

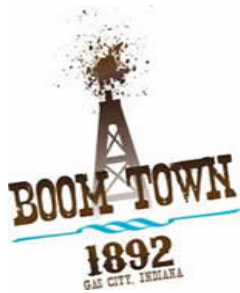
# GAS CITY & JONESBORO CHAMBER NOTES

The Official Voice of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce

March 2010

**The Chamber Mission Statement:** To Promote, Nurture and Develop the Community and Character of the Gas City Area through cooperative efforts from Business, Industry and Education.

*Please route this newsletter to the other staff in your business to keep them up-to-date on services, functions, and programs available to all employees of our member companies!*



**CHECK OUT OUR BOOM TOWN VIDEO** at [WWW.GASCITY.COM](http://WWW.GASCITY.COM)! Contact the Chamber office if you're interested in volunteering at Boom Town or if you're interested in being a vendor, 674-7545.

The **Indiana Office of Energy Development** has just announced that they are launching a new energy efficiency grant program in March. The initiative will make \$4.5 million in funding available to small businesses, health care facilities, institutions of higher education and nonprofit agencies in Indiana. The program will make grants up to \$100,000 for any energy efficiency retrofit project available with a 50% local match.

The application period opens on March 1, 2010. Grant guidelines and application forms will be available at [www.Energy.IN.gov](http://www.Energy.IN.gov) or at [www.in.gov/oed/2590.htm](http://www.in.gov/oed/2590.htm). Applications must be received by April 30, 2010. Grant awards will be announced the week of May 24, 2010.

Caregivers who need support in helping their loved ones are invited to attend a support group sponsored by the CareGiver program at **LifeStream Services, Inc.** The next session is at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 8, at the Yorktown office of LifeStream, 1701 Pilgrim Boulevard. The group meets the second Monday of each month. RSVPs can be made by calling LifeStream, (765) 759-1121 or (800) 589-1121.

**Westview Elementary** is having a Health Fair on March 9 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. They will be providing information to parents of pre-schoolers, kindergarteners and first graders. Contact Cheryl Mathias at 677-4437 for more information.

**LifeStream** will celebrate Nutrition Awareness Day on March 12 by serving a special menu at the agency's area Senior Cafes and to home-delivery clients. "Be Creative With *New*trition" is theme for this year's event. March 12 marks the 38<sup>th</sup> national Nutrition Awareness Day to put the spotlight on the importance of nutrition place in maintaining good health for aging adults. LifeStream has a Senior Cafes at the Marion Senior Center, 503 S. Gallatin St., Marion, 11:30 a.m., (765) 662-3315. "The cafes offer not only good nutrition but also the opportunity for socialization among peers," Wendy Engle, nutrition manager said. "Many of the Cafes also offer card playing and other activities as part of the day's activities."



**SPRING FORWARD!** Saturday, March 13, is the date we need to remember to change our clocks!



The music group, “Kansas” is appearing at Hoosier Park on Saturday, March 13. Combining progressive rock, 70’s heavy metal and classical music. They originally started in their hometown of Topeka, Kansas. Some of their hits are *Carry On Wayward Son*, *Dust in the Wind*, and *Point of Know Return*. For tickets call 800-526-7223.

Saturday, March 13, the **CSA** performance of *The Wizard of Oz* will be held at Marion High School. Contact the CSA office for tickets: 662-6263.

The Last Chance Photo Op for the 2010 GoArts/GoKarts and be a STAR of **CSA**’s community is March 15, 5:30 p.m., at the CSA Event Center/3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

## 2010 Census

In March, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. Please answer the 10 short questions and mail the form back in the postage –paid envelope. The census helps communities receive federal money for hospitals, schools, senior centers, bridges and emergency services as well as determine the number of seats our state will have in the House of Representatives. It’s important to fill out the questionnaire and return it. Thanks for your help!



The \$10,000.00 Cash Bonanza will be held at the Meshingomesia Country Club on April 9. Registration is at 6:00 p.m. The \$100.00 ticket includes dinner for two and 1 entry. Drawing begins at 7:00 p.m. Prizes all night. The last ticket drawn wins \$10,000.00. Tickets are available at the Meshingomesia Country Club and at Cancer Services of Grant County. You can also contact Dennis Roach for a ticket at State Farm in Gas City. All proceeds from the raffle support Cancer Services of

Grant County’s assistance programs. Their address is 305 S. Norton Avenue, Marion. Their phone number is 664-6815.

**Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting is April 27**  
Wesleyan Church. Mark your calendars!



at Eastview



The **Basket Raffle** will be held at the Annual Meeting. Tickets are being sold by Chamber members and also are available at the Chamber office. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You can see the baskets on our web site at [www.gascity.com](http://www.gascity.com). The baskets are valued at approximately \$100 each. <http://www.gascity.com/AnnualMeetingBasketFundraiser.htm>

**WELCOME**

Twin City Healthcare in Gas City is proud to announce their new administrator, Tammy Smith, HFA, and new Director of Nursing, Carol O'Brien, RN.

Tammy comes to Twin City from one of their sister facilities, Stonebrook in New Castle. Tammy has been an administrator since April 2008. She has worked in the health care industry for 14 years including jobs as Activity Director, Marketing, Admissions and Special Services.

Carol is originally from Southern Indiana. She has been an RN since 1983 and brings 25+ years of D.O.N. experience to Twin City Healthcare. She looks forward to meeting and working with the community.

Please join us in welcoming Tammy and Carol to Twin City Healthcare!

**BOWMAN**

*Did you know that Bowman Construction was started by father and son, Peter and F.M. Bowman in Pennsylvania and they relocated to Marion, Indiana, because of the gas*

*boom?*

**2B Personalized** is offering a 10% coupon on their web site for in stock purchases of \$25 made in-store! Their web site is [www.2bpersonalized.com](http://www.2bpersonalized.com).



To commemorate Cracker Barrel's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, they've added Double Chocolate Fudge Coca-Cola cake to their menu! **Happy Anniversary, Cracker Barrel!**

**LifeStream** Legends Golf EngAGEment will be on May 19, 2010, at the beautiful Players Club at Woodland Trails in Yorktown, Indiana. The event will include a 4-person Scramble, lunch and awards receptions following the golf tournament. Special Offer: Included with your online registration is a 1-year subscription to Golf Digest (a \$10 value. Register now at [www.lifestreaminc.org](http://www.lifestreaminc.org) and remember to invite your friends to play. “To improve the quality of life for people at risk of losing their independence.”



Ole Miss Youth Sports is looking for a hardworking, organized, and dedicated individual for Girls Softball Commissioner. It is a paid position. Download an application at [https://www.olemissyouthsports.com/files/OleMiss\\_commissioner%20application.doc](https://www.olemissyouthsports.com/files/OleMiss_commissioner%20application.doc) and mail to PO Box 93, Gas City, IN 46933.

“To cultivate a sense of self-worth and confidence through athletic competition.”



**Congratulations to Rusty and Karol Jack**, Allstate Insurance owners, designated as a Premier Service Agency for 2009! This distinction was given for exceeding customer expectations in their local agency. Way to go!

### Important Dates

Visit [www.gascity.com](http://www.gascity.com) to link to the online Community Calendar sponsored by

- 3/4/10 Board Executive Officers Meeting @ 8:00 a.m. – **Chamber Office** Conference Room
- 3/11/10 Board of Directors Meeting @ 8:00 a.m. – **Chamber Office** Conference Room
- 3/17/10 Director’s Luncheon @ 12 Noon – **Eastview Wesleyan Church** (*Guaranteed reservations required by February 12. Call 674-7545 to make a reservation.*)  
MENU: BBQ Pork Sandwich, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad, Yummy Pineapple Cake, a Drink – Cost: \$6.00
- 3/22/10 Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

### Websites of Interest



- Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce – [www.gascity.com](http://www.gascity.com)
- Grant County Growth Council – [www.grantcoindevelopment.com](http://www.grantcoindevelopment.com)
- Grant County Convention & Visitors Bureau – [www.showmegrantcounty.com](http://www.showmegrantcounty.com)
- Indiana State Chamber of Commerce – [www.indianachamber.org](http://www.indianachamber.org)
- Indiana Workforce Development – [www.hoosierdata.in.gov](http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov)

Indiana Polling Places - [www.indianavoters.com](http://www.indianavoters.com)

Marion-Grant County Chamber of Commerce – [www.marionchamber.org](http://www.marionchamber.org)

State of Indiana – [www.indiana.gov](http://www.indiana.gov)

The Taxpayers Network – [www.taxpayersnetwork.org](http://www.taxpayersnetwork.org)

United States Small Business Administration - [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

United States Department of Commerce - [www.commerce.gov](http://www.commerce.gov)

*The Official Business Link to the U.S. Government* – [www.business.gov](http://www.business.gov)



***We encourage our members to support “OUR” local economy by doing business with other members & by “Shopping Locally.” We can do together what we can not do alone!***

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