

Chillicothe Ross Chamber of Commerce Weekly Update January 2, 2004



NEW YEAR, NEW HOPES: The start of every new year brings with it a sense of renewal and a sense of hope that things will be better than the previous year. Our hope here at the chamber is that we'll be able to serve you even better in the coming months than we did in 2003 and that you will continue to feel you are receiving good value for your dues investment. We have some exciting things planned for the year, starting with the Jan. 14 luncheon featuring the top managers from MeadWestvaco and Kenworth Truck followed by the Annual Dinner on Feb. 26 with OSU Head Football Coach Jim Tressel. We hope your new year will be prosperous and if there's anything we can do to help make it happen, let us know.

SPEAKING OF DUES: The vast majority of you should have received your invoice for dues by now. We still have a few to get out early next week. There was no increase in the dues schedule for this new year. Any change in the amount of your dues would be from having fewer or more employees than a year ago. If you have questions concerning the amount, don't hesitate to give us a call. Payment by no later than Jan. 1 would be most appreciated.

ONLY 145 TICKETS LEFT: For the Annual Dinner at Shoemaker Center at Ohio University-Chillicothe. We have 575 confirmed reservations and we are capping the list at 720. So if you haven't made your reservations or you need more tickets, get in touch with us right away at 702-2722. Tickets will be mailed around the first of February. Tickets are \$45 each.

RIBBON CUTTINGS ON DISPLAY: A new page has been added to the chamber website to celebrate the ribbon cuttings for new and expanding businesses. It might take some time to load because of the size of the photos, but check it out here: [Ribbon Cuttings](#)

ERGONOMICS WORKSHOP NEXT WEEK: The Ohio Valley Safety Council is sponsoring "Where the Body Meets the Workplace" seminar on ergonomics. The cost is \$25 which includes lunch. The workshop runs 9-11 a.m. and the luncheon 11:30-1 at the Ross County Service Center. To register: [Ergonomics Workshop](#)

VENDORS LICENSES: Here are recent recipients of vendors licenses from the Ross County Auditor's office:

- Callihan Air Purifiers, 1667 Stone Road
- The Bike Shop, 526 Vine St.
- DFW Furniture Warehouse, 1075 N. Bridge St., Chillicothe Mall
- Ross County Banking Center, both locations
- Randy Fink Racing, 106 S.R. 180
- The Brick, 113 E. High St., Frankfort

NEW BANKER: Heather Morton has been promoted to a personal banker position at the Huntington National Bank office downtown, according to Delbert Bochard, community president. She previously worked for Huntington's mortgage company and she currently is working to acquire her insurance and series six licenses.



NEWEST MEMBERS: Here's who's joined the chamber recently:

- Scioto Valley Farm Pro, 2275 Rozelle Creek Road, by Jerry Detillian, offering farm machinery and equipment.
- Bob Dyer Trucking, 325 Bowdle Road, long-haul trucking.

PAINTS OPEN AT HOME MAY 28: The Chillicothe Paints spend the first six games on the road before opening the 2004 season on Friday, May 28 against the Washington WildThings. The season has been expanded by six games to 96. Season tickets are now on sale by calling the Paints office at 773-8326 or by email at paints@bright.net. Norma Horn of Waverly was the lucky grand prize winner of the drawing to help raise funds for the stadium. She won \$1,000 gift certificates from both E.M. Smith Jewelers and Chillicothe Furniture. Kristi Boyer, also of Waverly, won two season tickets and John Mitchell of Chillicothe won a Paints prize package.



OUR NAME IN BIG, BOLD PRINT: The city is getting some big attention from baseball fans these days with the release of the book, "Everything Happens in Chillicothe" by Mike Shannon. The subtitle is "A Summer in the Frontier League with Max McLeary, the One-Eyed Umpire." The author lives in Cincinnati and has written several books on baseball. The Paints are prominent in the book. It can be purchased by going to www.amazon.com and costs \$24.95 plus shipping.

BECOME A SOCIAL BUTTERFLY: "How to Work a Room" will be the next topic for the Workforce Academy on Wednesday, Jan. 14. Covered will be seven strategies to meet more people and how to start and end conversations smoothly. Basically, it's a good way to learn how to network effectively at functions such as the chamber's BABs. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. It is noon to 2 p.m. at the Ross County Service Center. To register: [Workforce Academy registration](#)

CHAMBER CALENDAR:

- Tuesday, January 6-Annual Meeting Committee, 4:30 p.m., the Filling Station.
- Thursday, January 8-Ohio Valley Safety Council ergonomics workshop, 9-11 a.m., Ross County Service Center, \$25 per person, includes lunch. [Ergonomics workshop registration](#)
- Monday, January 12-Marketing and Membership Committee, noon, chamber.
- Wednesday, January 14-Networking Luncheon featuring the top plant managers from MeadWestvaco and the Kenworth Truck Co., 11:30 a.m., Chillicothe Country Club. [Networking Luncheon registration](#)
- Wednesday, January 14-Workforce Academy: "Networking: How to Work a Room," Noon-2 p.m., Ross County Service Center, \$10 per person [Workforce Academy registration](#)
- Thursday, January 15-Executive Committee, 11:30 a.m., chamber
- Tuesday, January 20-Pathfinders Steering Committee, 3:30 p.m., chamber
- Wednesday, January 21- Business After Business at Herrnstein Chrysler Dodge Jeep Mitsubishi, Marietta Road, 5-7 p.m. [BAB registration](#)
- Thursday, January 22-Board of Directors meeting, noon, TBA.
- Tuesday, January 27-Ohio Valley Safety Council workshop on safety for nursing home and long-term care employees; 8:30-11:30 a.m., Ross County Service Center, \$25 per person. [Nursing home workshop registration](#)

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