

GAS CITY & JONESBORO CHAMBER NOTES

The Official Voice of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce

June 2009

The Chamber Mission Statement: To Promote, Nurture and Develop the Community and Character of the Gas City Area through cooperative efforts from Business, Industry and Education.

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!

16th Annual Membership Meeting



Excellence in Business/Service Award
Sponsored by Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service
Henry Olynger, Olynger Corporation



Community Leadership Award
Sponsored by Salin Bank & Trust Company
Dennis Banks, STAR Financial Bank

10th Annual Concerts in the Park 2009

- June 9 Mississinewa Valley Band (Big Band)
Ice-cream social before concert hosted by Needham-Storey-Wampner
- June 16 The Time Travelers (Classic Rock and Cool Country)
- June 23 Cook & Belle Country
- June 30 Holiday week. No concert
- July 7 Tuxedo Junction (Big Band Orchestra)
- July 14 Ed Crawford and the Mystery Men Quartet (Southern Gospel)
- July 21 Tommy Wills and his Big Band Orchestra
- July 28 The Daddy O's (50's & 60's music)



Golf Cart Raffle

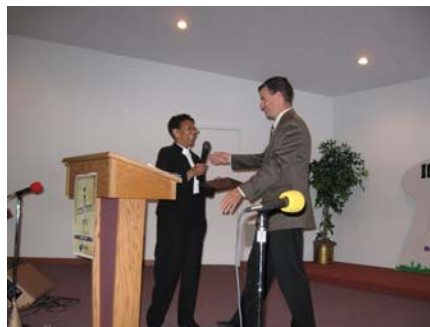
Tickets only \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00
Enter to win this Brand New 2009 STAR 48-4L
Electric Vehicle – Retail value \$7,850.00!

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President's Choice Award

Sponsored by Mutual Bank and Edward Jones, Mark Siegelin
Scott Murphy, Wal-Mart DC#7055



Janet Blake was recognized for her continued service as Chamber President.

Chamber Office Updates

Due to family obligations Celeste Draher resigned from the chamber and moved back to Washington State. Her last day at the Chamber office was be May 27. Celeste said, "It has been a pleasure serving the Gas City Area Chamber Of Commerce and the members. Everyone welcomed me so warmly when I moved here 4 years ago and I will miss everyone and this wonderful community!"

Mary Lou Fisher is our new office assistant. Mary Lou and her husband, Mike, live in Upland and enjoy the Grant County community. It's great being a part of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce!

New Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Closed 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

Nancy Hoover and Mary Lou Fisher have been appointed by the Board as Diplomats

MEMBER & COMMUNITY NEWS ...

Thank you Hoosier Park Racing & Casino!



On March 30th the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce and Gas City Kiwanis Members took a bus trip to Hoosier Park. We hope everyone who attended had a great time and we appreciate your attendance! If you were not able to attend or would like to attend another trip to Hoosier Park, please let the chamber. We are looking into taking another trip down when the horses are racing and there are shows to attend.

Again, thank you Hoosier Park for your generous hospitality!

The Cavern Beat – Appearing Live! (An incredible tribute to THE BEATLES)

June 12 at Walnut Creek/Club Run, 7453 E. 400 S., Marion

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Tickets \$6 in advance at Walnut Creek, \$8 at the gate, children 12 and under FREE

All proceeds go to The Grant County Relay for Life

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Walt Emerson

Boom Town 1892 / Old Hickory Shaft Golf Tournament



Friday, June 19, 5-10 p.m. – Thompson Ray House, 4th & Main, Gas City – Event Activities include: Golden Glove Boxing Tournament, Entertainment, Food & Retail Vendors

Saturday, June 20 – Walnut Creek Golf Course – Event Activities include: Old Hickory Shaft Golf Tournament, 1892 Period Games, Food & Retail Vendors

Want to be a sponsor for Boom Town 1892? It's not too late, get your name listed in historic newspaper publication!

Tickets and T-shirts are available at the Chamber office, the visitor's bureau, and area businesses. Advance tickets are \$5 and are eligible for the prize drawing. Children 12 and under have free admission. Tickets are also available at BuyCoolTix.com. T-shirts are \$10 each. Local businesses are promoting BOOM TOWN 1892 by wearing their T-shirts on Fridays. Have you gotten yours yet?

Tim Harris and Friends Charity Golf Outing

On *June 11*, at the Club Run Golf Course, a benefit golf outing for LEAD, INC., will begin with a Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be available from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for \$15 per person. Golf and lunch is \$50 per person. Hole sponsorships are available. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, longest drive and closest to pin. For more information or to register, contact Tim Harris at 765-673-0564 or 765-673-0575. You may also contact Tim at www.timharris63@hotmail.com.

Speaking Regionally: Connecting the Dots in East Central Indiana

A workshop sponsored by the Indiana Humanities Council and the Bowen Center for Public Affairs at Ball State University, scheduled for Thursday, *June 25*, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. on the Marion Campus of Ivy Tech Community College. State and local experts in community and economic development will be speaking:

- Mitch Roob, Indiana Secretary of Commerce and CEO, Indiana Economic Development Corporation
- Kevin Brinegar, president, Indiana Chamber of Commerce
- Representatives from the offices of Congressman Dan Burton and Congressman Mike Pence
- Gerry Dick, host of Inside Indiana Business
- Bart Peterson, former mayor of Indianapolis
- Amy Vaughan, director, Indiana Office of Tourism Development

The cost is \$10 for a boxed lunch. RSVP to the Bowen Center at 765-285-8982

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Chamber volunteers were recognized and rewarded for their dedicated service to the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce and our community.

Cheryl Casper, Paul & Diana Shane, Leroy & Linda Hensley, Tom Harris, Gwen Black, Dave Huffman, and Dick Hoover



7th Annual Charity Car Show

The Gas City Moose Lodge 1778 is sponsoring their 7th Annual Charity Car Show on July 11. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All proceeds go one-half to We Care and one-half to Moose charities. Food will be available for purchase. Pre-registration is \$8 (ends July 1), the day of the show it is \$10. Contact the Lodge at 674-7011 or Gary Walton at 674-0616 for more information or registration.

Ride for Life of Grant County Poker Run

July 18, 2009 at 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Gas City Park

Contact: Leah Collier - 765-668-4453

Ride for Life of Grant County *Benefiting the Hoosier Burn Camp*

Registration: 10:00 am - Ride Starts at noon

Festival immediately following ride: food, entertainment, kids' events, Volunteer Fire Department, softball tournament

Go Green and Save Green: Eco-Friendly Finance Tips



As a part of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce community, we've made it our mission to be a source of information on topics such as this for the entire community.

Dennis W. Banks, Vice President/Banking Center Officer

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From hybrid vehicles and energy efficient appliances to reusable shopping bags, manufacturers and stores are making strides to become more eco-friendly. Here are some green tips from BankRate.com that you can apply to your finances. Minor changes can result in big savings. In 2008, STAR online banking customers saved nearly 10 tons of paper.

Sign up for e-statements, Cancel the canceled checks, Direct-deposit your pay, Direct deposit funds into a savings account, Sign up for to receive your bills electronically, Pay your bills online, Pay your taxes electronically, Pay for in-store purchases with your debit card, Get your investment account statements electronically, Budget electronically to control your spending.

Businesses: Sign up for Remote Deposit-With Remote Deposit, you digitally scan and process your checks from your office. and save trips to the bank each time you need to make a deposit.

As a local bank dedicated to the community, STAR Financial Bank believes it's our responsibility to provide tips and advice for managing your finances. That's why we developed Smart Money, a financial education initiative. We have compiled news and tips from the FDIC and other banking industry resources that we'd like to share with you.

STAR Smart Money Series Volume 1 Issue 10

The Community Foundation of Grant County celebrated their 25th anniversary on May 21. They gave away 5 - \$5,000 grants of which Nancy Bryant received one of them and donated it to the Gas City Imaginary Library!



Faithful Friends Home Healthcare has been working along with builder, Ed Castillo, and many local businesses and volunteers to renovate a home for a man with Cerebral Palsy and unable to make the needed repairs. On May 30, they celebrated the work completed thus far with an Open House, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additional funds are needed to pay for the repairs. If you are able to help, please contact Faithful Friends Home Healthcare at 674-7066.



Manpower is recruiting for contract-to-hire Machine Operator/Technicians for Weaver Popcorn in Van Buren. Registrations are being accepted at www.manpowerjobs.com. Search for Machine Operator/Technician in Marion, IN.

Websites of Interest



Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce – www.gascity.com
 Grant County Growth Council – www.grantcoindvelopment.com
 Grant County Convention & Visitors Bureau – www.showmegrantcounty.com
 Indiana State Chamber of Commerce – www.indianachamber.org
 Indiana Workforce Development – www.hoosierdata.in.gov
 Marion-Grant County Chamber of Commerce – www.marionchamber.org

State of Indiana – www.indiana.gov

The Taxpayers Network – www.taxpayersnetwork.org

United States Small Business Administration - www.sba.gov

United States Department of Commerce - www.commerce.gov

The Official Business Link to the U.S. Government – www.business.gov

We encourage our members to support “OUR” local economy by doing business with other members & by “Shopping Locally”. We can do together what we can not do alone!

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