

**Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce
2007 Year in Review**

Throughout the year the Board of Directors and Chamber staff work diligently to keep you informed, assist in promoting your business and bring cost saving programs to the membership. The following is a "Report Card" of what is being done to promote you, your business and our community. If you have any suggestions or comments for bringing more value to your membership, please call 275-4493.

2007 Accomplishments:

- Hosted the Buy Indiana Expo at French Lick Resort & Casino, to encourage Crane purchasers to buy in Indiana
- Continued to support the school-to-career initiative
- Partnered with the Times

Mail to produce the 8th Annual Lawrence County Medical Guide, a complete directory of Lawrence County Health Care providers.

- Partnered with the Times Mail to produce the 3rd Annual Education Guide
- Promoted Chamber Checks throughout the community and among the membership, to date keeping over \$110,000 in our local economy.
- Hosted a Christmas Member Appreciation Reception with over 125 in attendance.
- Continued to utilize the Chamber website, www.bedfordchamber.com to advertise for the membership,

keep members abreast of community events, and market Lawrence County.

- Published the 2007-2008 Buyers Guide together with the Greater Mitchell Chamber of Commerce and the Times-Mail.
- Partnered with Times Mail to produce the Education Resource Guide.
- Continued the Clean City Campaign.
- Friday Broadcast.

The Chamber also:

- Sponsored 7 seminars.
- Offered 75 discounts on the Chamber Advantage Card.
- Continued distribution of the *Chamber Advantage* newsletter to 3,500 businesses

in the surrounding area.

- Hosted 11 Business After Hours.
- Assisted with 28 ribbon cutting ceremonies.
- Hosted 4 Business Before Hours.
- Held the 2007 Annual Dinner with guest speaker Steve Carter, Attorney General for Indiana
- Presented semi-annual beautification awards.
- Referred to Chamber member businesses on a daily basis.
- Partnered with North Lawrence Community Schools to host 14th Annual Welcome to the Real World for 400 6th grade students.
- Held the 14th annual Golf

Outing with 144 golfers participating.

- Continued to promote the "Why Roam Shop at Home Campaign."
- Recruited 57 new members.
- Offered the use of the Chamber's bulk mailing permit to members.
- Conducted the annual Christmas Lighting contest.
- Continued to offer the Check Alert Program, a pyramid telephone program to help stop bad checks.
- Held a Candidates Forum and a Meet & Greet Your Candidates for Mayor and City Council Candidates.
- Continued to host Third House Sessions.

2008 Advantage Cards are Here!

The 2008 Advantage Cards are printed and will be mailed this month. Don't forget to consult the card as you shop, eat or look for specific services in the Bedford area.

The Chamber encourages you to TAKE ADVANTAGE of the discounts listed on this year's card. Remember, you must present the card at the time of purchase and unless otherwise specified, discounts exclude clearance or sale merchandise.

As always the Chamber thanks all participating businesses that have agreed to offer a discount to other members through the Advantage Program.

If you did not receive your cards this month or need additional cards call the Chamber at 275-4493.

*K.W. S. Utility Locating
Ccordially invites members and guests of
the Bedford Area
Chamber of Commerce
to
Business Before Hours*

*Wednesday, January 9, 2008
from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. at the
Bedford Chamber of Commerce office*

*Join us for networking,
hors d'oeuvres and prizes.
The 8:00 a.m. cash drawing will be for \$50!
All members are entered in the drawing, must
be present to win.*

*Hoovers Candy & Eatery
located at 718 16th Street*

*cordially invites members and guests
of the Bedford Area
Chamber of Commerce
to
Business After Hours
on Thursday, January 17, 2008
from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.*

*Join us for networking,
hors d'oeuvres and prizes.
The 6:00 p.m. cash drawing will be for
\$100! All members are entered in the
drawing, must be present to win.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mike Cooper - Chairman
Dunn Mmemorial Hospital
Mike Foster- Vice Chairman
Crane Division NSWC
Peggy Tripp - Treasurer
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Barry Key-Past Chairman
Carriage House Furniture

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Adventure Media
Kathy Maurer
French Lick Resort & Casino
Gene McCracken
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Bob O'Callaghan
Whitney Tool Company
Debbie Reynolds
Chase Bank
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Superior Court 1
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BRMC
Keith Wadsworth
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STAFF

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Director of Member Services
Kristy Hardman
Administrative Assistant

The *Chamber Advantage* is published monthly. Deadline for entries is the 10th of every month. Please notify the chamber office of news you might have or of any address changes. The chamber office may be reached by phone: (812) 275-4493, Fax 279-5998, or e-mail bedford@bedfordchamber.com. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Welcome to Our Newest Members



Corey's Cafe
Jeff & Monica Corey, Owners
733 Hoosier Avenue
Oolitic, IN 47451
Phone: (812) 279-3181
email: jsigirlee@yahoo.com
Cafe



Shredding & Storage Unlimited
Dan & Chrissy Gornall, Owners
4315 S. State Road 446
Bloomington, IN 47401
Phone: (812) 332-5568
Fax: (812) 332-4314
email: gornall@bluemarble.net
Confidential mobile document destruction & document storage & management center



Northern Lights Express, LLC
Brad Hawkins, Owner
Bedford, IN 47421
Phone: (812) 276-0227
Fax: (812) 276-0228
email: northernlightsexpress.cars@yahoo.com
Transport Automobiles



Melva Cooper
2842 Broadview Drive
Bedford, IN 47421
Phone: (812) 275-0731
mscooper44@sbcglobal.net



Stone City Service & Collision Center, LLC
910 O Street
Bedford, IN 47421
Phone: (812) 279-2349
Fax: (812) 279-0433
email: scscc@att.net
Auto Service & Body Repair



Ken Phillips from Premeir Remodelilng and Beryl Horrall from The House Doctor spoke to North Lawrence 6th grade students about careers in construction at the annual Welcome to the Real World event.



The Annual Welcome to the Real World 2007.

The chamber encourages all members to do business with each other. Companies, organizations and individuals listed below have recently made an important investment in their business by joining or renewing membership in the chamber.

Thank you to our Rejoining Members

*Yellow Book USA
 Fantastic Sams of Bedford
 Hudson Photography
 Embree Machine, Inc.
 Special Teez by
 Good Sports, Inc.
 West End Flower Shop
 Stone City Monuments
 Shelter Insurance Company
 Big O Tires
 Goff Refrigeration
 Blue River Employment
 Services*

*Medicine Plus
 Group One
 Haury & Sledd
 Hubler Chevrolet-Buick-
 Pontiac-GMC-Cadillac
 The Craft Spa
 Bedford Small Engines, LLC
 Bedford Furniture Galleries
 Pizza Hut*

*Peggy Dorsett, Shawswick
 Township Trustee
 Union Optical
 Backyards & Gardens, Inc.
 Bedford Machine
 & Tool, Inc.*

*StoneBridge Health Campus
 Helix Technologies, Inc.
 Comfort Keepers
 Insight Media
 Monroe Bank
 Sigma Steel, Inc.*

*Hamilton Systems Pro
 Audio and Lighting
 Amerinan General Financial
 Services, Inc.
 Burger King*

*5th Avenue Signature Salon
 Employment Plus, Inc.
 Capital Pizza, Inc.
 Mike & Lynn Hane
 Magic Morning Bakery
 Amish Custom Outlet*

*Fraternal Order of Eagles, #654
 Brad Hawkins Construction, Inc.
 Hoosier Family Practice*



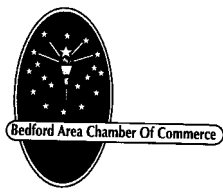
The Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Membership Appreciation Holiday Reception 2007.



Guests at the Chamber's Membership Appreciation Holiday Reception enjoy networking, food, and prizes

The Chamber thanks the following businesses for their past support and hopes to see them among the Chamber membership ranks again in the future.

*Extreme Entertainment
 Cosmetology Institute
 of America
 Starnes Trucking*



Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce
Our Mission:

*To promote trade, industry, tourism, and quality of life
 in Bedford - Lawrence County,
 and create an environment to advance business and civic interests.*

Member News

Visteon Systems Bedford Plant, Good Neighbor's Program has been marching on. **Visteon** and their generous employees has given \$822 plus a box of donated items to help with the Christmas holiday packages sent out to the troops. In November they gave to the Bedford Exchange Club, Clothe-A-Child program \$950.00. **Visteon** has also given a donation to the Bedford Police Department "Shop with a Cop" program. Thank you **Visteon** and their employees for all the charitable donations to our community. **Johnathan's 24 HR Fitness** is happy to announce three trainers attended sports performance training in Aurora, Illinois. Reno and Heather Bates, along with Cindy Godsey, attended an intense two day certification process to be certified master trainers in the D1 Sports Performance program. To contact Johnathan's 24 HR Fitness please call (812) 275-0855. **Lehigh Cement Company** is proud to announce an addition to their hourly work group. The Servicemen are Brandon Pemberton, Charles Livingston, Ed Anderson and Sean Hughes.

Calendar of Events

Chamber:

Tuesday- January 1-Chamber Closed for New Year Day

Wednesday-January 9-Business Before Hours-Hosted by K.W.S. Utility

Locating 7:30-8:15 a.m.

Thursday - January 10-Callahan Attorney at Law Ribbon Cutting Ceremony- 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday - January 15 - Education Task Force Meeting-Shawswick Elementary School-Noon

Wednesday-January __-Chamber Board Retreat-Dunn Memorial Hospital -8:30-2:00 p.m.

Thursday-January 17-Stone City Service & Collision Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony-4:00 p.m.

Thursday-January 17-Business After Hours-Hoovers Candy & Eatery-5:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday-January 18 -Public Relations Task Force Meeting-Chamber office-Noon

City & County Government:

Tuesday-January 8-Commissioners Meeting-Lawrence County Courthouse-9:30 a.m.

Tuesday-January 8-City Council Meeting-Bedford City Hall-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday-January 22- Commissioners Meeting-Lawrence County Courthouse-9:30 a.m.

Tuesday-January 22-County Council Meeting-Lawrence County Courthouse-6:30 p.m.

We Want **YOU** to Take

Advantage of US

Take Advantage

of Chamber member services including

Networking Opportunities

Business Before Hours

Business After Hours

Annual Dinner

Golf Outing

Task Force Meetings

Networking gives you opportunities to meet new customers and grow your customer base. Chamber activities are a great way to meet business people and active citizens in our community in a relaxed social setting.

Third House Sessions

Mark your calendar for the first Third House Session of 2008. It will be held on Saturday, January 26th at the Chamber Office, 1116 16th Street, from 9-10 a.m. Don't miss this opportunity to share your concerns and questions with our State Senator and State Representatives.