



# Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Business Brief

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TBA
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Noon  
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Noon  
Red Rooster Inn  
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## Chamber Office Update

### Mark Your Calendars:

#### ▪ WSMI Chamber Chat

Tune in to WSMI AM 1540 Friday, February 20, 2009 at 9:05 am for the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce live with Terry Todt. Keep up to date on upcoming events, committee news and new members.

#### ▪ Quarterly Business Tour & February Member Meeting

The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee is hosting a Quarterly Business Tour Friday, February 20. All Chamber members are invited to tour the new Hillsboro Water Plant. The tour will begin at 11:00 am and last approximately one hour. Please dress appropriately for a construction zone, flat shoes are recommended.

The February Member Meeting will be at the Hillsboro Country Club immediately following the tour. As always the monthly meeting provides a great networking opportunity. All member businesses are encouraged to invite their employees to attend the monthly meetings. Please plan to join us for this important meeting. RSVP to 217.532.3711 or hillsborochamber@consolidated.net.

#### ▪ Agriculture Appreciation Breakfast & Tour

The Agribusiness Committee of the Hillsboro and Litchfield Chambers of Commerce would like to invite all citizens involved in agriculture to a free Agriculture Appreciation Breakfast and Tour Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at the Litchfield Pioneer Plant. In addition to a light breakfast, attendees will have the opportunity to tour the Pioneer production facilities and warehouse. Registration and breakfast will begin at 7:00 am. The tour will begin at 8:00 am and last approximately one hour.

For further details or to reserve a spot for breakfast and the tour, please call the Hillsboro Chamber at 532.3711 or the Litchfield Chamber at 324.2533.

#### ▪ Business & Industry Awards Banquet

The Chamber will honor and celebrate Business & Industry Award winners at the annual Business and Industry Awards Banquet Thursday, March 5, 2009. The banquet, held at the Hillsboro Moose Lodge, will begin at 6:00 pm with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Dinner, by Milanos Catering, will be served at 7:00 pm, followed by the awards presentation. Tickets are \$25.00 and are available from the Chamber office, Hillsboro City Hall, The Journal-News and CNB Banking Center. Show your support of these local businesses and enjoy a fun evening at the Business and Industry Awards Banquet.

#### ▪ City-Wide Garage and Sidewalk Sales

Start planning now for the Hillsboro City-wide Garage and Sidewalk Sales, Saturday, May 30! The Chamber will coordinate maps of participating garage sales and retailers as well as provide collaborative marketing. Also, the Chamber will be selling booth space on The Plaza for individuals with items to sell, but no place to sell them. Mark your calendars now and start cleaning out those closets!

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The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce exists to advance the commercial, agricultural, industrial and civic interest of the City of Hillsboro and Greater Montgomery County.

### The Chamber:

- Coordinates the talents of local business and community leaders
- Formally recognizes business excellence
- Advocates the interests of Hillsboro and Montgomery County to elected and appointed officials at all levels of government
- Supports community service organizations as they improve the quality of life in Hillsboro and Montgomery County
- Assists with economic and community development of Hillsboro and Montgomery County
- Provides opportunities for leadership development in cooperation with regional partners

## Business & Industry Award Winner Announced

The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce congratulates the Red Rooster Inn, the 2008 Hillsboro Business of the Year. The Hillsboro Business of the Year is awarded to businesses that exert a positive economic and or civic impact in the Hillsboro area. The Red Rooster Inn has undergone a facelift in the past few years that has resulted in an increase in community employment and tax revenue in addition to their aesthetic upgrades and increased operations. Elizabeth and Jim Mattioda operate three businesses within the historic Red Rooster; the Main Dining Room, the Lounge, and the Inn. All three have seen improvements resulting in increased business and greatly expanded hours and offerings. The Chamber is excited to recognize the Red Rooster Inn for their enhancements, economic impact and historical significance to our community.

The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce is pleased to honor ACE Hardware, Forsee Vineyards and Leanne and Gary Hampton with Chandler Brother's Hometown Pizzeria with 2008 Achievement Awards. The Achievement Award was founded to recognize the accomplishment of a Hillsboro citizen, business or organization for the betterment of the community. The Achievement Award considers the diverse ways a community can be improved or enhanced - aesthetically, structurally, artistically, economically, historically - by the activities of one person, business or organization. The Chamber is excited to recognize ACE Hardware for their superb customer service. The Chamber is excited to recognize Forsee Vineyards for the attraction they have built and the increased tourism they bring to the region. The Chamber is excited to recognize Leanne and Gary Hampton for purchasing the first Chandler Brother's Hometown Pizzeria franchise.

The Milestone Achievement award is a new award being presented this year to Butler's Coin Laundry. In 2008, Butler's Coin Laundry celebrated their fiftieth anniversary. The Chamber is excited to celebrate Butler's Coin Laundry's accomplishment and honor them for their longevity and vital service they provide to the community.

The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce also thanks Lomas Del Sol, Stitcher's Station, Dollar General, Vogel Lumber and Jeff Dunn with 2008 Makeover Awards. The Makeover Award recognizes those businesses that enhance their properties in such a way as to add to the aesthetic appeal of the community, thereby increasing pride in the community. The Chamber is excited to spotlight these beautification projects and show the community's appreciation for putting Hillsboro's best face forward.

The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize Susie Galer of The Journal-News and Journal Printing as the 2008 Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year. The Chamber Member of Year award recognizes the contribution and leadership of a Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce member to Chamber initiatives. Susie is a valuable contributor to the success of the Chamber of Commerce and this award is but a glimpse of the Chamber's appreciation for her service.

The Chamber will honor and celebrate these businesses and individuals at the annual Business and Industry Awards Banquet Thursday, March 5, 2009. "We're honored to recognize these businesses for their achievements and impact to the community," said Chamber of Commerce President Gene White. Show your support of these local businesses and enjoy a fun evening at the Business and Industry Awards Banquet.

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## 2009 Member Dues

Have you paid your 2009 member dues? Membership dues fund Chamber operations and activities through the entire year. Help us plan our 2009 budget by remitting your member dues soon!

Didn't receive a dues invoice? Starting in 2008 we began a real-time renewal process. Any member that joined in 2008 will be billed in their join month from here forward. Look for your renewal in the upcoming months!

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## Contact Information Update

The Chamber uses member contact information to keep members up to date on events, activities and issues important to your business as well as make referrals. (We never sell your information.) Please make sure we have your most up to date information. Have you moved? Is your contact person still the same? What about your business phone number? Do you have an email address or cell phone? Do you have a website? If you have a website, would you like a link placed on the Chamber website? Send us your information today! Do you have brochures or business cards we could include in our visitor and relocation packets? Bring them by the Chamber office. Get the most out of your Chamber membership!

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## Member News and Announcements

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