

THE SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE

Upcoming Events in Kosciusko County

Take advantage of free one-on-one business assistance provided in Warsaw by the South Bend Small Business Development Center and Kosciusko Development Inc. Wednesday, September 2. Call 267-6311 to schedule a one hour counseling session.

KDI Small Business Loans

www.kdi-in.com/pdf/Flyer.pdf

President's Point of View

Joy McCarthy-Sessing CEcD

Indiana's Top 50 'Companies to Watch'

Jack Moore, KDI board member and Chairman of the Warsaw/Kosciusko County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and I just returned from the "2009 Indiana Companies to Watch" dinner. What a spectacular evening in downtown Indianapolis!

We can be proud that two Kosciusko County businesses were honored at this prestigious event. Out of nearly 500 private companies from throughout Indiana, OrthoPediatics and VOT Arthroscopic Solutions, both located in Warsaw, were honored for their past and projected growth, innovative products or business practices, special use of technology and philanthropic work in their communities.

ORTHOPEDIATRICS

Warsaw based OrthoPediatics, a manufacturer of orthopedic implants for children, announced today that it has received state entrepreneurship funding to commercialize its cast removal device. The three-year old specialty orthopedics developer received a \$2 million grant from, the State's 21st Century Research and Technology Fund to develop and market its quiet cast removal technology.

OrthoPediatics is one of nearly 70 businesses awarded a 21st Century Fund grant since January 2006. During that time, the fund has invested more than \$90 million in high-tech Indiana entrepreneurial companies that collectively have the potential to create thousands of new jobs. For more information about the 21st Century Research and Technology Fund. www.21fund.org/

Town of Claypool Awarded Grant

Lt. Governor Skillman awarded the Town of Claypool \$400,000 out of the State's Community Focus Fund grant for water improvements. This project will improve water pressure, water quality, and provide better fire protection for the Town of Claypool.

To receive the Community Focus Fund grant a community must complete a competitive application process and provide a local philanthropic match.

Louis Dreyfus Indiana's 1st BQ-900 Producer

The **Louis Dreyfus Soybean Processing and Biofuel plant in Claypool** has become the first biodiesel producer in Indiana to receive industry's highest level of quality assurance accreditation. BQ-9000 is a voluntary fuel quality assurance program overseen by the National Biodiesel Accreditation Commission. It covers storage, sampling, testing, blending, shipping, distribution and fuel management practices.

The Louis Dreyfus plant opened in August 2007 and is the world's largest integrated soybean based biodiesel plant, with an annual production capacity exceeding 88 million gallons of soy biodiesel for blending into fuel. The facility also processes nearly 50 million bushels of soybeans annually and produces more than 1 million tons of soybean meal each year. For more information www.louisdreyfus.com/



The Taste & Trade Expo 2009 is scheduled for October 16 & 17 at the Orthopaedic Capital Center at Grace College. For more information call the Chamber at 574/267-6311 or email info@wkchamber.com. In 2008, over 2000 people attended the Expo.

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