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Jacksonville Area
Chamber of Commerce

Mission Statement

"To provide leadership in promoting issues and activities which meet members needs. To be the principle representative and a catalyst for the business and professional community's collective efforts to improve the business climate, promote economic development and value diversity while preserving and enhancing the quality of life in the Greater Jacksonville Area."



Vision Statement

"The Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce is the area's center of influence, bringing businesses, organizations and individuals together to develop a vibrant community where all people choose to participate and are inspired to contribute."

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Register for Agri-Industry Banquet To Be Held March 13

Stu Ellis to be Banquet Speaker

The Jacksonville Area Chamber will be hosting the annual Agri-Industry Banquet on March 13.

Now is the time to nominate someone for the Agricultural Hall of Fame! See the form inserted in this *Chamber Review* to nominate someone you think is worthy of this honor.

The banquet registration form is also inserted in the newsletter, so don't forget to register to attend with your friends, family or co-workers.

This year's speaker will be Stu Ellis. Currently, Stu serves as the vice president of public relations for Jones and Thomas and writes a daily blog <http://www.farmgate.uiuc.edu> on agricultural issues for the University of Illinois College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. He is a frequent speak-



er at farm meetings, writes a weekly newsletter for farmers that is electronically disseminated and published in rural newspapers, and authors a weekly column on agriculture for the Decatur (IL) *Herald & Review*.

Sign up for the Agri-Industry Banquet today to hear speaker Stu Ellis and honor those in the Agricultural Hall of Fame. ◆

Reserve Your Spot **NOW** for the New Chamber Program - *Tomorrow's Jacksonville*

Tomorrow's Jacksonville, a new program, based on the Leadership Jacksonville format, but with many new and exciting features, will take place in March and April of this year. This program is presented in partnership with the U of I Extension Office.

The program will include training on such topics as engaging generations in the workplace, managing stress in the workplace, focus on government, community assets

such as education and agriculture, community and economic development, impact of non-profits, and, 7 habits of highly effective leaders.

Tomorrow's Jacksonville will meet on eight consecutive Wednesday mornings beginning March 12 through April 30. Each session is from 8-10 a.m. in the Chamber's conference room. The price for the program is \$149 for Chamber members and \$249 for non-members. Call 245-2174 to register. ◆

Discover What's New! Business Expo 2008

Thursday, February 28

Come to the Business Expo on Thursday, February 28 at Hamilton's "110 North East" from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Come early! Free admission, door prizes and the announcement of the Boss of the Year Award.

Win one of three drawings at 4:30, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m. for \$100! The drawings are sponsored by Adecco Employment Services.

This event is open to the gen-

eral public and allows businesses to showcase their products and services to the Jacksonville area. Encourage your employees to attend. It's fun as well as informative and you never know what business connections you'll make at the Expo.

Thanks to our major sponsors of the Business Expo: Passavant Area Hospital and The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company. ◆

Boss of the Year Nominations

Don't forget to turn in your Boss Award will be presented at the of the Year Nominations! Tell the Business Expo on February 28.

Chamber why your boss is worthy For more information, contact of this award! The Boss of the Year the Chamber at 245-2174. ◆

(The nomination form is inserted in this issue)

Small Business Resource Fair Set for Feb. 7 at Lincoln Land Community College

Thursday, February 7

The Chamber and the Jacksonville Regional Economic Development Corporation (JREDC) are sponsoring a Small Business Resource Fair next month. The event will be held at Lincoln Land Community College, 32 N. Central Park Plaza, on February 7 from 6-8 p.m. Registration is requested for this free event.

Presentations will be made by several organizations which support small business development, including the U.S. Small Business Administration, Springfield SCORE Chapter, the Illinois Small

Business Development Center at Lincoln Land Community College, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development and the Office of the Illinois State Treasurer.

Some subjects that will be covered at the seminar will include how to start a business, SBA loan information, where to go to get assistance and advice, and how to expand your business.

Interested entrepreneurs may call the Jacksonville Area Chamber, 217-245-2174, or send an email to chamber@jacksonvilleareachamber.org. ◆

New Chamber Member Orientation

Come join us for the Chamber Member Orientation on Wednesday, February 13 in the Chamber conference room. Information will be presented on all the Divisions and their upcoming programs and

activities. All new members are encouraged to attend. All members are welcome as well.

Anyone wanting to know more about the Chamber is welcome. ◆

Be A Chamber 150% Platinum Club Member

Thank you to these MEMBERS of the 150% Platinum Club. The Chamber thanks each business for its great support of the Chamber and its activities:

A. Gaudio & Sons, Inc.
Adecco
Americall Communications
American Cancer Society, IL Div., Inc.
Art Association of Jacksonville
Barton W. Stone Home
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois
Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Illinois
Buchanan & Cody Funeral Home
Buster Sanitation
City of Jacksonville, Mayor
& City Clerk
Colton, Downey & Associates Agency
El Rancherito
Elm City Rehabilitation Center
First Bank
First State Bank, Murrayville
Hamilton's "110 North East"
Hampton Inn
D.R. Heiniger
ILMO Products
Jacksonville Area Convention
& Visitors Bureau
Jacksonville Convalescent Center
Jacksonville Lawn Care
JREDC
Land of Lincoln Goodwill
Lincoln Land Community College
Little Johnny's, Inc.
Mark Stribling Trucking
Massey's, Inc.
I. Newton Mitchell

Morgan County Abstract Co.
Francis B. Nelson, Jr.
Pactiv
Passavant Area Hospital
John Power
Prairie Council on Aging
Chris Reif, State's Attorney
Robert Turner Agency, Inc.
Dr. Harvey D. Scott, III
Select Denture Lab
Jim Shipp
Spradlin Home Sales
The Farmers State Bank
and Trust Company
Tim Childers ProDent
VFW Post 1379
Wal-Mart
Brad Ware
Jon Ware
Dr. Susan Weller
Dr. William Weller
Wells Center
Larry Werries
West Side Auto Parts
Whalen Trucking Co., Waverly
Williamson Funeral Home
Wireless USA

WELCOME BACK to:

Jacksonville Machine
Passavant Home Care
Richard Rawlings
Reese Family Chiropractic

The Chamber's 150% Platinum Club members receive special recognition in the *Chamber Review* and on a plaque in the Chamber office.

The Chamber Honors: New Chamber Members

CRAZY HORSE CAMPGROUND

Andy Egolf
2113 Crazy Horse Rd.
Ashland, IL 62612
217-886-2089

Family camping located on 60 acres of rolling, wooded hills and open spaces. RVs, campers and tent sites available as well as swimming, fishing, hiking trails, renovated lodge, and more.

Sponsor - Staff

Volunteer of the Month Alban Haxhinasto

Alban Haxhinasto was named Volunteer of the Month for January. Alban has been involved with the Business Division for many years and is a charter member of the YPN (Young Professionals Network). He is an active Chamber member. Alban is the Bookkeeping Operations Manager at The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company.



Alban Haxhinasto, Volunteer of the Month for January is shown with Chamber Board Chairman David Heitbrink.

Business of the Quarter J.B. Large and Sons

J.B. Large and Sons was named Business of the Quarter at the January Board Meeting. J.B. Large and Sons donated time and materials to paint Marsha's office.



Bob Large, owner of J.B. Large and Sons, is pictured with David Heitbrink, Board Chairman.

RENEWING MEMBERS

Thank you to members who reinvest in the Chamber keeping links between businesses and community strong and growing.

All Occasions Flowers
& Gifts
American Red Cross,
Central Prairie Chapter
Atkins Chiropractic Treatment
BLH Computers
Bound to Stay Bound
Brandt Consolidated
Butch Wood & Son
Septic Service
Carpenters Local Union 904

CB Accounts, Inc.
Crisis Center Foundation
Dr. John Ebrey
Elks Lodge #682
Illinois Road Contractors
Jacksonville Machine*
Jacksonville Sunrise
Rotary Club
Kentucky Fried Chicken
Eric Lakin
Lape Family Farm
Lomelino Signs
Long's Oxygen &
Medical Equip.
MacMurray College
Midwest Youth Services

Morgan Co. Health Dept.
Passavant Home Services*
Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co.
Premier Bank
Dick Rawlings*
Reese Family Chiropractic*
Regional Office of
Education #46
Rexx Battery Specialists
Routt Catholic High School
Sandler Sales Institute
Shaw Chiropractic Clinic
U.S. Bank
Brad Zeller

(* Platinum Club member)

⇒ **VALENTINE CANDY-GRAMS AVAILABLE FROM PATHWAY** — Valentine's day is just around the corner. Send that someone special a Candy-Gram from Pathway Services- only \$3.00 each!

Candy-Grams may be picked up at the Sophie Leschin Building or delivered on February 12, 13 & 14th (within Jacksonville city limits only)

All orders must be received by Friday, February 8th. For more information or to place an order, please call Becky Fitzgerald at 479-2313 or Stephanie Baptist at 479-2318.

⇒ **JACKSONVILLE ROTARY VALENTINE DANCE FEB. 8**

— Jacksonville Rotary Valentine Dance will be held on Friday, February 8. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and dancing at 7:30 p.m. to the Kevin Turner Trio. The cost is \$25.00 per person. For reservations contact Kristen Heaton at 217-479-5836.

⇒ **WINNINGHAM JOINS A HEAD OF TIMES GRAND SALON AND DAY SPA**

— A Head of Times Grand Salon and Day Spa would like to announce that Erin Winningham of Winchester has joined their staff. A cosmetology graduate of the University of Spa and Cosmetology Arts in Springfield, Erin is licensed in hair care, nail care, and esthetics. Erin also completed an internship where she was trained in advanced coloring and cutting techniques. She is available for appointments and walk-ins Tuesday through Saturday. We will continue to run specials throughout the year while Erin is building her clientele. Please call 243-4533 to hear about her latest special.

⇒ **WESTOWN FORD'S GIRLS' ALL-STAR CLASSIC**

— Westown Ford's Girls' All-Star Classic will be held on March 15 at IC's Bruner Fitness Center. Events begin at 6:30 p.m.

This is the girls all-star basketball game for area high school seniors. Players from over 20 area high schools are nominated, voted and selected by all area coaches. Two area coaches will be selected to coach the teams – the North All Stars and the South All Stars. Area high school administrators, referees, sports media personnel, trainers, IHSA basketball officials and others contribute their time and talent to make this event a suc-

cess. The evening's activities will include music by a featured area high school band, a three-point shooting contest, a short competition between area junior high girls hoopsters, autograph and photo opportunities with your favorite all-stars after the game, and fun for basketball fans of all ages!

This is the second year for this event - last year the Bruner Center was filled nearly to capacity!

The organizers of this event are a group of volunteers from area schools whose only wish is to promote girls athletics, and to provide an event to showcase the terrific talent of the young ladies in west central Illinois.

⇒ **WSEC-HD/PBS SPRINGFIELD NOW AIRING IN HIGH DEFINITION**

— As of January 16, WSEC-HD/PBS Springfield began airing regularly scheduled programs produced in high definition by the station. Programs broadcast in HD include award winning programs Illinois Stories, InLife, Making Conversation, Cardia, Building Stories and the Expedition travel series.

The programs will air every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. WSEC-HD can be received in Springfield off-air on Channel 14-2, and is available on Comcast cable channel 916.

Additional information on HD programming, and on digital conversion, is available on the station's website, www.wsec.tv.

WSEC in Jacksonville & Springfield, WQEC in Quincy and WMEC in Macomb are all part of Network Knowledge, which provides quality public television and educational services through a network of volunteers, universities, hospitals and business partners in communities throughout central and western Illinois

⇒ **MACMURRAY COLLEGE TO HOST HEALTH FAIR**

— A MacMurray College health fair that will feature up to 20 exhibitors is not just for students. The community and local high school students are welcome.

The fair, which will run from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, is open to local residents. The Health Fair will take place upstairs in the Gamble Campus Center, which is on the corner of Lurton Street and Hardin Ave.

The fair is designed to "increase awareness" about what

health resources there are in the community. The MacMurray students have been involved with organizing the fair. The fair will contain information on topics which the students have designated as wanting to know more about. The students' greatest health concerns are the common cold, sexually transmitted diseases, and stress, according to Ms. Hamilton.

Topics at the fair include alcohol and substance abuse prevention, reproductive health, stress, blood pressure screenings, body fat analysis, nutrition, disaster services, exercise, health screening, and massage therapy.

⇒ **MACMURRAY COLLEGE HIRES NEW DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI SERVICES**

— Christina Wells fills the role as Director of Alumni Services. Before accepting her position at MacMurray, Wells was the Community Development Coordinator for the Girl Scouts of Central Illinois in Springfield, Illinois, where she recruited and retained more than 1200 Girl Scouts members and 250 adult volunteers and troop leaders. Wells also was responsible for developing and implementing educational programs for girls in fourth through sixth grades.

Her responsibilities will include coordinating alumni events, out-of-town gatherings, homecoming activities and on-campus reunions.

⇒ **JACKSON BECOMES SHAREHOLDER IN RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY LAW FIRM**

— Amy L. Jackson has been named a shareholder in the law firm of Rammelkamp Bradney, effective January 1, 2008. The announcement was made today by managing partner Richard Freeman. With the addition of Jackson, nine members of the firm have achieved shareholder status.

Jackson joined Rammelkamp Bradney in 2002 and concentrates her practice in workers' compensation, insurance defense litigation, environmental law, and general trial practice. Jackson also serves as administrative adjudicator for the City of Jacksonville's Municipal Court. She earned a bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University and her law degree from St. Louis University School of Law.

⇒ **ROUTT WINTER BALL MARCH 1** — Routt alumni, parents and friends are invited

to the 4th annual Routt Winter Ball on Saturday, March 1 from 6:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at Hamilton's "110 North East." Tickets are \$30 each and include one of Hamilton's finest meals, DJ entertainment, Routt Alumni Association awards presentations and selected complimentary beverages. For tickets contact the Routt Development Office.

⇒ **KIWANIS PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DAY ON MARCH 3**

— All Chamber of Commerce members are invited to attend the 59th Annual Kiwanis, All You Can Eat, Pancake & Sausage Day on Monday, March 3 at MacMurray's McClelland Dining Hall. The event takes place from 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Express drive-through service is being offered between 4:30 - 7 p.m. Those who wish to drive through are asked to enter the east drive of Routt Catholic High School with pick up being on the west side of the Routt gym. Advanced tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at Festival Foods, RE/MAX Results Plus, Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and through any Kiwanis member. Tickets are available at the door for \$6. Children 5 and under are free with a paying adult. Large groups are also welcome.

Please post the pancake and sausage insert in this *Chamber Review* in your place of business for others to see.

For more information or ticket delivery call Mike or Lori Oldenettel at 217-245-0140. The Kiwanis Club members look forward to seeing you at Pancake & Sausage Day!

⇒ **SMALL BUSINESS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS GUIDE**

— The U.S. Small Business Administration and Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company have teamed up to launch a disaster planning guide for small business owners.

The 10-page guide provides information business owners need to develop an effective plan to protect customers and employees in the event of a disaster. The guide provides key disaster preparedness strategies to help small businesses identify potential hazards, create plans to remain in operation if the office is unusable, and understand the limitations of their insurance coverage.

Hard copies of the guide will be distributed by SBA field offices, its resource partners

around the country and disaster field offices. Nationwide will make additional copies available to its agents for distribution. An electronic version of the guide will be available online at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance/disasterpreparedness/index.html and at www.nationwide.com.

Non-farm businesses and non-profit organizations of any size may apply for up to \$1.5 million to repair or replace disaster damaged business assets and real property. Small businesses that suffered economic losses as a direct result of the declared disaster may apply for a working capital loan of up to \$1.5 million. To learn more about the SBA's disaster assistance program, visit the Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance/index.html>.

⇒ **ART ASSOCIATION WINTER CLASS SCHEDULE**

— The Art Association released its new winter class schedule which includes: For Children - Kids Express for 6-9 year olds (a 6-week course of drawing, painting and ceramics); Pottery and Drawing for 10-12 year olds (6 week course). For High School & Adults - Pottery classes, Jewelry Designs with Precious Metal Clay, Basket Weaving and Digital Photography. For more information or a registration form, contact the Art Association of Jacksonville, P.O. Box 1213, Jacksonville, IL 62651.

⇒ **ZUMBAHLEN, EYTH, SURRETT, FOOTE & FLYNN, LTD. CPAS ANNOUNCES TWO NEW STAFF ACCOUNTANTS**

— Two new staff accountants joined the firm in December 2007. Sherry Grable holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting/Business Management from Clarke College, Debuque, IA where she graduated in December 2004. She plans on beginning preparation to sit for the CPA exam soon. She and her husband, Sean reside in Arenzville and plan to relocate to Jacksonville soon.

T.J. Smith holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Illinois State University, where he graduated in December 2005 as a successful participant in the University's Honors Program. He was also inducted into the Golden Key International Honor Society and National Society of Collegiate Scholars while enrolled at the

President's Report



by **Ginny Fanning**
President
Jacksonville Area
Chamber of Commerce

It's February, the month of Presidents which includes a primary and birthday celebrations. Therefore, I'd like to start my column off with an Abraham Lincoln quote. He had so many great sayings that they could be the seed for many months of articles.

From A. Lincoln, "Whatever you are, be a good one."

As we begin 2008 with resolutions and dedication to improvement in whatever way that may be, remember what Lincoln said. You are valuable to our community, your employer, your family and the Chamber. If you strive to improve in a small way each day, you are well on your way to a great year.

The Chamber works hard to meet member needs, to be not just good, but essential to each member. We have many new programs with some being detailed in this edition.

The Chamber Community Checks is a positive promotion to keep purchasing local. Sign up to be a participant in this effort. We need your business to be a place

shoppers can go to redeem their certificates. We want employers to consider using these checks as part of an incentive or reward program. If you have an employee doing the best they can, pick up a Chamber Check for them. We plan on having the program in operation by April, in time for Mother's Day shopping.

Our Tomorrow's Jacksonville is a brand new leadership program. We have partnered with the U of I Extension Office to bring you dynamite sessions to help even the seasoned employee. Take a look at the topics listed in this edition. You will see areas not presented before in our leadership institutes. Even if you are an institute graduate, you may consider signing up. It will be a terrific opportunity to stretch your leadership skills and learn more about yourself and your community.

Please plan to attend the Business Expo. This is a great event. You'll see new products and services available in our market plus meet and network with fellow Chamber Members. Fill out a nomination for the Boss of the Year. All nominees will be notified to let them know their name was submitted for this award. Your Boss will be happy to learn that the staff enjoys working for them and feels that they are worthy of this prestigious award. It is a wonderful way to honor an exemplary working relationship.

Read through the newsletter and find all the ways your Chamber membership is working to help to make you "a good one." ♦

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"Old Things in a Pleasant Atmosphere"

Business Education Partnership Spotlight

The Education Division is pleased to introduce the Business Education Partnership Spotlight section of *The Chamber Review* where each month, one of the Chamber's Business Education Partnerships listed below will be featured. Any of the partnerships interested in submitting an article, which can include photos of partnership activities, is encouraged to contact the Chamber. The submission deadline is the

15th of the month prior to publication.

In the Business Education Partnership program, the Education Division helps match businesses with schools to promote business involvement and volunteerism in local schools. The partnerships can help businesses to connect with the schools in tangible ways including time, talent and resources. Please contact the Chamber for infor-



mation about how you can become involved with area schools through the Business Education Partnerships. Call 245-2174 or email chamber2@jacksonvilleareachamber.org. ♦

2007 - 2008 Partnerships

Business

Barton W. Stone Home
Bound to Stay Bound
First State Bank of Winchester in Murrayville
Hertzberg New Method
Illinois College
Illinois College
Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce
Jacksonville Main Street
Jacksonville Savings Bank
Kiwanis Club
Mason's Market
Nestlé
Passavant Area Hospital
Rotary Club
Sunrise Rotary Club
The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company
Turner Tree Service
U.S. Bank
U.S. Cellular

School

Salem Lutheran School
Elementary Libraries, Dist. #117
Murrayville-Woodson Elementary
Routt Catholic High School
Gifted Program, Dist. #117
Lafayette Center: ROE #46 ESP and ARC
Turner Jr. High School
Turner Jr. High School
Washington Elementary
North Elementary
Murrayville-Woodson Elementary
Illinois School for the Deaf
Eisenhower Elementary
Franklin Elementary
Early Years Program, Dist. #117
Lincoln Elementary
Early Years Program, Dist. #117
South Elementary
Jacksonville High School

JOIN A CHAMBER COMMITTEE!

Network,
Help Your
Business
Community
and Have Fun!

Don't Forget to Display Your Chamber Member Decal

Proud Member of
**Jacksonville Area
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2008

New Chamber Program - Chamber Community Checks

The Chamber is starting a new program called "Chamber Community Checks."

The program is designed to help keep purchasing local. It will work in the following way. A person would buy a gift certificate or "Chamber Community Check" from the Chamber. The "Chamber Community Check" will include all the names of the participating businesses where the person can purchase products or services with the "Chamber Community Check." When the business redeems a "Chamber Community Check" they would then send or bring it into the Chamber for reimbursement, less a



small handling fee of 50¢ per check. The "Chamber Community Check" will be available in \$5 increments up to \$50.

The Chamber will keep track of the purchaser, the amount of the certificates, and the money.

If Chamber businesses are interested in participating or finding out more about the "Chamber Community Check" program, please call us at 217-245-2174. ♦

Jacksonville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau

— Convention and Visitors Bureau —



Patty Anderson
CVB Executive Director

LINCOLN FINDS JACKSONVILLE

Lincoln wayside exhibits will soon find homes at historic Jacksonville sites. Springfield already is a host to roughly 46 of its own Looking for Lincoln signs. The signs are professionally crafted, exquisitely designed, and filled with unique historic facts

that belong to each community's Lincoln ties. In addition to highlighting Lincoln's history to each site, historical sources such as stories and themes will accompany images and illustrations. Each sign also bears its own unique medallion that can be used for pencil rubbings, great for collecting! Wayside exhibit types include: text rails, wall mounted, light pole and free standing signs. Jacksonville has secured funding from a state HUD grant that covers nearly two thirds the cost and local match funding for the remaining cost, for ten local wayside exhibits.

The first wayside exhibit, a text rail, will be installed at the Governor Joseph Duncan Mansion this spring. The remaining signs will come from a second grant in the near future. In addition to the wayside exhibits, Jacksonville's

Looking for Lincoln committee anticipates being accepted as a Looking for Lincoln Historic Community; by creating Lincoln radio scripts. They are lively, factual and entertaining audio performances and will accompany seven of the wayside exhibits. These sights include: Beecher Hall, Newton Bateman House, David A. Smith House, James Jaquess House, General Benjamin Grierson Mansion, downtown Lincoln mural and Governor Duncan Mansion.

The Governor Duncan Mansion is the first site in Jacksonville to have one of the 155 Lincoln historic signs that will be installed in 46 communities spread over 24 counties. How exciting to anticipate nine more. So, prepare to put on your hiking boots and explore "Jacksonville's Lincoln - Path of a President" that lies in

Business Division Offering Co-Op Advertising to Chamber Members

The Chamber's Business Division is offering the exciting opportunity of co-op advertising to Chamber members.

The Division is offering four ads each quarter. These quarter-page ads are inserted into the *Jacksonville Journal-Courier* on Sunday and another day (the advertising business's choice) during the week. This is an inexpensive way to

advertise for our members. The co-op advertisements are between the Chamber, *Jacksonville Journal-Courier* and the business. Watch for these ads with the title "*Business is great here!*" as the heading.

If you are interested in signing up or would like more information about this opportunity, call the Chamber at 217-245-2174. ♦

Would You Like to Serve on the Chamber's Golf Committee?

The Chamber's Golf Committee will help plan the three golf outings for 2008, one at each of Jacksonville's three golf courses. We always need

help on our committees and this is a fun and social committee in which to participate. Call the Chamber today to get involved on the Golf Committee. ♦



Washington D.C. Fly-In Dates Set



The Washington D.C. Fly-In dates have been set for June 18 & 19. This will be Congressman LaHood's last Fly-In. Call the Chamber to register.

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

The following businesses are celebrating milestone anniversaries with the Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce this month. It is their support and that of our 570+ businesses that enable us to provide services to all our Chamber members.

-----26+ YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Ameren IP	1977
Illinois School for the Visually Impaired	1977
Leonard & Six	1977
Thomson, McNeely, Crews, Hurst, & Thielen P.C.	1977
Voelkel Glass Service	1977

-----15 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Shopko

-----10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

J.B. Large & Sons
Leo's Pizza

-----5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

D.R. Heiniger
Geo. Westenberger, III
Midway Tavern
T & K Tree Service

Grant Writing Workshop

The Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce Education Division is pleased to sponsor a second grant writing workshop. The first workshop, Grant Writing 101 was held in January. Seating is limited so contact the Chamber office soon to reserve your spot at this value-added workshop.



attended Grant Writing 101 or other similar workshop. If you have a specific grant you want to apply for, bring the grant guidelines. If you don't have a specific grant in mind, be prepared to discuss a specific funding need (project, program, event, operating support, etc). If you have a laptop with a wireless Internet capability, please bring it.

The fee for this workshop is \$10 for Chamber members; \$25 for the general public. Call the Chamber to pre-register, 245-2174. ♦

Grant Writing: Beyond the Basics

Tuesday, February 26
8:30-10:30 a.m.

This workshop is a follow-up to the Grant Writing 101 workshop. We will work in small groups to examine specific funding guidelines and to begin outlining a proposal. The session will be especially beneficial to participants who previously

SAVE THE DATES:

- **Friday, April 25**
SPA Day
Mark your calendars for the Chamber's SPA Day at the Jacksonville Country Club. Call the Chamber, 245-2174, to make your reservations.
- **Thursday, May 22**
Links Golf Outing
- **Wednesday, June 11**
Member Appreciation Picnic
- **Wednesday & Thursday, June 18 & 19**
Washington D.C. Fly-In
- **Monday, June 23**
Country Club Golf Outing

BUSINESS TIP

Digital Television Facts

At midnight on February 17, 2009, federal law requires that all full-power television broadcast stations stop broadcasting in analog format and broadcast only in digital format. What does this mean to us? If you have an analog

TV, you will need to acquire a digital-to-analog set-top converter box to attach to your TV set to be able to view over-the-air digital programming.

For more information and facts on Digital Television, see the "Federal Communications Commission Consumer Fact" insert in this newsletter. ♦

Business Registration Ordinance

The City of Jacksonville has recently adopted a business registration ordinance requiring all business to complete an application, pay a \$25.00 fee and obtain a registration from the City Clerks' office. Businesses established and operational prior to Jan 1, 2008 will be exempt from the \$25.00 fee if registration is completed before May 1, 2008. This is a ONE time fee unless the business relocates, changes ownership or changes the name of the business, which will

require re-registration.

Businesses that qualify as "Home Occupations" are exempt from registration. Please visit the "Business Registration" tab on the City of Jacksonville website, www.jacksonvilleil.com for examples and a complete definition of "Home Occupation."

Questions can be directed to City Clerk Andy Ezard (479-4613) or Kelly Hall at the office of Community Development (479-4621). ♦

CHAMBER'S WEBSITE & E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Check out the Chamber's website at:

www.jacksonvilleareachamber.org

The Chamber staff e-mail addresses:

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Kathy Rider - chamber3@jacksonvilleareachamber.org

Help Us Keep Your Company's Contact Information Up To Date!

Have you had a change in your name or title? Have you moved? Do you have a new e-mail address? Do you know of mail from the Chamber coming to your business that is addressed to people no longer working at your business? Is your member listed correctly on the Chamber's website? Would you like to receive our e-mail blasts with Chamber Reminders and Network News?

If you are not sure or you know of changes to be made, please contact the Chamber at 217-245-2174, or by email at chamber@jacksonvilleareachamber.org, to make sure we have all of your current information in our records for 2008!

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YPN Holiday Social



(Above) Jason Embry, Illinois College; C.D. Davidsmeyer, Illinois Road Contractors; Kyle Schumacher, Chapin State Bank; Jed Davis, Consolidated Grain and Barge; and Abby Buchanan, USDA Rural Housing.



(Above) Chris Rourke, Country Insurance & Financial Services; Alban Haxhinasto, Joey Henry, and Beth Racey, all with The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company; Becca Ward, Wells Center; and Brent Kaufmann, Country Insurance & Financial Services.

New YPN Meeting Time!

The Young Professionals Network (YPN) of the Chamber has set a new meeting time. **The new schedule is to meet the first Tuesday of every month at 5:15 p.m. in the Chamber Conference Room.** Additional social times are also scheduled for members.

YPN After Hours Social

YPN to attend Business After Hours, Gallery Hop and Have Social Time

On February 1, the Young Professional Network (YPN) of the Chamber will attend the Business After Hours at Karen Anderson Designs, Inc., 56 North Central Park Plaza which takes place from 5-8 p.m, they will go on to join the Gallery Hop which also takes place in the downtown area with the last stop at the Eclectic Art Gallery. At the end of the Gallery Hop they will enjoy a Post-Gallery Hop Social at the Eclectic Art Gallery between 8- 9 p.m.



The Gallery will have snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. If people wish to have alcoholic beverages they can bring their own. ♦

Smoke Free Clings Still Available At No Charge From the Chamber

The Illinois Department of Public Health has now posted rules and other smoking ban information on a new website, www.smoke-free.illinois.gov. This site also provides a printable version of the signage required under the Act, which must be displayed at businesses.

The Jacksonville Area Chamber has Smoke Free Clings for your business window still available at no charge.

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Jacksonville Business Index

City of Jacksonville

Total Building Permits Issued 12/1 - 12/31*

'06	'07
65	158

Total December 2006 Reported Construction - \$760,105.00

Total December 2007 Reported Construction - \$870,628.11

*Source - Dept. of Zoning, Inspec. & Code Enf.

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Number of Units Closed

Nov. '06	Nov. '07
34	30

*Source - Jacksonville Area Association of Realtors

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Chamber Calendar - FEBRUARY

(All meetings held in the Chamber Conference Room unless otherwise stated.)

- 1 **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS, Karen Anderson Designs, Inc.**
(56 North Central Park Plaza), 5-8 p.m.
- 5 Business Division – noon
- 5 Young Professionals Network Division – 5:15 p.m.
- 6 Health & Community Agencies Division – noon
- 6 Education Division – 4 p.m.
- 7 **SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCE FAIR** – Lincoln Land Community College,
32 N. Central Park Plaza - 6-8 p.m.
- 11 *“How to Start a Small Business,”* by Lincoln Land Small Business Development Center,
9-11 a.m. Reservations required. Individual appointments following the workshop
may be made in advance.
- 12 Membership Services Division – noon
- 13 Executive Board – 4 p.m.
- 13 **NEW CHAMBER MEMBER ORIENTATION** – 5 p.m.
- 18 **PRESIDENT’S DAY** – Office Closed
- 19 Board of Directors – noon
- 25 Discover Jacksonville Task Force - noon
- 26 **GRANT WRITING: BEYOND THE BASICS WORKSHOP** – 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Reservations required.
- 27 Contact Club – *Jon Freeman/Jess Spradlin, hosts*
- 28 **BUSINESS EXPO**, Hamilton’s “110 North East” - 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Community Calendar - FEBRUARY

(Courtesy of the Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau -
please contact CVB for more details at 217-243-5678)

- 1 **Downtown Gallery Hop**, sponsored by the Imagine Foundation, takes you to a variety of
gallery sites to view art from local and visiting artists - 5-9 p.m.
- 2-29 **“Watercolors”** by Pat Damsgaard, Strawn Art Gallery, 331 W. College. Open
Sundays 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday-Saturday 4-6 p.m. from September-May. Opening
receptions are held first Saturday of each month from 6-8 p.m.
- 4 **“John Wesley Powell”**, Dr. Donald Worster, Illinois College – Rammelkamp Chapel, 10am.
- 5 Youth Concerts, Jacksonville Symphony Society, Illinois College – Rammelkamp Chapel
-7:30pm.
- 8-10 &
15-17 **Reginald Rose’s “Twelve Angry Men”**, Sophie Leschin theater.
- 8 **Bar to Bar Golf Classic**, miniature golf at 9 downtown bar locations, to benefit local charities.
- 8 **Jacksonville Rotary Valentine Dance**, (location?), Dinner - 6:30 p.m.,
Dancing to Kevin Turner Trio - 7:30 p.m.
- 19 **“Make It and Take It – Practical Interventions for Students with High Functioning
Autism, Asperger’s, and Executive Function Disorder,”** Hamilton’s Banquet Hall-
4:30-8 p.m.
- 21 **Art and Dine**, the Imagine Foundation and Lonzerotti’s Italia Restaurant present an exhibit by
a local or visiting artist and a special four course dinner including wine. Viewing at
5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., with a gallery talk between courses.
- 21 **Kevin Stein, “History’s Bicep: Poetry and the World,”** MacMurray College –
Throssen Recital Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- 23 **The Tribute Singers honoring Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn and Conway Twitty**, benefit for
the Jacksonville Food Center, dinner & entertainment, Bogart’s Banquet Hall.
- 24 **Diane Meredith Belcher, Organist, world-renowned organist**, Illinois College Fine Arts
Series performance, Rammelkamp Chapel - 4:00 p.m.,
- 25 **“Campus Computing: From Free Speech to Facebook”**, Illinois College, 10 a.m.
- 29 – March 1-2
& 6-8 **“March Tale,”** Sibert Theatre, McGaw Fine Arts Center - 7:30 p.m.

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