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Chamber Luncheon, August 27

Chamber members are encouraged to mark August 27th on their calendars and plan to attend our business luncheon which will be held from 12:00—1:00 p.m. at Trotter's Café and Sports Bar, 123 North Main Street, New Lexington.

Laura Coffee and Chris Anderson, Tech Columbus and Bill Bussey, Mid East Career and Tech Center Superintendent, will be sharing information about their respective educational services.

Reservations are not required, but we would like a tentative head count. Please call the Chamber office, 342-3547. A baked steak and a chicken lunch will be offered for \$9.50 which includes beverage and gratuity.

This program is open to the general public.

Chamber's New Email Address

The Chamber office has switched internet service providers and as a result our email address has been changed. Our new "address" is pccocf@yahoo.com. Please update your information and feel free to communicate with our office anytime via our email address.

Member Discount Update

Please inform your employees that are taking advantage of this membership program that the Snack Bar in Somerset is offering a 10% discount on food purchases to those individuals presenting the special discount card at the time of check out. Thanks Mechelle Smith!!

If you do not have these special cards and a complete listing of all business discount offerings, be sure to call the office and let us know of how many you need!

Thanks to all Chamber business participants in this program!!

Golf Outing Information

The 16th Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Shootout and Cookout will be held September 28 at the Perry Country Club. This is the Chamber's primary fund-raising event for the year!

Specific mailings will be coming out soon to all Chamber members soliciting both team participation and possible sponsorships.

Please be looking for this information and begin making plans to be an active participant and/or sponsor. THANKS!!

Discount Prescription Card Offer Clarification

I shared wrong information in the July Newsletter! The discount prescription cards which we have available through the Chamber office can not be used with your present prescription plan. This discount is directed at individuals and families who are not presently enrolled in any other prescription insurance plan.

We still have additional cards at the office. Users do not have to be Chamber members to take advantage of it.

I am very sorry for this error and any unfortunate "situations" that may have occurred as a result!

Better Business Bureau Hot Topic

Junk mail is a nuisance for many consumers who receive daily postcards, flyers, specially-marked envelopes and pre-approved credit card offers. Junk mail also presents an opportunity for ID thieves to steal important personal information. However, Better Business Bureau explains, there are several steps consumers can take to reduce the amount of unwanted mail and the possibility of identity theft.

To "opt-out" of receiving pre-approved credit card offers for at least five years, consumers can call 1-888-5-OPTOUT (567-8688) or visit:

www.optoutprescreen.com.

To stop mass mailings, consumers can e-mail, optout@abacus.com.

Consumers can remove their address from "resident" and "occupant" mailings that offer various goods and services, through an online form at www.advo.com/consumersupport.html.

Mandated Sick Leave Info

The Ohioans to Protect Jobs and Fair Benefits have contacted our Chamber Office regarding their efforts opposing the Ohio mandated paid sick leave. If you would like to support this cause and need additional information, please contact them at: Ohioans to Protect Jobs and Fair Benefits, 50 W. Broad Street, Suite 2020, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or phone (614) 227-4999.

eCommunity Leadership Team Meeting on Broadband

This Leadership Team will be participating in a working committee meeting to begin the Benchmarking Assessment of broadband and technology applications in the county. The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 11, 2008 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in New Lexington.

This benchmarking process will provide insight into local vision for how new services can make a difference in education, business and industry, agriculture, healthcare, government, community-based organizations, and other sectors.

If you or someone you know would like to be involved in this process, please contact the Chamber Office.

Upcoming Events/Activities

Here is a listing of upcoming events that we have been made aware of throughout Perry County:

CONCERT IN THE PARK – August 23, Somerset Memorial Park 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Mike Albert and E Band. A Tribute to Elvis Presley

ANNUAL GUN BASH – September 6, Perry County Fairgrounds 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m. Entertainment, exhibits, 100 plus drawings, give-a-ways and much more!

BACKWOODS FEST – September 19-21, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. 8572 Highpoint Road, Thornville. Over 200 craft vendors and artists nestled in a 60 acre wooded area.

BICENTENNIAL PUMPKIN SHOW – September 27-28, Somerset Memorial Park. Period Parade, rides, food and more!

PERRY COUNTY AUTUMN IN THE HILLS – October 2-4, Uptown New Lexington. Entertainment, rides, food, etc.

THORNVILLE COUNTRY FAIR – October 19, In the Village of Thornville. 190 craft exhibits, food, fun and more!

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| First National Bank of
McConnelsville | Kincaid, Taylor & Geyer
Kroger Company |
| Genesis Healthcare System | Lamb's Dry Cleaners &
Car Wash |
| Goebel Funeral Home | Laura's Custom Embroidery |
| Haines Publishing, Inc. | Leonard Hill Photography |
| Hardy Stoves | Little Cities of Black
Diamonds |
| Hill Real Estate | Ludowici Roof Tile, Inc. |
| Hocking, Athens, Perry
Community Action | McBee Jewelry |
| Hocking Technical College,
Perry Campus | McCauley, Marci PHD
Psychologist |
| Humphrey, David L., LPA | McDonalds |
| Hydro Supply Co. | McGee Quality Motors |
| JC Home Oxygen &
Medical Equipment | McLain, Hill, Rugg &
Associates |
| Joltz Coffee & Tea Co. | Midway Speedway |
| Jones, Cochenour & Co. | |

Sincerely,

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