In the Heart of the Hoosier Hills

March 30, 2012

Washington County
Chamber of Commerce

WE STAND AS THE VOICE OF BUSINESS, WE SUPPORT OUR MEMBERS' SUCCESS, AND WE CHAMPION COMMUNITY PROSPERITY.

The Chamber of Commerce will meet on Thursday, April 26 at noon. This month's sponsor is Frontier Communication. The luncheon will take place at the Awareness Building, located on Joseph Street in Salem. Please RSVP, as lunch will be provided, at the Chamber Office at 812-883-4303 or info@washingtoncountychamber.org.

Indiana's Smoke Free Law July 1, 2012

Governor Mitch Daniels signed a new Smoke Free Indiana Law that will go into effect July 1, 2012.

The Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Commission is working with state and local partners to make this a smooth transition. The organization has gotten advice from tobacco control experts in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Arizona. These organizations report that the law is largely self-enforcing and that reports are a complaint-driven enforcement system.

Business and/or organizations with questions regarding the new law may contact Rhonda Mills, Hoosier Hills Pact Washington County Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Coordinator at 812-883-3318 or by email at **Rhonda.Mills@pactchangeslives.com**. Ms. Mills will also help anyone who would like to implement the law sooner than July 1. She will also be available to come to your worksite to provide information.

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Community Events:

Grateful Goat Vineyard & Winery

Don't forget that this Saturday, **March 31**, Bomar & Ritter will be at the facility from 206 pm. Come out and meet the newest employee, Carmen on Saturday!

BBQ Fund Raiser for Tornado Victims

Pig Miracle will be hosting a BBQ benefit to help Tornado Victims at the John Johns Auto Body Shop, located on Hwy 60, Salem, on **Sunday, April 1**, 2-5 pm. Raffles and a silent auction will take place. A $20 donation is needed to attend. Seventy five percent of the money raised will stay in Washington County.

Tuesday Tutorial with Seth

The topic for the next Tutorial will be eggs. Seth will be doing recipes that feature eggs. The event will take place on **April 3**, beginning at 11:30 am. Cost is $15.00. Call 883-9757 to register.

Relay for Life Yard Sale & Auction

The Relay for Life Yard Sale will take place on **April 14th** at the American Legion Bingo Hall, from 8 am – 1 pm. Set up times are available on Friday. Call Sharon Smedley at 883-6442 for additional information.
The Relay for Life Auction will take place on **May 19th** at the Legion bingo Hall beginning at 9:30 am. Persons or businesses interested in donating items for the auction may call Cindy Hartsook at 883-1566.

Small Business Spring Fling

Local small businesses are hosting a Small Business Spring Fling on **Saturday**, April 14, 8 am – 6 pm. Additional information is available by calling Patty Colglazier (Shady Patch Farms) 812-883-3240 and Kim Hart (Addisons Graphic Art) 812-883-4199.

3rd Annual City –Wide Clean Up

The Third Annual City-Wide Clean Up Day is planned for Saturday, **April 21**. The event will take place from 10 am – noon. Individuals, groups, clubs, etc are welcome to participate.

Spring Home & Garden Show

The Spring Home and Garden Show, sponsored by Leader Publishing, will take place on Friday, **April 27** from 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm and Saturday, **April 28th**, 9 am – 2 pm. The event will take place at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Additional information is available by calling 883-3281.

Chamber Information:

Friday Night on the Square

The first Friday Night on the Square event for the 2012 year will take place on **May 18th**, 6 – 10 pm. Persons interested in being vendors may contact the Chamber of Commerce Office for additional information.

Business Seminar

WorkOne will host a business seminar, "2012 Employment Law Updates," on **April 12** at the New Albany Office. The seminar will be presented by Amy Letke of Integrity HR. RSVP by calling Adam Clark at 812-941-6443.

Free Entrepreneur Workshop at IUS

To meet the needs of the business community, IUS school of business and the Regional Economic Development Resource Center are offering a free workshop "Identify and Develop Your Entrepreneurial Skills: Start Your Own Business. This is open to persons wanting to start a business and current business owners. It will take place 5:45 – 8:45 pm Thursday, **April 5 thru May 24**. Call 812-941-2494 to register.

Free QuickBooks Class

Chamber of Commerce Members may attend a FREE QuickBooks class on **April 25-26th** at the Mid America Science Park. This is a $159.00 value. To register, contact the Chamber Office. The class size is limited.

Regional Expo

Chamber of Commerce members are invited to participate in a Regional Expo planned for **Sept. 20th** at Belterra Resort. Chamber of Commerce members receive a $100 discount for booth space. An early bird pricing is in effect until July 31st. Sponsorships are available as well. Additional information is available by contacting the Chamber of Commerce Office.

Community Events cont….

Outside the Walls Golf Scramble

The 4th Annual Benefit Golf Scramble for Outside the Walls will take place on Saturday, **June 23rd**. Registration begins at 8:00 am. The event will take place at Covered Bridge Golf Community, located in Sellersburg. The event will include a $10,000 hole in one contest. Those interested in participating or sponsoring the event may go call 812-967-2010 or go to www.outsidethewallsco.org.