



MEMBER CONNECTION

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Chamber Announces Golf Outing Winners

Wabash County Chamber of Commerce WACCY Golf Chair Brian Campbell is pleased to announce the results of the recently completed 13th Annual WACCY Golf Outing at the Honeywell Golf Course in Wabash. In spite of the challenging weather, over 160 golfers participated in this year's two flight, best ball scramble, networking event. Congratulations go to the Kellam, LLC team, consisting of Adam Whitmer, Bill Ruppel, Scott Wiley, and Matt Walkins who won the morning flight with a score of 54. The Stanley Steemer team consisting of Tim Weiland, Jeff Hutchens, Andy Varner, and Tim Miller were winners of the afternoon flight with a score of 53. This also qualified them as the day's overall winning team who will receive the traveling trophy, a free entry in the Logansport/Cass County Chamber Golf Outing and bragging rights for the year. In addition, each member of both the winning teams received a \$40 Gift Card for the Honeywell Pro Shop, courtesy of the Chamber, plus a pair of Oakley Sunglasses donated by Midwest Eye Consultants.



Winning Team
Stanley Steemer

Second place finishers were the Wabash County REMC team, morning flight, with a score of 57 and Staffing Resources in the afternoon with a score of 59. Those winners received a \$25 Pro Shop Gift Certificate and a golf shirt for each player. Taking third place were Priceless Banners, morning – 57, and the Bulldog Battery team, afternoon - 62. They were awarded \$15 Pro Shop Gift Certificates and a golf umbrella. Winning a free team golf lesson from Honeywell Pro Mel Thomas for demonstrating great team spirit and the need for some skills enhancement were the Thermafiber team in the morning and the City of Wabash team in the afternoon.

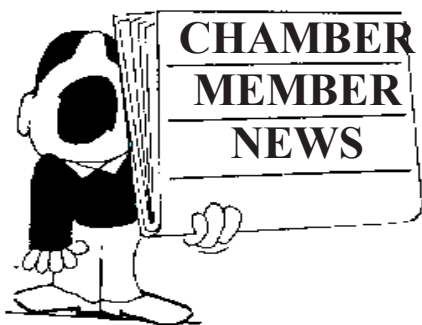


David Roth
Closest to the Pin - AM

Winners of the skill games for the morning flight were Longest Drive-Men – Dave Gleason, Longest Putt – Doug Boone, Closest 2nd Shot – Kevin Sparks, and Closest to the Pin – David Roth. The afternoon winners were Longest Drive-Men – Tim Weiland, Longest Drive-Women – Kimberly Pinkerton, Longest Putt – Rob Pearson, Closest 2nd Shot – Brett Vanlandingham, and Closest to the Pin – Marilyn Custer-Mitchell.

Scratch-Off Golf provided an additional opportunity for attendees to come out a winner. Prize packages were offered for both flights. The lucky 1st place winners were Dave Mann, and Kim Pinkerton, each receiving a Game Night Package which included a card table/chair ensemble, professional poker set, basket of snacks and a case of soda. Second place winner in the morning was Jeremy Steele, receiving a floor lamp donated by Wabash Appliance and Electric, and the afternoon winner was Heath Gentis, winning a desk chair donated by K&R Office Supply. Third place winners, Brett Dawes and Tim Weiland, won a prize package from Wabash Liquors.

Other teams taking part were Wabash County Hospital, Farm Credit Services, Wells Fargo, Beauchamp & McSpadden, Midwest Eye Consultants, Wabash County Chamber of Commerce, Randall Miller & Associates, Carey Services, Knights Inn, The Hagerman Group, Agro-Chem, E&B Paving, White's Residential & Family Services, Bulldog Battery Corporation, Wabash Valley Refuse, Ford Meter Box, Inc., Indiana Farm Bureau, Crossroads Bank, Thermafiber, City Of Wabash, Huntington University, Alumitech of Wabash, Thorne Insurance, Indiana American Water, Gilbert, Naragon, Terrill, & Co., Inc., Land O' Lakes Purina Feeds, First Merchants Bank, Autumn Ridge, Investment Center at Crossroads Bank, Douglas C. Lehman, PC, Beacon Credit Union, Staffing Resources, Wabash Electric, Peabody



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!

Careers In Energy – On Thursday, June 11th there will be an Energy Night in Alumni Hall, 1815 E. Morgan, Kokomo. This career night will consist of all the energy companies and **WorkOne** giving presentations of opportunities for a future with their company. All potential employees need to know that after taking classes at Ivy Tech Community College there will be a training period at the company, which may take up to 4 years. Companies that will be giving presentations are Duke Energy, Kokomo Gas, Peru Utilities, Logansport Utilities, Vectren and WorkOne. Information Sessions will be held on Thursday June 11, 2009 10 – 11 a.m. & 6 -7 p.m. at Ivy Tech Kokomo Alumni Hall. For more information, call Ivy Tech's Division of Workforce and Economic Development at 800-459-0561, extension 544 for Nadine Newsom, mnewsom@ivytech.edu or extension 534 for Jim Moulder, jmoulder@ivytech.edu.

H.I.R.E. – **Congressman Dan Burton** would like to invite you to participate in the 1st Annual H.I.R.E. Job Fair. The Fair will be held on Monday, June 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Student Center located at Indiana Wesleyan University, 4201 S. Washington Street, Marion, Indiana 46952. The Job Fair is FREE to all participants and will be an excellent opportunity for businesses and job seekers alike. This event is FREE to all those who wish to participate. If you wish, you may pre-register by visiting Congressman Burton's website at : www.burton.house.gov and click on "2009 H.I.R.E. Job Fair". If you are unable to register online, please call: 1-800-382-6020 to request a registration form. Business must register before June 15, 2009. For more information please contact Elizabeth Tapia or David Burian at 1-800-382-6020 or 317-848-0201.

Wabash Optimist Club 1st Annual Firecracker 5K – July 4, 2009 Fun Run begins at 7:00 p.m. and Race begins at 7:30 p.m. located at Morette Sports Park/Field of Dreams Sports Complex, Wabash. This evening race will use the beautifully paved and wooded Charley Creek Trail both out and back. After the race you can stay and relax at the sports park and enjoy the after dark fireworks display (weather permitting). Bring your lawn chairs. The Wabash Optimist Club is active in sponsoring Youth Activities. For more information, please contact Christy Kisner at 260-571-2485.

Ten **Pathfinder Services, Inc.** employees graduated from the State's new Direct Support Professional Development training and education program on Friday, May 15th. Employees of Pathfinder Services, Inc. and their friends and families joined other Direct Support Professional's throughout the State of Indiana in a virtual graduation ceremony that took place at 1:30 P.M. on Friday, May 15th.

Manpower is recruiting for contract-to-hire Machine Operator/Technicians for Weaver Popcorn in Van Buren, IN. To apply online go to www.manpowerjobs.com, search for Machine Operator/Technician in Wabash, IN, apply directly to the job posting. For more information please contact manpower at 866-204-4500.

Northeast Indiana Green Build Coalition's Third Annual Innovation Awards - During the Northeast Indiana Green Build Coalition's Third Annual Innovation Awards Banquet, the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District was recognized as one of the two award winners for 2009. You can view the citation and award attached. The other winner was Sweetwater Sound.

First Farmers Bank & Trust follows record 2008 with record 1st quarter of 2009 - First Farmers Financial Corporation, the parent company of First Farmers Bank & Trust, recently distributed its 2008 annual report and audited financial statements to shareholders, also making copies available to the general public and on the web site. The big news was that the Company's assets grew 8.5% for the year to \$658 million, while loan balances increased 12.1% and record earnings of \$7.3 million were reported. Shareholder dividends increased for the 18th consecutive year as total dividends of \$1.11 per share were declared in 2009. The Bank's equity ended the year at \$72 million, a level that significantly exceeded the FDIC's guidelines to qualify as "well capitalized." For more information or to see the report, please visit www.ffbt.com.

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Retirement Community, Servisoft Ecowater, Kirtlan Automotive, Mutual Bank, Stanley Steemer, Kellam, Inc., Priceless Banners, Wabash County REMC, and First Farmers Bank & Trust.

Sponsors for this year’s event included

- Midwest Eye Consultants, PC – Golf Cart Sponsor
- Randall Miller & Associates – Driving Range Sponsor
- Investment Center At Crossroads Bank – Drink Cart Sponsor
- Tobacco Free Wabash County – Drink Station Sponsor
- YPN and Brian Mallow State Farm Agency – Drink Station Sponsor
- Living Essentials – Lunch Sponsor
- NIPSCO – Lunch Sponsor
- Duke Energy – Scoreboard Sponsor
- Charley Creek Arts Festival – Scoreboard Sponsor

Lost and Found

Cell phone charger found in golf cart at WACC-Y Golf Outing. If you lost a cell phone charger at the WACC-Y Golf Outing, we have one here at the Chamber office so please call to obtain.

Hole sponsors were Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition, EDG of Wabash County, Halderman Farm Management, Gilbert Naragon Terrell & Company, Wabash County Hospital, Mutual Bank, Rea Logan & Company, C.A.T. Excavating, Edward Jones (Steve VanVoorhis & Steve Weir), Farm Credit Services, Wells Fargo, Bickford Cottage, Wabash Valley Refuse, Wabash Plain Dealer, Brandt’s Harley Davidson, Crossroads Bank, Indiana American Water Corp, Beacon Credit Union, Quality Electric, Physicians Health Plan, and Martin Yale Industries.

Door prize donors were Skip Daughtry, City of Wabash, Honeywell Golf Course, Ford Meter Box Company, Anthem, Modoc’s, Wabash Liquors, AFLAC, Crossroads Bank, Miller Furniture, First Merchants Bank , EDG Wabash County, Beacon Credit Union, Wabash County REMC, K & R Office Supply, Physicians Health Plan, Wabash County United Fund, Originalpromotions.com, Frierwood Tire & Alignment, Beauchamp & McSpadden, Wabash County Historical Museum, Edward Jones- Steve Weir, Brandt’s Harley Davidson, Wabash True Value/JustAsk Rental, Marsh Hometown Market, First Farmers Bank & Trust, Wabash Co. Solid Waste Management District, Edward Jones-Steve VanVoorhis, Wabash County YMCA, Wabash Appliance & Electronics, KISS 95.9 FM, Wells Fargo, Goodfellas Pizza, Knights Inn, Krogers, Walmart, Stanley Steemer, and Midwest Eye Consultants.

WACCY Committee members and volunteers included Chair Brian Campbell (Randall Miller and Associates), Lance Agness (Ford Meter Box), Rob Pearson (Wabash County REMC), Lindsay Barnett (Midwest Eye Consultants), Skip Daughtry (Beauchamp & McSpadden), Steve Weir (Edward Jones), Mel Thomas, (Honeywell Golf Course), Dave Frischman (Wabash Chiropractic), Diane Morris (Borders & Beyond), Alyssa Pinkerton (Ponderosa), Tristi Riendeau (Autumn Ridge), Larry Hoover (Quality Electric), DeAnne Clifton (Beauchamp & McSpadden), Lori Montgomery (Beacon Credit Union), Ilah Wagner (United Fund of Wabash Co.), Jim Banks, (The Hagerman Group), Julie Echard and staff (Wabash County YMCA), and Chamber staff Beth Miller, Chasity Warnock and Kimberly Pinkerton.

The Wabash County Chamber of Commerce sincerely thanks each of the players, donors and volunteers who contributed to the success of this event.

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FROM THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

AREA	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	RATE	Seasonally Adjusted RATE
U.S.					
April 2009	153,834,000	140,586,000	13,248,000	8.6	8.9
March 2009 (revised)	153,728,000	139,833,000	13,895,000	9.0	8.5
April 2008 (Benchmark)	153,208,000	145,921,000	7,287,000	4.8	5.0
INDIANA					
April 2009	3,193,093	2,878,111	314,982	9.9	9.9
March 2009 (revised)	3,200,270	2,860,772	339,498	10.6	10.0
April 2008 (Benchmark)	3,217,301	3,064,896	152,405	4.7	5.4
WABASH					
April 2009	16,282	14,186	2,096	12.9	
March 2009 (revised)	16,434	14,125	2,309	14.1	
April 2008 (Benchmark)	17,224	16,113	1,111	6.5	

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Physicians Health Plan of Northern Indiana, Inc., (PHP), a local managed-care organization, concluded its 2008-09 Scholarship Program by honoring the following students: David Deist of Zionsville placed first and receives a one-time scholarship of \$3,000. David will graduate from Zionsville Community High School and plans to attend Indiana University, where his major will be Optometry. Placing second in the program was Kaitlyn Batt of Huntington, who receives a one-time scholarship of \$2,000. Kaitlyn will graduate from Huntington North High School and plans to pursue Biology and Psychology degrees at Duke University. Justin Sanders of Zionsville, placed third in the program, receiving a one-time scholarship of \$1,000. Justin will graduate from Zionsville Community High School and plans to major in Pre-Medicine.

This was the twenty-first year that PHP has provided scholarship opportunities to high school seniors who are pursuing a career in a health-related field.

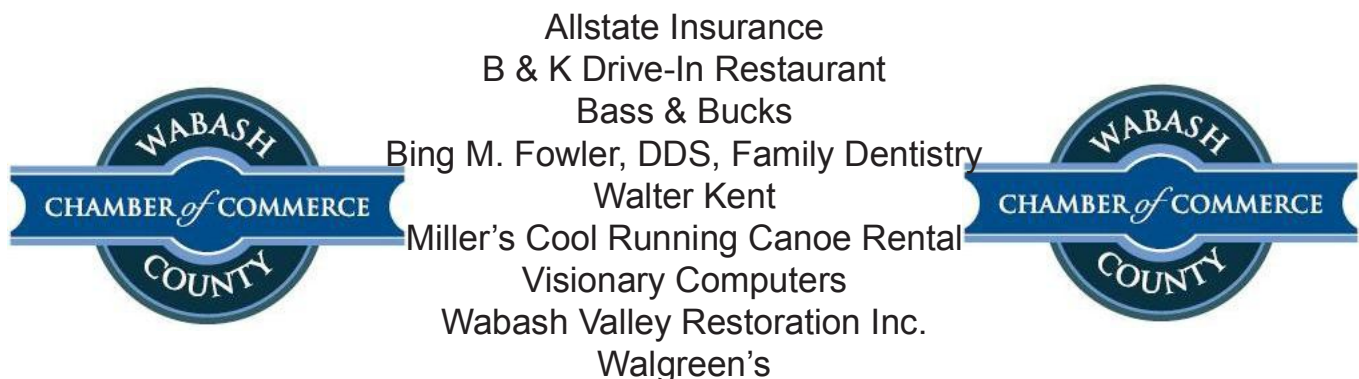
PHP announced that it has named Jim Brunner as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Brunner joins PHP from Arnett Health Plans, where he held various executive positions during his 20-year tenure, including CFO and CEO/Executive Director. In his new role at PHP, Brunner is responsible to lead PHP's corporate financial services from strategic financial planning and investments through risk management and controllership.

Huntington University EXCEL Adult Degree Program will be hosting three information sessions in June along with our annual "We Appreciate our Students" picnics during their class breaks. The information sessions will be held on June 8th, 9th, and 10th, at 7:00 p.m., at the LH Carpenter Center followed by a Mexican buffet with the current students at 8:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for those considering continuing their education to visit a classroom, meet the Instructors and have a chance to hear about our program from our currently enrolled students. For reservations contact Debbie VanMeter at (260)224-4767, e-mail Carrie Hoffman at choffman@huntington.edu.

Honeywell Center announces the following upcoming events:

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| Josh Turner
In partnership with Ivy Tech Community College | Fri., June 19 | 7:30 pm |
| Dance Kaleidoscope
Presented by The Honeywell Foundation and Charley Creek Foundation | Sat., June 27 | 7:30 pm |
| Sizzlin' Summer Plaza Music Series
Visit www.honeywellcenter.org for a complete schedule | Thursdays | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. |

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN MAY





JUNE BLUE RIBBON BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



The Membership Committee of the Wabash County Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the June Blue Ribbon Business of the Month award to Christ United Methodist Church located at 477 N Wabash St., Wabash. The Christ United Methodist Church was established in 1968 and has been a Chamber member since 2007. Philip Lake is the Pastor at this family oriented church. This church offers children’s worship, summer

vocational Bible study, and they also have Noah’s Ark Preschool for children ages 3&4 years old. Another feature of the Christ United Methodist Church is the Biblical Garden which has plants with special biblical meaning to them and is a real “must see”.

The Christ United Methodist Church has Chapel Worship at 8:00 am, Sanctuary Worship at 10:00 am, with Pre-school Childcare, Multi-Media Worship with Praise Team and Band. Sunday school begins at 9:00 am. Contact Info – Phone: (260)563-3308, Fax: (260)563-5217, Email: wabashchristumc@verizon.net

Membership Committee members include: Mark Sapusek (Visionary Web), Chair; Deb VanMeter,(Huntington EXCEL) Co-Chair; Jennifer Southers (Crossroads Bank); Stephanie Ogan and Michael Thompson (Ponderosa), Rachel Cruz (Wabash Co. REMC); Pravina Patel (Knights Inn) and Diane Morris (Borders & Beyond).

Mark Your Calendar! June 26-28, 2009 Charley Creek Arts Fest in downtown Wabash!

Plan to attend a weekend of fine art, festive music and fun performances at Charley Creek Arts Fest on June 26-28 in downtown Wabash. The weekend offers a variety of music and events that will appeal to all ages. Most events are offered free of charge while others are offered at \$10 per ticket. A Pre-Fest Concert will be held on Thursday, June 25 as a part of the Honeywell Center’s Sizzlin’ Summer Series. Electric violinist Cathy Morris will provide the audience with a taste of the quality of music that will be featured throughout the weekend.

One highlight of the weekend is the juried Fine Art Show at Paradise Spring Historic Park. The show highlights the talents of Indiana artists and provides an opportunity to purchase directly from the artist. A children’s art tent, food vendors and live music will be offered throughout the two days. In addition, at 4:30pm on Saturday, The Harness Family Band will perform on the stage at the Park. Visitors are invited to bring picnic blankets or chairs and enjoy dinner while listening to one of the area’s favorite bands at the Concert on the Lawn. Several groups will provide live music and dance on the Gazebo stage and a special children’s concert will be held in the activity tent. The art show and other activities at the Park are offered free of charge and are family-friendly.



Ticketed events include the String Double Bass Recital from Ranaan Meyer’s double bass camp, Friday evening on the Ford Theater stage of the Honeywell Center, dinner following the recital with the bassists at the Historic Mark C. Honeywell Studio, Dance Kaleidoscope on Saturday evening in the Honeywell Center’s Ford Theater and British pianist Simon Mulligan’s solo performance Sunday afternoon in the Honeywell Room at the Center.

The Charley Creek Arts Fest is sponsored by Charley Creek Foundation and supported by a generous gift from The Community Foundation of Wabash as well as local business sponsors and individual donations.

For a complete schedule of activities, and information on how to purchase tickets, please visit www.charleycreekartsfest.org or call Charley Creek Foundation at 260.563.6356.

Crossroads Bank launches Junior Board of Directors

New program taps area high-potential upperclassmen to hone skills and serve community

These days, you can't open a newspaper or turn on the evening news without hearing about the lagging economy. And everyone from the president on down has a plan to turn it around. Crossroads Bank is no exception. Only their stimulus plan has nothing to do with money. Instead, it has everything to do with investing in future leaders. With pride, Crossroads Bank announces its new Junior Board of Directors. This highly innovative program is designed to immerse them in a myriad of banking, leadership and community service opportunities. In turn, leaders at Crossroads Bank are hoping to give students a reason to return to the local business community after college.



Earlier this year, Crossroads Bank invited juniors and seniors from Manchester, Northfield, Southwood and Wabash High Schools to apply for the 16 spots on the board. Two juniors and two seniors were chosen from each school based on academic excellence, extracurricular involvement and overall leadership skills. Other selection criteria included an outgoing and energetic personality as well as a proven interest in a business-related career. Beginning in August, the Junior Board of Directors will participate in monthly meetings at Crossroads Bank, 1205 N Cass St, Wabash, meetings that will last until May of each school year. Here, they'll gain hands-on experience in conducting business meetings. In addition, they'll also be exposed to the wide range of employment opportunities in Wabash County through high-profile speakers from various professions and the Chamber of Commerce.

But the learning doesn't stop there. To develop a greater community consciousness, representatives from local nonprofit organizations will introduce students to service opportunities within the Wabash community. Students will apply their learning by completing two community service projects. The first is a fundraising event; the second, a hands-on endeavor. For each, students will work with community leaders to plan and execute every detail, from developing ideas and budgeting expenses to reporting progress.

"One of the primary reasons we started this program," said Roger K. Cromer, president and CEO of Crossroads Bank, "was to give financial literacy training and provide an avenue for these young leaders to contribute to our community. By extending the learning experience beyond the classroom and the boardroom, we're doing just that." "One of our long-term goals for the Junior Board of Directors is to entice students to return to Wabash County," said Cromer, who learned of a similar program in Texas and knew it was just what Wabash County needed. "These young leaders will create a talented new workforce and hopefully attract new businesses to our community."

It's an idea that's drawing attention from business leaders and educators alike. "The Junior Board of Directors is a shining example of how the business community is working with the school systems in our county to prepare students for the future," said Celia Shand, Superintendent, Wabash City Schools. "By creating such an innovative, community-based service position for students, Crossroads Bank is blazing a trail that many more businesses will want to follow."

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET ADDRESS

Editor's Note: We are enclosing the Governor's recent Budget Address below to eliminate any guessing about his expectations for our legislators. Please be diligent in following up with your state representatives to urge them to stay on track for a responsible budget. kp

Governor Mitch Daniels

Budget Address

June 1, 2009

Good evening, citizens and taxpayers.



As you know, the legislature didn't pass a budget before they adjourned a month ago. That's OK, because the one they were working on assumed over a billion dollars of revenue we clearly will never have. So it would have spent way beyond our current means, wiped out our state savings account, and forced a big tax increase. I'd have had to veto it, and we'd be right where we are today.

To their credit, the legislative leadership quickly came up with a good plan for starting fresh, this time with a more believable estimate of how much money we really will have to work with.

Despite the terrible national economy, Indiana remains in vastly better shape than most states, and any of our neighbors. We have over a billion dollars in reserves, and a AAA credit rating. Everywhere else, any reserves are long gone. They are slashing education by as much as 10 to 15 percent; they're releasing convicts from prison early; and, worst of all when families are struggling, they're raising taxes. There's only one reason why we are so different: because we have held government spending down to the level of our income. But if we lose our sense of discipline now, in no time we'll look just like Michigan, or Illinois, or, heaven forbid, California.

Since my first submission in January, state revenues have slipped even further, an unprecedented 8 percent below last year. When businesses don't make profits, investors have losses not gains, and people are out of work, earning less and spending less, tax payments plummet.

It's not pleasant, but it's reality, so let's deal with it. I have modified further the tight budget I proposed four months ago, and here are the major points:

Total state spending would be reduced by 2 1/2 percent. Many good ideas will just have to wait. Across state government, nothing, and I mean nothing, goes up. When your income drops by 8 percent, you can't increase your spending, on anything.

Here's a sample of the reductions we're prepared to make (See attached document). Please note that we have already reduced per capita state spending substantially the last four years.

There is only one exception. Public education, as well as student financial aid, would get a significant increase. Every school would receive more per student than it did this year. And if by some happy chance, state revenues turn out better than projected, I'm proposing that one of every two extra dollars go automatically to our schools, with the rest going to our savings account. Let's hope it happens.

These last couple years, Indiana schools have been among America's luckiest, fully funded through the downturn while schools in other states were clobbered by massive cuts. Our goal is to keep it that way, although in times this tough no sector has a right to demand business as usual.

As always, I am ready to compromise and cooperate with the legislature, up to a point. I'm willing to see us use about a quarter of our surplus, leaving a billion dollars in reserve, but not a penny less. A billion is a lot of money, but it's only about 26 days of state operations. If legislators want to spend more on some favorite cause, that's fine as long as they offset it elsewhere. Add a dollar, cut a dollar. And, of course, no gimmicks, and no tax increases.

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Our legislature has done a good job of helping us live within our income these last few years, while other states spent themselves into catastrophe. By working together again, we can protect services, taxpayers, and our pro-jobs business climate, positioning Indiana to lead economic recovery as it begins.

You can help. If you're a taxpayer, ask your legislators to put the general public interest first, and say no to the special interests who demand money we just don't have right now. When some lobbyist or legislator promises more spending on some favorite cause or project, ask him "Which of my taxes are you proposing to raise, and why do you want to do that?"

Across America, people are asking how Indiana has kept its head above water while everyone else is drowning. It's because we're Hoosiers, of course; we have this quaint custom of not spending money we don't have. If we keep our common sense now, we'll get through this very tough patch and come out ahead of other states. Thanks and good night.

Here are the links to the slides used in the governor's presentation:

www.in.gov/gov/files/006012009_state_tax_increases.pdf

www.in.gov/gov/files/006012009_state_reductions.pdf

www.in.gov/gov/files/006012009_education_cuts.pdf

Audio of the governor's speech can be found here: http://www.in.gov/gov/files/Audio/060109_Budget_Address.mp3



FROM THE LIBRARY

by Ware W. Wimberly, Director



As June begins, our summer programming for youth is in full gear at the Wabash Carnegie Public Library. We hope you stop by and see all that is happening. Check something out with your library card for your summer reading or leisure time.

On May 1st, the Library hosted a very successful Library Conference. Since I have started as the Director, the support and leadership of Wabash County Chamber of Commerce and its members to the Wabash Community is something I am continually in awe of. The assistance of the Chamber and its members was crucial in having a successful Library Conference. I want to thank the Chamber and its members for their support on May 1st.

Along with the Wabash County Chamber of Commerce, I want to give particular thank you to Modoc's Market, All Occasions (Market Street Grill), Honeywell Center Catering, Wabash County Tourist and Convention Center, and Charley Creek Foundation, Ron Moore (The Woodshed), Beauchamp & McSpadden Insurance and Market Street Beat. As the Director, it was wonderful and rewarding to see all of this come together and I can not thank these organizations and businesses enough.

I do have few new resources that one might be interested in at the Library. As technology and communication rapidly advance, businesses and companies are finding that policies for workplace technologies are becoming more and more essential. In [Smart Policies for Workplace Technologies: email, blogs, cell phones & more](#), attorney Lisa Guerin discusses the challenges of these technologies and how to craft effective policies. With the technology boom in personal communications, this could be a very important tool for your business or company.

Another new resource the Library has is [Rich Brother Rich Sister: Two Different Paths to God, Money, and Happiness](#) by Robert Kiyosaki and Emi Kiyosaki. Robert Kiyosaki is a well known writer of making money. He and his sister Emi, a Buddhist Monk, discuss how the balance spiritual and financial health to lead a rich life.

Both books are in our new book section. We at the Library hope you have wonderful summer and see us here at the Library regularly.

MEMBERSHIP UPCOMING EVENTS

By

Chasity Milliner, Membership Services Coordinator

YPN Mixer

Thursday June 11, 2009 @ 5:45 at Ponderosa

There will be light refreshments provided and there will also be a Euchre tournament! This is a great networking event and a chance to meet other young professionals in the community.



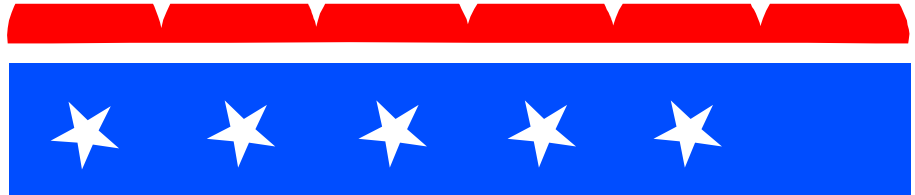
YPN along with Northfield and Wabash Key Clubs will host MCST (Music Combatting Sex Trafficking) Concert, Saturday, June 13, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The concert will feature local bands. Food booths and games will also be available. Cost is \$5 with proceeds going to RAPHA House and Not for Sale.

Red, White, and Blue Day

Tuesday June 16, 2009

We would like each business to show their patriotism by displaying their flags and banners, and to ask employees to dress in red, white and blue, as well as creating a donation

can in which their employees and patrons may contribute dollars for this year's July 4th Fireworks. Help us celebrate our City's 175th Birthday in style!



Best of the Best

Friday, June 26, 2009 @ 4:30 – 6:30 p.m

Coordinator Jeannie Cooper invites the community to support area art students at their upcoming Gallery Showing. This event will showcase the artistic talents of 15 Wabash County art students. It will be held in the Honeywell Room of the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St., Wabash. This is your opportunity to view the wonderful creations of our local students and purchase your favorite works of art.

BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS



The next **Business Before Hours** will be June 10, 7:00 a.m., at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St., Wabash.

Business Sponsors are **Community Connections, Charley Creek Gardens, Wabash County YMCA, Wabash County Historical Museum, and North Cass Business Association.** The emcee will be **Ware Wimberly, Wabash Carnegie Public Library.** To make reservations call the Chamber at 260.563.1168, email beth@wabashchamber.org or visit our web site at www.wabashchamber.org.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

The next **Business After Hours** is scheduled for July 30, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. The sponsor will be **Charley Creek Gardens.** Please plan to visit the 518 North Wabash Street location. Don't miss this opportunity to visit this unique Wabash attraction and walk through the peaceful gardens, network with their staff and other business people and tour the greenhouse.



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Upcoming Events



June 10	7:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Business Before Hours Honeywell Center
June 11	5:45 p.m.	Young Professionals Network Mixer Ponderosa
June 16	All Day	Red, White & Blue Day
June 26	4:30-6:30 p.m.	Best of the Best Gallery Showing Honeywell Center
June 26-28	All Day	Charley Creek Arts Fest Downtown Wabash
July 3	Office Closed	4th of July Holiday

GOLD MEMBERS

We thank and salute those member businesses who carry GOLD LEVEL status:

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Any Wabash County 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.

Release of Responsibility

*Must be signed
(parent or guardian if under 18)*

In consideration accepting my entry, I, intending to be legally bound, do hereby for myself, my heirs, my executors and administrators, do wave and release forever, any and all rights and claims for damages I may accrue against all persons and agencies namely the Wabash Optimist Club and any Firecracker 5K sponsors involved with promoting the race as listed by their successors, representatives and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me while traveling to and from and while participating in the Firecracker 5K Race and Fun Run/Walk competition on July 4, 2009 in Wabash, Indiana. I further state that I am in proper physical condition to participate in this event. I also release publication rights to photographs of me shot during the Firecracker 5K events for the purpose of publicity for this and future Optimist events.

Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian *(if under 18)*

Wabash Optimist Club
106 N Miami St
Wabash, IN 46992-3153



Wabash Optimist Club 1st Annual



Optimist Firecracker 5K Race Fun Run/Walk

7/4/2009

Fun Run - 7:00pm

Race - 7:30pm



Morette Sports Park/
Field of Dreams Sports Complex
Wabash

*(entrance to sports park is about 1 mile south of
US24 on Hwy 13 on the north side of Wabash)*

Optimist Firecracker 5K July 4, 2009

This evening race will use the beautifully paved and wooded Charlie Creek Trail both out and back. After the race you can stay and relax at the sports park and enjoy after dark fireworks display (weather permitting). Bring your lawn chairs. The Wabash Optimist Club is active in sponsoring Youth Activities



- Course begins and ends in the sports complex parking lot
- Race day registration begins at 6:00PM
- Early registrants may pick up their packets at registration table 6:00PM to 7:15PM day of the race
- 7:30PM Race start time
- \$50 gift certificate will be given to the top male and female winner
- First 100 5K entrants will receive a free T-shirt



Entry Form

Please check one:	Time	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> 5K Race	7:30 p.m.	\$13.00
<small>(\$15 after June 26th and day of race)</small>		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk	7:00 p.m.	FREE
<small>(\$10.00 for adult size T-shirt)</small>		

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Gender (Please circle one) M F

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____

Age on Race Day _____

T-shirt Size (check one)

SM M L XL

Age Division (check one)

Under 14 25-29 45-49
 15-16 30-34 50-54
 17-18 35-39 55-59
 19-24 40-44 60 & Over

Make Checks Payable to Wabash Optimist Club
 Important Release of Responsibility (on back).
 Must be completed and signed.



June, 2009

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MAKING THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY MORE A WARE



EMPLOYERS ARE BEING HELD LEGALLY LIABLE FOR EXPOSING WORKERS TO SECONDHAND SMOKE



Experts in public health law note that across the country employers already are being held legally liable for exposing workers to secondhand smoke, even if state or local laws permit workplace smoking. They warn that as scientists continue to provide evidence of harm, employers could soon face a clear choice: either voluntarily ban smoking in their workplace or face an increasing wave of costly legal actions.

The Stark study on the effects of workplace smoking, followed 52 nonsmoking employees of bars and restaurants in Oregon communities where smoking is still permitted in such establishments and compared them to 32 nonsmoking bar and restaurant employees from other Oregon municipalities where smoking is prohibited by local ordinance. Researchers collected urine samples from both groups before and after their work-shifts and tested them for the tobacco produced lung carcinogen NNK.

What they found is that three out of four employees who worked in an establishment where smoking was permitted had detectable levels of NNK compared to fewer than half of the unexposed workers. In addition, exposure to tobacco smoke was associated with a three-fold increase in levels of the carcinogen. The study also noted that the amount of NNK in employees exposed to tobacco smoke went up in direct relationship to the number of hours worked--by 6 percent an hour on average--giving the researchers "confidence that the levels (of NNK) reported in this study do, indeed, reflect workplace exposure."

The investigators also noted that their research supports the notion that the risks of secondhand tobacco smoke in the workplace are borne disproportionately by an already vulnerable group. Employees who participated in their study are typical of foodservice workers nationwide in that the majority were women, under age 30, had relatively low household incomes, and more than one third of them lacked health insurance.

"This is already a population that tends to have fewer resources to deal with health problems than many other groups so the least we can do is protect them from harmful cigarette smoke," Stark said. "For young women in particular, secondhand smoke can increase the risk of having breast cancer and of giving birth prematurely or having low-birth weight babies."

In their analysis of the legal and liability issues raised by workplace smoking hazards--"Legal Risks to Employers Allowing Smoking in the Workplace"--Ashe and her colleagues said employees harmed by secondhand smoke already are using worker compensation laws, state and federal disability laws and an employer's legal responsibility to "provide a safe workplace" to take action against secondhand smoke. The study notes that as the scientific evidence mounts, employers will increasingly be on the losing end.

"Employers are always talking about high costs of insurance and the need to reduce their potential liabilities," Ashe said. "Voluntarily banning smoking and supporting state and local legislation mandating smoke-free workplaces is a relatively cheap and easy way of removing a cumbersome and costly liability."

Legal Issues

ABOUT BECOMING SMOKE-FREE

Tobacco use issues can be contentious in workplace settings. Careful planning, involving participation of all stakeholders – management and labor – will help yield the best policy with the highest level of acceptance among employees.

Also, consider consulting with your legal agency to address any questions or concerns you may have about implementing a tobacco free policy at your place of business.



House Enrolled Act 1420

Up until now, Indiana employers have been prohibited from discriminating against employees who use tobacco products with respect to an employee's health benefits (*Indiana Code 22-5-4-1*). The passage of House Enrolled Act 1420 amends this prohibition under the Indiana Code (*HEA 1420*).

Effective July 1, 2006, employers may implement financial incentives:

- Intended to reduce tobacco use;
- Related to employee health plan benefits provided by the employer; and
- Must comply with BFWP under HIPAA.

FREE PAY CHECK STUFFERS

To help and encourage your employees to stop their use of tobacco

All you need to do is call with a request for the amount needed.



Everyone deserves smoke-free air.

More than 50,000 people die every year due to secondhand smoke exposure in the US, making it the **third leading preventable cause of death and disease.**

Workplace exposure to secondhand smoke causes heart disease, lung cancer and respiratory illnesses-



While 76 percent of white-collar workers are protected from secondhand smoke exposure in workplaces, only 52 percent of blue collar/industrial workers and just 43 percent of hospitality workers have the benefit of the same level of protection.

Sample Copy



GET FREE HELP TO QUIT SMOKING!
The Indiana Tobacco Quit Line is a FREE telephone-based program for smokers and tobacco users who want to quit.

Call 1-800-QUIT NOW anytime from 8 am to midnight, 7 days-a-week for help and support. A trained quit coach will help you design a personalized quit plan.

Services are available in English and Spanish with translation services offered for other languages.



1-800-QUIT NOW
Indiana's Tobacco Quitline



When a business is ready to go smoke-free, there are many things to keep in mind to make sure implementation of your smoke-free policy goes smoothly and results in success. **Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition** can help you do that. Call the Coalition office when you are ready for that help

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