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**PERFECT
LOCAL
HOLIDAY GIFT**

Need a last minute gift idea or stocking stuffer? Then look no further than a local barn quilt calendar. This 12-month full-color calendar is the perfect way to say thank you to individuals that help make your business a success and your life a bit easier! Calendars can be purchased for \$8/each. Each calendar is **immediately ready for gift giving** and includes an envelope and gift tag.



CHAMPAIGN C O U N T Y

Chamber & Visitors Bureau

Bubbling Over With Natural Wonders

Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2007

BUSINESSES SAVE \$138,918

Twenty-seven Champaign County businesses will share \$138,918.98 as a result of their successful participation in the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Safety Council incentive program coordinated by the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce.

"This is a tremendous benefit to our businesses. That's \$138,918.98 going back into our local economy," stated Kelly Evans-Wilson, Executive Director of the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce. "This program results in huge savings for businesses and proves that Ohio's employers want safe work environments for their employees."

The calculation for each employer successfully participating in the Safety Council is 4 percent of their paid premium. For Champaign County the amount was \$138,918.98 and more than \$29 million for the state of Ohio.

The Champaign County Safety Council was reorganized in 2005 and hosts monthly meetings on topics related to occupational safety, accident prevention, risk management and workers' compensation issues. In addition, the program allows representatives from business and industry to network and share ideas beneficial to workplace safety. The Champaign County Safety Council includes representatives from 45 local businesses.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Urbana University for hosting the Smithsonian exhibit, "Key Ingredients, America by Food." during the month of November. Special thanks to Susie Sassenberg of UU for coordinating the event! Great job!



www.champaignohio.com

The Champaign County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the launch of its redesigned website, www.champaignohio.com. The new site includes information on local businesses, Leadership Champaign County, the Barn Quilt Tour and a community Calendar of Events.

The first place businesses wanting information on our community or individuals planning to visit Champaign County go is the internet. Our site is Champaign County's front door to the world. It is imperative that the site be appealing and informative.

In addition, the site offers a Champaign County Calendar of Events page which includes events and happenings throughout the community. When someone wants to know what is planned in the coming weeks or months in Champaign County, we want www.champaignohio.com to be the first place you look.

Leadership Champaign County

Leadership Champaign County is the Chamber's community development program. During the month of November the session focused on our History, Heritage and Culture. Participants visited Urbana, St. Paris, Mechanicsburg and North Lewisburg. Thank you to Gretchen Huffman from Peoples Bank (Chamber Member), Brenda Cook from the Village of St. Paris (Chamber Member), Andy Yoder of the Village of North Lewisburg (Chamber Member) & Ellen Seward of Mechanicsburg Library for showing participants the sites of our community.

In addition, November's session included a trip to Cedar Bog (Chamber Member) and the Champaign County Historical Society.

Thanks also to Brenda Burns and Steve Stout of the Urbana Daily Citizen (Chamber Member) and Kert Radel of Kiss Country (Chamber Member) for serving on a panel discussion regarding the role of the media in our community.



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• **B2B CELEBRATES** •

• **KEY INGREDIENTS** •

• Thank you to everyone who at- •

• tended the Chamber's B2B— •

• Business 2 Business networking •

• event on Thursday, November 8. •

• It was a great opportunity to net- •

• working with businesses and com- •

• munity leaders and view the •

• Smithsonian traveling exhibit, •

• "Key Ingredients, American by •

• Food." •

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Please join us....

A exclusive presentation and book signing by Rusty McClure, co-author of the New York Times bestseller, *Crosley—Two Brothers and a Business Empire that Transformed the Nation.*

Friday, November 30, 2007

7:30 a.m.—Breakfast and Mingle

8:00 a.m.—Presentation and Book Signing

Champaign County Library

MISSION MOMENT

The mission of the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce is for the purpose of advancing the commercial, industrial and civic interests of Champaign County and its trade area.



2008 BARN CALENDARS AVAILABLE

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