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**SPECIAL EDITION**

*(My apologies for not publishing on Friday as usual, but I was in Columbus for the conference of chamber executives from across Ohio, picking up valuable tips on how to serve you, our members, better. Earlier this month, I was elected to the board of directors of the organization, Chamber of Commerce Executives of Ohio. – Executive Director Marvin Jones)*

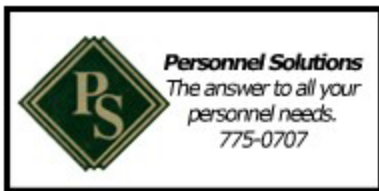
**NEW QUARTERS FOR CHAMBER BEING SOUGHT:** What follows is the text of a press release being issued today concerning potential new quarters for the chamber, visitors bureau, CIC and a city office or two. The photo is of the site now under consideration on Riverside Street.

**PRESS RELEASE**

- The Chillicothe Ross Chamber of Commerce is in the very preliminary stages of exploring new quarters for its offices in partnership with the Ross-Chillicothe Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Community Improvement Corporation and the City of Chillicothe.
- The new quarters would provide the community with an impressive welcome center for visitors and tourists and be a central point for the economic development efforts by the various city and county agencies. It would end the duplication of some services and provide a more cohesive atmosphere for economic development.
- A committee that includes representatives from all of the parties has met with an architect who will be drawing preliminary sketches for the center. The architectural renderings will keep the rich historic detail of our community in mind, while complimenting the area landscape and park entrance on Mulberry Street.
- Envisioned by the group is a structure of not more than three stories that will have a large reception area on the ground floor with offices on the upper stories, including a conference room that has views of the Scioto River and the hills to the east. The preliminary site is on Riverside Street just west of the bend in the floodwall levee before Mulberry Street. The building would be about 7,500 square feet.
- In addition to serving tourists, visitors and the various tenants, the building also is envisioned as a rest area for walkers, joggers and bikers on the floodwall bike path. The conference and other meeting rooms would be available to other organizations in the community.
- The committee expects to review the architect's plans and investigate various financing sources. There is no timetable as to when the project would be completed.



Much more to come later as we'll keep you apprised all along the way.



**ANNUAL DINNER ONLY DAYS AWAY:** A special e-mail will go out Tuesday with last-minute details on Thursday's dinner at OU-C's Shoemaker Center. If you have tickets you know you won't be able to use, please call the chamber office as we have a waiting list for those unable to get them.

**DIRECTORIES, PLAQUES ARRIVING:** The 2004 Membership Directory and Buyers Guide went in the mail last week and most members should have received them by now. Also, the inserts for your membership plaques were mailed in the same package to those who have paid their dues this year. If you've not received either, give us a call or e-mail us.

**MORE MANUFACTURING JOBS FOR THE COUNTY:** The announcement last week that the Kenworth Truck Co. is adding 75-100 jobs by next month is good news indeed. And, as pointed out in the newspaper by the CIC's Dona Smith, the increase in the build rate could have a ripple effect on Kenworth's local suppliers as they also gear up for more business. This will help ease some of the anxieties about the local economy also.

**MAJOR RENOVATIONS:** Damon's Restaurant on North Bridge Street should be re-opening in about a week or less after major renovations are completed. The restaurant is undergoing some major changes, including enlarging the bar area and adding an outside patio area.

**STILL TIME TO REGISTER:** Jerry Phillips of Network Financial Services will be talking about the advantages of the new Health Savings Accounts at the Networking Luncheon Wednesday at 11:30 at the Chillicothe Country Club. To register: [Networking Luncheon Registration](#)



**WANT TO BE A WEATHER SPOTTER?:** The Ross County Emergency Management Agency is hosting a "Severe Weather Spotter Training Class" on Tuesday, March 2. It will be conducted by experts from the National Weather Service from Wilmington and runs 1.5 hours. Registrations are due today by calling 773-1700 or e-mailing [ema2@bright.net](mailto:ema2@bright.net).

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

- Harold Hughes, 776 Adams Ave.
- Clark Approved Innovations, 888 Spencer Road, Kingston
- Tropical Tans & Treats, 20 Executive Center Drive
- Chillicothe Gun and Sportsman Club, 4002 Sulphur Lick Road
- Smith's Garage, 102 Harris St., Bainbridge

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