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New newsletter format offers huge advertising value

This is the Chamber's last official hard copy newsletter. Next month you'll receive an electronic version in a PDF format. Advantages include on-time delivery of the newsletter as well as significant cost-savings to both the Chamber and insert advertisers. Advertising in the newsletter becomes an even better value.

The new format allows the chamber to offer you a low-cost way to advertise. Over 600 (and growing) newsletter recipients each month share their copy with additional staff. **For only \$75, you can include your advertising insert without the cost of printing hundreds of copies.** Send us your ad electronically or drop off one 8 1/2 x 11 hard copy to the Chamber and you can reach a substantial pool of customers. Call Janis at the chamber at 740-393-1111 and reserve your spot in the next newsletter. Don't miss your chance to take advantage of this tremendous advertising value.

Chamber newsletter reaches the electronic age

In the Membership Directory update form that we've mailed to your primary contact, we asked for the email address of all members of your staff who should receive the newsletter. Email addresses will remain confidential, will never be sold and will be used by the Chamber only for distribution of Chamber information.

We appreciate your help in organizing and updating our data base. It's a big task for staff, as you can imagine, but our goal is to make sure you're represented accurately and contacted correctly.

Deadline July 1 for 2007 Leadership Knox applications

Leadership Knox is a unique educational program sponsored by the Mount Vernon-Knox County Chamber of Commerce. Leadership Knox classes meet each month, September through May and spend the day immersed in a topic that is vital to our community. Participants hear directly from recognized authorities and community leaders presenting on subjects ranging from history, education and government, to social services, economic development, health care, and the community quality of life.

The program includes formal presentations, first-hand observances and site visits, simulations and role-playing exercises. The small group project, where participants research and choose an assignment that attributes to community development, is also an important facet of the course.

A selection committee chooses these individuals from among the many applicants. The goal of the selection process is to provide a balanced class of emerging leaders representing a wide range of careers in middle and upper management.

This program is national in concept, but developed and implemented at a local level. The tuition of \$795 includes all program materials, retreat meals and lodging, lunch each session and graduation dinner. A limited number of scholarships may be available for students from charitable organizations, through a generous grant from the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County.

Interested candidates must complete and submit an application NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2006. At that time, members of the Leadership Knox Steering Committee will review all applications and select no more than 20 students to participate in this year's program.

As Leadership Knox alumni, we would encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and consider enrolling a member of your staff. If you have any questions, or wish to receive an application, please contact one of our staff members at the Chamber office.

Sandy Beidelschies Class of '03
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The only thing missing was snow...

On May 18th, one hundred forty-four hearty golfers braved the cold, wind, rain, lightning, and hail (and a wee bit of sun) to participate in the chamber's annual Spring Swing at Chapel Hill Golf Course. The weather didn't dampen spirits much as golfers indulged in the traditional Bloody Mary and shrimp offerings from The Laurels of Mt. Vernon, grilled dogs and treats from The Blue Fox Group, refreshments via the beloved drink cart, goodie bags jammed with, well, goodies, and fabulous prizes.

In spite of being wet and cold, everyone enjoyed the last stop at the dinner table where Smithisler Meats served the biggest grilled chops in Ohio. Dozens of volunteers and the accommodating staff at Chapel Hill helped keep things running smoothly. Carol tells us she's planning on convening a weather committee next year...

Warm and hearty appreciation to everyone who helped make our chamber's event *the* golf outing to be at in any kind of weather. Take a look at our list of sponsors and thank them when you see them. We'll see you on the fairway next May- rain or shine!



Thank you Spring Swing 2006 sponsors

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Congratulations to this year's winners

- 1ST PLACE TEAM**—National City with a score of 56
- 2ND PLACE TEAM**—Brenneman Lumber with a score of 58
- 3RD PLACE TEAM**—Shamrock Plastics with a score of 60
- SKINS WERE WON ON HOLE 10** by National City—\$660
- WOMEN'S LONGEST DRIVE**—Rosy Davis, HiSan Team 1
- MEN'S LONGEST DRIVE**—Tim Cunningham, Coldwell Banker Quest
- LONGEST PUTT**—Rick Matthews, First-Knox National Bank Team 1

Golf Outing

There's no such thing as bad weather in golf



Ohio BWC manager speaks at CEO annual meeting

Knox County Safety Council held its annual CEO event on May 10. John Romig, Central/SE Regional Manager of the Ohio BWC was the guest speaker. Workers' Compensation is the cost of doing business and the Bureau of Workers' Compensation works on minimizing that cost. BWC ensures the correct amount of premium is collected, makes sure all employers are paying in, examines individuals and gets them back to work, and processes claims. Safety begins at the top of an organization and the more employers who come together and share their solutions and resources, the more safety becomes an integral part of each company. Employees will make safety a top priority when their leadership is actively involved in safety. A company with zero accidents is not necessarily the safest working environment. It takes more than safety programs put in place; it is a constant review of reports, activities and procedures. As many executives have heard, companies may lose thousands of dollars each time an accident occurs.



Currently, the BWC has 1 million active, open claims. Is your company doing all it can to keep employees safe? Use all the safety resources available to you such as participating in Knox County Safety Council, BWC library, attending Safety Congress, and keeping in contact with your local BWC specialist who can assist your company with safety programs and materials.

The BWC Mansfield Regional Office serves Knox County and may be reached at 800-697-0374, Ext. 22. Mike Lampl is happy to assist and may be contacted by e-mail at Michael.lampl@bwc.state.oh.us. Also, remember to check out the Web site at www.ohio-bwc.com.



Rolls-Royce hosts annual industry tour

Each year the Knox County Safety Council likes to hold a factory tour at one of our great industrial facilities to learn what safety issues they face, what procedures they implement, how they keep incident rates low, and see first hand that safety is a priority in daily working conditions. Rolls-Royce was our host this year and members were invited to tour their facility. David McCall made the arrangements for this exclusive opportunity; he is the HSE Manager at Rolls-Royce as well as serving on the Knox County Safety Council Steering Committee. David introduced Mike Haughton, Director of HSE Facilities and Maintenance, who gave an insightful history from their construction of engines for locomotives during World War II to becoming the world-leading provider of power systems today. Members began at the Visitors Center where they heard what Rolls-Royce provides, who their customers are, the various products supplied and saw a model of one unit currently in the field. Two groups then toured the weld fabrication area and the assembly and test areas. Rolls-Royce has earned the Ohio Governor's Excellence in Workers' Compensation Award and has received recognition from the BWC for going eight months and 1.5 million hours without a lost-time injury. To read more about these achievements, look in the spring issue of Workers' Comp Quarterly magazine where Rolls-Royce is featured. Knox County Safety Council wishes to thank Rolls-Royce Energy Systems for this unique opportunity to tour and learn about their facility. Rolls-Royce is truly a leader in safety success with an intriguing history of products and services around the world.

Scholarship checks presented to students



Knox County Safety Council Steering Committee members presented scholarship checks to this year's recipients at their high schools' awards program.

Kim Turner awarded Jessica Mickle of Knox

County Career Center, who will pursue her education in forensic science. Larry Mickle awarded Sheena Bateman, pursuing criminal justice, at Fredericktown High School. Nancy Karam awarded Jennifer Rogers and Jennifer Tharp, both pursuing nursing, at Mount Vernon High School. Emily Marth awarded Jessica Mickle, pursuing forensic science, at East Knox High School.

Pictured left to right is Jessica Mickle, Sheena Bateman, Jennifer Tharp and Jennifer Rogers

Don't miss this chance to lower your premium by 4 percent

Join the 7,300 employers who are members of their local safety councils. Membership does have its privileges!

You can earn a one-time 4 percent discount off your workers' compensation premium* by actively participating in your local safety council between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene currently sponsors 74 local safety councils. As a member you will:

- Learn techniques for increasing safety in your workplace.
- Learn how to better manage your workers' compensation program.
- Network with other employers in your community.
- Access useful, money-saving workers' comp and risk-management information.

Phone the chamber for additional information at
740.393.1111

* The discount offer excluded self-insured employers and state agencies.

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Knox County Safety Council



Wednesday
June 21
7:30-8:30 a.m.
Cost: \$10

Dan Emmett Conference Center

A new twist on back care

Dr. Dan Stambaugh of Knox County Chiropractic will present information regarding the importance of proper posture i.e. sitting, standing, and sleeping for optimal spinal alignment and supports that enhance this goal.

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Don't miss final HR 6-Pack module

Don't miss our final module of our popular HR 6-Pack! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 20, and be at the Knox County Career Center from 12 noon to 2 p.m. for Right Feedback. A panel of three Chamber members, facilitated by Beth Schwartz from Rolls-Royce, will show participants different techniques for gathering effective employee feedback. Panelists will be Kathy Blackburn from First-Knox National Bank; Alice Cree, The Inn at Hillenvale; and Grant Edgell from Jeld-Wen.

The workshop will be held in the Richard McLarnan Technology Center, located behind the main Career Center building. Follow the signs through the parking lot.

Current legislation to keep an eye on Ammended SB5: Employer Health Care Plans

Permits small employers to group rate under the existing health care alliances statue, limits the amount of co-payments and deductibles paid by persons insured by health benefit plans and gives the Department of Insurance regulatory authority over discount medical cards. The bill is currently in the Senate Insurance, Commerce and Labor Committee.

Ammended HB 371: Fuel Production Task Force

Creates the Fuel Production Task Force to study opportunities for and barriers to increasing fuel production in the state and declares an emergency. The bill passed in the House and in the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee.

HB 548: Internship Tax Credit

Grants personal income and commercial activity tax credits for businesses that provide internships to students attending Ohio colleges and universities and that hire former interns. The bill is currently in the House Ways and Means Committee.

Let them know what you think

We all expect our legislators to communicate with us - and they should. They need to hear from us, too. Your voice - and your vote - matter.

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New chamber member is new community member



is the main reason Ohio Heritage is thriving. Since opening the first office in Coshocton in 1995, OHB has grown to five branches with over \$195m in assets. Congratulations to Renee and her team. Welcome to Knox County!

On May 19th Mount Vernon Mayor Dick Mavis helped the chamber ambassadors welcome Ohio Heritage Bank to Knox County. Branch Manager Renee Brown, staff and the bank's executive team offered tours of their beautiful facility located on Yauger Rd. Five career bankers believed they could offer state-of-the-art banking within a culture of individual, customized service to their customers. Vice President Bob Bigrigg knows that empowering staff to make the decisions necessary to be successful and providing a work environment that respects family values

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Ohio Senate honors Tim Workman



Tim Workman, a State Farm Insurance agent and member of the Mount Vernon-Knox County Chamber of Commerce, has been honored with a proclamation for outstanding accomplishment by the Ohio Senate.

The proclamation, signed by Sen. Bill Harris, President of the Senate, congratulates Workman for being presented with a Chairman's Circle Award from State Farm.

"A remarkable individual, you have combined civic concern and dedication with selfless initiative to become a dynamic leader in the insurance industry ... you have distinguished yourself as a conscientious and hard-working Ohioan, and you have earned the respect and esteem of colleagues and clients alike," Harris wrote.

"Willingly giving of your time, energy and abilities far beyond what was required or expected, you have striven to better the world around you. I am certain that in the years to come, you will continue to display the same unwavering commitment to excellence for which you have become known, and you are truly deserving of high praise."

Ohio Credit Union League honors Depue

James Depue, President and General Manager of CES Credit Union, was recently awarded 2006 Professional of the Year honors by the Ohio Credit Union League, the state trade association for credit unions. The award was presented at the League's annual convention held April 20 in Cleveland, Ohio.



Depue was noted for his focus on member service and his activism in the credit union movement, serving in leadership positions with the North Central (Ohio) Chapter of Credit Unions and Corporate One Federal Credit Union, as well as many local organizations and boards.

Depue

Sheffer offers tips for computer security

Chamber member David Sheffer of RESCUECOM, an on-site computer service company, was featured on an NBC 4 Columbus newscast recently to demonstrate how easy it is to hack into a business or home Wi-Fi connection.

"We're being bombarded from radio waves from wireless networks," Sheffer said.

Sheffer and NBC 4 spent an hour driving around a Central Ohio neighborhood looking for hot spots. Sheffer was able to connect to non-encrypted residential networks

"This person is vulnerable, whoever this is," he said.

Sheffer said it's possible to take someone's personal information.

"Right now, I'm able to get on the Internet," Sheffer said, as they drove past a private residence. "The danger with that is I'm impersonating you. I can impersonate you on your computer."

According to Sheffer, there are three things anyone can do to help protect a wireless network:

- Enable firewalls for safety
- Turn off file sharing
- Make sure you're going to a secure site (look for "https")



Sheffer

OSHA-10-Hour General Industry Course One-Day Class — Coshocton COTC Campus 249 Kenwood Drive, Coshocton, Ohio

Friday, June 30 — 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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The Business & Industry Institute reserves the right to cancel or reschedule courses due to enrollment.

Centerburg Annual Independence Festival

Wednesday-Thursday-Friday-Saturday
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Friday, June 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Memorial Park admission is free

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Fireworks Saturday—July 1

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Kenyon names new Dean of Students

Kenyon College is proud to announce that Tammy Gocial, currently with the College of Santa Fe in Santa Fe, New Mexico, will be assuming the duties of Dean of Students. As chief of student affairs reporting directly to the president, Ms. Gocial will set the vision and direction for the college's 93 staff members.

With nearly 20 years in college administration and student affairs, Ms. Gocial impressed the search committee with her energy, ideas and commitment to students. Please join the chamber as we congratulate both Kenyon College and their new Dean of Students. Welcome to Knox County, Tammy.

ECR & KnoxPages.com offer new services

ECR Computers & Internet Services has launched a new local and long distance phone service in the Mount Vernon area called ECR Voice. ECR Voice provides service by using any broadband connection and the existing phones in a person's home.

"Internet phone service is rapidly being adopted by people all over the country, and we're excited to bring the same opportunity to the people of Knox County," said Marc Hawk, President of ECR. "Our goal was to be the company in town with the best phone service and lowest price available to Knox County residents, and I think we have accomplished that."

ECR Voice has working demonstrations of its new service at the ECR Computers & Internet Services building located at 895 Harcourt Road in Mount Vernon. For more information, visit www.ECRVoice.com or call toll free (877) 327-8642.

KnoxPages.com brings Knox County its first online radio show broadcast exclusively over the Internet. Radioline with Ron Staats premiered March 20 on Knox Pages Radio. Listeners can tune in to Radioline live Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. online at www.knoxpages.com or listen to archived shows any time. The program will include on-air interviews and call-in discussions with listeners.

Construction workers wanted

In August 2003, Governor Bob Taft set a goal of creating a \$5 billion, ten-year Ohio construction program dedicated to addressing Ohio's most pressing congestion, safety and rural access needs. His program, titled Ohio's Jobs and Progress Plan, began in July 2005 and will run through the year 2015. Jobs and Progress will address traffic congestion, safety improvements, the completion of Ohio's Macro-Corridor systems, and the reconstruction of Ohio's aging highway system.

As more construction takes place in Ohio, the need for trained and skilled workers in the private construction industry is on the rise. Within the next ten years, it is estimated that 58.4 percent of the jobs in the United States will be construction related. With an aging workforce, where the average age is 47, and the impending retirement of the Baby Boomer Generation, the construction industry is facing a drastic reduction in the number of employees available to complete the amount of work that is heading their way.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Ohio Contractor's Association (OCA), and Trade Unions have teamed together to take on one of the largest outreach programs in the state's history. ODOT, FHWA, OCA, and the Trade Unions have two goals in mind:

- Increase the number of workers in the On-the-Job Training Programs.
- Recruit Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE)

The purpose of the On-the-Job Training Program is to increase the number of trained minority/skilled workers, including minorities and females, who would be available to work in the private highway construction field (these are not government jobs). In this program, an apprentice learns a skilled trade through planned, supervised classroom and on-the-job-training. An apprentice is a regular part of the work force and earns wages while acquiring important skills. After successfully completing the training, an apprentice becomes a journey person qualified to perform the work of the trade and earns full pay.

The purpose of recruiting minority and female-owned contracting businesses, or DBE's, is to increase the pool of qualified businesses to complete the influx of work. A larger pool of applicants leads to better competitive bidding processes. Currently, Ohio has only 44 DBE contractors pre-qualified to perform work for ODOT. ODOT's Supportive Services Program is designed to help DBE contractors achieve their goals through training programs. Program amenities include bonding assistance, project estimating, Web site development, marketing and business plan assistance, and accounting services.

What should you do if interested? For On-the-Job Training information, contact ODOT's Office of Contracts at 1-800-459-3778. For DBE information, visit www.OhioUCP.org.

Centerburg offers business survey

The Centerburg Area Business Association is asking all business owners to take a few minutes to complete an on-line survey. The information gathered from the survey remains confidential and data gathered will be used to improve the business climate in Centerburg as well as to welcome new businesses. Gathering this feedback is the first step in the collaboration among CABA, the Village of Centerburg and the Ohio Business Retention and Expansion to promote and expand the business community. Log on to www.CenterburgOH.org

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On Thursday, May 25th, your chamber graduated the 7th class of Leadership Knox. Seventeen students attended the ceremony at the Alcove and proudly received their plaques, officially becoming LK alumni. Congratulations to the Class of 2006 and their sponsors:

- Robert Anthony, Knox Community Hospital**
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- Elaine Blair, Mount Vernon Nazarene University**
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We also extend our sincere gratitude to the Steering Committee. Without the commitment and inexhaustible effort of these Leadership Knox Alumni and the support they receive from their employers, this program would not be possible.

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KCCC Adult Workforce Education

Leadership Knox class experiences agriculture

The Leadership Knox Class of 2006 had an opportunity to experience agriculture in Knox County on April 27th. Rob Clendening, Administrator of the Knox Soil and Water District hosted the day, which began at the Knox County Agricultural Service Center on Harcourt Road.



Steve Lovejoy, County Executive Director of the USDA Farm Service Agency and Doug Gifford, District Conservationist for the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service spoke to the group in the morning. They briefed the class participants on federal farm programs and resource conservation assistance available in Knox County. The class then toured the Central

Ohio Farmers Cooperative Grain Facility on Kinney Road and the Mount Vernon Stockyard for United Producers Livestock Association. Rick Reynolds, Manager of the Mount Vernon facility discussed the national scope of the local livestock auction.

Fred Dailey, Director for the Ohio Department of Agriculture, shared his perspective on leadership development with the group as the "Pearls of Wisdom" speaker during lunch in the Brown Family Environmental Center at Kenyon College.

Afternoon tours of the Grassbaugh Dairy Farm near Howard, and Skyline Farms near Danville highlighted the diversity and importance of local agricultural operations.

RISK MANAGEMENT: COST EFFECTIVE CONTAINMENT

- According to a 2004 BWC report, lost time claims cost, on average, \$51,000
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Pictured to the left is the Leadership Knox 2006 Graduating Class.



Left is the Leadership Knox Steering Committee and on the right is Graduation Keynote Speaker, Gordon Yance.



Town & Country hosts Business After Hours



A large crowd attended Business After Hours, Tuesday, May 9, hosted by Town & Country Realty-Auction. Chamber Ambassador Judy Klavins said that guests were treated to wonderful refreshments, door prizes and a tour of Town & Country's beautiful new facility located at 302 East High Street in Mount Vernon. The full-service agency is owned by Jennifer Farmer.

Chamber Board Chair leaving Ohio

At the May 25th Chamber Board Meeting, Board Chair Kevin Rogols, CEO of Knox Community Hospital, announced that he has accepted a position in North Carolina. His resignation from the Board was accepted with regret and congratulations. On behalf of the entire membership, the Board thanked Kevin for his service to the chamber and wished him and his family all the best in their new home.

At that same meeting, the Board unanimously approved his replacement. Joyce Acton, current Vice-Chair, has agreed to serve as Chair and Gene Jackson of National City Bank, will serve as Vice-Chair. Although we'll certainly miss Kevin's support and leadership, we're fortunate to have an engaged, committed Board of Trustees. Joyce and Gene are well equipped to lead the organization's Plan of Work and to represent the Chamber in the community. Holly, Carol and Janis are looking forward to working closely with them. Congratulations to all.

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Centerburg to hold Annual Community Garage Sale

June 10th is the big day for C'burg's community-wide garage sale. If you're looking to advertise with fliers or on the community-wide map, contact Rusty White at 625-5392 or Judy Mackey at 625-6363.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 20~Tuesday

Business Education Consortium

KCCC Richard McLarnan Tech Center

noon-2pm

“Right Feedback”

June 20~Tuesday

Business After Hours

The Mount Vernon Inn

5-6:30pm

June 21~Wednesday

Safety Council Monthly Meeting

Dan Emmett Conference Center

7:30-8:30am

July 4~Tuesday

Chamber Closed

July 13~Thursday

Business After Hours

Sprint

Dan Emmett Conference Center

5-6:30pm

July 19~Wednesday

Safety Council Monthly Meeting

Dan Emmett Conference Center 7:30-

8:30am

July 19~Wednesday

Junior Fair Luncheon

Midday Matters gets a new look

Midday Matters will be taking a summer break. When it comes back in the fall it will have a new focus. The Business Education and Workforce Development and the Legislative Committees will plan the program on alternating months beginning in September. They'll provide a productive lunch meeting at a consistent time and day bringing to you the most relevant topics. Watch for details in upcoming newsletters and please, as always, we want to hear from you. Send your thoughts on topics/speakers you'd like to see to chamber@knoxchamber.com.