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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 26 - Noon
Networking Luncheon
Jay County Hospital
Conference Room
PROGRAM: State of the
County

June 3 - 10:00 am
Bicentennial Meeting
Arts Place - East Walnut St.

June 10 - 7:30 am
Networking Breakfast
West Jay Community Center

June 30 - Noon
Special Luncheon
Jay County Hospital
Conference Room
PROGRAM: IN-SAFE
Indiana's Worker Safety
Initiative

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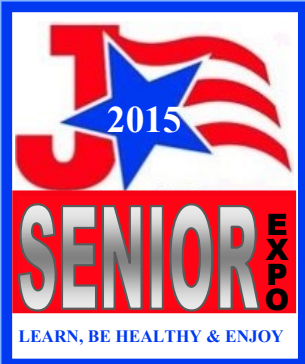
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SPEAKERS' BUREAU AND INTERNSHIPS

Over the past few months, the **Business Education Partnership** has been hard at work developing two new initiatives to help Jay County students and our Chamber members. First, the Chamber has developed a Speakers' Bureau in which Chamber members speak to classroom students on a wide variety of topics to help them with future careers such as being workforce ready and improving basic life skills. Secondly, a work internship program with various Chamber members offering students real work experience, an opportunity to explore future careers, and a chance to consider potential educational pathways. We invite all Chamber members to participate in these new programs to provide guidance to our future generation and upcoming workforce. To participate or learn more, visit the following website: [https://sites.google.com/a/jayschools.k12.in.us/college-and-career-ready-jay-county/Speakers Bureau](https://sites.google.com/a/jayschools.k12.in.us/college-and-career-ready-jay-county/Speakers+Bureau) or call the Chamber at (260) 726-4481.

SENIOR EXPO - Save the Date



Saturday, August 22
8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Jay Community Center

- Senior-related exhibits
- Educational seminars
- Variety of activities

STARS IN THE PARK



Become a contestant today!
Registration deadline: May 29, 2015

Auditions in late June at all three locations
July 16 – Portland Quarter Final #1
Hudson Park Amphitheatre
July 23 – Portland Quarter Final #2 – Hudson Park
July 23 – Berne Quarter Final – Swiss Days Festival Main Stage
July 25 – Hartford City Quarter Final – Blackford High School
July 30 Portland – Semi Final #1 – Hudson Park
August 6 – Portland Semi Final #2 – Hudson Park
August 14 – Finals – Portland – Hudson Park
All shows at 6:30 pm

Audition Forms and Rules at www.starsinthepark.com

GOLF OUTING

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Golf Outing on May 1. The weather was perfect and everyone had a great time. A special thanks to all of our sponsors for the day.

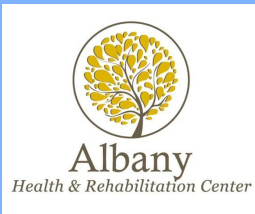
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BICENTENNIAL QUILT PROJECT



Indiana's birthday is coming up. To celebrate, Jay County will be executing Community Involvement through a community quilt. This effort has been endorsed by the state for a legacy project. There will be 24-30 squares on the quilt and all of the work will be done by Donna Stickleby at her quilt shop. Businesses who wish to participate will have one square block on the quilt that will include their design of choice, completed by July or August 2015.

The purpose of this project is to recognize as many businesses in our local area as possible and give a piece of history back to the community to enjoy.

If your business is interested in being a part of this great opportunity for Jay County or if you have any questions, please contact Gyneth Augsburger of the Jay County Tourism Bureau at 260-726-3366.

JAY COUNTY COMMUNITY AWARDS

The nominations are now open for the 2015 Jay County Community Awards which will be held in **March 2016**.

Who is making a difference in your community?

Awards will be given in eight categories. The finalists will be announced at the Annual Meeting in January 2016 and winners will be determined by voting from the membership of the Chamber. The Dunkirk Community Commitment Award is the only exception to this process.

The deadline to submit nominations will be early December 2015, but if you have someone in mind that is making an impact in your community, you may nominate them at any time throughout the year. Nomination forms are available on our website www.jaycountychamber.com.

If there are any questions or if more information is necessary, contact the Chamber via email at membership@jaycountychamber.com or call 260-726-4481.

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Ivy Tech Community College
New IVYT 111 Mini-Session in August. Complete this required course in just two weeks! See our website or call 729-5525 for details.

Ivy Tech Corporate College
Gas Metal Arc Welding class available in Jay County! Class will meet June 8-July 3 at Jay County High School. Financial assistance may be available through WorkOne, call the Jay County office for information.

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GOODY BAGS for the TRACTOR & ENGINE SHOW

The Chamber will again be distributing Goody Bags to the first 1,000 campers at this year's Antique Tractor & Engine Show in late August. Start thinking about what you would like to include in the bags. Each coupon or item represents a potential customer for your store or business.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2015

Attached is a list of Chamber members who have already renewed their membership for 2015 and are members in good standing. 2015 promises to be 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)