitch Figert, Unit Manager located at 58 W Market St, Wabash, IN 46992 Voice: 260.563.2658 FAX: 260.563.8727 E-mail: arcross@kconline.com Offering classes in First Aid, CPR, and disaster preparedness.

SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

Co-chairs Beth Winer, Bev Vanderpool and Michelle Atkinson invite the community to come and support the 16th Annual Wabash County Scholarship Pageant to be held on July 28, 7:00 p.m., in the Honeywell Ford Theater. Twenty-three participants will be competing for at least \$4,300.00 in scholarships. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m., with tickets available for \$3.00 each. Scholarships are made possible through the generous support of area businesses and individuals. Scholarship donations may be mailed to the Wabash County Chamber, 210 S. Wabash St., Wabash, Indiana.



ATTENTION BUSINESSES: REQUEST BY WABASH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Captain Jeff Martin of the Wabash Police Department has requested your help. Please update the police department with contact names and phone numbers in the event of an emergency concerning your business or in special situations that may arise such as finding a door open in the middle of the night, contacting someone regarding a break-in, etc. Be assured that your updated information will not be shared with anyone other than the police department. The Police Department is located at 1340 Manchester Ave., telephone 260.563.1111, FAX 260.563.8604. Email: wcpolice@comcast.net

SEMINAR NEWS

Your Chamber is pleased to host two upcoming professional seminars by Joe Constance of Constant Training. On August 24, Customer Service Excellence will be the topic of the a.m. presentation, followed by Time and Life Management for the p.m. session. Cost per session is \$49 each Chamber member and \$69 for non-members. More information is available in the enclosed flyer or check it out on the web site at www.wabashchamber.org.

The committee is busy planning for professional/educational seminars including the popular Lunch & Learn Series. If you have a topic for training or need a workshop to enhance your employees knowledge/skills, please contact Chair Lori Eltzroth (leltzroth@beaconcu.org) or call/email the Chamber office. We're here to provide the support you need!



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Do you have an interest in Government Affairs? Due to demands in other areas of her life, past GA Chair Vicki Williams has resigned from this committee position. We appreciate Vicki's contributions and wish her well in future endeavors. The Government Affairs Committee takes the lead in informing the membership of important legislative information, through events such as the State of the City Address, 3rd House Session, political debates/forums, etc. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please call Kim at the Chamber office

NEWS FROM AROUND THE AREA

Grant Tip from the Indiana Youth Institute

The McKenzie Foundation supports opportunities and experiences that enrich learning in the areas of early childhood development, education, the environment as well as arts and culture. Range: \$5,000. No deadlines. Visit www.mckenziefoundation.us.

From the Indiana Chamber

Military leave has left many employers with new questions. The Indiana Chamber and the firm of Ogletree Deakins have created a new guide to explain in practical terms the requirements of USERRA. "Military Leave Issues: A Reference Guide for the Indiana Employer" is available for \$79 per copy. Indiana Chamber members (we are one and can order for you) receive a 25% discount.

Check out Indiana INTERNnet for any employer, student or university. This is a FREE online system that connects Hoosier college students with in-state employers for internship opportunities.

PUBLIC RELATIONS NEWS

With the completion of ad sales and collection of photos and event dates, the Chamber calendar is heading to print. We sincerely thank all of those businesses and individuals who took time to send us your information, provided photos and supported the project through ad purchases. Watch for more detail in upcoming issues.

July 14 saw the long-anticipated building signage being put into place. Congratulations to the committee, GMS Graphics and Schlemmer Brothers on a job well done!

Business Before Hours continues to be a popular way to network and get the word out about your business. If interested in being an emcee or business sponsor, contact the office. We are booked through October, but there are still openings in December.

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(the City) have been blessed with many wonderful accomplishments during the past few year. The grants that have been received are the result of hard work, persistence and dedication on the part of our employees. It is exciting to see project completed, and equally exciting to work on new plans for future projects. The quality of everyday services provided by City workers speaks to the commitment they have to their jobs and to those they serve. This award recognizes their fine effort and achievement, and I am grateful for everything they do.”

The City of Wabash was founded in 1834. The area was first settled after the Treaty of Paradise Spring was signed in 1826 ceding the lands of northern Indiana and southern Michigan to the US government. The City of Wabash is rich in history. It was a stop on the Wabash-Erie Canal and the location of the Big Four Railroad yards. It was also the First Electrically Lighted City in the World. Along with the history of the area, the City continues to offer its residents and visitors a wide variety of attractions and services.

With 103 full time and 42 part time employees, the City of Wabash is one of the larger employers in the area. The Police, Fire, Street, Sewage, Park/Pool, and Building Departments, along with City Court and City Hall, are operated by the City.

Some of the programs offered the residents of Wabash are Child Safety Seat Inspection and Vacation Security Checks (Police Dept.); Free Blood Pressure Checks & Residential Fire Inspections (Fire Dept); Construction/Safety Inspections and Contractor Registration (Building Commissioner); locate private sewer lines and run City RV Park (Sewage Dept.); clean and maintain storm drains and mosquito spraying (Street Dept.); maintain/clean City parks and operation the Honeywell Pool (Park Dept.); collect unpaid bills of \$1,000 or less (City Court).

The City officials are also involved in bringing new business and industry to Wabash and helping current business and industry expand and maintain their presence in Wabash. They maintain a close alliance with other groups in the county working toward economic development.

City Hall is located at 202 South Wabash Street. The government offices moved into this space in 1995. The Mayor and City officials maintain an open door policy and encourage residents to bring their problems and concerns to the attention of the appropriate office.

The City of Wabash will be honored at the Wabash County Chamber of Commerce 65th Annual Dinner meeting to be held October 19, 2006. The event is open to the public. Tickets will be available in September.

Area News cont'd from page 4

From North Cass Business Association

The Dave Kunkel Cruise-In will be held at the Wabash Village Shopping Center on Friday, July 28, from 3:00 p.m. until Midnight and Saturday, July 29, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. \$10.00 entry fee or \$15 for both. For more info call 260.563.2346 days or 260.774.3581 after 4 p.m. Proceeds benefit ALS and Vernon Manor Children's Home.

From the Indiana Nonprofit Resource Center

The following workshops are being offered: "Strategic Planning for Nonprofit Organizations" on Tuesday, August 22, from 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Logan Center. Located at 2505 E. Jefferson Blvd, South Bend, IN 46615. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. Also, "Telling Your Organizational Story: Getting to the Heart of the Matter" presented by Wabash County's own Mike Stone and Mary Lahman. August 17, 8:45 a.m. – Noon, Columbia City, Indiana. Cost \$30/person or \$25/person from United Ways and United Funds and their partner agencies. For more details contact unitedway@whitleynet.org or phone 260.244.6454.

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Calendar



July 20-22		Old Boys Toys Expo Paradise Spring Historical Park
July 21-22		Dave Kunkel Cruise-In Wabash Village Shopping Center
July 28	7:00 pm	Scholarship Pageant Honeywell Center Ford Theater
August 9	7:00 a.m.	Business Before Hours - Honeywell Center
August 10-12		Fun Fest - North Manchester Downtown
August 19		Herb Fest - Paradise Spring Historical Park
August 24		Professional Seminars Chamber Conference Room
September 7-10		Roann Covered Bridge Festival

Gold Members

Wthank and salute those member businesses who carry **GOLD LEVEL** status:

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Any Wabash Area Chamber Member can elevate their membership status to Gold Level by investing an additional \$500 above their regular membership investment. In addition to having their company acknowledged at Chamber events and in publications, Gold Level Members receive \$100 in Chamber Bucks and receive a free large rotating banner ad on the Chamber website.



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*Fort Wayne
Philharmonic
Holiday Pops*

Wed., Dec. 20
7:30 pm · \$15

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Sat., Dec. 16 · 5:00 pm
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SHOWS & EVENTS

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Sat. & Sun.,
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KID-O-RAMA

Sat., Sept. 16 · 10-2

Sponsored by
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Plaza entertainment sponsored
by First Federal Savings Bank

JUNGLE JACK HANNA

Sat., Sept. 16 · 7:30
Sponsored by The Cleaning Company

SUMMIT CITY CHORUS & QUARTETS

Sun., Sept. 24 · 2:00

**EDWIN COLE BEARSS
PRESENTS**

A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME: THE CIVIL WAR

Mon., Oct. 16 · 7:00

Presented by the Wabash
County Historical Museum

RICH LITTLE STARRING IN "ONE'S A CROWD"

Fri., Oct. 20 · 7:30

Sponsored by First Farmers
Bank & Trust

AMERICAN HERITAGE CRAFT SHOW

Sat., Oct. 21 · 9-3

Sponsored by
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AARON BARKER

Fri., Nov. 3 · 7:30

MIKE SUPER

Sat., Nov. 4 · 7:30

Sponsored by Al-fe Heat Treating
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STEVE SESKIN

Thurs., Nov. 16 · 7:30

Sponsored by Duke Energy

AIR SUPPLY

Sat., Nov. 18 · 7:30

DINO

Sat., Dec. 9 · 7:30

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Fri., Dec. 15 · 7:30

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Sat., Dec. 16 · 5:00

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- Children's Art Contest

Honeywell Center **Kid-O-Rama Jungle Mania** Sponsored by Wabash County Hospital




Sept. 16. 10 am - 2 pm on the Honeywell Center Plaza
Jeta and the Jelly Beans at 11 am on the Plaza Stage
Kid Zone Vendor booths
Pony Rides
Kiddie Rides
Crafts with Wabash County Arts Council


Jungle Jack Hanna
Sept. 16, 7:30 pm

Jungle Jack's live show features many of his favorite animal friends, as well as fascinating and humorous stories and footage from his adventures around the world.

\$27, \$19, \$10; \$2 per ticket discount for groups of 20!



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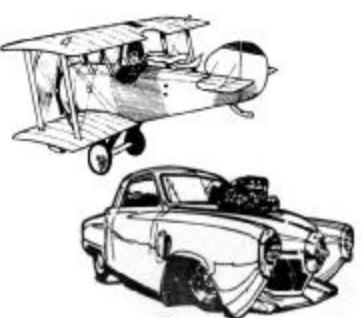


CSI Wabash is a fundraising event for ARC of Wabash, 563-8411.
Sept. 16. 10 am - 6 pm

The victim of the murder mystery is an artist. All crime scenes will have actors playing roles which contain clues to the murder. Each short scene will provide clues to the murderer's identity. Participants can take their time and view scenes at their own speed. Object of the game is to solve the crime. The author is Colleen Coale.

Crime Scene Locations

1. Paradise Spring	9. Honeywell Center
2. City Hall	10. Eagles Ballroom
3. Wood's Art Studio	
4. Market Street All Occasions Room	D Shoppe for a special event (Book signing by Colleen Coale, Author)
5. Modocs	
6. Courthouse	
7. Dr. James Ford Historic Home	Price of Ticket: Age 12 to Adult = \$10 Under 12 = free
8. Wabash Public Library	



Northern Indiana Aviation's 10th / CRUISE-IN
Sept. 16. 8 am - 2 pm
Wabash Municipal Airport, 563-4705
Proceeds go to Cystic Fibrosis Truck, Bike & Tractor Show
Vehicles Reg. 8 am-Noon
Entry Fee: Free, but Will Take Donations
Top 5 Best of Show & Mayor's Choice for Car, Truck, Bike & Tractor Awards at 1 pm

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