



Newsletter

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The mission of the Adams County Chamber of Commerce is to enrich and support the business community. This will be accomplished by:

- Providing strategic leadership, tools and resources for business success;
- Supporting planned, sustainable development and continuing economic growth; and
- Advocating and promoting the interest of business.

MEET OUR BOARD...

At-large:

1. Jeff Newman
2. Jud Paul
3. John Stier

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- Bill Ryan

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- Kenny Moles

Franklin Township

- Roger Crusier

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- Keith Cooper

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- Tim Scott

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- **Monroe Township**

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- Scott Grant

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- Daria Foobar

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2009 - The Implementation of Change

2008 was a year of change. The Nation voiced it's vote for change with the election of our first African American President. Now we wait to see how those changes will proceed.

Here at the Adams County Chamber of Commerce, we spent the last few months of 2008 trying to prepare for John's stepping down as Executive Director to a Volunteer. None of that prepared us for his death in mid-November, however!

Shortly after John's death the Executive Board asked me, Delsey Wilson the Administrative Assistant, if I would be willing to move up to the Director's position and I agreed.

Due to the cancellation of the December Board

Meeting, the approval vote has not yet made me "official". However, Roger Crusier, as one of his final duties appointed me as an Interim Director until the Board could vote later this month.

For years John and I had discussed changing the look and format of the newsletter and with the Executive Board's approval this is one of the first steps I have taken. I hope to evolve it over the first year, so there may be some more changes. My goal is to make it more inviting to read. Along with more information that we feel our members want to know about. If there's something you would like to see added please contact the office and share your ideas!

The Executive Board is

assuming the full Board will approve me, so our office is in full swing looking for a new Administrative Assistant. We've received over 40 resumes already and it has been less than a week since it ran in the 3 local papers! Once that position is filled I will have more freedom to venture out and meet all of our current members, and find some new ones, too!

It will be a challenge to follow in John's place, but he taught me well & I hope to put that knowledge to use. It will be an honor to be your new Executive Director and I look forward to serving you in the best of my abilities.

Thank you,

Delsey Wilson

Sale Lead Luncheons Are Back!

Before the holidays we had some great results at our previous Sales Lead Luncheons, but decided to have a break during the holiday season.

The next meeting is schedule for **Thursday, Jan. 22nd at 11:45 am**

at Murphin Ridge Inn. We will be meeting in the front left room.

Please call ahead to reserve a spot. Space is limited to 10 participants. RSVP to 544-5454.



Deadline Quickly Approaching for Business Planning Competition

Individuals wishing to enter the Pitch Your Plan Business Planning Competition must have their business plan submitted by 4:30 pm, Friday, January 16. Plans may be submitted electronically through the website <http://pitchyourplan.osu.edu/> Click on "Submit Your Plan Now" in the upper right-hand corner. Contestants may also send their business plans to: OSU South Centers, Pitch Your Plan Competition, 1864 Shyville Road, Piketon, OH 45661. **All entries must be received by 4:30 pm, Friday, January 16.**

There are two categories of competition. The "Invention/New Technology" category is designed for any business that utilizes science-based know-how as the means and method of producing goods and services. The business must have intellectual property associated with the concept or illustrate the potential for intellectual property to be associated with the concept. The "Business" category is designed for any start-up or

early stage business, as well as any existing business that is introducing a new product line or planning a business expansion project.

Hosted by the OSU South Centers, the Pitch Your Plan competition is co-sponsored by WesBanco and Adena Health Systems.

The competition encompasses a ten-county region in Southern Ohio: Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton Counties. These counties are divided into four areas for competition purposes. Contestants will present their business plans to a judging panel at their local area competition.

The area competitions will begin at 9 am at the following locations:

Gallia, Jackson, and Vinton Counties - February 17 at University of Rio Grande, Rio Grande.

Lawrence and Scioto Counties - February 19 at Ohio University Southern, Ironton.

Adams, Brown, and Highland Counties - February 24 at Southern State Community College South Campus, Fincastle.

Pike and Ross Counties - February 26 at Ross Service Center, Chillicothe.

The winners from the area competitions will receive cash prizes and advance to the final competition held at the OSU South Centers in Piketon on April 22. Awards to be given at the final competition include a \$10,000 prize for the winner of the Innovation/New Technology category, and a \$5,000 prize for the Business category winner.

For complete details, rules, and guidelines, visit www.pitchyourplan.osu.edu. Or, you may contact Joy Bauman at 800-860-7232 ext 111 or email: jbauman@ag.osu.edu.

Small Business Tax Workshop January 29 - Piketon

The Small Business Tax Workshop is a one-day workshop designed to help small businesses in southern

“...Ohio sales tax,
commercial activity tax,
and state tax withholding.”

Ohio learn about the different Business Tax Requirements. Attendees will learn about the different types of business structures and the advantages and disadvantages of each as it relates to business taxes. In addition, participants will learn about Ohio sales tax, commercial activity tax, and state tax withholding.

When: January 29, 2009 from 9am-3pm

Where: OSU Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road, Piketon OH 45661
Fee: \$10 for lunch

Please contact Joy Bauman at (740) 289-3727 Ext 111 or by email to: jbauman@ag.osu.edu

QuickBooks Training Workshop

This 3-day workshop is designed to teach participants the basics of QuickBooks Pro, a computer accounting system for small business.

When:
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday,
January 14th, 15th, & 16th, 2009
or
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday,

January 21st, 22nd, & 23rd, 2009

Where: OSU South Centers Endeavor Center, Computer Lab

Fee: \$150 includes materials and lunch

For more information and course outline view the attachment or

contact Lisa at 740-289-2371, ext 130.



“Shop Local First” Billboard Co-Op

The office would like to request some feedback on our “Shop Local First” campaign. What is your feeling toward the signs when you see them? Have you had anyone ask what it’s about? Here at the office, we’ve heard very little.

John had already agreed to another billboard to go up in mid-February and I have been able to find 6 interested members. The images should be going to the printers before Jan. 23.

If you haven’t seen the 2 billboard that have been up since Veteran’s Day, here are the locations. One is located on 41 south of West Union close to the driving school and is viewable heading north. The second is west of West Union on 125

right across the street from the school complex, and is visible heading east into town.

To the best of my knowledge, the new one will be located on 41 north of West Union. It can be seen as one comes from Peebles into West Union and is on the right side of the road

before one reaches Adams Lake.

We still have a couple of members on a waiting list for our next board or board change, so call today if you would like placed on the list as well! 937-544-5454.

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Free Workshop - Starting a Small Business

If you are interested in starting or growing your small business, SBA has a great resource for YOU!!!

Through the series of courses the attendees will enhance their computer skills, gain a better understanding of which job field they may be best suited and a better understanding of developing the knowledge to start and grow a small business.

Classes are offered on the below dates and locations. Registration is available only by calling 513-684-2814 ext 200 or email gwendolyn@sba.gov. Space is very limited, so register today. This is on a first come first served basis.

January 26th, 1 p.m., at Southern State Comm. College Enterprise Center, 2035 Tri-County Rd, Winchester, OH.

February 5th, 5:30 p.m. at Workforce Connections, 19211 St Rt 136, Winchester, OH.

February 23rd, 11 a.m., at Southern State Comm. College Enterprise Center, 2035 Tri-County Rd, Winchester, OH.

...start and grow a small business

Adams County & Chamber Events

Adams County has very few events in the first quarter of the year. So, if you have an event please let us know and we'll add it to the calendar. We've included a current 2009 Adams County Events Calendar brochure for your viewing. Please note that some dates are still tentative & others have yet to be announced, so either check our website or call ahead!

January 22nd Chamber Sales Lead Luncheon 11:45 am. Murphin Ridge Inn. Space is limited, please RSVP by January 20, 2009. 937-544-5454.

January 27th Chamber Dinner Board Meeting 6 pm. Adams County Regional Medical Center. Everyone is welcomed. Tina Lightcap from Area Aging will be the Speaker. Please RSVP by January 23, 2009. 937-544-5454.

January 28th Adams Brown Safety Council Meeting 9 am. Seaman McDonalds at 247 & 32. The Steering Committee will be

meeting at 8:45 am. **Don't forget to turn in 2nd-half of the Simi-Annual Reports!** 937-544-5454.

February 7th 5th Annual Chili Cook-off – 5:30 pm. Peebles Elementary School, Sponsored by NLT Riders, Adams Co. & Scioto Co. OHC & Ohio-KY Saddle Club. Contact: Tim Applegate: 513-260-2918.

February 28th Cabin Fever Arts Festival - SSCC South Campus Appalachian Gateway Center, Sponsored by the Appalachian Artisans Guild, Contact: Penni Lowery, (937) 603-3128

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