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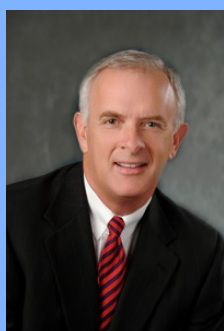
Happy New Year!

Here's wishing our Chamber Members a happy, healthy and prosperous 2016. As 2015 comes to a close, we want to thank all our Chamber Members for their support of the Jay County Chamber of Commerce. 2015 was an exciting year for our members, our citizens and the county. Members enjoyed new exclusive benefits, programs and events to showcase their business or organization. Both the business referrals and gift certificate programs continue to grow bringing new and returning customers as well as profits to your doorstep. The residents of Jay County enjoyed both new and enhanced Chamber community events that also brought in visitors to patronize our Jay County businesses from up to 75 miles away.

And 2016 promises to be another exciting year. February will bring an Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition featuring students from Jay County High School. On September 7-9, the Chamber will venture into its largest event ever with the Rural America Farm & Garden Expo held at the beautiful Jay County Fairgrounds.

We are thankful for our community-minded members' support that makes our valued membership benefits possible. Wonderful events and community activities for the common good make Jay County a special place to live, work and play. On behalf of the Chamber staff and Board of Directors, we sincerely appreciate your membership and support. We look forward to serving you again in 2016 and all the best for the New Year!

3RD HOUSE SESSION



Senator Travis Holdman



Rep. Greg Beumer

Senator Holdman and Representative Beumer will discuss legislation before the General Assembly and answer your questions.

**Saturday, January 9, 2016
11:00 am**

Community Resource Center

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Event Includes:

- Networking
- Appetizers/Refreshments
- Highlights of past accomplishments
- Future plans for the Chamber
- Annual business anniversaries
- Brief business meeting & installation of officers
- Announcement of finalists for the Jay County Community Awards for 2015.

For more information, contact the Jay County Chamber of Commerce
260-726-4481.

**Reserve your seats
by January 22, 2016.**

membership@jaycountychamber.com

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Noon to 1 pm

**Jay Community Center
115 E. Water St., Portland**

**FREE TO CHAMBER MEMBERS
Make your reservation now!**

260-726-4481

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 26 Noon
Networking Luncheon**

Jay County Hospital
Conference Room

PROGRAM: State of the City
Mayor Randy Geesaman

Call the Chamber for
reservations.

**January 28 Noon
Annual Membership Meeting**
See Details Below

**February 10 7:30 am
Networking Breakfast**

West Jay Community Center
**PROGRAM: Tova Green,
Women's Economic
Opportunity Center**

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Chamber Officers

**Jeanne Houchins, President
John Boggs, Vice President
Beth Davidson, Secretary**

Dean Sanders, Exec. Director
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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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765-789-9037

Small Engine Sales & Service
Contact: Marty Miller

Mel Smitley Real Estate & Auctioneer

630 North Western Ave., Portland
260-726-6215

Real Estate & Auctioneering Services
Contact: Mel Smitley

Jim & Sue Sanders

420 East Votaw St., Portland
Individual Members

WINTERFEST WINNERS

Congratulations to all the winners of our WinterFest activities!

Festival of Trees - Tri-Kappa Sorority
Little Miss WinterFest - Lilly Johnson
Holiday Home Tour Wreath - Ron Myers
Parade of Lights:

Best Not for Profit - Jay County Hospital
Best Youth Based - Jay County Band
Best Faith Based - Harrisville Church
Best Business/Industry - Moser Motors of Portland

Kids Karnival Baskets - Kyann Stone and Gabby Gibson
Boys Bicycle - Luis Velasco
Girls Bicycle - Riley Garland

2015 JAY COUNTY COMMUNITY AWARDS

Who will be the finalists at the Jay County Community Awards for this year? Be one of the first to find out at the Annual Chamber Membership Meeting on Thursday, January 28th at the Jay Community Center starting at noon. Sponsorships and reservations are now being accepted for the Jay County Community Awards being held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 in the Commons of Jay County High School. Registration/Reception starts at 5:30pm and Dinner/Program at 6pm.

Sponsorships include:

Reception Sponsor with seating for two (\$250)
Individual Award Sponsor with seating for two (\$250)

Dinner reservations include:

Premier Seating location for six & table sponsorship (\$300)
Table Sponsorship without seating (\$75)

Individual Seating for \$28 per person

Come support your neighbors, family, friends and business colleagues as the winners of the 8 Community Awards are revealed!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2016

Attached is a list of Chamber members who have already renewed their membership for 2016 and are members in good standing.

2015 has been another great year for the Jay County Chamber of Commerce.

Your continued membership is critical to our collective efforts to enhance our local economy and the well-being of Jay County. (see attached)

2016 EVENT SPONSORSHIP & ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

The Jay County Chamber of Commerce offers a wide variety of event sponsorships & advertising opportunities throughout the year that allows you to support the Chamber while receiving valuable exposure for your business. We offer cost-effective advertising and community recognition which serves the common good in our community. We offer sponsorships & advertising options affordable for members of any size. Simply choose your sponsorship(s) and/or advertising selections for 2016 and we'll invoice you monthly in equal amounts of the total until your choices are paid in full. Sponsorships and/or advertising of or less will not qualify for the payment plan. However, if the amount of all the selections to over \$50, monthly invoicing can be utilized. Event sponsorships and advertisements must be paid in full prior to the event or ad run date. Check your email in early January for our offer of 2016 event sponsorships and advertising opportunities including the new Rural America Farm & Garden Expo.