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Midwest Eye Consultants, P.C. Named 2008 Business of the Year

Andy Eads, Wabash County Chamber of Commerce Board Chair, announces Midwest Eye Consultants, P.C. as the 2008 Business of the Year. "Midwest Eye is a growing business and Wabash County is fortunate to have their headquarters located here. They are continuing their growth and are adding more jobs not only to the local economy but regionally as well. I believe they are a model business for our community and I am proud to name them Business of the Year," stated Eads.

Gregory Garner, President/CEO of Midwest Eye Consultants, responded, "speaking on behalf of everyone at Midwest Eye Consultants, we are honored to be chosen as the 2008 Business of the Year by the Wabash County Chamber of Commerce. Midwest Eye Consultants will continue to grow by delivering the highest quality eye care for patients, providing employment opportunities, and making a positive contribution in Wabash and the other communities we serve. Thank you, Mr. Eads, and the other Chamber representatives for this special recognition."

Midwest Eye Consultants, P.C. has been a part of the Wabash Community since 1978, when they began as a single optometry practice with the guiding principle of providing the highest level of comprehensive eye care to their patients. This practice eventually grew and formed into Midwest Eye Consultants in 1992. Since then, Midwest Eye Consultants has grown to employ more than 260 people and has a network of 22 primary care offices and four surgical facilities throughout central and northern Indiana, all still sharing the same principles as the original practice.



Patients who come to Midwest Eye Consultants will be treated to the "Total Patient Experience" which means every Midwest staff member is trained to address each patient's needs as an individual, and surpass their expectations in service and care. As another part of their pursuit of exceptional patient care, Midwest Eye Consultants is always on the leading edge of technology and medical advances. Their doctors and staff are dedicated to proactive patient care, so not only does Midwest Eye Consultants invest in the latest equipment for the screening and monitoring of eye diseases, continual research is done to provide their patients with the latest in diagnostic technology. Over the past year, this commitment has allowed each office of Midwest Eye Consultants to provide diagnostic imaging through ocular tomography, which has become the new "gold standard" in managing diseases that affect the retina and optic nerve. Beginning in the last quarter of 2008, all Midwest Eye Consultants' locations will have the ability to begin testing for one of the early risk factors for macular degeneration by utilizing new instrumentation known as the MPOD which quantitatively measures the pigment within the photoreceptors of the macula. Macular degeneration is the leading cause of vision loss in people over 55 and this new instrument can detect those patients more at risk for developing this condition. This technology, along with seamless continuity of care between primary and surgical eye doctors, completes the "Total Patient Experience" and allows them to follow a patient from diagnosis through surgery and after to ensure the best possible care.

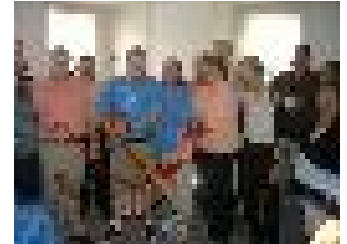
In 2005, a new facility was built in Wabash to house Midwest Eye Consultants' flagship office and the Central Administrative Office. The upper portion of the building, located at 833 North Cass Street, has the primary care clinic and Emage Vision Center. There are currently 11 Midwest Eye Consultant sites that have an Emage Vision Center incorporated with the primary care office. Emage Vision Centers are optical boutiques with selections of more than 1,200 affordable eyeglass frames. The Central Administrative Office is the heart of Midwest Eye Consultants and the support center that handles human resources, accounting, billing, marketing, inventory and sales, computer support and maintenance for all 26 locations.

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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!

Breakaway Bike and Fitness celebrated their Wabash Grand Opening with a Ribbon Cutting on August 22. Wabash hours are Monday and Friday 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Stop by their 503 North Cass Street location and welcome them to Wabash.



The Health Care Excel Organization presented **Peabody Retirement Community** with the Quality Improvement Excellence Award. Peabody received the highest award possible by this review group. According to *Vice President of Health Services and Operations*, Chad Smyth, "Over two dozen Indiana health care facilities participated in a three year study focusing upon resident pain management, restraint free environment, and pressure ulcer improvement. This prestigious award indicated Peabody achieved a 35 plus percent improvement in all these areas."

Peabody's *Executive Director/CEO*, Jeffrey Brasie and Board of Trustee *President*, Steve Zahn extended their pride and appreciation to all who helped achieve this award. *Established in 1931, Peabody is a fully licensed continuing care retirement community. The campus is comprised of a 48 bed Memory Enhancement Center, 144 long term care beds, 124 assisted living residences, and 57 cottage (independent) living homes. For additional information, call 800.545.6220 or visit www.peabodyrc.org.*

Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) announced that the company will be adding wind to its generating capacity. The 100 megawatts (MW) of wind power will be supplied from Buffalo Ridge I LLC and Barton Windpower LLC, which are both subsidiaries of Iberdrola Renewables – the largest owner and operator of wind farms in the world. "NIPSCO is pleased to be able to add wind to our renewable energy portfolio," said Eileen O'Neill Odum, Chief Executive Officer of NIPSCO. "Increasing NIPSCO's renewable energy capacity is a positive step for the environment and for our customers." The purchased power agreement with Buffalo Ridge is for wind generated in Brookings County, South Dakota, and it will provide 50.4 MW for 15 years. Barton Windpower's purchased power agreement will supply NIPSCO with 50 MW of electricity generated from wind farms located in Worth County, Iowa for a term of 20 years.

Happy 10th Anniversary to Brett Wynn – Original Promotions.com! Brett has been a supplier of specialty gifts to the Wabash region and a member of the Chamber since his business began. Brett supplied the gift totes for the Lt. Governor's Women in Business event, and has often supplied the Honor Student Luncheon student gift. The Chamber wishes Brett continued success. To share good wishes or to contact Brett, call 888.658.4332 or email brettw@kconline.com. Web: www.originalpromotions.com

LIFE Center Pregnancy Help of Wabash County would like to announce their 2nd Annual Fundraising Banquet, to be held on Tuesday, October 14th, at the Wabash REMC building, 350 Wedcor Ave. Wabash, IN. Special guest speaker Amanda Banks will be speaking about "Hope For The Future Generations". Doors open at 5:30, dinner will be served at 6:00. For more information, to purchase your tickets or if you would like to be a corporate sponsor please contact the LIFE Center at 260-563-7275 or 800-607-6152.

Wabash Carnegie Public Library Executive Director Ware Wimberly, announces that Cathy Day, author of The Circus In Winter will be presenting a program on September 4th at the library (188 W. Hill St.) at 6:00 pm. The Circus in Winter, is the book for the Community Read this August. Cathy will be talking about the book and her writing in general. Pre-registration is requested, though not required, for this event through the Circulation Desk (telephone (260) 563-2972.) Preregistration will provide the event planners a better idea of how many to expect for in terms of refreshments.



Physicians Health Plan (PHP) announces a new product launch for Indigo Individual and Family Health Care coverage. With 9 different benefit plan options to choose from, PHP is excited to be offering unique and comprehensive coverage for clients and their families in all stages of their lives. Whether you are a college bound student, self employed, early retiree, part time worker, or transitioning between jobs, PHP's Indigo product may just be the affordable and custom option you need. For additional information, please visit their website at www.phpni.com and click on the Indigo Individual Products, or contact Nancy Blake, Senior Account Executive for Indigo Products at (260) 969-2425, or email at nblake@phpni.com.

Manchester College is holding its Volunteer Fair on September 4 from 5-6:30 p.m. The Volunteer Fair is an opportunity for MC students to connect with various community organizations and learn about local volunteering opportunities. It's also an opportunity for organizations to recruit student volunteers. If your organization would like to be represented at the Volunteer Fair, please e-mail the Office of Volunteer Services at ovs@manchester.edu to register for this event and reserve a table. Please include the name(s) of the organization representative(s) who will attend the Volunteer Fair.

Ribbon Cutting At Chippewa Place

There will be a **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House at Chippewa Place**, September 4 at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and tour two of the available condominium styles. The Hickory is 1960 sq. ft. with three bedrooms and two baths; and the Magnolia is 1420 sq. ft. with two bedrooms and two baths. Chippewa Place and Yohe Realty, Inc. will be drawing for a \$500 Gift Certificate to Miller Furniture, so stop by and register as you visit the two model homes.

Wabash Rotarians Looking for Exchange Program Volunteers

Rotarians of Rotary District 6540 are recruiting four outstanding young professionals or business persons to participate in a cultural and vocational exchange program to Ankara, Turkey from May 9 to June 7, 2009. The Group Study Exchange is a program of the Rotary International Foundation.

The Wabash Rotary Club must receive a prospective team member's application by September 26, 2008. For an application of further information, contact Rotarian David Mann at 260.563.6881.



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**Tuesday, October
14, 2008
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Honeywell Center
275 West Market Street
Wabash, Indiana**

See attached flyer

CHAMBER LAUNCHES 2008-2009 LUNCH & LEARN SEMINAR SERIES

Seminar Committee Chair Lori Eltzroth announces the Wabash County Chamber of Commerce's upcoming 2008-2009 Lunch & Learn Seminar Series. The series is designed to be a cost-effective form of employee development within the convenience of a lunch hour. The series launches in September and sessions are held on alternating months through May on the second Thursday of the month. The one hour seminars are presented at 12:00 noon and include lunch. Sponsored by member businesses, this year's series lineup features a wide variety of topics and presenters dealing with HR issues, software programs, workforce challenges, strategic planning, and technology, as detailed below.

Human Resource Q & A – You Make the Call

Alan Siepkier, HR Ideas Unlimited.
Thursday, September 11, 2008

Sponsor: First Farmers Bank & Trust

A fast-paced Q & A in which participants will be presented with the facts of real-life work scenarios: FMLA, FLSA-Wage & Hour, Hiring, Discipline, Termination, Discrimination, Labor Relations, and a host of other common issues.

Millennials

Dr. Jerry Pattengale, Indiana Wesleyan University
Thursday, November 13, 2008

Sponsor: Investment Center at Crossroads Bank

Learn how to deal with the new generation entering the workforce - Millennials. This workforce has developed their work ethic from doting parents, structured lives and diverse people. They work well in teams and have a "can do" attitude. Learn the best way to utilize these characteristics in your business.

Tech Messaging: Tips & Tricks of Cells/Emails/BlackBerries

Don Swetnam, WPI Cellular
Thursday, January 8, 2009

Sponsor: Wabash County Hospital

Cell phones and BlackBerries: so easy a child can use them. Take this opportunity to learn all about those hidden functions of your cell phone. Learn about text messaging, calendars, internet use, Blue Tooth, and much more. It is time to catch up with your teenager.

Designing and Implementing the Strategic Plan

Jeffrey Brasie, CEO, Peabody Retirement Community
Thursday, March 12, 2009

Sponsor: Economic Development Group of Wabash County

This "easy to grasp" presentation is designed for individuals and companies (proprietary and non-profit) who have never undertaken the process to research, design, and implement a strategic plan. The presentation offers a step-by-step process, as well as additional references.

Integrating Word and Excel

Beth Miller, Wabash County Chamber of Commerce
Thursday, May 14, 2009

Sponsor: Visionary Web Design/Visionary Computers

Learn how to use Microsoft Word and Excel together to create striking and informative documents to use in presentations and communications. Practice documents will be provided for those who wish to bring a laptop.

All sessions will be held in the Chamber offices located at 210 S. Wabash St., (Upper Level-City Hall.) Cost for the sessions are \$12/each for Chamber Members (\$24-Non members) or save by registering for the entire series at only \$50 for Chamber Members (\$110 – Non members.) Register online at www.wabashchamber.org; email info@wabashchamber.org or telephone the Chamber office at 260.563.1168.

Business Before Hours



The next **Business Before Hours** will be October 8, 7:00 a.m., at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St., Wabash.

Business Sponsors are **Honeywell Center, Wabash County Hospital Foundation, WPI US Cellular, Lundquist Appraisals & Real Estate, and Wabash County YMCA.** The emcee will be announced that morning. 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 September 24, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. The sponsor will be **Vernon Manor Children's Home.** Please plan to visit their 1955 Vernon Street location between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to tour a unique facility and network with their staff and other business people.

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MEMBER DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM



ATTENTION CHAMBER MEMBERS

Chamber Membership Committee Member, Deb VanMeter (Huntington University Excel), has just announced that the committee is seeking businesses for this year's Member-2Member Discount Card. Last year we had 26 members (see card below) take advantage of this "Shop Local" promotion. Cards are valid January 1 through December 31 and are distributed to 7500 member business' employees. The cards provide discounts for goods/services from our members and are a great way to encourage local shopping. There is no fee to participate. Simply call Deb at (260)224-4767 to have your business and promotion featured on this year's discount card.

Marketing opportunity

This year we are adding a special promotion for any one business who would like to be the cards' print sponsor. This business would receive a full back page advertisement for their sponsorship/promotion opportunity, in addition to being listed in monthly promotions in news media. As noted above, the cards are distributed to 7500 member employees, plus new members who join throughout the coming year. For more information on this marketing opportunity, telephone the office at 260.563.1168.



This month I am reprinting a letter I recently received from Monica Hartke-Tarr, IDEM, about the Recycling Market Development Program. There are several financial assistance opportunities available for businesses who answer the challenge to energize Indiana's environment and economy. A great local resource for information on building products which derive from or are a part of reuse/recycle processes is our own Wabash County Solid Waste Management District. I urge you to speak to Director Steve Johnson (260.563.7649) about assisting you in building projects that utilize green methods. Some of the grants/loan programs available through the state include: Recycling Promotion & Assistance Fund Loan, \$1Million RPAF Attraction Loan, Innovations Grant, Recycling Business Start-up Grant, Recycled Product Marketing Grant, Recycled Product Purchasing Grant, and the Three R's Assessment Grant. Visit www.recycle.in.gov or call 1.800.988.7901. kp

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RECYCLING: LOANS & GRANTS FOR BUSINESSES

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is pleased to provide the opportunity to promote and assist recycling efforts in Indiana by focusing economic development efforts on businesses and projects involving recycling through the Recycling Market Development Program (RMDP). Recycling is more than just diverting waste from landfills; it also involves taking those products that have been recycled and turning them into a useful end-product for businesses and communities. The RMDP program is designed to financially assist businesses in going beyond the collection stage to create and sustain recycling markets here in Indiana. IDEM understands that every company has its own set of individual needs and goals. IDEM provides the financial resources through RMDP grants and loans to encourage and assist your company in meeting its needs and goals. In other words, we help you find your place in Indiana's recycling market. There are six different RMDP grant and loan opportunities available to benefit your company, from loans for equipment purchases to grants for assessments of how effective recycling could save you money.

IDEM is dedicated to protecting the environment and ensuring that resources are available for future generations of Hoosiers while encouraging environmentally sound economic development and expansion. We encourage your company to find its place in Indiana's recycling markets. And remember, IDEM can provide the financial support to make it possible. If you are interested in learning more about the RMDP grant and loan opportunities, please contact Pam Koons, RMDP Manager, or myself at 800.988.79012 or visit the web at www.recycle.in.gov.

Sincerely,

Monica Hartke-Tarr, Branch Chief
Source Reduction and Recycling Branch
Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance

BALLOTS, PLEASE

It's that time of year again when your Chamber presents its members with a slate of nominees for next year's Board of Directors, with space for write-in nominations. Each Chamber member company will receive one ballot by U.S. Postal mail, to its main representative and is requested to vote and return by the given date. There is an accompanying letter that explains who currently serves on the board, who will remain in service, and whose terms are expiring. It also lists your upcoming officers for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year. Your Chamber runs on an October 1 – September 30 accounting/program year. Sometimes people ask me why we only have enough nominees on the ballot as are needed to vote upon. I have made it my mission to adequately inform the members about the nominating process and timeframes within which the committee works. We ask your input and then the Nominating Committee works very hard to identify and recruit a diverse range of candidates, with guidance from the executive body. It has long been the Chamber's leadership view, that if these candidates have agreed to be placed for nomination, and are qualified, that is who will be recommended. If a member does not agree that the candidate is the best choice, they are free to nominate another person. Hence, the ballot provides opportunity for your write-in vote. Listed below are ballot requirements from the Chamber By-Laws:

ARTICLE VII ELECTIONS

- Section A Nominating Committee
The nominating Committee shall be appointed before July 1.
- Section B Election of Officers
The nominating committee shall present to the Board of Directors at the August meeting, a single slate of candidates for the office of Chair, Chair Elect, Vice Chair, and Treasurer. The Chair Elect shall be nominated to be Chair if he/she so desires to serve. The Vice Chair shall be nominated to Chair Elect if he/she so desires to serve.
- Section C Election of Directors
The Nominating Committee shall also present a single slate of candidates of three (3) to five (5) members in good standing to replace the Directors and Officers whose terms will expire at the end of the year. The committee shall confirm by personal contact that they shall be willing to accept the three (3) year directorship responsibility.
- Section D Balloting
Ballots shall be mailed to the membership by August 15 to be returned and tallied before the September Board meeting. Along with the names of the candidates to be elected to fill all board vacancies, a blank line shall be placed on the ballot to allow write-in votes by the membership. The newly elected directors shall be announced at the September board meeting and be invited to meet with the Board at the September and October meetings.

We thank this year's nominating committee which was Chaired by Ron Kerby, First Merchants Bank; and committee members included Stan Myers, Servisoft; Doug Mays, Thermafiber; Tony Pulley, Investment Center at Crossroads and Mark Sapusek, Visionary Web/Visionary Computers. If you have any further questions, please give the office a call. Please remember to vote and return your ballots by Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

THE LEARN MORE CENTER PROMOTES INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

International Literacy Day is September 8. This is an international event celebrated across our county, region, state, nation and the world. The Learn More Center will be distributing posters in Wabash County with help from the student/tutor coordinators: Vera Eidsness, Chris Lehman, Amanda Foust, Rebel Hensley, and Darlene Hunt.

International Literacy Day (ILD) 2008 is placing a special focus on the important relationship between literacy and health. This is the theme for the 2007-2008 biennium of the United Nations Literacy Decade.

UNESCO and its partners are underlining the significance of literacy for healthy societies, with a strong emphasis on epidemics and communicable diseases such as HIV, tuberculosis and malaria. These are some of the world's most important public health concerns. This year's slogan is "Literacy is the best remedy". Posters will be distributed

throughout Wabash County highlighting this theme. Contact literacy-day@unesco.org for additional information. You can help by printing out the poster or banner available to share with others.

The Learn More Center has also been presented with an anonymous gift for raising operating funds for 2009. For every \$1 given a \$1 will be matched up to \$21,000. Our past Cup of Coffee fundraiser will be replaced by a matching donation letter campaign in response to this challenge. Watch for additional information in September and October.

Tutor sharing will be held at the Wabash Carnegie Library on September 23 from 6:30-7:45 with a followup student/tutor recognition event in November. For additional information, call 260.982.6138 or toll free 1-877-6128 or visit our web site www.learnmorecenter.org

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Midwest Eye Consultants

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Lens Source Optical Laboratory is an eyeglass lens fabrication lab affiliated with Midwest Eye Consultants, and is also located within the Central Administrative Office. Having their own in-house fabrication lab allows faster service to our clients while still supplying the highest quality lenses. There are two other divisions of Midwest Eye Consultants that are housed in the Central Administrative Office: OnSight Eye Consultants and Vision Partners Group. OnSight eye Consultants provides personalized eye care to senior citizens residing in retirement communities throughout the state of Indiana, and Vision Partners Group contracts with Indiana businesses to provide safety eyewear and vision benefit programs for their employees.

Midwest Eye Consultants is very proud to be a part of so many communities across Indiana and is committed to giving back to those communities through donations, sponsorships, and volunteer work. Recently, Foundation Fighting Blindness held their annual VisionWalk in Fort Wayne. The doctors and staff of the surgical facility in Fort Wayne, along with many other doctors and employees of Midwest Eye Consultants, helped raise more than \$36,000 for this great cause. Midwest Eye Consultants takes great pride in their employees, their involvement in their neighborhoods, and their willingness to give back to the communities in which they work and live.

"As Midwest Eye Consultants, P.C. expands our vision to include more communities, we will continue to serve our patients with the most exceptional care possible and will remain on the cutting edge of the eye care industry both locally and nationally. We thank our patients for the trust they put in us daily and are proud to call Wabash, Indiana, our home," remarked Garner.

Midwest Eye Consultants, P.C. will be honored at the Wabash County Chamber of Commerce 67th Annual Dinner meeting to be held October 16, 2008. The event is open to the public. Tickets will be available in September. Premier sponsors for the event are Crossroads Bank, Marchon Eyewear, Inc., and Gaunt & Son Asphalt. Supporting sponsors include Vistakon Johnson & Johnson, Mutual Bank, the paper of wabash county, Elemer's Electric Service, Quality Electric, Beacon Credit Union, Wabash Electric, Intrasect Technologies, Johnson Brothers Signe, Duke Energy, Rick & Nancy Fisher, Nipsco, and Wayne's Coatings.

The logo for Midwest Eye Consultants, P.C. features the word "Midwest" in a large, bold, blue serif font. A yellow and orange swoosh arches over the top of the letters. Below "Midwest" is the text "Eye Consultants, P.C." in a smaller, blue, italicized serif font.

MANCHESTER IS A GREAT CHOICE, LEADING COLLEGE GUIDES TELL STUDENTS



Class sizes and faculty who invite close connections with students continue to cement Manchester as a "Best College" in the U.S. News & World Report rankings. The popular guide for college-bound students ranks the northern Indiana college 18th among Midwest schools that focus on undergraduate degrees.

U.S. News & World Report ranks 319 colleges in the "baccalaureate" category of its 2008 America's Best Colleges, using such measures of excellence as student-faculty ratio, class sizes, test scores, peer assessment and alumni giving. The 2009 ranking marks Manchester College's 14th consecutive year as a "Best College."

"The placement ranking was really big for my parents," said Mercedes Plummer, who enters Manchester College as a physical education major this fall. "Just everything about MC sounded so good. Right away, I was hooked," said the Warsaw High School graduate.

The Princeton Review also lists Manchester College as a "Best in the Midwest." Students surveyed by the educational services company for its guide had high praise especially for Manchester's faculty, including:

- "Professors are the best part of the school, being knowledgeable, capable, and approachable."
- They are "passionate about what they do and that shows both in and out of the classroom."
- "Professors care enough to help you find a summer internship, write you e-mails to check in with you while you are studying abroad, and are always willing to offer a listening ear."

Manchester, with 1,036 students last year, enriched students with a 13:1 faculty ratio and the majority of classes had fewer than 20 students. Such proximity to teachers presented exciting opportunities for faculty mentoring and academic challenges.

Manchester alumni proudly support those opportunities with a 32 percent giving rate – one of the highest giving levels among Midwest "Best Colleges" ranked by U.S. News & World Report.

For more about the magazine's 2008 Best Colleges guide, visit www.usnews.com. More about The Princeton Review's "Best in the Midwest" is at www.theprincetonreview.com. For more about Manchester College, and to visit campus, connect at www.manchester.edu

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Upcoming Events



September 11	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch & Learn Seminar Chamber office
September 24	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Business After Hours Vernon Manor Children's Home
October 8	7:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Business Before Hours Honeywell Center
October 14	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Dave Weber Seminar Honeywell Center
October 16	6:30 p.m.	Annual Dinner Meeting Honeywell Center

GOLD MEMBERS

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

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Cornerstone Furniture**



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.



Wabash County Chamber of Commerce
presents



Business After Hours



**Vernon Manor
Children's Home
1955 Vernon St,
Wabash**

**September 24, 2008
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**



- u **Great Networking Opportunity**
- u **Refreshments**
- u **Tours**
- u **No Charge**

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Reservations Requested

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or register online @

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Skills You Will Learn

Keeping Commitments

Desk Management

Follow-up Skills

Effective Filing

Information Retrieval

Developing Tickler Files

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Prioritizing

Handling Interruptions

Reduce Stress

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Staying Focused

Project Planning

Tracking Details

Meeting Deadlines

Increased Organization

Gaining Closure on Loose Ends

"Earning the Right to Forget"

Having Nothing Fall Through the Cracks

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"I'm Spread So Thin You Can See Through Me!"

The **LifeTime Organizer** is a comprehensive, professional organization tool where the skills, processes, and techniques in the workshop are practiced and applied.

Topics discussed:

- ✓ Planners, PDA's, PC's, and Paper
- ✓ The 5 ways choices are made
- ✓ Habits - the key to success or failure
- ✓ The habit modification process
- ✓ The 3 critical habits
- ✓ 1 To-Do list or 30
- ✓ The master calendar
- ✓ Piles and Files

Principle #1 - Consolidation

Participants will learn the 3 critical components which comprise a complete organization system. These three components can be paper based, electronic based, or, most likely, a combination of paper and electronic tools. Once Participants understand what tools are needed, we then begin to focus on how to most effectively use them to manage volumes of information and activities.

Principle #2 - Documentation and Retrieval

Participants walk through a case study during which they learn the 3 "R"s of information control and how they relate to follow up.

Principle #3 - Follow Up

In this section participants learn the 3 critical "W" questions. Answering these questions will ensure no item will ever fall through the cracks. Mastering this technique alone will increase the quality and volume of an individual's work.

Principle #4 - Getting Organized

Participants are shown how to create paper and electronic filing systems that really work through understanding:

- ✓ The 4 missing files in your office
- ✓ "Homeless" pieces of paper
- ✓ The four "D's" of information management
- ✓ Piles vs. Files (both paper and electronic)
- ✓ "I know I put it somewhere" syndrome

Principle #5 - Staying Focused

Specific issues covered:

- ✓ How to build an effective To-Do List
- ✓ Prioritizing - Why is it so hard to do?
- ✓ 360° Delegation
- ✓ Flexibility - Changing gears on the fly
- ✓ Getting back on track
- ✓ Dealing with "left-overs" at the end of the day

Who Should Attend?

CEOs

Managers

Industry Leaders

Community Leaders

Government Leaders

Busy People

October 14, 2008

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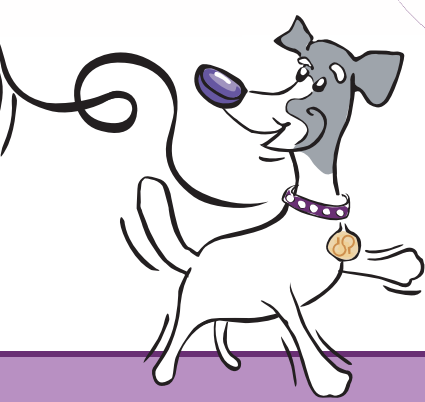
Bickford is on the move to end Alzheimer's

Bickford of Wabash is teaming up with the Alzheimer's Association for the 2008 Memory Walk. We've put together a team and we want you to join us as we raise money and walk to help the millions of people affected by this disease. Contact Bickford of Wabash to sign up for the walk or donate to this wonderful cause.



Date: Saturday, September 13
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Bickford of Wabash
Contact: Anne Crawley, 260-569-2000

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