

Corbin Connections

March 2005

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, April 12

**Chamber of Commerce
Membership Luncheon
11:45 am**

Friday, May 20

**Relay For Life
"Racing For A Cure"
Corbin Motor Speedway
7:00 pm**

Saturday, June 4

**Lake Laurel Horse Show
Corbin Civic Center
5:00 pm**

Saturday, June 4

**Saturday, August 6
Saturday, October 15**

**Cumberland Valley
"Cruise In" Car Show
Main Street, Downtown
12:00 Noon - 6:30 pm**

August 10-13

**NIBROC Festival
Downtown Corbin**

September 2-4

**NIBROC Rodeo
Challenge
Corbin Civic Center**

Get Involved!

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From the Director's Desk

Bruce Carpenter, Director, Chamber and Tourism

My responsibilities as Director of the Greater Corbin Chamber of Commerce and the Corbin Tourist and Convention Commission were assumed in October of 2004, and these last few months have given me an insightful overview of the way the various entities involved in the Corbin Office of Economic Development are interrelated and dependent upon one another for success. Director Bob Terrell and I are committed to building this office into a force that can assure the continued growth and development of our community. We believe the first giant step toward that goal is the restructuring of our membership to make it all inclusive of the entities represented by this office.

We have established a plan to "Make Corbin an Exceptional Community", and we are determined that the vision will be fulfilled. In the Board of Directors for the Greater Corbin Chamber of Commerce, we have a group of individuals who are committed to positive improvement in our community, the growth of our established businesses, and the attraction of new industry to our area.

We want our Chamber of Commerce prepared for "instant response" to issues that will affect our business community. In order to do this, we must have an accurate data base of the variety of businesses that make up our community and the issues that most affect their day to day operations, from infrastructure to employee training needs. Our office will become a "one stop shop" for directing essential information to our members in a timely manner. The publication of a monthly newsletter is the first step in that direction. Future steps will include the expansion of our marketing program as it relates to our members; the hosting of seminars to address business development, and a scheduled visitation program that will give us personal contact with our members on a regular basis.

Our Tourism Commission is working diligently to bring new events to Corbin, further developing the essential tourism industry.

We need to make sure that Corbin exhibits the kind of welcome and variety of activities that will bring visitors to our community many times over. Essential to this goal is the continual marketing of our region through the most effective venues available. One current project involves the construction of the new Civic Center Complex. The potential of this facility to generate revenue for our local businesses will be limited only by our marketing capability. To that end, we are determined to have an aggressive marketing program that disseminates information and highlights all the attractions available to visitors. Our reclassification as a fourth class city provides us an opportunity to generate the funds necessary for the completion of this essential building project.

We will not accept less than the best for Corbin. Achieving that goal requires that we work together so we can grow together. I am enthusiastic about the potential which exists in our community, and I look forward to working with each of you to assure that the Corbin business community will reach that potential. I invite you to become involved in your Chamber of Commerce.

***We need your
suggestions, your
concerns, and most
of all, your active
participation.***

*- Bruce Carpenter
Director*



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The Corbin Center for Technology and Community Activities was presented at the Greater Corbin Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon by Donna Helton, coordinator for the programs and events that will take place in the new center. Donna explained that while the building is owned by the City of Corbin, it will be managed by Eastern Kentucky University over the next three years, as part of the agreement between the City of Corbin and EKU. Donna stated that she is excited about this partnership and its potential to benefit both the community and the university. Donna encourages everyone to take a tour of the facility; she will be happy to make arrangements for a visit.

According to Donna, the new facility features a conference room, two computer labs, and three classrooms, along with a 5,400 square foot multipurpose room. The multipurpose room has the capability of being divided into four separate rooms, complete with sound proof moveable walls to accommodate the size requirements of those using the facility. The Lincoln Club has scheduled their annual banquet in the multipurpose room, and this will be the first event hosted by the new center. Donna stated that while furniture was on order, it was necessary to borrow and rent the tables, chairs and equipment necessary to comply with the request of the Lincoln Club to showcase this new facility. She estimates six to eight weeks to have the facility completely furnished, and in the meantime, will make any necessary arrangements for furnishing should any other group in the community wish to make use of the facility. In July of 2005, the Firefighter's Convention is scheduled to be held in Corbin, and they plan to use the multipurpose room for scheduled activities.

Training opportunities offered at the new center will be: First-line Supervision Certification; Human Resource Professional Certification; Human Resource Management Training; Computer Assisted Design Certification; and many other classes related to successful business management. EKU will also offer computer classes through its community education program, and a variety of craft educational workshops such as traditional basket weaving, painting and macramé'. The Corbin Center for Technology and Community Activities will have a positive impact on our community. EKU invites you to take advantage of this tremendous opportunity for business development and personal growth.

For additional information on services available, please contact Donna Helton at (606) 528-0551.

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Bob's Brief..... **Corbin... An Exceptional Community**

Education - Continue pressing the frontiers of innovative education, building on our current outstanding success. Education is vital to our future.

New Postal Facility & Expanded Library Services - The close proximity of these two facilities give both a high degree of visibility. We have good people in both of these operations, but the facilities are poor and inadequate.

Agricultural & Exposition Center & the Corbin Civic Center - When the new Center is operational, it will enable us to convert the present facility into a first class recreation area. The two are linked, and can give our area a great boost.

Fourth Class City - The classification change from 3rd to 4th class will enable a restaurant tax, which will generate revenue vital to the growth of our community.

Marketing - An aggressive marketing plan must be maintained that will enable us to expand our city limits and attract new industry to the region.

Infrastructure - We must insure that the infrastructure within the city and the outlying region will meet growth needs.

Intermodal - There is a pressing need for an intermodal in South Laurel,/North of Corbin, and a concentrated effort to establish in our area of Free Trade Zone Status.

Community Revitalization - Recent action by the City Commission to remove old cars from the community has been extremely successful. We need funding to pave Main, Gordon and Kentucky Streets, and to repair existing sidewalks.

Recreation - A Golf Course near the I-75 triangle of Cumberland Falls State Park, Williamsburg and Corbin is essential to our ability to attract tourism dollars to our region.

Medical Facilities - We are blessed with award winning medical facilities, and we must continue our support by maintaining close communication to insure that we are working together to provide a better quality of life for our citizens.

Community Spirit - We must continue to foster good communications and support for those activities that reflect an excellent community spirit, including unbridled support of Congressman Rogers' Pride Program.

Corbin Office of Economic Development, Depot building - We must work out a plan with CSX whereby the site can be upgraded with a paved roadway and new sidewalks.

Entrepreneurial Spirit - Corbin boasts a legacy of super achievers to numerous to mention. We should be proud of the individual achievements of our citizens, and work to pass that legacy on to our grandchildren.