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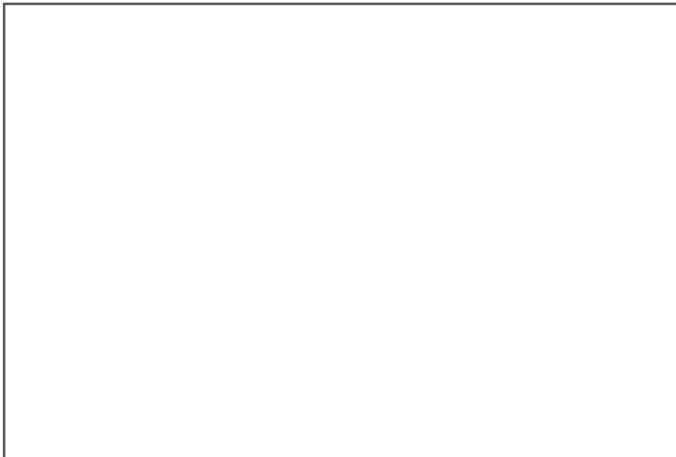
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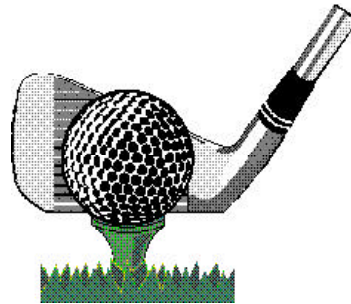
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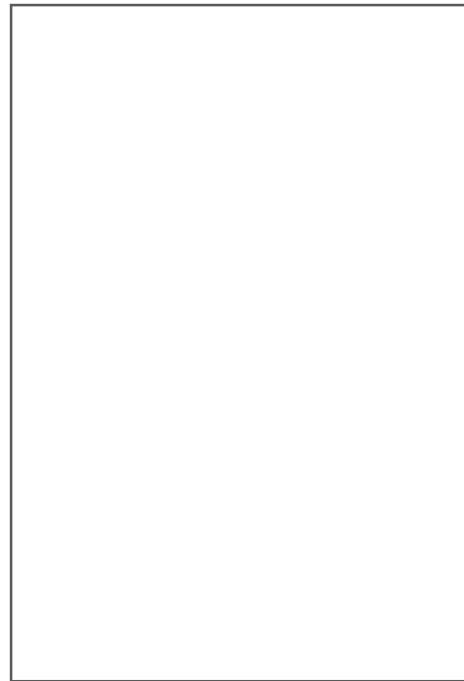
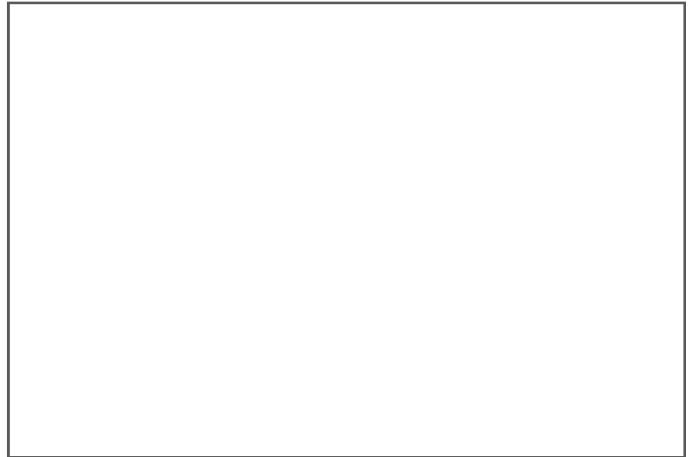


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## ANOTHER ANGEL?!



Remember last month's newsletter when two Chamber Angels were identified? Well, another has appeared in the last month. It seems that the lights went out on the Welcome to Wabash sign sitting on top of the "cut", greeting those that enter the city from the south on highways 13 and 15. While we had noticed there was a problem, before we could call for help, a staff member at **WABASH ELECTRIC SUPPLY** across the street also noticed the problem and called asking if we minded if they looked at the problem and made repairs. Minded? We were thrilled, and even more so when we saw the results. The sign is certainly lit now. We also hope that will deter the vandalism problem that we have had with that sign in the past. It looks great and we say a big **thank-you** to John Forrester and staff for noticing and making the repairs!

## POWER OF CREATIVETHINKING RETURNS



The International Management Institute will again bring the popular "Power of Creative Thinking" workshop to Wabash County on Thursday, April 18, with 2 sessions at the Honeywell Center. The session will also be conducted Wednesday, April 17, in Peru. Staff Consultant, Jack Sadler, is now in the Chamber office telemarketing businesses and meeting with interested parties. The workshops are 4 hours in length. They teach the Walt Disney storyboard process which builds teams, improves communications, and decision-making. It is a hands-on session that encourages thinking outside the box. For once you don't have to travel to Indy or beyond to offer this type of presentation to your management ladder climbers.

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Board Chair: Steve Ford Ford Meter Box	Dave Rutledge Wells Fargo Bank	Beth Miller Categories & Our Children, Our Future, Inc.
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### BROWN BAG SEMINAR

**Date:** May 9, 2002 Noon - 1 p.m.  
**Topic:** *Humor in the Workplace*  
**Presented by:** Vicki Williams, Columnist  
**Location:** Cinergy/PSI Meeting Room  
**Seminar Lunch Sponsor:** Wabash Plain Dealer

**Gold Sponsors:** Cinergy/PSI, First Federal Savings Bank,  
 Indiana Lawrence Bank, Pettit Printing,  
 Wells Fargo Bank, Clarkland Properties,  
 Yohe Realty and Richard Ford.

### BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS

**Date:** April 10, 2002 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
**Business Sponsors -**  
 White's Residential & Family Services, Inc.  
 Wabash County Solid Waste Management Dist.  
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*The next BBH (after Apr. 10)  
 is June 12, 2002*

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- 12- Board Mtg
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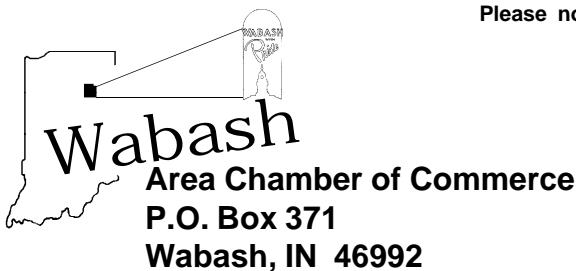
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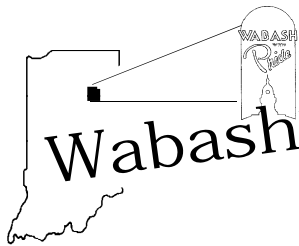
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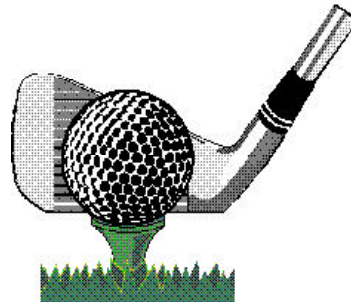
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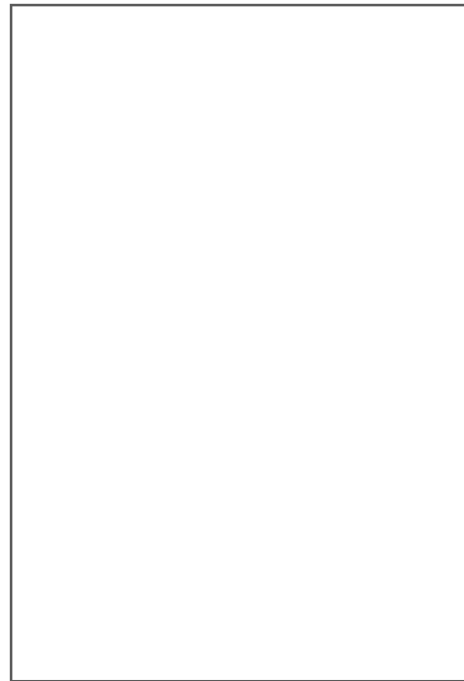
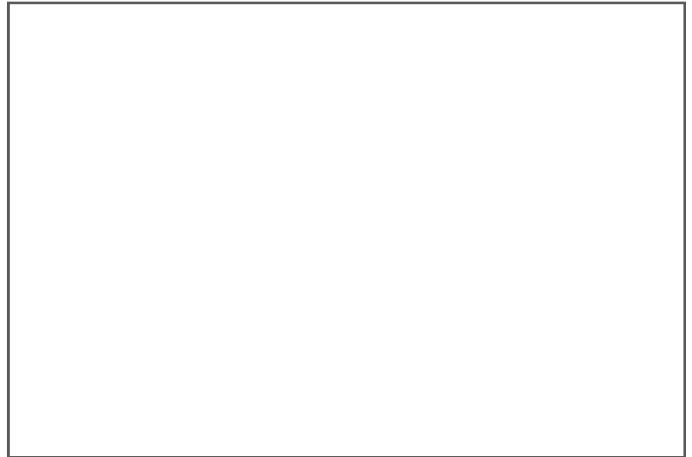


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your name added to our petition requesting a better communication system for Wabash, including some form of broadband, high speed internet access. You may recall that Verizon and new Chamber member, Technology Specialists, do currently offer DSL; but the conclusion has been reached that it is not broad enough in scope. Meetings have been held with another company with an interesting proposal. Committee members are hard at work researching our next step. **SO WHAT CAN YOU DO?** Make sure that if you are interested, you and your company's name is on our petition of interest. We need to demonstrate the interest level in the Wabash area. Call the Chamber office if you need a copy to sign - 563-1168. **HELP!**

## ANOTHER ANGEL?!



Remember last month's newsletter when two Chamber Angels were identified? Well, another has appeared in the last month. It seems that the lights went out on the Welcome to Wabash sign sitting on top of the "cut", greeting those that enter the city from the south on highways 13 and 15. While we had noticed there was a problem, before we could call for help, a staff member at **WABASH ELECTRIC SUPPLY** across the street also noticed the problem and called asking if we minded if they looked at the problem and made repairs. Minded? We were thrilled, and even more so when we saw the results. The sign is certainly lit now. We also hope that will deter the vandalism problem that we have had with that sign in the past. It looks great and we say a big **thank-you** to John Forrester and staff for noticing and making the repairs!

## POWER OF CREATIVETHINKING RETURNS



The International Management Institute will again bring the popular "Power of Creative Thinking" workshop to Wabash County on Thursday, April 18, with 2 sessions at the Honeywell Center. The session will also be conducted Wednesday, April 17, in Peru. Staff Consultant, Jack Sadler, is now in the Chamber office telemarketing businesses and meeting with interested parties. The workshops are 4 hours in length. They teach the Walt Disney storyboard process which builds teams, improves communications, and decision-making. It is a hands-on session that encourages thinking outside the box. For once you don't have to travel to Indy or beyond to offer this type of presentation to your management ladder climbers.

## BOARD MEMBERS - 2002

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### BROWN BAG SEMINAR

**Date:** May 9, 2002 Noon - 1 p.m.  
**Topic:** *Humor in the Workplace*  
**Presented by:** Vicki Williams, Columnist  
**Location:** Cinergy/PSI Meeting Room  
**Seminar Lunch Sponsor:** Wabash Plain Dealer

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### BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS

**Date:** April 10, 2002 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
**Business Sponsors -**  
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 The Honeywell Foundation  
 Bodkin Abstract  
 \*We have one opening due to cancellation

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*The next BBH (after Apr. 10)  
 is June 12, 2002*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### April

- 1& 17 SBDC Counseling
- 1- Steve Buyer @ Honeywell
- 12- Board Mtg
- 10- BBH
- 18-Power of Creative Thinking Wkshp

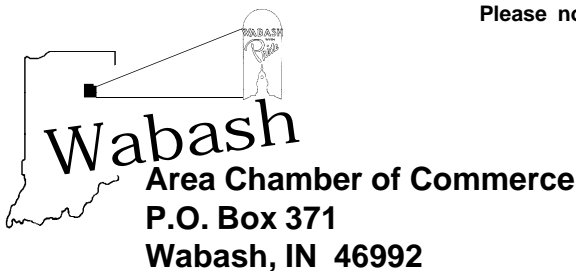
#### May

- 6&15 SBDC Counseling
- 7-Primary Elections
- 9 - Brown Bag Seminar
- 10- Board Mtg
- 14-- Honors Student Luncheon

**WACC-Y Golf IS COMING!**  
**Mark your calendars now for**  
**June 5 (raindate 6/12).** Reserve your spot today!

**POWER OF CREATIVE THINKING WORKSHOP- April 17(Peru) or April (18)Wabash**

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