

## Chillicothe Ross Chamber of Commerce Weekly Update January 9, 2004

**TIME RUNNING OUT FOR ANNUAL DINNER TICKETS:** Less than 100 tickets remain for the dinner on Thursday, Feb. 26 featuring OSU Coach Jim Tressel, so if you haven't called and ordered, this might be the last warning. Here are some other details to help in your planning and anticipation:



- If you haven't paid for your tickets or table sponsorship, please do so now. Tickets will be mailed around the first of February, but only to those who have paid.
- There will be assigned seating. Tickets will bear a table number and ushers will help you to your seats.
- Plan to be in your seat by no later than 7 p.m. when dinner will be served. The social hour begins at 6. Parking could be tight given that classes will be in session at OU-C and there could be limited parking on the upper level.
- A speaker system will be used to ensure that everyone will be able to catch all that is being said.
- There will be a 25-25-50 raffle with two lucky winners so make sure to bring a few extra bucks.
- Dinner will be catered by Sean Immell and will consist of a mixed greens salad, applewood-bacon-wrapped Filet Mignon *and* Grilled Chicken Supreme with roasted garlic jus served with Sunnybrook House Potatoes and country-style green beans. Tiramisu will be served for dessert.

**A RARE OPPORTUNITY:** It isn't often that the top managers from the two largest private employers are not only in the same room together, but that they get a chance to talk about their industries. That's why you'll want to make your reservation now for Wednesday's Networking Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Chillicothe Country Club. Lee Bendtsen from MeadWestvaco (and a chamber board member) and Alan Mayne from the Kenworth Truck Co. will discuss what's new at their places and what we can expect in coming years. They'll also take time to answer a few questions. The cost is \$10 (\$12 if you want invoiced) and you can register by clicking this link: [Networking registration](#)



### **FLOODING DOESN'T STOP COMMERCE:**

This week's high water made things a bit tough for some trying to get to Wal-Mart, but all in all, business proceeded normally out North Bridge Street way. The level was the highest it's been

in years around here, as witnessed in the photo.

**DID YOU REMODEL OR EXPAND THIS YEAR?:** If so, let us know about it as we're looking for nominations for the chamber's annual Pride Award which recognizes companies that invest in their properties. All you need do is reply to this e-mail and give a small description of what changes or additions you made either in your business or one you know. The winner or winners will be recognized at the annual dinner.

**IT'S TIME TO RECOGNIZE SOME GOOD KIDS:** The chamber is partnering with the YMCA of Ross County in its annual Teen Character Awards program by promoting nominations of local teen-agers who are doing good things in the community. It's a great way for parents, coaches, teachers, grandparents and employers to honor those teens who exemplify caring, respect, honesty and responsibility. The process also is very simple: Just log on to [www.chillicotheohio.com](http://www.chillicotheohio.com) and find the link on the homepage to the online nomination form. It only takes a few minutes. The teens selected will be honored in a ceremony April 6. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 16. Also, if your business would like to help sponsor this program, call Laura Coleman at the YMCA at 772-4340.

**SPECIAL SALUTE TO OUR PREMIUM MEMBERS:** Eight members elected to take advantage of the chamber's premium membership packages this year. This gives them extra exposure for their businesses and employees, such as the sign at chamber functions, on the website and at the golf outing. The Platinum level members are Personnel Solutions, MeadWestvaco, Chillicothe Paints, Chillicothe Nursing and Rehabilitation, Horizon Chillicothe Telephone and USEC. Silver level members are Herlihy Moving and Storage and Traditions of Chillicothe. Their added support is very much appreciated.



**HERRNSTEIN'S, CLASSIC BRANDS TEAM ON BAB:** Wednesday's Business After Business will be at the Herrnstein Chrysler Dodge Jeep Mitsubishi dealership on Marietta Road and is being co-sponsored by Classic Brands. Lynne's Catering is handling the food. The fun runs 5-7 p.m. [BAB registration](#)

**NEW MEMBER:** Here's who joined this week:

- Floor Solutions, 1200 N. Malone Road, by Carolyn and Don Ault, in business since 1979.

**SPECIAL RATE OFFERED:** Southern Hills Academy is offering a special tuition rate for students this semester that began Monday. Any new student enrolling will have a rate of \$1,950 which is a savings of \$1,058. To learn more, call 779-3865.

**NEW EDITION ON THE NEWSSTANDS:** The "Over the Back Fence" winter edition is now on sale at various locations around the county and area. It has an extensive calendar of events for the region.

**VENDORS LICENSES:** Here's who received licenses recently from the Ross County Auditor:

- Pony Pasture, 7395 Blain Highway
- Ohio Valley Transmission, 81 Executive Center Drive
- Petrea A. White, 124 Belleview Ave.

**LAST CALL FOR SEMINAR:** Reservations are still being taken for Wednesday's Workforce Academy, "Networking: How to Work a Room." Popular presenter Ted Janusz will show you how to be at ease in a roomful of people and how to get the most from these social occasions. [Workforce Academy registration](#)

**CHAMBER CALENDAR:**

- 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, 8 a.m., chamber
- Thursday, January 15-Business Growth Council, 4 p.m., Ross County Service Center
- 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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