

AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
**BUSINESS CHRONICLE**

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## WACCY A RECORD SUCCESS



The Wabash Area Chamber of Commerce, Wednesday, completed the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual WACCY Golf Outing at the Honeywell Golf Course in Wabash. Cloudy skies and cool conditions greeted over 100 golfers this week. Team #1 from the City of Wabash consisting of players Mayor Arvin Copeland, Tom Frank, Mike Shira, and Stan Myers captured 1<sup>st</sup> Place Honors shooting a 52 after mulligan and string deductions. Team #2 from South Side Supply captured 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Honors after a tiebreaker, also shooting a 52. That team consisted of Mike Elward, Sherri Elward, Bill Hensley, and Dave Gleason. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Honors, just another stroke off the pace, was the GDY Automotive team consisting of Mike Talaga, Mike Hough, Eric Sardner, and Nathan

Dockter.

There were five different games of skill played at holes throughout the tournament. The winners are as follows: Closest to the Pin - Dan Snipes (Wabash Electric Supply team), Longest Drive - Kyle Dubois (Staffing Resources team), Closest to the Line - Dan Sharp (Staffing Resources team), Longest Putt - Chad Key (First Farmers Bank & Trust team), Closest 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot - Dee Gibson (White's Residential & Family Services team).

Other teams and players included:

First Federal Saving Bank - Ron Reynolds, Noah Smith, Leroy Lepley, and Larry Conner

Next Marketing - Bruce Hively, Dixie Wheatley, Tim Gerring, and Kent Short

Beauchamp & McSpadden - Bob Beauchamp, Sharon Beauchamp, Mike Beauchamp, and Larry McSpadden

Wabash County Hospital - Jeffrey Buckley, Paul Shroeter, Jim Rudolph MD, and Ben Corn

GMS Graphics - Scott Simpson, Mark Niccum, Troy Miller, and Tim Simpson

Rea Logan & Co/Randall Miller & Associates - Linda Rea, Tom Wagner, Randy Miller and Jason Miller

Whites Residential and Family Services - Dee Gibson, Jay Driskill, Pete Dupont, and Dallas Duggan

Soundvision - Todd Miller, Barry Olson, Brad Olson, and Dave Dessing

FirstFed Financial, Inc. - Bob Cole, Tony Pulley, Galen Bremmer, and Rep. Bill Ruppel



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

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

**“BEST IN THE COUNTRY”** - that is the distinction that has been earned by the Wabash office of **AMERICAN EXPRESS TAX AND BUSINESS SERVICES!** Congratulations to Brent Dawes and his staff for earning this honor, based on client surveys, and for serving our community.

Tom Gondek, the U.S. Department of Labor investigator assigned to Wabash has closed his Wabash office and moved to 1300 S. Harrison Street, Room 3159, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. He still wants to be available to Wabash businesses at 260-422-3700 or 260-436-6641. Feel free to call with questions.

The **WABASH FRIENDS COUNSELING CENTER** has announced the hiring of two new therapists to help with the increased number of people using the services offered. Jennie Conrad and Laura Kirchhofer have joined the staff. Both are Nationally Certified Counselors and will serve adults, marital couples and adolescents. Jennie has extensive experience with children struggling in school, eating disorders, and career counseling. Laura is trained in interviewing for child abuse, critical incident stress management, and pre-marital inventory and counseling.

Mark your calendars - the Wabash Friends Church 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Healing will be Saturday, October 4, 2003. Watch for a more complete article next month.

**ARC OF WABASH COUNTY** is very pleased to announce the launching of a new web site. Check them out at [www.arcwabash.org](http://www.arcwabash.org)

Congratulations to the staff and management of **BEACON CREDIT UNION** on surpassing the \$500 million asset milestone. The local financial cooperative is enjoying its 72<sup>nd</sup> year. Assets have steadily climbed in the past 30 years starting off at \$9.4 Million in 1970. Watch for their Open House Celebration at each location on June 19.

Congratulations to Tammy Shafer, teacher at Metro North Elementary School on being selected as **WAL-MART** Teacher of the Year! She was awarded a \$1,000 check from WalMart. Thanks to WalMart for recognizing the value of our educators!

Donna and Dan Siders have made a new equipment investment for **C/S PRINTING!** They have a Konica digital color copier that will copy from disk or CD. If you have need of something from this machine, call Donna at 563-8715 or 800-362-5037.

**WABASH COUNTY REMC** is now in their new home at 340 Wedcor Avenue. Be sure to stop out to see what they have done with the spec building and welcome them to their new headquarters.

**JOY CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORE** is pleased to be offering a new line a new pendant and lapel pin line by the

name of Shield of Faith by Bob Siemon, the manufacturer of the popular WWJD bracelet.

Congratulations to **INDIANA LAWRENCE BANK** for opening a new retail banking enter in Warsaw at 1810 E. Center Street. If you are in the neighborhood, stop and see it.

**CINERGY/PSI** is offering a new rebate program to reward you for saving energy. To qualify you must be a retail, commercial, or industrial customer having a demand of 500kw or less and install high efficiency lighting, cooling or motors. Then simply fill out an application, and a rebate check will be on its way to you. For questions or an application call 800-283-7741 or visit [www.cinergypsi.com](http://www.cinergypsi.com)

**BOB VANLANDINGHAM** has announced a golf outing with the proceeds to go to the Vanlandingham for Mayor fund to be held June 22. Register to sponsor a hole, play 18 or contribute by calling 563-7794 after 6 PM by June 18.

The **CIRCUS HALL OF FAME** in Peru, IN, has announced its 2003 Summer Season. It will begin July 7 and run through July 27 featuring the world renown "Flying Pages". 2 shows daily - 1 on Sunday. Be sure to catch the show this season.

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE BILL RUPPEL** invites all to come and partake in his 11<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Outing and Hog Roast Wednesday, June 25, at Honeywell Golf Course, with 10 AM registration. Return reservations by June 18 or call Miriam at 260-982-7981 with questions. Flyers also available at the Chamber office.

**BASS & BUCKS INC. PRO SHOP** has announced a full 2003 3-D Bow Shooting schedule. In June attend the IBO 2003 World Qualifier June 28/29, trophy shoots July 19/20 and August 23/24, and a hog roast September 20/21. In addition they have a 3D range, hunting lodge, and canoe trips located at 4890 W. Millcreek Pike, with the pro shop located at 127 Hale Drive.

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## SMALL BUSINESS BANQUET A SUCCESS



Over 125 Wabash area business leaders came together to congratulate Brian Howenstine, owner of Wabash True Value / Just Ask Rental on being awarded the 2003 Wabash Area Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year distinction. Brian was quick to pass that award along to his fine staff. He proceeded to introduce each of them - telling a quick story on each in order of longevity. Brian was also honored by Tru Serv, the parent company of True Value. Representatives read a letter from the president of Tru Serv placing emphasis on the importance of owners such as Brian and his parents, Jim and Judy Howenstine - owners in Decatur, to the large True Value cooperative. Emcee Lynn Huber kept the evening moving smoothly. Talented pianist Susan Vanlandingham wowed the group into an even greater appreciation for the Honeywell baby grand. She even

had composed a special musical salute to the True Value employees. It was enjoyed by all. Chef Adam from the Honeywell Center also received excellent reviews on some new "out of the box" menu items that surprised guests. The entire evening reinforced what a great selection the committee made. Congratulations Wabash True Value / Just Ask Rental!

## SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT CONTESTANTS SOUGHT

The Wabash County Festival Scholarship Pageant Committee is seeking female contestants between the ages of 17 and 21 to participate in the 2003 Scholarship Pageant to be held July 18 in Ford Theater in the Honeywell Center. Co-chairs Mary Ridgeway and Chris Benson have been at work for months organizing and fund raising for the event sponsored by the Wabash Area Chamber of Commerce. Complete sets of the pageant rules and applications for contestants are available at the Chamber office at 111 South Wabash Street. Now in its second decade, the pageant seeks to aid our county's young women in developing poise and confidence in her abilities. They are judged on personal interview skills and competition in evening gown and sportswear attire. In addition to representing Wabash County at all our local summer activities, the winner will also compete in the State Festival Pageant. Winners receive scholarship money paid directly to the institution of higher learning of their choice. There are no entry fees. The experience has aided many Wabash County young women further their education while developing presentation skills that will be used in various situations the rest of their lives. So, encourage a young woman you know to apply by June 6, come to the program July 18, and thank the business sponsors making this all happen. Sponsors are still being solicited - just call 563-1168.

## CHAMBER MEMBERS TO RECEIVE HEALTH INSURANCE DISCOUNT

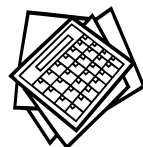
Plans are just now being finalized for the Wabash Area Chamber of Commerce to partner with member **PHYSICIANS HEALTH PLAN OF NORTHER INDIANA** to extend a 5% discount in health insurance rates to Wabash Chamber members. This agreement is scheduled to commence July 1<sup>st</sup> this year. More information will be coming out to current members in the form of a letter. Packets with information about the plan are available in the Chamber office. The plan will be sold by a number of Wabash insurance agents. Our research shows that their rates are very competitive even without the discount. If you are interested, watch for more details to follow or call the Chamber office to request a packet. This is just another benefit realized with your Chamber investment.

## DO YOU WANT STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION?

The Government Affairs Committee of the Wabash Area Chamber of Commerce has a new chairperson and some new members. Vicki Williams has accepted the challenge of leading the group consisting of Steve Ford, Skip Daughtry, Pat Lynn, Bob Fuller, and Bob Elrod. Last month they sent you a flyer asking you to sign and return if you were interested in federal and/or state legislative news. To date, we have only had 2 flyers returned. Is that really all of you who are interested in legislative news????? If not, please contact our office!

Dates have been set for a Candidate Forum to be held this fall. It will be October 21, 2003 at the Wabash Middle School Auditorium. A proposed Mayoral Debate may take place two days later on October 23, 2003 in the same location. Invitations to the political parties will follow shortly.

REMEMBER - LET US KNOW WHAT INFORMATION YOU WANT!



## WABASH 2004 CALENDAR COMING

The Public Relations Committee of the Chamber has been diligently looking at photographs and text to be placed in the 2004 Wabash Community Calendar. Our thanks go to Kerri Mattern and her committee of Kathy Jones, Jerrie McCoy, Jayne Rice, Gretchen Simpson, Lori Siders, and Toni Benysh, with the assistance of Trula Frank from the Convention and Visitors Bureau, for their painstaking efforts to make this product visually appealing. Eric Moyer from Village Profile has been out in the business community offering marketing opportunities on the calendar. The Chamber will receive royalties from the publisher as a fund raiser. All of the advance preparation has a deadline of June 30. After that, the committee will see some proofs, but the next thing you will see is the mailing of calendars to Wabash businesses and general public distribution of about 4,000 calendars in late November. So, get your dates and events to us by June 20!!!!!!

*(Waccy continued...)*

Manpower - Bev Holmquist, Dennis Takayoshi, Brad Bozarth, and Chris Snchneider  
Metz Title Company - Greg Metz, Eric Rish, Lynn Yohe, and Pete Rish  
The Gardens Neighbors - Frank Messenger, Rod Cole, Bob Rauh, and Paul Lemke  
Wabash Economic Development Corp. - Dave Rutledge, Skip Daughtry, Dan Hannaford, and Todd Lybarger  
Beacon Credit Union - Bruce Ingraham, Ryan Showley, Kim Matthews, and Steve Conner  
Newton Mfg / Encore Health System - Brett Wynn, Mike Duggan, Lon Springer, and Chris Johnson  
Frances Slocum Bank - Mike Ruffner, Sen. Gary (Doc) Dillan and Tony Millspaugh  
Staffing Resources - Dan Sharp, Kyle Dubois, Terry France, and Troy Dubois  
First Farmers Bank & Trust - Tade Powell, Rod Yundt, Jeff Hartz, and Chad Key  
Wabash Alloys / Denney Motor Sales - Ron Pressler, Dave Kuhl, Steve Denney, and Dave McDonald  
Bowen Center - Tim Nussbaum, Jay Baumgartner, Scott Wiley, and Joe VanOverburg  
Wabash Electric Supply - Randy Keafaber, Chris Shanks, Dan Snipes, and John Heim  
Thermafiber - Steve Edris, Doug Mays, Tom Lund, and Joe Underwood  
Peebles Realty - Steve Peebles, Ronnie Peebles, Dan Matthews, and Brian Smith  
E.J.Prescott Co. Inc. - Stan Hudson, Denny Mycrantz, John Mugford, and Dave Stevens  
Metal Source, LLC - Ben Gebhart, Tyler Niccum, Chris Lochner, and Eric Wiley



Holes were sponsored by: Gilbert, Naragon, Terrill & Co., Wabash County Hospital, WEDCOR, Wells Fargo Bank, Wabash Electric Supply, Physicians Health Plan, Staffing Resources, First Farmers Bank and Trust, Millers Merry Manor, Whites Residential & Family Services, Yohe Realty, Garden Homes, Inc., Robert Vanlandingham, Wabash County WASA Inc., Wabash County United Fund, Frierwood Tire & Alignment, Inc., South Side Supply, Metz Title Company, Next Marketing, Staffmark, The Ford Meter Box Company Inc., Bowen Center, Art's Grocery, Rea Logan & Company, Randall Miller & Associates, Our Children, Our Future, Inc., Edward Jones & Company, Wabash Fraternal Order of Police, Wabash True Value / Just Ask Rental, Encore Health Network / Signature Care, and Frances Slocum Bank.

Over 25 area businesses donated door prizes that were given away at the event.

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## **MOVING DAYS AHEAD???**

Our relocation committee would really like to keep this issue in front of you so that our membership will know that they have had plenty of opportunity for input to the Board of Directors before a decision is made. For now, not much has changed. WEDCOR and the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District are still waiting for legalities to take place and some R & R to the old REMC building. A committee of Skip Daughtry, Lynn Yohe, Beth Miller and Galen has been established to look at our future facility. We are looking very carefully at options and may not do anything this year. Have input????????? Let one of those people know your feelings.

## 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  
 Steve Eickenberry  
 Retired, Wabash High School  
 Greg Pettit  
 Pettit Printing, Inc.  
 Paul Heidbreder  
 Wabash Plain Dealer  
 Joel Stein  
 Tiede, Metz, Downs, Lynn, Schlitt

Brian Howenstine  
 Wabash True Value  
 Larry Hoover  
 Quality Electric  
 Steve Beck  
 Ford Meter Box  
 Kerri Mattern  
 Wabash County Hospital  
 Dee Byerly  
 Retired - North Central Coop  
 Michael Bechtol  
 Bechtol Grocery Company  
 Linda Karlin  
 Mark Hon

## IVY TECH WABASH CREATES TRAINING INITIATIVE

Recognizing the need for some similar types of training after talking to several Wabash County industries, Ivy Tech officials put their heads together and, with the cooperation of the industries, won a grant to establish a unique training partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and Wabash corporate and education communities. The industries involved are Dexter Axle, OJI Intertech, and Heckman Bindery in North Manchester and **Thermafiber, Hayes Lemmerz, and Wabash MPI/Carver** in Wabash. The training classes will take place at the Wabash Ivy Tech Campus. Currently, 69 workers are enrolled for the summer training at no cost to the employees or companies funded by the \$210,285 Workforce Development Grant. The Wabash alliance is already being looked at as a model for many other groups across the state. All parties involved gathered at the Wabash Ivy Tech campus on May 30 to celebrate the grant award.

### WELCOME GOLD MEMBERS

We salute those member businesses who carry Gold Level Membership status in the Wabash Area Chamber of Commerce: **First Farmers Bank & Trust, Bickford Cottage of Wabash, First Federal Savings Bank, Cinergy/PSI, Charley Creek Foundation, Indiana Lawrence Bank, Beacon Credit Union, Millers Merry Manor, Pettit Printing, Wells Fargo Bank, Yohe Realty, and Richard Ford.**

### BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS

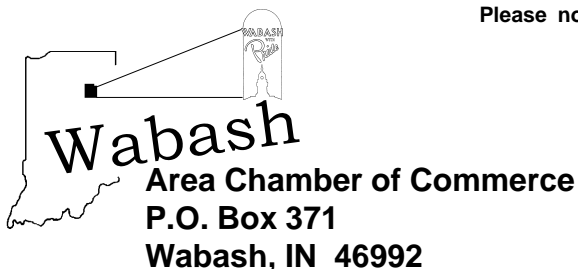
*Date:* **August 13, 2003**      **7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.**

*Business Sponsors -*

**Wabash Friends Counseling Center  
 United Fund of Wabash County  
 Wabash County Council on Aging  
 Junior Achievement of Wabash**

*Emcee: TBA*

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**LUNCH & LEARN SEMINAR**

May 8, 2003

**Recycling in the Workplace**--Pre-  
sented by WCSWMD

*Sponsor:* The Ford Meter Box Co., Inc.

Noon - 1 pm

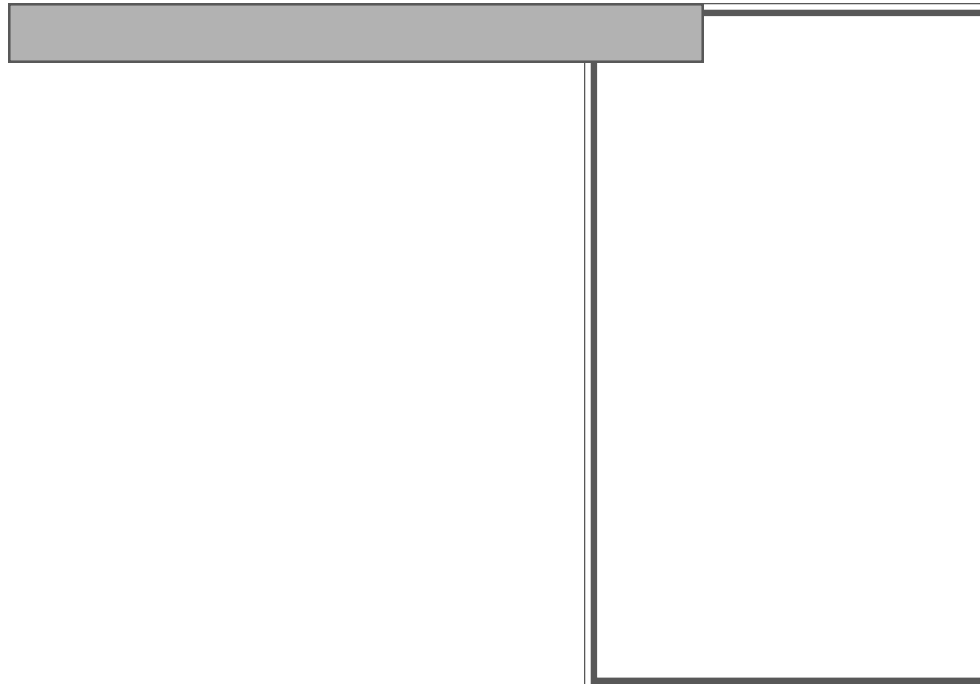
Cost \$10 member / \$20 non-member

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Call the Chamber office 563-1168



*The next BBH (after August) is October 8,*



est 2<sup>nd</sup> shot, and closest to the line games on special holes. A skins game will also be played. Special features such as mulligans and string will be sold at registration. Businesses wishing to sponsor a hole are encouraged to display or market themselves on the hole they sponsor. Hole sponsor fees are \$100. Hole Sponsors are encouraged to set up a display at their hole to interact with golfers. A door prize raffle will also be held, plus there will be a new way to play 18 without even swinging a club. Come on out - network with your friends and support this important fund raiser in our Chamber budget For any additional details or to register, call the Chamber office at 563-1168. Deadline for registration is Friday, May 23.

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