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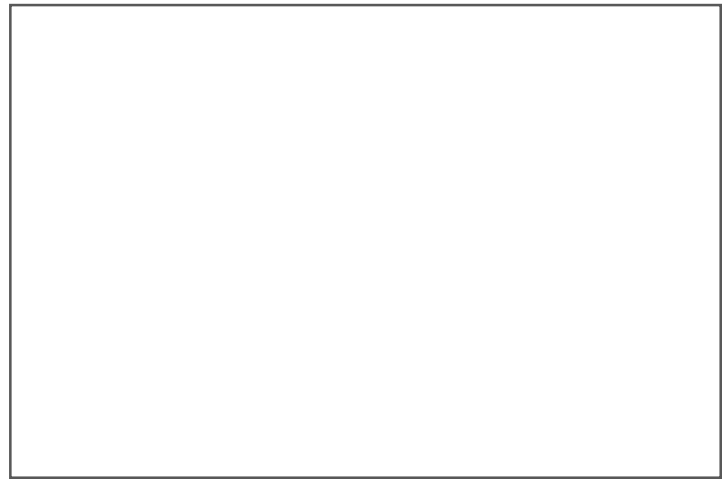
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## **VISION CELEBRATES 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADUATION**

The VISION (**V**ision of Industries and **S**chools **I**n **O**n-going **N**etworks) program of Wabash County celebrated its 3<sup>rd</sup> graduation last month honoring 10 new graduates who have completed the program. The 2002 program began last May as the Wabash County teachers gathered to begin their journey dedicated to creating teaching curriculums based on skill needs witnesses in Wabash County industries. Under the direction of Program Director and instructor D'Ann Stouffer, the teachers first spent some time in the classroom, then spent 3 weeks in Vision Partner industries witnessing first hand skill usage in today's work world. Then it was back to the classroom to write a curriculum that they would actually use in the classroom that fall. Finally, they met several times to present their projects and results. Graduate level credit is earned through Indiana University-Kokomo. The VISION program pays the tuition for participants as well as a stipend for the time spent in the industries. The teachers find themselves referring back to their visits often in the classroom as they let students know how skills they are teaching are actually used in the workplace in addition to the curriculum they write. Congratulations to the teachers pictured completing the program: Tim Drake- Whites, Todd Eltzroth - Northfield, Amanda Good - Whites, Ryan Good - North Manchester, Cathie Markstahler - North Manchester, Mary Lou Smith - Heartland Career Center, Tonya Smith - Wabash, Denise Stouffer - Northfield, Erin Tuttle - Northfield, and Travis Vanest - Whites.



The VISION program partners are: North Manchester, MSD and Wabash school systems, Portraits by Kimberly (credited with above picture), Community foundation of Wabash County CAPE Grant funded by the Lily Foundation, Cinergy, Ford Meter Box Company Inc., Wabash County Hospital, Heckman Bindery, Wabash Rotary Club, Wells Fargo Bank, Beacon Credit Union, North Central Co-Op, Wabash Electric, Thermafiber, North Manchester Rotary, Abresist, WEDCOR, and the Wabash Area Chamber of Commerce.



**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.**

**WABASH COUNTY HOSPITAL** will hold their 9<sup>th</sup> annual Valentine's Day Luncheon for Women. Featured speaker will be Jennifer Bloomquist, 21 Alive morning news anchor. Noon to 1 PM Friday, February 14 at the Honeywell Center, Ms Bloomquist will share "The Real Truth about TV News". Lunch is \$6 and seating is limited -call 569-2413 or 800-346-2110 ext. 2413 to make your reservation.

The Wabash Area Personnel Association will sponsor a SAFETY SEMINAR at the **BEACON CREDIT UNION** administration office conference room Thursday February 27. Morning session - IOSHA TOP 50 CITED INDUSTRY STANDARDS and afternoon -SAFETY RELATED WORK PRACTICES. \$5 cost per session. Contact Hope Alwine at 563-2161 or fax 563-8726 or e-mail [halwine@markhon.com](mailto:halwine@markhon.com) to register by Feb. 21.

Craig Baughman from **ADVANTAGE HEATING & COOLING** announces that a new service is available. Roto Brush Duct Cleaning is now available as a machine with multiple brush heads will loosen and clean your duct work while vacuuming out all the dirt and leaving a sanitizer. This service will be demonstrated at the Home and Business Expo. Call 563-0545 for more info.

**VERNON MANOR CHILDREN'S HOME** wants your pop can tabs. Valentine's Day, Ronald McDonald will be making a stop in Wabash to pick them up to be used for the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Indiana. Drop them off anytime at the home at 1955 Vernon Street.

Workforce Development Strategies, Inc., SBDC, and the Regional Economic Development Corporation have announced that the second annual Business 2 Business Expo will be held October 16, 2003. Mark your calendars and hold that date for this important Business to Business networking opportunity in our 5 county region.

**MSD OF WABASH COUNTY** has new telephone numbers - voice 260-563-8050 and fax 260-569-6836 can now be used according to Damon Peigh.

Jant Quillen at **THERMAFIBER** was nice enough to give us heads up on some personnel changes in Wabash. Please welcome Dave Steffen as Supply Chain Manager and HR Manager and John Eash as the Wabash Plant Manager. Steve Edris has been promoted to President and Mike Williams to Vice President. Congratulations to all at Thermafiber.

**BUCHER MCCARTY & METZ** reports that its affiliate, Infotex, Inc., has hired David Brinson as their network engineer. David brings experience and much computer network training to the growing information architecture industry Infotex serves.

**STAFFMARK** of Huntington is pleased to welcome Pam McDaniel as their new Branch Manager. She is transferred to the office with over 3 years experience with Staffmark. She will also be serving Wabash County. Contact her at 260-358-1910 or 800-358-1866.

Jerry Ault, Chair of the Board of Directors of **FRANCES SLOCUM BANK**, announced that Hal D. Job has been named President and Chief Operating Officer of the bank. He and his family will be moving to Wabash. Let's welcome him to the Wabash Business Community.

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## EXPO IS COMING

Reservations from exhibitors are now being sought for the WABASH HOME & BUSINESS EXPO. This annual event will be held Saturday March 08 and Sunday March 09 at THE HONEYWELL CENTER. This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year back at the Honeywell Center building on last year's super attendance response last year of over 2,000. A new event this year will be a silent auction in the Honeywell Room. Exhibit areas include the gym, old lobby, Honeywell Room and new lobby outside the Ford Theater. Outside exhibit space is available on the Plaza for those businesses with displays too large to fit in a 10 X 8 booth. Market street is available for cars, boats, modular homes, RV's and the like. Almost 100 Wabash businesses and organizations will have an opportunity to show their strengths in a fun-filled festive setting as the Honeywell Center is transformed into a sea of exhibits.

The Expo will be open to the public from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Saturday and Noon to 4:00 P.M. Sunday. There will be no charge to the public to attend. Any individual or business interesting in participating in the WABASH HOME AND BUSINESS EXPO may contact the Chamber office to secure informational packets giving the details of the event. Discounts will be given for early reservations received before February 08. Substantial discounts are given to members. Corporate sponsors are also being sought. Committee Chairperson Beth Miller states that there will be a multitude of prizes given away at the door including a grand prize of \$500 in Chamber Gift Certificates.

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## KISS - A - PIG CONTEST



Passion, the famous female member of the swine family, will be paying a visit to the February Business Before Hours Wednesday morning, February 12, at the Honeywell Center. Passion's appearance is courtesy of the American Diabetes Association. You may have seen the posters around town advertising the 10 candidates vying for the prized wet kiss from Passion. They are: Bob Cole of First Fed Financial, Troy Cole of Ford Meter Box, Mayor Arvin Copeland, Ken Grandstaff of Grandstaff - Hentgen Funeral Service, John Morgan of WKUZ, Mark Sapusek of Visionary Web Design, Jack Schafer of Miller's Merry Manor, Sheriff Leroy Striker, Judge Dan Vanderpool, and Yvonne Vanosdol,

Wabash County Hospital Diabetes Education Coordinator. Be sure to cast your vote by donating dollars to the American Diabetes Association earmarked for one of these candidates. Send to American Diabetes Association 1308 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, IN 46962. Who do you want to see Kiss - A - Pig?????

## STATE OF THE CITY FEB. 10

Hurry! Time is running out for you to make your reservation to attend the State of the City Luncheon Monday, February 10, 2003 at 11:30 AM in the New Lobby of the Honeywell Center. Mayor Arvin Copeland, fresh from his announcement of candidacy for re-election, will be the speaker. Hear the current condition of the City of Wabash, a review of the past year and Mayor Copeland's forecast for 2003. The cost is \$12 for Chamber members/\$15 for non-members. Time will be allotted for a question/answer period. Don't miss this important event in our city!

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## DOG CLUB NEEDS SPACE

It's that time of year again, time for the Wabash County 4-H Dog Club to begin meeting to work toward the summer show. Gary Henderson, LaFontaine, has been the leader for several years growing the program to record participation levels. Of course, you can imagine what kind of space you need with scores of dogs and owners coming together weekly for classes. Gary is looking for a building of approximately 10,000 square feet. The only requirements are that it have utilities and space. The group is very responsible and will clean thoroughly weekly and upon completion of the program. Anybody have an empty space that could be used for this good cause??? Contact Gary at [gary.henderson@citcomm.com](mailto:gary.henderson@citcomm.com) or call the Chamber at 563-1168 and let Galen know.

## STATE AWARDS G&S KUDOS AND LOAN

The Indiana Department of Commerce office of Energy & Recycling has a big pat on the back for Wabash's **G & S METAL CONSULTANTS, INC.** In addition to honoring them for diverting 100,000 tons of aluminum from landfills each year, Lt. Governor Joe Kernan rewarded G & S with a \$600,000 Recycling Promotion and Assistance Fund loan. This will allow G & S's expansion to continue and let them add another melt furnace line to their facility. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> new furnace line added in the last two years. G & S buys, sells, processes, and converts aluminum turnings and scrap by-products into new specification ingot and sow. This line will also create 10 additional jobs. Great to see the State's confidence in a Wabash business!



*Loretta Inman of Bickford Cottage cuts the ceremonial ribbon as Mayor Copeland, Chamber Board Members and Bickford staff look on.*

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## MAKE ROOM FOR NEW LEADERS

The steering committee for Leadership Development Wabash County has kicked off the 2002 Leadership Development Wabash County class with 15 students. Manchester College Professor Mary Lahman is facilitating the class that will explore leadership skills and Wabash County over the next 3 months. LDWC is very grateful to have been awarded 2 grants to assist with the course expenses. The **Community Foundation of Wabash County** and **Cinergy** each contributed \$500 to provide scholarships and offset other expenses. Class participants include: Mary Kramer-Yohe Realty, Shirley Hairrell-WEDCOR, Pam McDaniel-Staffmark, Dwayne Quakenbush-Wabash Alloys, Mark Baker-Wabash Alloys, Joseph Gillan-Wabash Alloys, Hamilton Sadler-Wabash Alloys, Valerie Clarkson-Town of North Manchester, Shirley Minnick-American Red Cross, Lisa Sawyer-Our Children, Our Future, Chris Morningstar-Beacon Credit Union, Melessa Eltzroth-Beacon Credit Union, Brenda Hisey-Wells Fargo Bank, Jim Bucher-Shepherd's Chevrolet, and Jennifer Lorn-Indiana Lawrence Bank. Wish them the best!

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*(please add to your Buyer's Guide)*

**UNITED STATES ARMY** -2716 S. Western Avenue, Marion , Indiana 46953. Contact Staff Sergeant Bryan Sabin phone 765-668-7596, fax 765-668-7598, [www.goarmy.com](http://www.goarmy.com) e-mail [Bryan.Sabin@usarec.army.mil](mailto:Bryan.Sabin@usarec.army.mil) Bryan welcomes speaking opportunities and community involvement. Recruit young people (17 to 34 yrs) to be trained to hold positions in 1 of over 200 careers. Offer guaranteed training and between \$28,800 and \$50,000 for college and up to \$20,000 enrollment bonus for those who qualify.

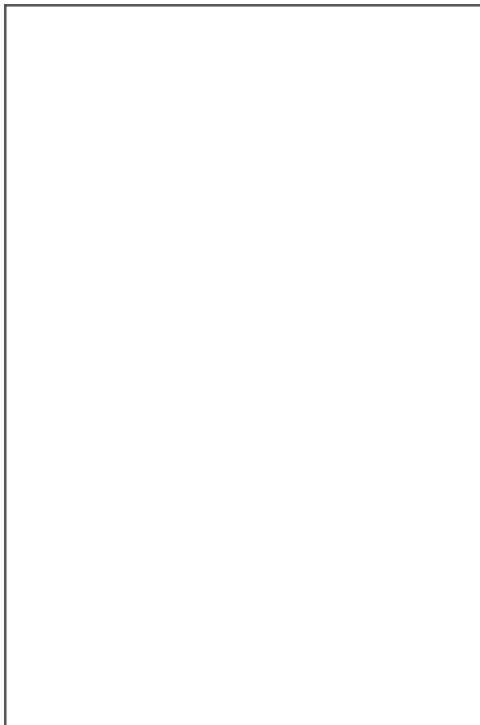
**ASSOCIATED SUPPLY, INC.** -502 S. Nebraska Street, Marion , Indiana 46953. Contact Dennis Blocher phone 765-662-1646 or 888-309-6952, fax 765-664-1016. Dennis sells industrial cleaning equipment and janitor supplies that include light bulbs, paper products, cleaning chemicals, food service, safety and packaging products. They have purchased the customer base from Morningstar Supply.

**PHONE LINE INC.** - P O Box 284, Wabash Indiana 46992. President Ernie Ball phone-260-563-5448, fax 800-242-3019, e-mail [phoneln@comtek.com](mailto:phoneln@comtek.com) Full service telecommunications installation and repair service.

**WABASH POLY CLEAN** - 124 Hale Drive, Wabash Indiana, 46992. Owners Richard and Jackie Gardner phone 260-563-8131. Dry cleaning and pressing services. Shirts cleaned and pressed. Drop off laundry service. Curtains cleaned and pressed. All work done on site. Leather and suede cleaning also available from Monday -Friday 8-5, Sat 8-12.

**AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION** - 1308 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, IN 46962. Area Manager Faith Ann Gilmore, phone 260-982-0879, fax 260-982-1675, e-mail [fgilmore@diabetes.org](mailto:fgilmore@diabetes.org) Mission is to prevent and cure diabetes, and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. The American Diabetes Association is one of the most important resources in diabetes today offering information and support to 16 million persons in our country suffering with diabetes as well as to those dedicated health professionals who care for them.

**HOMETOWN CLEANERS** -1150 N. Cass Street, Central Shoppers Mart, Wabash Indiana 46992. Owner Mike Nose phone-260-563-0450, fax 260-563-0546, e-mail [mnose@kconline.com](mailto:mnose@kconline.com) Full service dry cleaner with all work done on the premises. "We remove wrinkles without surgery" Shoe repair drop off point. Open Mon - Fri 6 AM to 6 PM Saturdays 7 AM to Noon. Same day service available.



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Wabash Area  
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Board Members  
join owners Mike  
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## BOARD MEMBERS - 2003

Board Chair: Skip Daughtry Beauchamp & McSpadden Chair Elect: Lynn Yohe Yohe Realty Vice Chair: Dave Rutledge Wells Fargo Bank Treasurer: Rick Gray Martin Yale Industries Past Chair: Steve Ford Ford Meter Box President: Galen L. Bremmer Wabash Area Chamber of Commerce	Beth Miller Categories & Our Children, Our Future, Inc. Brad Perrott YMCA Roger Cromer First Federal Savings Bank Greg Pettit Pettit Printing, Inc. Paul Heidbreder Wabash Plain Dealer Joel Stein Tiede, Metz, Downs, Lynn, Schlitt Kerri Mattern Wabash County Hospital	Brian Howenstine Wabash True Value Larry Hoover Quality Electric Steve Beck Ford Meter Box Dick Rider Wabash Marketplace Dee Byerly Retired - North Central Coop Michael Bechtol Bechtol Grocery Company Linda Karlin Mark Hon
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**LUNCH & LEARN SEMINAR**  
 March 13, 2003  
**Communication & Negotiation--**  
 Presented by ECR  
 Sponsor: Family Physicians  
 Associated  
 Noon - 1 pm  
 Cost \$10 member / \$20 non-member  
**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**  
 Call the Chamber office 563-1168

## BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS

**Date: February 12, 2003 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.**  
*Business Sponsors -*  
**Vernon Manor Childrens Home**  
**Curves for Women**  
**Wabash County Hospital - Diabetes Education**  
**American Diabetes Association - Kiss A Pig Contest**  
**Emcee: Beth Miller-Our Children, Our Future, Inc.**

*The next BBH (after February) is April 9, 2003*

### CELEBRATING 50 OR 100 YEARS????

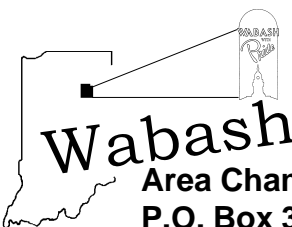
Attention Wabash Area businesses who are celebrating 50 or 100 years in business as of December 31, 2002! We want you! Actually the state of Indiana wants you to be recognized. A reception will be held at the Statehouse Rotunda on April 23. Please notify the Chamber for nomination before February 14. You must provide a solid track of community service, and the 50 or 100 years must have been in Indiana. Let us know!

### WELCOME GOLD MEMBERS

Two new businesses have joined current Gold Level Members of the Wabash Area Chamber of Commerce. **BEACON CREDIT UNION** and **MILLERS MERRY MANOR** have committed Gold to the Chamber in 2003. Thank you **Pettit Printing** for renewing your Gold Level member status for 2003!

Those additional businesses who carry Gold Level Membership status in the Wabash Area Chamber of Commerce are: **Bickford Cottage of Wabash, First Federal Savings Bank, Cinergy/PSI, Indiana Lawrence Bank, Pettit Printing, Wells Fargo Bank, Yohe Realty, and Richard Ford.**

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