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WELCOME THESE

NEW CHAMBER BUSINESS MEMBERS

ABC Daycare, Inc., Rebecca Brown owner, Angela Compton director, 415 W Spring Street, P.O. Box 463, Irvington, KY 40146 offers Childcare-Preschool and Daycare—Preschool. 270-547-4040

Alexander Funeral Home owned by Ryan Conley and John M. Bruington, 509 Spring Street, Irvington, KY is a full service funeral home that provides any and all aspects of death care including full service funerals, partial services and all aspects of cremation including a full service funeral with cremation to follow. 270-547-2712 alexanderhome@bbtel.com

Little Dave’s Restaurant & Pizza owned by Dave Branson, 9536 S Hwy 259, McDaniels, KY 40152 offers breakfast anytime, lunch and dinner specials and home-made hand tossed pizza. Hours are Monday - Thursday 6am - 9pm and Friday - Sunday 6am - 10pm. 270-902-4400

Passport Health Plan—KCHIP, Jo Ann Thomas representative , 305 West Broadway, 3rd Floor, Louisville, KY 40202 provides free health insurance for children from birth-19 years (free or low cost) for low income families. 502-585-7900 joann.thomas@amerihealthmercy.org
www.passporthealthplan.com

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WELCOME THESE

NEW CHAMBER INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Carolyn French
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Irvington, KY 40146

Jill Irwin
345 Freedom Church Road
Harned, KY 40144

James R. Taylor
Hardinsburg, KY



CHAMBER BOARD ELECTS NEW OFFICERS & WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

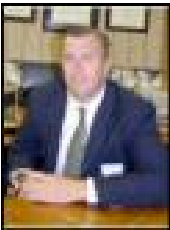
Ints Kampars takes the reins as the new Chamber President. Ints and his wife Melissa live on Lake Street in Hardinsburg. They are the parents of a son, Nicholas. Mr. Kampars retired with 32 years of service in the education field. Mr. Kampars worked as a teacher and elementary school principal. He received his BA from Lehigh University and his MA/Rank 1 from Western Kentucky University. Ints' goal as Chamber president is to promote economic progress and support positive aspects of Breckinridge County.

Janet Meeks was elected by the Chamber Board of Directors as President Elect. Tabetha Walz was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Donna French from Hancock Bank & Trust Company, **Janet Meeks** from Breckinridge County Board of Education and **Gabe VanLahr** from Save Rite Drugs, Inc. were elected by the membership in May to serve as the new board members. They join David Buchanan, retired, Holly Gregory from Breckinridge County Public Library, Mark Grimes from Wright Implement Company, Inc., and Tom Wheatley from Pate House Antiques to

Thanks to the following members who continued to support the Chamber

- A Better Way
- A T & T
- Atmos Energy
- Estill & Peggy Banks
- Kenneth Barger
- Bennett Backhoe, Plumbing & Rentals, Inc.
- Billy Boy's Travel
- Breckinridge County Attorney
- Breckinridge County Board of Education
- Breckinridge County Public Library
- Breckinridge County United, Inc.
- Breckinridge Herald News, Inc.
- Breckinridge Insurance, Inc.
- Cloverport Board of Education
- Coldwell Banker Realty Group
- Digital Connections Plus
- Drane & Company, PLLC, CPA's
- Fiddlers Country Store
- Senator Carroll & Millicent Gibson
- Hancock Bank & Trust Company
- Hardee's of Hardinsburg
- James & Tammie Henning
- Integra Bank, NA
- Jewell's Truck Sales
- Little Cedar Getaway
- Mago Construction/White Stone Company
- Charles C. Mattingly, III
- Meade County RECC
- Midstate Inspection Services, LLC
- Nick Bronger's Boat Dock, Inc.
- Pate House Antiques
- Planters Co-Operative Insurance Company
- Powers' Express
- Rough River Dam State Resort Park
- Shelter Insurance Agency
- Smith C. E. & Sons Corporation
- Southern Star Packaging
- State Farm Insurance
- St. Romuald Catholic Church
- St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
- Stone Law Office
- Taylor Pharmacy
- Tell City Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Inc.
- The Farmers Bank
- Towne & Country Plaza
- Valley Gas, Inc.
- George & Nancy Walz
- Wells Fargo Advisors
- Willoughby & Son, Inc.
- Charles Allen Wilson
- Wright Implement, LLC
- Wright's Landscape Design, Inc.
- WXBC



Cloverport School Superintendent Dr. John Millay spoke at the April 21 Chamber breakfast. The breakfast attended by 31 members and guest catered by Becky's 101 Restaurant was held in the Cloverport City Hall Conference room.

Dr. Millay spoke about the wonderful things both academically and building wise that are taking place at the Cloverport Schools.

The students moved into the new high school after the Christmas break. The plan is for the new cafeteria/commons, kitchen, music stage, FRYSC office and the renovation to the elementary school to be finished by the time schools starts in the fall.

The Cloverport school system has been recognized state wide for its CATS results and in a recent U. S. News & World Report magazine article was selected as one of the nation's top school sys-

Chamber Breakfast
Tuesday, July 21.
Little Dave's Restaurant & Pizza
Sponsored by
Breckinridge United
Economic Development
Speaker:
George Marshall with the
Breckinridge Health Tranquility
Clinic
Registration: 7:00 AM, CT
Breakfast: 7:30 AM, CT
Cost \$8 per person attending
RSVP by July 17
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Janet Meeks Superintendent of the Breckinridge County School System was the guest speaker at the May 19 Chamber breakfast at Green Valley Restaurant in Irvington.

She stated that the school system has 408 total employees. There are 2,830 students enrolled in the school system. There are 51 bus routes. The buses average 4,800 miles per day taking 2,000 children to and from school daily.

Ms. Meeks reported that the 2008 CATS Scores showed that the four elementary schools are right on target with where they need to be. The middle school and high school have some improvements to be made. She talked about the different measures that have been and continue to be taken to improve the test scores.

Ms. Meeks reported on some of the highlights of the school, technology and building renovation which is to take place at Ben Johnson Elementary.

Ms. Meeks covered the three R's which are going to be the focus of the 2009-2010 school year. Rigor—really looking at what we're asking students to do, Relevance—helping students see the connection to real life, and Relationships—"If you want a child to learn, let them know you care. You're there to catch them when they fall."

She stated, " it takes a village to raise a child—we build memories and futures".



Article & photo courtesy of the Herald News



**Patrick Henry Hughes inspires audience at chamber dinner.**

Those who attended the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner left that evening filled with inspiration and an excellent meal.

The guest speakers were the duo team of Patrick Henry Hughes, 21, and his father Patrick John Hughes, 47, of Louisville.

The son, who was born with multiple handicaps, has overcome those physical problems to excel in music and motivation.

Patrick Henry was born without eyes and his limbs will not extend outward.

.He is unable to walk and depends on a wheelchair for mobility.

His father, Patrick John, a UPS employee, said he was expecting a son with whom he could share his interest in sports. "We were disappointed and after emerging from the pity pool, we decided to do the best for our son." The parents soon discovered his musical ability when he began playing the piano at age 9 months. That ability was nurtured and the elder Hughes had dreamed that one day he would be with his son on the field of a major university. That dream has come true. Father and son can be seen on the football field of University of Louisville during the band's routine. Patrick plays the trumpet and his father wheels him in the formation.

Hughes is the author of a book, "I am Potential," has been seen on several TV shows including Oprah and the Extreme Makeover Home Edition, and has produced a CD of his music. The U of L junior is working toward a major in Spanish and he hopes to become a translator and an ambassador to a Spanish-speaking country or a game show host. Patrick holds a 3.9 GPA. Patrick said his F's do not include failure, but instead family, faith, friends and freedoms.

# Chamber News, Events & Opportunities

## Newsletter & Web Site Advertising Opportunity

The Chamber offers business card advertising in our newsletter and on our web site.

For information regarding this opportunity

contact 270-756-0268 or

[chamber@breckinridgecountychamberky.com](mailto:chamber@breckinridgecountychamberky.com)

## OTHERS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The events listed in the next column are events which the Chamber seeks sponsorship for during the year. Please think about helping support one or more of these during the year.

Some of these events can best be supported by monetary donations while for others we need small give a way items, door prizes and volunteers to help us work the events.

- For info: 270-756-0268
- Annual Dinner
  - Big Spring Down Home Days
  - County Fair
  - Duck Dash
  - Farm City Dinner
  - Golf Scramble
  - Hoedown Day
  - Railroad Festival



## Chamber needs sponsors for upcoming Duck Dash!!

The Chamber Duck Dash will be September 5, 2009 at 1:00 CT

at the Cloverport Sacajawea Festival

This event which is one of the Chamber's Major Fund Raisers is in need of Sponsorships!

If you would be interested in helping sponsor this event please contact the Chamber office at 270-756-0268 or [chamber@breckinridgecountychamberky.com](mailto:chamber@breckinridgecountychamberky.com)



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## Help needed! State Fair Booth

The Chamber is currently seeking workers for the Kentucky State Fair Pride of the Counties Booth. The State fair is August 20-30. The Chamber needs 66 dedicated individuals to work the booth. The Chamber pays your admittance and parking for the day you work.

If you are interested in helping promote Breckinridge County to the many, many visitors to the State fair contact Donna French, at 270-788-3749 or [frenchdonnam@yahoo.com](mailto:frenchdonnam@yahoo.com)

## ATTENTION CHAMBER MEMBERS

### NEW SERVICE OFFERED TO CHAMBER MEMBERS

The Chamber has added a new page to its web site that lists local employment opportunities. Any Chamber member that has a job opening and would like to have it listed on this web page should submit it in writing or by email to the Chamber office.

Along with local listings this web site also list several web sites where potential employees can seek jobs with various agencies.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES PAGE  
ADDED TO WEB SITE

## BREAKFAST SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Chamber started a new program in February. Chamber business members are offered an opportunity to sponsor a breakfast for \$100. The business that sponsors the meal will be given the opportunity to place/display their promotional materials on the tables. They will also be given 5 minutes to verbally promote their business during the breakfast.

# Ribbon Cuttings and Grand Openings



## EMBRY'S FURNITURE STORE

Embry's Furniture Store Opened its doors for business at 205 Old Hwy 60, Hardinsburg, KY 40143 on Friday, April 17. The store operated by Charity Embry and Phillip Robinson offered customers 50% off all items in the store both Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18 as part of their "Grand Opening" celebration.

Members of the community along with some Breckinridge County elected officials helped the Breckinridge County Chamber of Commerce were on hand to help with the ribbon cutting celebration.

The Hardinsburg store is an expansion of the Leitchfield owned business which has been operating under the direction of four generations of Embry's, Eck, Donald, Grey and Charity.

In addition to furniture (bedroom, living room suites, dining room suites, recliners, accent tables, hutches and buffets) buyers can find appliances and televisions which carry warranties. Repairs and service is through a contracted firm. Business hours are M-F 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, CT, closed Sunday. Stop in, take a look around or give them a call at (270) 580-4494 and welcome them to the community!!

## COLUMN 6 INTERNET CAFÉ

Members of the local community, the Irvington Mayor Inez Board, and some Breckinridge County elected officials were on hand to help the Breckinridge County Chamber of Commerce welcome Allan Francis and the staff of Column 6 Internet Cafe's to the Irvington Community with a ribbon cutting. The ribbon cutting took place at 105 E US 60 Irvington, KY 40146 on Friday, April 24, then on Saturday, April 25 the Cafe held an open house.

The Cafe offers a wide variety of services. They have internet access, computer classes, computer repair as well as a menu of delicious breakfast items, sandwiches, salads, hamburgers, and hot dogs.

The business hours are M-F, 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM, ET, closed Saturday and Sunday. For all your computer needs and for delicious food stop in and see them or give them a call at (270) 547-2332.



## TOWNE & COUNTRY PHARMACY, FLORIST & GIFTS

On Friday, April 24 several members of the community, Hardinsburg Mayor Wayne Macy, county elected officials, were all on hand to help the Chamber of Commerce Celebrate with Towne & Country Pharmacy, Florist and Gifts the opening in their new location at 675 E. Hwy 60, Hardinsburg, KY. There were door prizes given, refreshments served during the celebration.

The business offers full pharmaceutical services, florist and gifts. The operating hours are M-F 8:00 AM, to 7:00 PM, Saturday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Sunday, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, CT.

The business may be reached at these telephone numbers:

Pharmacy 270-756-2151      Health Care Department 270-756-1984      Florist 270-756-6856



## Duck Dash ducks on sale!!!



The Chamber would like to challenge each member to support this fund raisers. This fund raiser could raise between \$850 and \$17,000 if each Chamber member supported it.

If each chamber member sold or purchased an Individual Duck for \$5 the gross income would be \$850, if each member purchased a Quack Pack (6 ducks for \$25) the gross income would be \$4,250, if each member sold or purchased a Flock (25 for \$100) the gross income would be \$17,000. This does not include the ducks that will be sold at the local festivals between now and September 5.

The little plastic ducks are thrown over the Cloverport Road bridge into Clover Creek. There is someone under the railroad bridge in a boat to collect the first 3 ducks to come upstream.



The adopted parent of the first place duck receives \$500, the adopted parent of the second place duck receives \$250 and the adopted parent of the third place duck receives \$125.

In the past some of our business members have sold a quack pack within their office with each employee chipping in \$\$'s to cover the cost.

For information on how to adopt ducks or to sell ducks contact Sherry at 270-756-0268 or by email at chamber@breckinridgecountychamberky.com

**The New Irvington Ballpark Complex** will host a ground breaking ceremony Sunday, July 5 at 2:00 Eastern Time. This event will take place at the corner of Center and Maple Streets.

**Breckinridge County Fair** will be Monday, July 6 through July 11. For information: 270-547-7207  
**& the Parade** will be Saturday, July 11 at 10:00 AM, CDT pre-registration is needed only if you wish to be judged To register 270-756-0268 or chamber@breckinridgecountychamberky.com

**Chamber Breakfast Tuesday, August 18** Cloverport exact location to be announced  
Sponsored by Breckinridge Central EMS  
Speaker: Luke Schmidt  
L. B. Schmidt & Associates, LLC  
Elizabethtown Airport Project  
Registration: 7:00 AM, CT  
Breakfast: 7:30 AM, CT  
Cost \$8 per person attending  
RSVP by August 14

**Breckinridge County Clothesline of Quilts** is seeking groups or individuals who would be willing to help paint the boards which make up the quilt blocks. To date there have been 33 blocks are hung on barns throughout Breckinridge County with 4 more completed waiting to be hung and approximately 9 more in the works. The Clothesline of Quilts committee also still has sun catchers for sale.

For information or to volunteer contact Katie 270-756-2182 at Breckinridge County Extension Services Office, or Sherry 270-756-0268 at the Breckinridge County Chamber of Commerce

**Irvington Heritage Council** wants to invite everyone to visit The Train Depot at Irvington the first Sunday of each month from 2-4pm ET or by appointment Contact Main Street Manager Mark Henderson, 547-3021

**20th Pops in the Park Concert**

July 24, 2009 is the date for the next First Federal Savings Bank's Pops in the Park concert. Rain Date is July 26th.

The theme for the Louisville Orchestra's concert will be "Arabian Nights". Freeman Lake Park will open at 6:00pm. The concert will begin at 8:30pm. Zambelli International will again hold a fireworks display as a finale for the concert. Proceeds from this event are used for local Rotary scholarships and support of the United Way of Central Kentucky.

To help make your evening more enjoyable, the Elizabethtown Rotary Club will once again be offering reserved table

seating for eight (8). The table cost is \$240.00. 4 "VIP" passes to the park will be allocated to each table.

Tables are limited and are reserved on a first come, first serve basis.

To reserve your table (s) contact Cathy Williamson via email at [cwilliamson@bbbkyin.org](mailto:cwilliamson@bbbkyin.org), with "Pops" in the subject line or by phone at 270-982-1289 by noon on July 21st.

Payment is expected when tickets are ordered. Checks should be mailed to Elizabethtown Rotary, P.O. Box 521, Elizabethtown, KY 42702-0521.

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**Spotlight day for Holt House**

During the time of the Civil War most Americans knew the name Joseph Holt, but now it is almost forgotten. Judge Holt served as Judge Advocate General under President Abraham Lincoln and following his assassination presided over the trial of the Lincoln conspirators.

Today, Judge Holt's history is being re-claimed. On August 15, from 9 AM to 5 PM, CDT, Judge Holt's house in rural Breckinridge County will be spotlighted as a site along the Kentucky Lincoln Heritage Trail. Once named one of the most endangered historic places in Kentucky, the Holt House has become a Legacy Project of the Kentucky Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Now owned by the county, efforts are underway to preserve this important historic structure in partnership with the Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office and Kentucky Historical Society.

The celebration will feature a variety of events including an Honor Guard from the Judge Advocate General's office at Fort Knox placing a wreath by Judge Holt's grave at 11 AM. Music from the era will be performed, free refreshments provided, and the home will be open for tours. A customized Kentucky Lincoln Heritage Trail passport stamp will be given; for more visit [www.lincolntrail.com](http://www.lincolntrail.com)

The release of *Judge Joseph Holt*, telling the story of one of Kentucky's highest-ranking national figures and his remarkable life, will be available for purchase and signed by author Susan B. Dyer. The home is located on US 60 four miles east of Cloverport; exit US60 onto KY 144 north, travel six miles.

**Native Breckinridge Countian to be at  
US60 Dragway**

Randy Walls a Breckinridge County Native and well known racing enthusiast will make two runs down the track at US 60 Raceway on Friday, July 3. The first pass will be at 6:30 CT and the second at 9:30 CT. He will be racing his nostalgic funny car.

To see more about Randy visit <http://www.weditforlove.com/2007-CHRR-6.html>

**Check out the latest Poll on the  
Chamber web site.**

# Accent on membership —

## Powers Express



Ray and Alvina Powers opened Powers Express in April 2003. Since then, the folks over at Powers' have been serving up hot food and friendly service to familiar faces as well as visitors who happen to stop on their way through. Located on Highway 60 between Hardinsburg and Cloverport, it is a convenient stop for fuel, grocery items, cigarettes, lottery tickets, and even hot meals. Powers Express is the place to stop for an early morning pick-me-up with cappuccino and fresh-brewed coffee – especially with free coffee every Monday! The deli serves biscuits and gravy, large cinnamon rolls, and

breakfast sandwiches starting bright and early at 5 AM.

Not a morning person? They will happily take care of your lunch and dinner needs too. Visit the deli at Powers Express if you are in the mood for hand-breaded fried chicken, chicken tenders, or potato wedges. Maybe something else whets your appetite? Try any of the homemade vegetables such as green beans, macaroni and cheese, baked apples or one of the various daily special meats or vegetables. Don't forget about their made-from-scratch fried cornbread and fruit cobblers. Bulk orders are also available if you find yourself with several mouths to feed. Pizzas are also available in two different sizes and with a wide range of toppings.

The store also has an extensive grocery section with not only chips, candy, snack cakes, and sodas, but also milk, eggs, bread, canned goods, sugar, and various other staples. You can also pick up phone cards and hunting and fishing licenses while you are there. Powers Express offers expedient one-stop shopping without having to travel too far out of the way.

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