

THE SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE

Upcoming Events in Kosciusko County

Industrial Networking Group—Thursday, August 28th, 12:00 pm. to 1:00 pm. The program is “Lean and Green”. No cost—but you must RSVP. Call 267-6311.

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, July 2nd. Call 267-6311 to schedule a one hour counseling session.

Interesting Links

Indiana Career Connect
www.indianacareerconnect.com

Technical Assistance
www.tap.purdue.edu/

President’s Point of View Joy McCarthy-Sessing CECd

Recently I was invited to partake in a “Entrepreneur Support Organization” retreat at the Edward Lowe Foundation in Michigan. The foundation is carrying on Mr. Lowe’s love of entrepreneurship, of which he was a shining example. The foundation is emphasizing the “gardening” of second-stage companies throughout America. According to research by the foundation, second-stage firms have the greatest positive impact on the economy. A second-stage company is a locally-owned, privately-held company with 10-99 employees, \$1-\$30 million revenue and steady rate of growth. More on this in the future.

TOWN OF MILFORD

A new 225 acre industrial site with rail access is being development on the north site of Milford. This new development will allow for future industry growth. The site is zoned I-3 (Heavy Industrial). The property is in a prime location for manufacturers needing rail and highway access.



BDI Engineering celebrates the opening of their new manufacturing facility in Warsaw

BDI was established in Claypool in 1998 by President and CEO Brad Johnson. It is a capital equipment manufacturer for all types of manufacturing industries. The core facets of production include; industrial and process controls, heavy steel fabrication, turn-key automated manufacturing solutions and heavy machining. BDI currently has 67 employees in the professional, engineering, machining, welding and assembly fields. The KDI Retention and Expansion Committee met with BDI in 2007 to assist with future growth plans. For more information about BDI: www.bdieng.com

Silver Lake

In the southern part of the county, the Town of Silver Lake continues to address the needs of the community and economic growth. Angie Glass, Town Clerk/Treasurer and local officials have been working closely with the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs on a grant application to assist the Par-Kan company by extending town water to the company outside its boundaries. Par-Kan is a major employer for Silver Lake. They manufacture ground support carts and refuse containers. For more information about infrastructure grants. www.in.gov/ocra/2374.htm

SYRACUSE TECHNOLOGY/INDUSTRIAL PARK

The Town of Syracuse has purchased land outside the town limits for a new technology/industrial park. The park is adjacent to US 6 and SR 13 north of Syracuse in Elkhart County. The site has 61 acres. This is an excellent location for new or expanding companies to locate close to some of the major boat, RV and life science manufacturers in the region.

The Town of Syracuse continues to experience economic growth with the recent announcements that three new companies will be locating in the former Dana Building. For more information, contact Henry DeJulia, Town Manager at 574/457-3348 or hdejulia@syracusein.com



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