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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 5
Jay County Community Awards
5:30 pm Reception
6:00 pm Dinner
JC High School Commons

March 17 - 12:30 pm
Business Education Partnership Committee
Community Resource Center

March 18 - 9:00 am
Launching Your Own Business Workshop
Community Resource Center

March 31 - Noon
Networking Luncheon
Jay County Hospital

April 11 - 7:30 am
Networking Breakfast
West Jay Community Center

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Jay County Community Awards

The **Jay County Community Awards** will be held on Thursday evening, March 5, 2015, in the commons area of Jay County High School.

The keynote speaker will be Indiana Lt. Governor, Sue Ellspermann. Make plans to attend and support those individuals, businesses, and organizations making a difference in Jay County.

RSVP Deadline - February 25

LAUNCHING YOUR OWN BUSINESS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, March 18 9 am to Noon

Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland

Cost is \$25 and includes a step-by-step workbook and valuable business advice.

In partnership with Jay County Development Corporation, the Chamber is offering this small business workshop. Learn how to create a sound business plan, manage expectations, and increase your chances of accessing capital.

Have you started your business already?

It's not too late to revisit key aspects to help your business thrive.

BUSINESS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP SURVEY

The Chamber, in partnership with the Jay School Corporation, is conducting a survey of our members seeking your input and/or assistance. The Business Education Partnership Committee is working towards implementing various programs for students to improve their future career opportunities and workplace skills.

These programs include: internships, speakers bureau for students and work ethics certification. On Tuesday, March 17th, the Business Education Partnership Committee will meet, share results and provide more information on these potential new programs. All members of the Jay County Chamber of Commerce are invited to the meeting on March 17th at 12:30 pm. We look forward to your input.

Please complete and return the attached survey by March 12, 2015.

NEW CHAMBER MEMBER PROGRAM COMING SOON

By June 2015 or earlier, the Chamber will have a new program for all members. The program is a member to member discount coupon program. Each member will have an opportunity to offer a one-time use discount coupon to all other members of the Chamber. The one-time discount can be of your choice, however we encourage a minimum value of 10% and it must be valid through December 31, 2015. The coupon book will be given to each renewing and new Chamber member. This new program is to encourage local shopping, new customers and more business among our members. In the near future, a letter will be sent outlining the program and asking for your member to member discount offering. Start thinking about your offer and be creative!

CHAMBER ADVERTISING RATES

Looking for an opportunity to better target your potential customers to your business? The Chamber can help. We offer many inexpensive options to achieve this goals. Advertising options include the Chamber monthly newsletter, Chamber website and banner ads. Give us a try to get the results you seek. Advertising rates are as follows:

- \$25 / Edition – Advertisement in Monthly Newsletter
- \$50 / Month – Banner Advertisement on Chamber Website – www.jaycountychamber.com
- \$25 / Year for each additional directory listing category
- \$35 / Month – Banner Advertisement in Alpha or Category Directory Listing
- \$75 / 3 Month – 3 Months of Banner Advertising in Alpha or Category Directory Listing
- \$125 / 6 Month – 6 Months of Banner Advertising in Alpha or Category Directory Listing
- \$200 / Full Year – 12 Months of Banner Advertising in Alpha or Category Directory Listing

To advertise or for more information, call Pam or email: membership@jaycountychamber.com.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2015

Attached is a list of Chamber members who have already renewed their membership for 2015 from **October 1 to February 23.**

2015 promises to be another great year for the Jay County Chamber of Commerce.

Your continued membership is critical to our collective efforts to enhance our local economy and the well-being of Jay County. (see attached)

The Portland Foundation Awards Chamber Grant for New Jay County Senior Expo

The Chamber wishes to express our sincere appreciation to the Board and staff of The Portland Foundation for funding a new Jay County Senior Expo in 2015. The Senior Expo will be held at the Jay Community Center in late August or early September 2015. The Senior Expo will be free to the public and will include senior-related exhibits, seminars, and activities. Attendees will be informed and educated on senior topics and vital decisions. Stay tuned to the Chamber for more information. If anyone is interested in serving on the committee or seeking more information on participating in the Senior Expo, please call or email the Chamber at 726-4481.

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CHAMBER MEMBERS!

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215 East Pearl St., Portland
Corey Heniser, CEO
260-766-4343
Vehicle Safety Systems

Evening Optimist Club of Portland
c/o Judy LeMaster, 516 W. Race St.
260-729-5000
Service Organization

Masters Financial Network
327 S. Main St., Dunkirk
Mike Masters - President/Owner
765-768-1123
Insurance & Financial Services

Pregnancy Care Center of Jay County
216 S. Meridian St., Portland
Patty Johnston, Director
260-726-8636
Non Profit - Family & Baby Assistance

State Farm Insurance
410 W. Votaw St., Portland
Karmen Ward, Agent
260-766-4080
Insurance

Ruth Ann Widman
201 Meridian Heights, Portland
260-7269-2196
Individual

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Portland Golf Club

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