



Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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A Message from the President

July 1 starts a new fiscal year for the Chamber. This last year has been both rewarding and challenging. With the help of a very good group of board members, we have put in place systems and procedures that will ensure the Chamber will be able to meet the administrative needs of its members for years to come. After all, the sole purpose of the Chamber board is to help the members.

We had a very successful Annual Banquet, along with a great dinner catered by The Patio restaurant, who is a long time Chamber member. Mr. Bob Park supplied the entertainment and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

The membership elected Dan Allard from Domtar and Sherry Lassaline from Hancock Bank to fill the spots vacated by Lois Kennedy and Renee McBrayer. These two ladies will be greatly missed by the remaining members, but we feel very fortunate to be able to fill their spots with high quality people such as Dan and Sherry.

Tim Cecil was selected as Hancock County Citizen of the Year and I cannot think of anyone more deserving. He thinks nothing of the fact that he serves on at least 10 different boards. He feels blessed to be a part of this county and great country and works to make life better for everyone he can. I was very pleased that his parents and family were able to be with him when he received this award. You could see the pride in their eyes as I was introducing the winner to the members and he had no idea all the good things being said were about him. I believe humility is one of the many

traits that made him deserving of this award.
~ Yours in service, *Tim*

July Breakfast Meeting

The July Breakfast Meeting will be held at **Century Aluminum**, 1627 SR 271 N in Hawesville. Members must check in through the plant's Security office and will then be directed to the breakfast location.

New Executive Director Named

The Board is pleased to announce the hiring of



PAM BOLEN as the Executive Director of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, effective July 1.

Pam, who holds a Master's Degree in Management, is the

Site Director for Oakland City College in Rockport, Indiana. She brings a wealth of experience about our county with her, having served as the Hancock County Tourism Director from 2002-2011. She was the Assistant Director of Family Resource Center with the Hancock County Board of Education from 1993-1999.

There will be a transition period as Pam gets settled into her part-time role with the Chamber. She will primarily work remotely, but available through phone and email to answer your questions.

Please give Pam a warm welcome as she assumes her new role. We believe that her enthusiasm and desire to help others will be a great asset to the Chamber.

Effective July 1 the Chamber will no longer use a PO Box. Please direct mailed correspondence to the physical address listed at the top of the newsletter.



Board of Directors

- Tim Heavrin, President
- Tim Meserve, Vice President
- Steve Canepari, Treasurer
- Sharon Russelburg, Secretary
- Dan Allard
- Sherry Lassaline

Spotlight Business



June's Spotlight is on **Aleris**.

Aleris is a relatively young company, formed at the end of 2004 through the merger of Commonwealth Industries, Inc. and IMCO Recycling, Inc. The merger created a vertically integrated aluminum company traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Since then, they have strengthened the business through organic growth and operational improvements, as well as strategic acquisitions.

The Lewisport mill has a long history in Hancock County, where it was built in the late 60's under the name of Harvey Aluminum. The mill has changed ownership several times, but the strengths that have allowed it to remain as one of the biggest employers of Hancock County have remained constant over the years. Aleris supplies high quality aluminum to its customers to use in many different applications. It supplies high paying jobs with very good benefits to its employees at the Lewisport mill.

New Board Members & Officers Elected

Two new Board members were elected during the Annual Banquet on June 17. **Dan Allard** and **Sherry Lassaline** will begin their three-year terms on July 1.

Dan, Wood Procurement Manager at Domtar, has been employed by the Hawesville Mill since graduating UK with a degree in Forestry. He has four children and two step-children, ranging in age from 12–21, and resides in Lewisport with his wife, Amy.

Sherry Lassaline has worked at Hancock Bank & Trust Company for 33 years. She is married to Kirk and has one daughter, Ariel.

New Board Officers elected at a regular meeting on June 19 were: Tim Heavrin, President; Tim Meserve, Vice President; Steve Canepari, Treasurer, and Sharon Russelburg will serve as the Board Secretary.

2014 Citizen of the Year Recipient

The Board received several nominations for this year's Citizen of the Year Award. It can be difficult choosing from a group of such well-deserving people. But choose we did, and the Board wishes to congratulate this year's recipient, **TIM CECIL**.

Tim serves on many boards and committees within Hancock County, spending countless hours volunteering his time and talents. Tim serves on the boards for Hancock County Tourism, Hancock County Fair, Planning & Zoning, Hancock County Extension, Farm Bureau, and the F.S.A. He serves as Vice President of the Zone 5 Bluetick Coonhound Association which covers Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia and Ohio. He was also recently appointed to the University of Kentucky's Horticulture Advisory Board. You may know Tim as the "Tomato Man," for his famous, delicious tomatoes.

The Chamber Board can always count on Tim to lend a helping hand at our events without being asked. He just jumps in and does whatever is needed. We appreciate Tim and wish him a most heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS in receiving this honor.

Breakfast Meeting Sponsors Needed

Please contact the Chamber if your business would be interested in sponsoring a monthly breakfast during October, November or December. Sponsors for the next few months are: July-Century Aluminum, August-Domtar, September-Hancock County Library. July details are on Page 1 of this newsletter, and more details will follow in future newsletters about the August and September breakfasts.

If you would like to sponsor a breakfast, please call or email Pam Bolen at the Chamber office.

Around the County

July 4: Independence Day Celebration at Vastwood Park

August 13-16: Hancock County Fair at the Fairgrounds

September 27-28: Steamboat Festival, Downtown Hawesville

October 25-26: Independence Bank Sorghum Festival at the Fairgrounds

For more information, visit:

<http://www.hancockky.us/Festivals/festivals.htm>

