

Lewis County Chamber of Commerce

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Revitalized Chamber looks forward to a productive 2007

The Lewis County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has been busy making plans to make 2007 a productive year for its members as well as for all of Lewis County.

After several years of having a presence in the former bank building on Court Street in Vanceburg (now occupied by Lewis County Enhanced 9-1-1 and Emergency Management), the Chamber is now located at the George Morgan Thomas Home/Vanceburg Visitors Center at the corner of Main and Third Streets (across from the Vanceburg Depot Museum).

Vanceburg Renaissance Coordinator Patty Kennard is on hand at the Visitors Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday. In an arrangement with the City of Vanceburg, the Chamber will pay Kennard's salary for eight hours a week and the Chamber will have no other expenses in terms of rent, building maintenance or utilities (other than the cost of the Chamber's telephone line).

Paula Franke has been hired on a contract basis to handle newsletters, statements, member services, recruitment, etc. She can be contacted at 606-798-2553 or by email at gardenjunction@yahoo.com.



The George Morgan Thomas Home in Vanceburg

Connie Chinn of Citizens Deposit Bank and Roseanne Wood, program specialist for economic development and tourism with the Lewis County Extension Service, were welcomed as new members of the board of directors at the February meeting.

Plans are currently underway for an Open House on April 19 at the George Morgan Thomas Home. The event will include a social hour, tours of the visitors center and a guest speaker. See the *Upcoming Events* list for more information.

The board also discussed planning a variety of special events, including Business After Hours and bringing in guest speakers to keep members up-to-date on topics of interest to the business community.

Board Chairman Jerry Ugrin asked everyone to bring three goals or ideas for 2007 for a strategic plans discussion at the Board's next meeting at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, at the George Morgan Thomas Home.

Upcoming Events:

- March 22, 5:15 p.m.: **Board of Directors** meeting at George Morgan Thomas House. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- April 3, 2-6 p.m.: **Lewis County Job Fair** at Lewis County High School. Contact Pam McGlone at pmcglone@btadd.com or by calling 606-564-6894, ext. 232
- April 19, 5 p.m.: **Open House**, David Barber of the Small Business Development Center will give an overview and provide information how he and his staff can assist small businesses.

*Welcome to our newest member,
Charles J. Hall of Vanceburg!*

Lewis County: Open for Business