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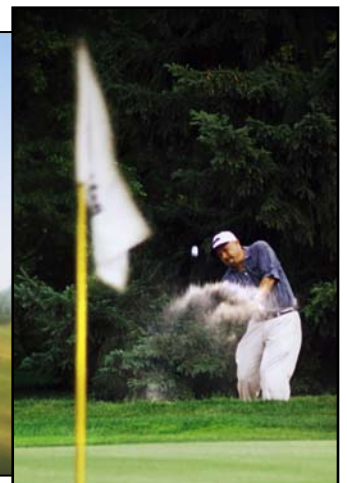
14th Annual Golf Invitational

ATTENTION GOLFERS! Planning is now underway for our 14th Annual Golf Invitational co-sponsored by the Tipton County Chamber, Tipton County EDC and our **1st Super Sponsor - TDS TELECOM!** The event will be held Friday, July 20 at Tipton Municipal Golf Course. One hundred sixty participants are expected to play for a total of \$1,300 in merchandise from Tipton Pro Shop at the Tipton Municipal Golf Course. Additional prizes will be awarded to hole prize winners.

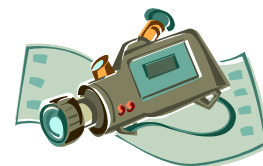


There are many ways that you and your business can participate in this event and it's a great opportunity to market your company and promote your business to our many participants. **WHAT'S NEW FOR 2007?** **This year we've added a Super Sponsor to our sponsorships offered. The Super Sponsor fee puts your company name and logo on all printed materials related to the Invitational as well as a banner, signage, and all publicity. While our Super Sponsor for 2007 has already been determined, your company can serve as a Super for a future Invitational. Contact the EDC or Chamber for additional details or to express your interest.** Corporate and tee sponsorships are also available for businesses and professionals. All sponsors receive on-site signage exposure. Sponsorship fees are \$400 for Corporate and \$100 for a Tee. As a golfer, register to participate and play golf, enjoy a catered lunch and the opportunity to network with business and community leaders. The low \$50 registration fee covers cart and greens fees, lunch and 18-holes of golf. Deadline to register is July 13. The tournament is a 4-member scramble format. Registration begins at 10 AM and lunch will be served beginning at 11 AM immediately prior to the 12 noon shotgun start. Early registration is a good idea. This event has become very popular and registration is limited to 40 foursomes.

For more information or to guarantee your spot in our 14th Annual Florida Scramble Golf Invitational, contact the EDC at (800) 461-4907 or (765) 675-7417 or the Chamber at (765) 675-7533. Registration forms are available at the Chamber and EDC offices at 136 E. Jefferson St., Tipton and on the Tipton County EDC website at www.tiptonedc.com.



Chamber Members Spotlight



The Floor Store & Everclean Carpet Care

1003 E. Jefferson St., Tipton, In 46072 (765) 675-3230

Everclean Carpet Care was started in 1989 with a Low Moisture Cleaning System that has proven to be highly effective and has created a steady repeat customer base. The Floor Store was then added to Everclean in 1992 to complete a total flooring experience for their customer. You can find any type of flooring such as: Hardwood, Ceramic, Laminates, Vinyl and of course carpet (residential & commercial). Owners Steve and Carolyn Swan have over 32 years experience in the flooring business and love to help educate customers about their flooring needs. Prices are very competitive and installations are guaranteed. Check out their store which is located on East St. Road 28, Tipton, just east of the Ford Dealership. Store hours are Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Thomas W. Phifer Insurance Agency, Inc.

125 W. Jefferson St., Tipton, In 46072 (765) 675-8751

Thomas W. Phifer started his Insurance business in November of 1969. He is located at the Side Street Mall in Tipton. Representing State Farm Insurance. Offering complete line of Insurance for Auto, Life, Fire, Health and Long Term Care.

Pizza Hut Restaurant

870 E. Jefferson St., Tipton, In 46072 (765) 675-3333

Stop by Pizza Hut for their many selections of pizza, pasta, salads, breadsticks and much more for lunch with your co-workers or stop by for dinner with family and friends. Hours: Sun. through Thurs. - 11:00 am - 10:00 pm and Fri. through Sat. - 11:00 am - 12:00 midnight.

Tipton Hospital Medical Staff Dr. Melany Rookstool, Chief of Staff

1000 S. Main St., Tipton, In 46072 (765) 675-8564

Chegar Mfg. Co. Inc.

PO Box Box 338, Windfall, In 46076 (765) 945-7444

Plate Metal Fabricator, Manufactures Brooms and Brushes. Contact – Mark McClelland, Jr.

Dr. Kiley McQuinn, DDS McQuinn Family Dentistry

650 Fairgrounds Rd., Tipton, In 46072 (765) 675-7595

Dr. Kiley McQuinn is pleased to have returned to the Tipton community to live and practice dentistry with her father at McQuinn Family Dentistry. The father-daughter dental team of Dr. Mark McQuinn and Dr. Kiley McQuinn welcomes new patients of all ages, from infants to adults. The office is open daily, Monday-Friday. The dentists provide confidential, comprehensive dental care using the newest techniques and equipment available. They offer a wide range of dental procedures including esthetic porcelain veneers, bridges, and crowns; tooth whitening; dental implant restorations; tooth removal; dentures; and root canals. Sedation options are also available.

A graduate of Tipton High School, “Dr. Kiley” participated in varsity soccer and track and enjoyed community involvement. She graduated with academic honors from DePauw University where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in biology. She then received her Doctorate of Dental Surgery from Indiana University School of Dentistry. She was honored by dental school faculty with the Outstanding Achievement Award in Clinical Periodontics and the “Best of the Best” Prosthodontic Award. You are invited to meet her and discover the refreshing, progressive, and unique perspective “Dr. Kiley” adds to McQuinn Family Dentistry. McQuinn Family Dentistry is located at 650 Fairgrounds Road. An appointment can be schedule by calling 765-675-7595.

Tousley Computers Service, LLC Rick Tousley and Janessa Luttrell

3458 East 150 South, Tipton, In 46072 (800) 868-0307
Website: www.tousleycomputers.com

Tousley Computer Services, LLC is a locally owned and operated computer business. They pride themselves in fast, friendly service and fair pricing. Some of the services they offer are: Computer hardware repair, Software updates and maintenance, Virus protection and removal, Spyware detection and removal, Network installation and troubleshooting, Remote access (VPN) E-Mail, and Website Hosting and Website Development. Tousley Computer Service can customize your support solutions with ad-hoc support by the hour or support packages designed to fit your IT needs. Give TCS a call and let them show you how affordable quality technical support can be.

Phil Overdorf Farms, Inc.

3390 West 450 South, Tipton, In 46072

LogoNation, Inc.

Jennifer Watson (800) 955-7375

128 Overhill Dr. #102, Mooresville, NC 28117

Website: www.logonation.com

They are a community advertising company specializing in promoting small town pride and community spirit through our community T-Shirts.

School House of Educated Wicker

Pat & Judy Logan

3360 East 150 South, Hobbs, In. 46047 (765) 675-2938

Website: www.schoolhouseofwicker.com/indoor.htm

For twenty-Eight years, they have supplied central Indiana with the finest in wicker and rattan. A few of the many items they have is Papasan Furniture; Wicker / Rattan Furniture; Bedroom Furniture; Bathroom Furniture; Outdoor Furniture; Swings, Headboards, Rocking Chairs, Dressers, Gliders and Buttock Baskets. Yes that is only some of what they have to offer at the School House.

Store Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00 am-6:00 pm and Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

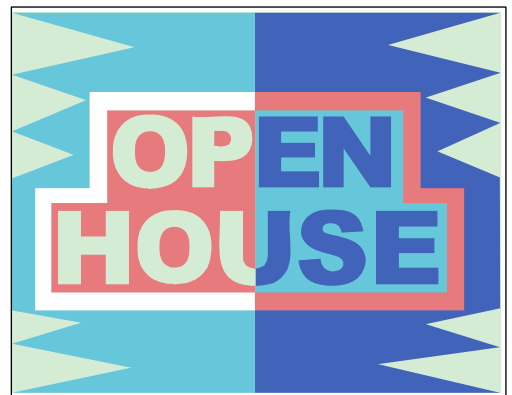
CHAMBER MEMBER NEWS...

MOORE TITLE & ESCROW ON THE SQUARE!

Dick and Margi Moore and the staff of Moore Title & Escrow are proud to announce the Grand Opening of their new facility on the square at 120 E. Jefferson St., downtown Tipton. Originally Tipton Title and Abstract, Moore Title & Escrow has served the title and escrow needs of the Tipton community since 1970, when prior owner and local attorney, Ben Hobbs, founded the company with his then partner, Joe Watson. After a few years providing closing services for Mr. Hobbs in the early 1990's, Moore purchased the business from Hobbs in 1995, continuing its operations in the old Masonic building at 124 N. Main St. Shortly thereafter Tipton Title and Abstract moved to their recent location at 118 W. Madison. In 1998 Moore officially combined both his Tipton and Kokomo businesses under one name—Moore Title & Escrow.

Moore attributes this new move to 120 E. Jefferson St. to the company's ongoing dedication to the Tipton community. "We're excited to be an official landowner in Tipton, just as Tipton Title and Abstract originally had been under Mr. Hobbs," states owner, Dick Moore. "We've enjoyed our tenure here in Tipton and hope this move helps demonstrate our ongoing commitment to serving our friends and neighbors in the community."

Moore Title & Escrow will host an Open House on Thursday, April 12, from 4:00-6:30 pm at 120 E. Jefferson St. and invites the community to stop by and visit with staff, Lynn Dunn-Office Manager, Marla Schulenburg-Examiner, Sandra Altherr-Processor, and Freida Miller-Searcher, while touring their new facility.



TCT'S *Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.*

Fun for children of all ages



Tipton Community Theatre presents *Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.*, a Young Performers production built around the original Saturday morning cartoons that aired on ABC from 1973 to 1985. The show features lively song and dance numbers that tackle lessons in American

history, grammar, science, and government. Performance dates for *Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.* are April 13-14-15, 2007 at the Tipton High School Auditorium.

Orion McCormack plays Tom, a nervous young teacher anxious about his first day of teaching, who tries to relax by watching TV when various characters emerge from the set to show him how to win his students over with imagination and music. The large ensemble cast includes 37 children and young people ranging in age from 6 to 18 from Tipton Elementary, Tipton Middle School, Tipton High School, St. John's, Tri Central and Clinton Central. Audiences will delight in hearing "A Noun is a Person, Place or Thing" and "Interjections" performed by Kathleen McCormack. Cameron Tragesser and Allyssa Huff teach us how to "Unpack your Adjectives." Cameron performs the ever popular "Conjunction Junction" and Ian Ragains helps everyone "Do the Circulation." Other featured performers include Travis Silvey, Cassandra Hawkins, Tori Graham, Timy Barton, and Hannah Tina.

Completing the cast are Anne Alexander, Audrey Benefiel, Amber Braun, Rachel Burns-Watson, Abi, Devendorf, Morgan Dolezal, Lauren Ferguson, Aubree Frix, Emma Good, Victoria Good, Meredith Kastenholz, Heidi Kastenholz, Haley Mendenhall, Emily Nichols, Ashley Overdorf, Brittany Privett, Taylor Pyke, Tyler Regnier, Ashley Schmidt, Kelsey Schmidt, Luke Stoker, Johnathan Tebbe, Jaxon Tina,

Cassie VanSandt, Carlise Warner, Erika Watts, and Stasha Williams.

Directors for the production are Darlene Tragesser and Rod "Top" Fletcher. Darlene, as Director of Country Charm Nursery School and Top, THS Band Director and ex-Marine, are well prepared to lead this impressive cast. Tragesser says "It is great to do a show that the kids have so much fun with and is educational as well." Pam Braun is choreographer for the show.

Individual ticket prices for the play are \$5.00 Adults and \$3.00 for Children and Students. Tickets are available in advance during normal business hours at the Tipton Chamber of Commerce office.

For additional ticket information visit the Tipton Community Theatre website at www.tiptontheatre.com or call the TCT voicemail at (765) 675-1682.

2007-2008 Season!

Tipton Community Theatre
15th Anniversary Season

- * *Two favorites from past seasons*
- * *Two great comedies*

The Wizard of Oz
Dearly Departed
THE ODD COUPLE
Charlotte's Web



TCEDC Director's Message...

From the desk of Executive Director William Keir, CECD

In late February of this year, the Tipton County Economic Development Corporation (TCEDC) sent a letter to most county businesses who might be affected by a new property tax "Investment Deduction". This is essentially a 3-year "tax abatement" that is put into effect by the property owner by simply filing a one-page state form. It is very quick and easy, and we hope you will take advantage of it!



In late 2005, the General Assembly passed a property tax "Investment Deduction" for certain personal and real property investments that increase assessed values and creates or retains jobs.

The Investment Deduction is applicable for a three-year period at 75% in Year 1; 50% in Year 2; and 25% in Year 3. The maximum deduction is \$2 million per year each for both personal and real property investments.

The property tax Investment Deduction is applicable to investments that are first assessed after March 1, 2005 and before March 2, 2009. The deduction is available to businesses of any size; however, the investment deduction cannot be used in conjunction with other abatements and cannot be granted on properties within a tax increment financing (TIF) district.

A copy of the form for real property deduction can be found on the web at: www.in.gov/icpr/webfile/formsdiv/52504.pdf, and a copy of the form for personal property deduction can be found at: www.in.gov/icpr/webfile/formsdiv/52502.pdf. Businesses should consult with their accountant for the most current information about this new business assistance program. Details can be found in Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.4.

It is hoped that county businesses will be able to deduct for investments such as office equipment and computers that are not normally available for "tax abatement", even if the business has tax abatement on other equipment. It is our understanding that this investment deduction may apply to agriculture buildings as well.

For significant investments in machinery, equipment and buildings that create new jobs whose wages start above \$9.50 per hour and average above \$10.31 per hour, Tipton County businesses should contact the TCEDC offices so that we can assist you with the "regular" tax abatement process. It will provide you greater tax benefit! The process takes approximately three months. Those interested can contact our office at (800) 461-4907 or (765) 675-7417 to arrange a meeting to review your project and see if it is eligible.

Tipton County

Economic Development Corporation

Serving Tipton County since 1986

Reporting on Results of Tax Abatement

In the past, TCEDC has discussed the business assistance program of tax abatement. Please see article at this link on our web site: <http://www.tiptonedc.com/news/EDC%20News%201.2006.pdf>.

A part of the process is the annual review of each outstanding tax abatement as required by law. Each property owner must file a state form with the county auditor each year they have an outstanding tax abatement. This can be considered a part of the “partnership” created when the tax abatement is approved by the City or County. The company receiving tax abatement agrees to a certain level of new investment, new or retained jobs, and wages and benefits for those jobs. And they agree to report on that annually.

The City and County have requested the Tipton County EDC review the submitted forms from the company, and compare the data on those forms with what was originally submitted by the company, and report those findings to the respective governmental unit’s Council.

All companies submitting are in compliance for 2006. To help you get a feel for what is reported, the following data is presented. For the County, there are three companies with reportable tax abatements for 2006. In the past those three companies made new investment as a part of tax abatement projects of over \$5.7 million and created over 100 new jobs as a part of those projects in the process. These companies all have a lowest starting wage of at least \$9.50 an hour and most of the jobs have a median hourly wage of \$12.50 or higher. In addition, these companies require a high school diploma. Most offer employee benefits of health insurance, life insurance, profit sharing and/or 401k plan, paid vacation, paid holidays, sick leave, employee training, and tuition reimbursement.

For the City, there are eight companies with reportable tax abatements for 2006. Several of these companies began their operations in Tipton as a result of the tax abatement and other incentives offered. In the past, these companies have made new investment as a part of tax abatement projects of over \$23.7 million and created over 300 new jobs as a part of those projects in the process. These companies all have a lowest starting wage of at least \$9.50 per hour and most of the jobs have a median hourly wage of \$15 to \$19 per hour. All require a high school diploma. Most offer employee benefits of health insurance, dental insurance, vision insurance, life insurance, tuition reimbursement, paid vacation, paid holidays, sick leave, profit sharing and/or 401k plan, and employee training.

Tax abatement continues to be a valuable incentive that the TCEDC utilizes to assist local business expansion, and to attract new companies to Tipton.

MISSION STATEMENT

The TCEDC was organized for the purpose of promoting economic development, to increase the number of available employment opportunities, to enhance the strength of the business sector, and to create economic stability in Tipton County.

Please address correspondence to:

**Tipton County Economic
Development Corporation**

136 E. Jefferson Street
Tipton, IN 46072
or E-mail degillam@tds.net

Visit us on the web at

www.tiptonedc.com

2006-2007 TCEDC OFFICERS

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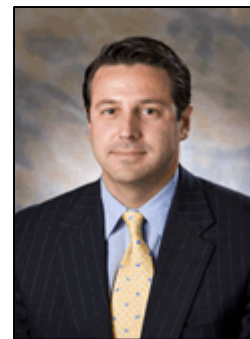
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Executive Director

Debra L. Gillam
Administrative Assistant

Secretary of Commerce to speak at TCEDC 20th Annual Meeting

Nathan J. Feltman, Indiana Secretary of Commerce, will be keynote speaker for the 20th Annual Meeting of the Tipton County Economic Development Corporation. The event will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Tipton Elks located at 117 E. Madison Street.



Feltman also serves as President of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC). Prior to joining IEDC, he was a partner at Ice Miller where he concentrated his practice on mergers and acquisitions, and cross-border transactions, including the representation of private equity funds and venture capital firms. His prior experience also includes living and working in Moscow, Russia from 1995 to 1998 where he represented multi-national companies entering the Russian market during an incredibly interesting period of Russia's transition to a market economy. Prior to his return to Indiana in 2003, he practiced law in Chicago for five years. A native of Mishawaka, IN, he earned undergraduate degrees in business (BS) and political science (BA) from Indiana University-Bloomington (1992) and a law degree from Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis (1994). He completed a master's degree in Russian Law (LL.M.) at the Institute of State and Law, Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow and served as an adjunct professor at IU School of Law, Indianapolis.

During the event awards will be presented to our 5 and 10 years supporters as well as four distinguished awards that are presented each year to businesses and individuals nominated for their dedication and service to the Tipton County community. Nominations are now being accepted for the four awards that include: Ida Matthews Award for Corporate Citizenship; TCEDC Entrepreneur of the Year; Donald F. See Leadership Award; and the Young-Nichols Business of the Year Award.

Many local businesses and individuals have been recognized and received awards for their contributions to the community. To nominate a business or individual to receive an award, simply complete the Award Nomination Form on page 9 and mail to: Tipton County EDC at 136 E. Jefferson St., Tipton, IN 46072 or fax the completed form to (765) 675-8917. The deadline for nominations is Friday, May 25, 2007.

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. **The meeting is open to the public. Those who plan to attend must RSVP to (765) 675-7417 or email degillam@tds.net no later than Mon., May 28.**

US 31 Update

by Monty L. Henderson, US 31 Coalition Board Member and Tipton County Commissioner, 3/13/07

At the March 5, 2007 board of county commissioner's meeting in the Tipton County Courthouse, representatives from the Parsons Group and INDOT answered questions by the commissioners in regard to the Tipton County portion of the new US 31 Kokomo Bypass project. Currently the project is in the design phase. A final Record of Decision from the federal government is expected soon. It is estimated that the proposed route will require the removal of about seven homes, two businesses, and two medical offices in the pathway or adjacent to the new road. These Tipton County property owners have been contacted by INDOT. Subsequent meetings will be scheduled to keep the community informed. Some of these meetings may take place in Tipton County.



It was learned that some construction on the project may start in 2009. This initial phase of work will likely be the building of overhead bridges for county roads scheduled to overpass the new highway. In 2010, road work on the new highway itself may start in the vicinity of Markland Avenue and Boulevard in the Kokomo area. Work will progress from there south in 2011 and on into Tipton County by 2012. It may take as many as nine years to totally complete the entire new highway around Kokomo.

These officials anticipate that about one half mile of the existing US 31 highway near the Howard County line may be transferred to Tipton County. INDOT has been negotiating with Kokomo and Howard County officials about the reassignment of the current road to their respective public entities. The relinquishment of the "old" highway to county control creates issues that will need to be addressed. While a half-mile of roadway does not sound like a great amount, consider that the cost of paving the "old" highway over that distance would likely exceed \$150,000. Add in routine maintenance and a winter salt expense and one can see the impact it could have on the county highway budget. These issues will be addressed by county and state officials over the course of the project.

DRIVE-THRU COFFEE SHOP OPENING SOON IN TIPTON

With the warmer weather work continues on the construction of Tipton's newest business - Quick Cup. Quick Cup drive-thru coffee shop is scheduled to open early to mid April. They will be located at the northeast corner of East and Jefferson Streets in downtown Tipton.

They will offer regular brewed coffee, espresso based drinks like cappuccinos and lattes, tea, smoothies, coke products, cinnamon rolls, and muffins.

Quick Cup hours will be from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.



TCEDC Awards Nomination Form

Nominations are now being accepted for four distinguished awards to be presented at the Tipton County EDC Annual Meeting on Monday, June 4. To nominate a business or individual to receive an award simply complete this form and submit it to the address, email or fax number below no later than the May 25 deadline.

Individual or Company Name _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____ City / State / Zip _____

Check the award below for which you are nominating an individual or company.

- Ida Matthews Award for Corporate Citizenship** - A Tipton County corporation whose contributions have made Tipton County a richer community.
- Young-Nichols Business of the Year Award** - A Tipton County business that has experienced exceptional business growth.
- Donald F. See Leadership Award** - A Tipton County civic group, individual, or business that has demonstrated leadership in the community.
- TCEDC Entrepreneur of the Year** - A Tipton County small business (10 or less employees) whose contributions and leadership have enriched the community.

Statement explaining why you think the award is deserved in 50 words or less (attach additional sheet if needed).

Nomination deadline is Friday, May 25, 2007.

Submit your nomination(s) to:

By mail to:

Tipton County EDC

Attn: Awards Committee

136 E. Jefferson St., Tipton, IN 46072

or fax to:

(765) 675-8917 or

or e-mail:

degillam@tds.net

Past award recipients include the following:

Baumgartner Asphalt Services	Midwest Sheets	Jackie Cardin (Pizza King)
BRS Mechanical	Package Right Corporation	Brook Edwards (Recycle Guy)
Campbell Seeds	Pioneer	Ron Van Sickle (EES Home Design)
CW Mount Community Center	Ramsay Business Solutions	Rex Craig
DC Coaters	Roberts & Dybdahl, Inc.	Helene Heath
Dan Young, LLC	Stearnes Quality Printing	Tom Miller
84 Components	Steel Parts Corporation	Richard Phillipi
First National Bank & Trust	Steel Parts FCU	John Walker
Heat Pro Heating & Cooling	Tipton County Foundation	Leon Warner
Maxey Home Construction	Tre Stroud (HollyTre Café)	Ruth Wimer
McCormack Printing Impressions	Sam Bowman (Grandpa Cratchet Co.)	

UPCOMING EVENTS

For a complete list of community events, visit the Chamber's web site at www.tiptonchamber.com

APRIL

1—Palm Sunday
3—Tipton Hospital Chocolate Sales, 8 AM - 4 PM at Tipton Hospital south lobby
6—Good Friday
7—Easter Sunday
9-26—Tipton Co. Library Art Guild Show
12—Tipton County EDC board meeting, 7 PM at Tipton County Library
13-14-15 - School House Rock at Tipton High School Auditorium (see p. 8 for details)
19 - Primary Candidates Forum, Tipton County Foundation, 6 PM
25—Administrative Professionals Day

MAY

7-18—High School Art Show at Tipton County Library
8—Primary Election Day
12 - Plant Sale at Tipton County Library
10—Tipton County EDC board meeting, 7 PM at Tipton County Foundation
13—Mother's Day
28—Memorial Day

JUNE

1 - Tipton Hospital Golf Classic, Tipton Golf Course, for more info call (765) 675-8214.
4—Tipton County EDC ANNUAL MEETING, 5-7 PM at Tipton Elks. Please RSVP by calling (765) 675-7417 no later than Monday, May 28.
5 - Tipton Hospital Scrub Sale (South Lobby) from 7 AM - 3 PM
9—Tipton City Wide Garage Sales
17—Father's Day
23-24—Relay for Life

Mark your calendars and join us on the greens for our 14TH ANNUAL GOLF INVITATIONAL!

July 20 - Tipton Municipal Golf Course

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Boys & Girls Club of Tipton County Announces

Summer Program is Set to Begin

The Boys & Girls Club of Tipton County announces that sign-up for the ten week summer program is set to begin Monday, May 7th.

The fees are yet to be determined, however, should be similar to last year when the weekly fee was as follows:

- \$40 for one family member,
- \$65 for two family members, and
- \$75 total for a family of three or more.

The membership for summer only is \$10 for the ten-week program. Scholarships are available to those who cannot afford the weekly fees.

The summer program this year will feature more emphasis on athletics and health. Last summer, members went on field trips to the Indianapolis Zoo, Indianapolis Children's Museum, Arrowhead Springs, and several parks in the area. Members also attend weekly swim sessions at the Tipton City swimming pool.

New this year will be an instructional basketball camp for area youth. Dates are to be determined. For more information, contact Dick Parker or Craig Crawford at the Boys & Girls Club at 765.675.9362.



THE GATHERING PLACE

Good News from the Nutrition & Foodservice
Department at Tipton Hospital

The Gathering Place at Tipton Hospital is now serving a Dinner Menu for Associates and Patrons.

The Gathering Place is open from 6:00 am – 7:00 pm, Monday – Friday. The Dinner Meal / Menu consists of soup, salad bar, hot entrees, grab and go items, desserts, and beverages and is available from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm only, Monday – Friday.



Plan to attend the Primary Candidates Forum

The Tipton County Chamber of Commerce, Hometown Television, Tipton County Tribune, Kokomo Tribune, and WIOU Radio (Kokomo) will host a Candidates Forum for the primary election. The event is scheduled for Thursday, April 19 beginning at 6:00 PM and will be held at the Tipton County Foundation located at 1020 W. Jefferson Street in Tipton.

Residents are invited to submit candidate questions for consideration by the Forum Committee. Questions can be brought to the Chamber office or emailed to ditimm@tds.net no later than April 12.

The primary is Tuesday, May 8. Exercise your right as a citizen and visit the polls. Remember - voters are required to show a picture I.D. before you can vote.



TIPTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

136 E. Jefferson Street
Tipton, Indiana 46072
(765) 675-7533 Fax (765) 675-8917

OUR MISSION

The Chamber's mission is to serve its members, promote an environment where business can grow and prosper, attract visitors and new residents to the community, therefore enhancing the quality of life of Tipton County.

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Jason Hare, Vice President

Edward Jones Investments

Nancy Holderman, Secretary / Treasurer

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John Colter – First National Bank & Trust

Dennis Cook – DC Coaters, Inc.

Brett Curnutt – Dan Young, LLC

Dennis Lange – Pioneer

Marcy Luttrell – Luttrell Insurance Agency

Ray Noble - Ray Bros. & Noble Canning Co.

PJ Ryan – REMAX All-Stars

Steve Peters – Ramsay Business Solutions

Bill Salsbery – Heartland Ministries

Tony Shirley – Shirley Computer/Radio Shack

Beth Tilley – First Farmers Bank & Trust

Vern Schmaltz – Tipton County Memorial Hospital

Robert Warnick – TDS TELECOM

Debbie Wellinger – Wellinger's Flooring

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Diane Timm, Executive Director

ditimm@tds.net

Internet connection:
www.tiptonchamber.com

2007 Membership Directory

The following businesses and individuals have made an important investment in their business through membership in the Chamber of Commerce during 2007. Membership dues assist the Chamber with special programs implemented to improve the business climate for our members, improve the quality of life for all residents and to manage future growth for a well-planned community. The Chamber serves as a liaison for the business community, providing information and participating in the advancement of countywide civic, commercial, industrial, and agricultural interests. The Chamber encourages all members to do business with one another. We hope you will consider the following for your professional and personal needs. For membership information, visit our website at: www.tiptonchamber.com or call the Chamber office at (765) 675-7533.

Abstracters

Moore Title & Escrow Co.; Title Guaranty & Abstract Co.

Accountants & CPAs

Opal A. Graham & Patrick N. Logan, CPA, of Logan & Graham; Max McNeal, McNeal & Co., CPA, PC

Animal Day Care & Training

Four Hounds Boarding, Grooming & Training

Apartments

Tipton Terrace Apartments; Canterbury House Apartments

Architects & Building Services

EES Home Design

Associations

American Red Cross Tipton & Howard Chapter; Boys & Girls Club of Tipton Co.; C.W. Mount Community Center; Indiana Regional Blood Center; Tipton County Economic Development Corp.; Tipton County Foundation; Tipton County Historical Society & Tipton County Heritage Center

Attorneys / Judges

Judge Thomas R. Lett, Tipton Co. Circuit Court; Ben B. Hobbs, Attorney at Law; Jay Rich, Attorney at Law & Co. Prosecutor; David B. Quigley of Quigley & Quigley; Matthew Quigley of Quigley & Quigley

Automobile Dealers/ /Parts Sales & Service

Dan Young Tipton, LLC; Murray's Body Shop; NAPA Auto Parts/Tipton Automotive Supply; Tipton Ford Mercury, Inc.

Banks/Credit Unions/Financial Institutions

First Farmers Bank & Trust; First National Bank & Trust; National City Bank; Star Financial Bank; Steel Parts Federal Credit Union

Building & Home Contractors/Concrete/ Asphalt /Heating & Cooling

Ashley Construction; Baumgartner & Company, Inc.; B. R. Schroeder & Sons, Inc.; E & B Paving; Gaiser Heating & Cooling, Inc.; Heat Pro Heating & Cooling, LLC; Irving Materials, Inc.; McMahon Custom Homes, Inc.; Mohr Construction Co.; Pottenger Electric Co.; Smith Building, Inc.; TenBrook Sales Heating & Cooling; Tragesser Concrete Forms, Inc.

Carpet Cleaning

Shirley's Chem-Dry Co.; Everclean Carpet Care/The Floor Store

Child Care

ABC & Me Child Care at Emanuel

Churches & Monasteries

Cicero Seventh Day Adventist Church and The Tipton Living Center; Heartland Ministries; Lutheran Church; Rock Prairie Baptist Church; St. Joseph Center; St. John The Baptist Catholic Church

Dentists

Hulen Family Dentistry, Doctors Chris and Lisa Hulen; McQuinn Family Dentistry, Dr. Mark A McQuinn and Dr. Kiley McQuinn; Smith Family Dentistry, Dr. Mike Smith

Doctors / Physicians

Dr. Dianna Andrews, Family Practice; Dr. Molly Bhatti, Tipton Pediatrics; Dr. Vincent Delumpa, Northern Surgical Consultants.; Dr. Destry Lambert, Family Doctor; Dr. Adam Newman, OB-GYN Associates; Tipton Hospital Staff

Engineers / Land Surveyors

The Henderson Group, Jason Henderson; 40th Parallel Surveying, LLC, Wyatt Johnson, P.E., L.S., and Jon Pyke

Eye Doctors / Optometrists

Dr. Jeffrey L. Tweedy, OD; Tipton Eye Care Associates, Dr. Daniel Diedrich and Dr. Kevin Worth

Furniture Stores

School House of Educated Wicker

Florists

Jean's Flowers & Gifts

Funeral Directors

Young Nichols Funeral Home, Inc.

Grocery Store / Meat Market / Pharmacy

White's Meat Market; The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy

Government Offices - Listing at end of article

Hardware Stores

Tipton ACE Hardware

Individuals

Jo Ann Hobbs; Oak Grove Farms; Tipton Golf Shop & Jack Miller Golf Pro; P. J. Ryan, Realtor; Phil Overdorf Farms

Insurance

Country Corner Insurance Agency- KCIS, Inc.; Dan Shields Insurance Agency, Tim Pore Agent; Everett Hughes Insurance; Farmers Mutual Insurance; Holland Insurance Services; Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance of Tipton; Luttrell Insurance Agency; Thomas W. Phifer Insurance Agency

Investors/Securities

A.G. Edwards & Sons Investment; Edward Jones Investments

Industrial / Agricultural Related

Cargill AgHorizons; Chegar Manufacturing Co., Inc.; Co-Alliance LLP; Pioneer, A DuPont Co.; Ray Bros. & Noble Canning Co.; Schoettmer Prime Pork Farm Inc.; Total Seed Production, Inc.

Industrial

AcraLine Products, Inc.; DC Coaters, Inc.; High Performance Alloys; Midwest Sheets; Package Right Corporation; Roberts & Dybdahl Inc.; Wabash Alloys, LLC

Landscaping/Lawn Care

Lee Landscaping; List Lawn Care Service

Library

Tipton County Public Library

Medical Facilities & Hospitals

Bona Vista Programs & Positive Results; Miller's Merry Manor; Tipton Hospital; Tipton Hospital Behavioral Health Services; Tipton Hospital Autumnwood Village Assisted Living; Tipton Hospital Lifetime Fitness Center

Medical/Rehabilitation / Developmental

Janus Developmental Services, Inc.

Newspaper/Radio/Television

Home Town Television-Channel 19; Kokomo Tribune-Newspaper Holdings; Tipton County Tribune-Elwood Publishing Co.

Office Products / Computers / Computer Programs / Electronics / Satellite / Web Design

BrindleBox Design; Miller & Miller Information Management Systems; Ramsay Business Solutions; Shirley Computers/Radio Shack; Tousley Computer Services, LLC

Personnel Services

Job Works; Manpower

Photographers

B.A. Hirtzel—Free Lance

Publications / Printers / Specialty Items

Apple Group, Inc.; LogoNation; MPI--McCormack Printing Impressions, Inc.; Walnut Creek Publishing Co.; Yellow Book USA

Realtors

Coldwell Banker Havens Realty Company; Coverdale Realty & Appraising; RACI-Realtors Association of Central Indiana; RE/MAX All Stars-The Heron Team; The Wyman Group; Tipton Realty & Speer Appraising Services, LLC

Restaurants

Dairy Queen Restaurant; Jim Dandy Restaurant; Pizza Hut Restaurant; Pizza King Restaurant; Pizza Shack; The South Pole Restaurant

Retail Stores

All About Brides; Moser Jewelers, Inc.; The Floor Store; The House of Glass, Inc.; Wellinger's Flooring

Schools / Colleges/ Education Centers

Ivy Tech State College, Kokomo; Northern Community School Corporation & Tri Central Schools; St. John's Elementary Parochial School; Tipton Community School Corporation & Tipton Schools; Tipton County Extension/Education Center

Telephone Companies / Satellite Sales & Service & Internet Service

TDS TELECOM; Smithville Telephone Co., Inc.

Utility Services

Tipton Municipal Utilities; Vectren Services

Water Conditioning & Appliances

Young's Water Conditioning

All City Offices

Tipton Mayor's Office; Tipton Clerk-Treasurer; Tipton Court; Tipton Garage; Tipton Light Dept.; Tipton Police Dept.; Tipton Street Dept.; Tipton Park & Pool; Tipton Waste Water Plant; Tipton Water Dept.

All County Offices

Cicero Twp. Assessor; Assessor; Auditor; Commissioners; County Jail; Health Dept.; Plan Commission; County Landfill; Recorder; County Probation; County Sheriff Dept; Co. Road Supt.; Treasurer; Surveyor; Circuit Court; Veteran Service; Coroner