

Owen County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Corporation Business Life

Owen County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Corporation Newsletter

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Brown & Associates, CPA Will Celebrate Decade In Business

Brown & Associates, CPA will be having an open house in celebration of 10 years of service to area residents and in celebration of their move into a new office. The open house will be Friday, October 10 from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Owner, Becky Brown, opened her Spencer office at 4 West Market Street in July of 1994. As the business expanded the office was moved to Morgan Street, and then in April of 2003 Becky made what she says is her final move to the newly remodeled building at 113 S. Main Street. The business has grown substantially throughout the 10 years.

When asked why she felt the business had been so successful, Becky stated she felt the secret to the success of any business is the willingness to work long hours, a commitment to excellence and a great staff. Marie McPhearson, staff accountant, has been at Brown & Associates for four years and Lisa Robinson has been with the business for a year and a half. "I really couldn't do this job without my excellent staff," Becky stated.

Brown & Associates does financial statement preparation, income tax returns for individuals and corporations, including LLC's and partnerships, and every aspect of payroll preparation. Having an accounting business in a small town requires diversification as there are so many different types of clients. It requires being knowledgeable in about every area of taxation as there is a vast range of client needs. "It really keeps the job interesting and challenging," Becky stated, "we can be working on a complicated estate as well as various not-for-profit entities."

Becky would like to express how much she appreciates Spencer and her clients and would like to thank everyone for the support she has received over the years. "I am humble and touched," she said recently. She would like to invite everyone to the open house for the celebration, but has requested to please not send flowers. If anyone feels compelled to acknowledge the open house celebration with a gift, please donate to the Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Corp. Scholarship Fund or the YMCA equipment fund.



Pictured, left to right, are Lisa Robinson, Marie McPhearson and owner of Brown & Associates, CPA, Becky Brown.

Kent Benson To Be Speaker At OCCC/EDC Annual Banquet

Kent Benson, former Indiana University and Detroit Piston's basketball star, will be the guest speaker at the 2003 Owen County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Corporation's annual banquet on November 11.

Kent Benson, who is from New Castle, Indiana, was First Team All-American in 1976 and 1977, as well as a three-time All-Big Ten pick in 1975, 1976 and 1977. He was the league's MVP in 1977. Benson's 1,740 career points ranks eighth at IU and his 1,031 Indiana University career rebounds ranks third. Benson helped lead IU to its third NCAA title with 25 points in the championship victory over Michigan in 1976.

The banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Canyon Inn Oak Room at McCormick's Creek State Park.

Awards will be given for Outstanding Service of the Year, the Outstanding Business Person

of the Year and to the Owen County Volunteer of the Year.

The dinner will be buffet-style and door prizes will be given.

Watch for your invitation in the mail and mark your calendars for November 11th. We have had a great year and want you to come celebrate with us.

Select Award Winners For Annual Meeting

Help us select the person(s) for the Outstanding Service Person of the Year, the Outstanding Business Person of the Year and the Owen County Volunteer of the Year. Complete the enclosed nomination forms and return them to the OCCC/EDC office by October 20, 2003.

Tips For The Winter

These tips for the winter season are from Sherri Sloan of American Family Insurance.

If You're Away...

- Set the thermostat in your home no lower than 55 degrees.

- Ask a friend or neighbor to check your house daily to make sure it's warm enough to prevent freezing.

- Shut off and drain the water system. Be aware that if you have a fire protection sprinkler system in your house, it will be deactivated when you shut off the water.



Recent New And Renewing Members

The OCCC/EDC is pleased to announce the renewal or addition of the following members since July 1, 2003.

- Clay-Owen-Vigo Solid Waste Management District
- Lori Thatcher Quillen
- Kappa Kappa Kappa Inc., Alpha Delta Chapter

Additional copies of the 2003 Membership Directory are available in the OCCC/EDC office at 205 East Morgan, Suite D, Spencer. Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Directories are also available at the *Spencer Evening World*, 114 E. Franklin Street, Spencer

Quarterly Financial Statement

Income:

Donations - Fireworks,	
Fair Raffle,	
Golf Outing	\$2,287.00
Dues	120.00
Interest Income	1.68
Other Income	
Mailings &	
Fireworks Sales	85.50
Total Income	\$2,494.18

Expenses:

Payroll	1,642.00
Events - Fireworks	8,000.00
Education -	
Scholarship Award	500.00
Insurance - Business	1,603.88
Fees - State	10.00
Meetings	101.47
Office - Equipment	515.55
Office - Internet	59.85
Postage	60.68
Rent - Office	375.00
Supplies - Office	79.11
Taxes - Payroll	-206.02
Taxes - Fed & Withholding	306.81
Utilities - Gas & Electric	403.86
Utilities - Telephone	357.67

Total Expenses \$13,809.86
Total Income-Expenses -\$11,315.68

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Owen County

Life sciences, hardwoods and nature's beauty dominate in Owen County, where a recent merger created the Owen County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation.

The top life-science employer is Massachusetts-based Boston Scientific, the world's largest medical-device company, which employees 875 at the 174,000-square-foot Boston Scientific Spencer Technology Center. There, endoscopy, urology and non-vascu-

lar devices are made. Spencer-based Cook Urological Inc., a division of Bloomington's Cook Group, employs almost 400, making products used to treat urinary incontinence and for urological surgery.

Hardwood processors include Indiana Hardwood Specialists, with 45 employees and Dodd Woods, employing 30.

Owen County, covering just 390 square miles, also is home to 1,700-acre McCormick's Creek State Park, Indiana's oldest state park.

Standing Room Only At August General Meeting

The August Owen County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Corporation's General Meeting hosted by Owen County State Bank was very well attended. Ann Denney, Owen County Auditor and Irma Jean Franklin, Owen County Treasurer were the speakers. They gave an overview of the process that must be followed to satisfy the requirements set by the State of Indiana. This process has taken

several attempts to meet the changes made to the reassessment of property. They explained the procedures that must be followed to get the tax bills to the property owners and also gave a "guesstimate" of the date the bills will be in the mail. The session began with light refreshments and conversation. This has been such a hot topic there was standing-room-only by the time the speakers were

introduced.

The September 18th General Meeting speaker was Tim Kinder. Tim is a Business Advisor of the Indiana Small Business Development Center in Bloomington.

His presentation was on the various programs available at no charge for existing businesses, businesses in the planning stages or anywhere in-between.

Annual Golf Outing Held At Rolling Meadows Golf Course

The annual golf outing was held at the Rolling Meadows Golf Course Saturday, September 6th. Cash prizes were given for closest to the pin at hole 8. The first prize went to Arnie "Palmer" Apple with a hole in one, second place winner was Rick Barick and Trent Heckman came in the third place position.

The funds raised at this event help towards a college education for a student from Owen County.



Pictured above with OCCC/EDC Board Member Becky Brown is Arnie "Palmer" Apple who was closest to the pin with a hole in one!

In the photo to the left is Mike Beyers, Ranger of the Rolling Meadows Golf Course, pictured with OCCC/EDC Board Members Sherri Sloan and Becky Brown.

Reasons To Attend OCCC/EDC Functions

- ▶ You'll never walk into a room full of strangers; you are sure to know someone there.
- ▶ You automatically have something in common with everyone else: OCCC/EDC membership.
- ▶ You can gather information about your community and the services provided by the OCCC/EDC.
- ▶ You can relax, away from the telephone and interruptions, for at least an hour.

ANNUAL BANQUET DOOR PRIZES

Donations are needed for door prizes at the Annual Banquet. If your business or organization would like to donate an item, coupons or a certificate for service as a door prize, you may drop off items at the Owen County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Corporation's office or by contacting the office or a member of the Board and someone will pick them up. This is an excellent way to promote and advertise your business.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Board Meetings – 1st
Tuesday of month.

General Meetings – 4th
Thursday of month.

2004 Membership Notices Will Be Coming Soon

The 2004 OCCC/EDC membership packets are being prepared and should be arriving soon. The first year of the merged Corporation has seen much progress.

We look forward to having you join us as we continue to grow and serve the businesses of Owen County.

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