

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, February 3rd. Call 267-6311 to schedule a one hour counseling session.

OrthoWorx to Seek High Speed Rail Link

The **OrthoWorx Board of Directors** has resolved to pursue the effort for a rail corridor linking the Warsaw area to cities like Cleveland and Chicago. The board believes a high-speed rail line will provide a significant boost to companies in Kosciusko County.

OrthoWorx is a Warsaw-based, industry, community and education initiative established to advance and support growth and innovation within the region's uniquely concentrated, globally significant orthopedics device sector. Founded in 2009, the initiative engages and enhances the broader community interests that both serve and depend upon the sector's continued growth by targeting an integrated set of educational, workforce, cultural, communication, branding, logistical and entrepreneurial efforts. www.kcfoundation.org

TOM FARMS

Tom Farms LLC of Leesburg was recently featured in Biz Voice magazine as an agriculture leader in Indiana. A family business founded in 1952, has become one of Indiana's most innovative agriculture companies. Kip Tom, President stated that farming has become more about manufacturing with the increase in automated farming equipment. The equipment allows Kip and his company to be the largest American seed producer for Monsanto, a global leader in agricultural research, development and productivity.

On 16,000 acres of Indiana soil in six counties and 4,000 acres in Argentina, Tom Farms also produces commodity crops and soybeans. They use the latest in global positioning system (GPS) technology to monitor their equipment, as well as the production yields. Tom Farms proves technology is critical to the farming industry.

For more information visit www.tomfarms.com.

Miller Consulting Group

Miller Consulting Group, an Indianapolis-based technology company recently opened a new office in Warsaw. Miller Consulting is an I.T. services firm that specializes in CAD/CAM solutions.

The company plans to create 25 new jobs by the end of the year. These technical jobs will be in the areas of CAD and engineering. www.mcg-inc.net/

Mahar Tool Supply & Danco Anodizing presents the 2010 Medical Manufacturing Technology Show on April 28th in Warsaw. For more information about exhibiting or schedule of events. 800/456-2427 MedicalShow@Mahartool.com

Purdue University Webinars

Purdue University, Manufacturing Extension Partnership is offering Free Webinars on R & D Tax Credit Services. www.mep.purdue.edu/

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Paragon Medical Inc.

Paragon Medical Inc. announced plans to add a bio-skills lab to its Orthopaedic Instrument Global Design Center in **Pierceton**. Paragon leadership will wait until it's fully operational before deciding how many jobs to add. The cost of the lab will be less than \$2 million.

Paragon is a tier 1 supplier of world class surgical instrumentation, implantable components, cases & trays.

www.paragonmedical.com

Mentone Awarded Grant

Mentone was awarded \$600,000 for a sewer rehabilitation project. Mentone will use the grant funding to make improvement to the town's wastewater treatment plant.

The project includes upgrades to the wastewater treatment facility and improvement to several lift stations. This project will address environmental concerns and improve the quality of life for Mentone residents. www.in.gov/ocra

Ivy Tech Breaks Ground

Ivy Tech Community College recently broke ground on it's new campus in Warsaw. The new campus is located at the intersection of US 30 west and Silveus Crossing, across from Medtronic.

The project began eight years ago with business and community leaders working hard to raise the necessary funds. Nearly \$3 million was raised locally with the General Assembly appropriating \$10.1 million towards the project.

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