

Date posted online: Thursday, November 29, 2007

Business keeps truckin' for 61 years

Merrillville Chamber of Commerce news

*By John J. Janik
Times Columnist*

Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels recently spotlighted Truck City of Gary as one of six Lake County businesses honored for longevity and community service during the annual Governor's Century and Half Century Awards ceremony.

Truck City of Gary was founded by Paul G. Davis and Jack Erickson as Gary White Sales and Service in 1946. The company moved to its current location in Gary in 1960. They have changed the product mix several times over the past 61 years, but they have never changed their dedication to customer service and their desire to grow and expand in Northwest Indiana.

Truck City of Gary was a sponsor of the Best of the Northwest Expo and the Business & Consumer Expo and their huge semis were the main attraction in the expo hall. Best wishes for many, many more successful years.

Wine and beer tasting

Fun, wine and beer sampling and hors d'oeuvres are on the agenda at the Holiday Wine and Beer Tasting Fundraiser for Lupus Foundation and Gabriel's Horn Shelter. The event will be held at Woodland Park

Sycamore Hall in Portage from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$25 and are available from Lupus Foundation at

(219) 762-6575 or Gabriel's Horn Shelter at 364-1448, or may be purchased at the door.

Groundbreaking planned

Horizon Bank will break ground at 10 a.m. Tuesday for its new facility at 86th & Broadway in Merrillville.

The anticipated opening is in early 2008. The branch manager will be Linda Stack, assistant branch manager will be Jennifer Hohl; customer service rep is Kelly Stokes and the tellers will be Caroline Conner and Michelle Morris.

Horizon Bancorp is a locally owned, independent, commercial bank holding company serving northern Indiana and southwest Michigan. Horizon also offers mortgage-banking services throughout the Midwest. Visit www.accesshorizon.com.

Learn about bariatric surgery

Attend a free seminar on weight loss surgical options at Pinnacle Hospital in Crown Point at noon Monday. Dr. Jeffrey Rosen, a Board Certified surgeon with more than 10 years experience in weight loss surgical procedures, will speak on Lap-BAND and gastric bypass procedures. Open and laparoscopic methods will be discussed as well as long-term aftercare for the weight loss surgical patient.

For reservations, call (866) 922-4592. Visit Dr. Rosen's website at www.LifeWeigh.com.

Light them up

Looking for a special gift for a cigar smoker? Karma Tobacco in Merrillville has one of the largest selections in the area, offering world-class cigars such as Monte Christo, Graycliff, Cohiba and more.

They also offer pipe tobaccos and accessories, including beautiful gift pipes.

Karma holds monthly cigar promos from cigar companies worldwide. Stop by for a gourmet coffee or hot chocolate in their lounge area, located just north of Walgreen's on Madison Street, or call (219) 756-0698.

John J. Janik is president and CEO of the Merrillville Chamber of Commerce. Reach him at (219) 769-8180 or jjanik@merrillvillecoc.org. Opinions expressed are solely those of the writer.