

Chillicothe Ross Chamber of Commerce
Weekly Update November 26, 2003
Happy Thanksgiving!

TOP ENTREPRENEURS WANTED: Someone in the community will be honored in front of more than 500 people on the night of Thursday, Feb. 26 as the chamber's Entrepreneur of the Year. You can have a big part in who is feted by nominating the person you think is deserving of this award that about 20 others have received. The process is very simple. Click on this link [Entrepreneur nomination form](#) and follow the directions. Your nominee, if not the winner this coming year, will be considered for the next two awards also. A committee of former winners and board members decides the honoree.



A RINGING TOWER: The First Capital Rotary Club (the Thursday mornings outfit) raised about \$60,000 for the Bicentennial Bell Clock Tower that was dedicated last Friday at the head of Yoctangee Park. The tower makes Ross County the only one of the 88 counties to have a permanent home for its bell. The bell rings at the top of every hour. The bulk of the funds came from ice sales by the club at the EasyRiders Rodeo.

BAB-EXPO PHOTOS AVAILABLE: More than 45 photos are now available of last week's Business After Business and Expo at the Horizon Technology Center. Check them out at: [BAB-Expo photos](#)

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS: That was the mantra of the late Gov. James Rhodes in every campaign and is the objective of the two speakers at the next Networking Luncheon. Dona Smith of the Community Improvement Corp. and Matt Allen from the city's Economic Development Office will talk about what's going

on now and plans for the future. The luncheon is Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the Chillicothe Country Club. The cost is \$10 per person. To register: [Networking luncheon registration](#)

LET'S TALK BUSINESS: Reservations are still being taken for the free breakfast featuring state Sen. John Carey and Rep. John Schlichter. The Dec. 15 event at 8 a.m. is being co-sponsored by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and this chamber. The two legislators will talk about what's happening in the General Assembly and will take your questions at the Christopher Conference Center. To register: [Talk Business registration](#)

BEST SAFETY PRACTICES: Representatives from MeadWestvaco, Mills Pride, AEP, Advanced Services and other companies will share their best practices at the next luncheon of the Ohio Valley Safety Council. This will be a good chance to talk to the local safety experts about what works in their businesses so you can emulate them at yours. The luncheon is Thursday, Dec. 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the Ross County Service Center off Western Avenue. The cost is \$8. to register: [Safety Council luncheon registration](#)

NEWEST MEMBERS: Here's who joined the chamber this week:
ProCare Vision Center, 79 N. Mulberry St., Dr. Youngie Min, full service optometric practice.
Walnut Hills Apartments, 102 Walnut Hills Drive, Resident Manager Jan Mills.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL ABOUT TO BE ACTIVATED: The signal on U.S. 50 west at the new Veterans Parkway that connects to Clinton Road was to be set to flashing today for 10 days before being totally activated on Dec. 5.

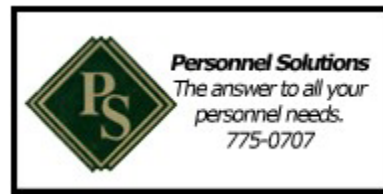
CHECK OUT THE WEATHER CONDITIONS: The Ohio Department of Transportation has a new website that details information along major highways in the state. Some even have web cameras to give you a view of what's happening. In Ross County, there is no webcam, but there is a monitoring station on U.S. 35 just west of Chillicothe. It gives you the temperature, wind speed, humidity, precipitation per hour and other facts. Check it out at www.buckeyetraffic.org and go to Ross County.

SAFETY CONGRESS: The annual Ohio Safety Congress & Expo is scheduled for March 23-25 in Cincinnati's Convention Center. Sponsored by the Bureau of Workers Compensation, the congress will feature speakers, exhibits and the annual forklift rodeo championship. For details, go to www.ohiobwc.com.

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

- Lynn's Gift Shop, 3880 Maple Grove Road
- EMZ Crafts, 158 Race St.
- Graphic Plus, 1 Nancy Wilson Way
- ABC Automotive, 138 Renick Ave.
- Adena Tire and Lube, 86 N. Main St., Frankfort
- Majestic Tree Service, 54 Witter Drive
- Ultimate Kreations, 602 E. Fifth St.

CHOIRS TO PRESENT CONCERT: A free concert will be presented at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at OU-C's Shoemaker Center by the First Capital Youth Choir and the Chillicothe-Ross County Adult Community Choir. There will be more than 200 voices in the presentation entitled "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year."



HELP FROM THE SBA: The Small Business Administration reminds owners of two programs:

- Relief is available if key people are called to active military duty from the Reserves or National Guard. The Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loans could help covering operating costs because of the hardship. For an application, go to www.sba.gov/disaster.
- If you're looking to do business on an international scale, the agency has a new website it launched in partnership with the American International Group (AIG). Check it out at www.AssessYourInternationalRisk.org.

WE CAN HELP – IF YOU LET US: This from a national chamber publication by the owner of a small printing shop in Missouri: "If you're in school, you have a library ... If you're in business, what do you have? Organizations. The chamber is *the* library card. But it's no good, if you don't use it." We're here to help. Always. E-mail, snail mail, phone or drop by.

CHAMBER CALENDAR:

- Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-28-Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday
- Tuesday, Dec. 2-Annual Meeting Committee, 5 p.m., upstairs at The Filling Station
- Monday, December 8-Ribbon-cutting ceremony, CiCi's Pizza, North Bridge Street near Elder-Beerman, 10:45 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 10-Networking Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Chillicothe Country Club. Learn about the latest advances in local economic development. [Networking luncheon registration](#)
- Thursday, December 11-Executive Committee, 11:30 a.m., chamber.
- Thursday, Dec. 11-Ohio Valley Safety Council luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Ross County Service Center, Best Practices of Local Companies [Safety Council luncheon registration](#)

- Monday, December 15-"Talk Business" breakfast jointly sponsored with the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, 8 a.m., Christopher Conference Center. Featuring state Sen. John Carey and Rep. John Schlichter. No charge. ["Talk Business" breakfast](#)
- Tuesday, December 16-Networking Committee, 11:30 a.m., Traditions of Chillicothe
- Tuesday, December 16-Pathfinders Steering Committee, 3:30 p.m., chamber
- Wednesday, December 17-Board of Directors, noon, Kenworth Truck Co.
- Wednesday, December 17-Business After Business at RiverView Conference Center on North Plaza Boulevard sponsored by Ross County Home Lending. [BAB registration](#)
- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 24-26-Office closed for Christmas holiday.



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