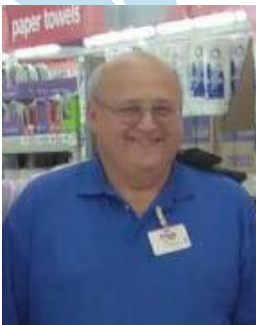




Chamber Chronicle

A monthly publication of the Kewanee Chamber of Commerce

Outstanding Citizen Banquet Finalized



A public Banquet honoring Everett Witcher as Outstanding Citizen will take place on Tuesday, June 4, 2019. The festivities will be held at the Flemish American Club beginning with a Social at 6pm and Dinner to follow at 6:30pm. Also honored will be Amber Patch-Troxell as recipient of the Meritorious Service Award. Watch your mailbox for additional details sent in the next few days.

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2019 Marks the 67th Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing

The 67th Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing is the longest running golf tourney around. Save the date of June 13, 2019, and start gathering your team for a great day at beautiful Baker Park Golf Course. Shotgun Start at 1pm. A full steak dinner will be served after the day of golfing. Extra tickets for dinner only will be available.

Mark your calendars now. Contact the Chamber to register your team. We are also looking for hole sponsorships. Make sure you don't miss this great day of food, fun, and a little golf!

Recent Ribbon Cuttings

The Station
300 W. 3rd St
Andrew & Rita Speck, Owners
309-504-5087

Welcome New Members

New View Furniture
117 W. 2nd St
Marcus Throneburg, Owner
Mike Hill, Manager
www.NewViewFurniture.com
New Furniture, Local Art & Decor

This Month's Inserts

Chamber Golf Outing
Citywide Clean Up
OSF Healthcare
Cleaning Lady



Business After Hours

OSF Healthcare St Luke Medical Center hosted a Business After Hours recently, honoring their 100th Anniversary. They will also be hosting a community celebration on Saturday, May 4th at Visitation school Goetzman Gym from 9am to noon.

Our next Business After Hours will be Thursday, May 16, beginning at 5pm. The Kiwanis Club of Kewanee will host the event at the Kewanee Elk's Club. Please plan to attend these member networking events.

If your business would like to host a Chamber After Hours, please call the Chamber office at 309-852-2175. You provide the space and refreshments, we will do the rest. Let's pick a date!



Kewanee Fireworks

Plans are underway for the Fourth of July Fireworks in Kewanee. Once again, the Kewanee Park District will offer free admission to the Oasis Aquatic Center all day. A free concert featuring Joker's Wild will begin at 7:30pm at Northeast Park with fireworks at approximately 9:45pm.

Francis Park will once again hold their celebration beginning at 6am with a Pancake Breakfast and many other activities planned throughout the day.

All this takes place Thursday, July 4th, in Kewanee. No need to travel out of town for some quality entertainment!

Many communities are unable to have displays because of the rising costs. If you would like to donate to this event, send your donation to the Chamber office marked fireworks.

Workman's Comp

There have been questions recently about Workman's Compensation.

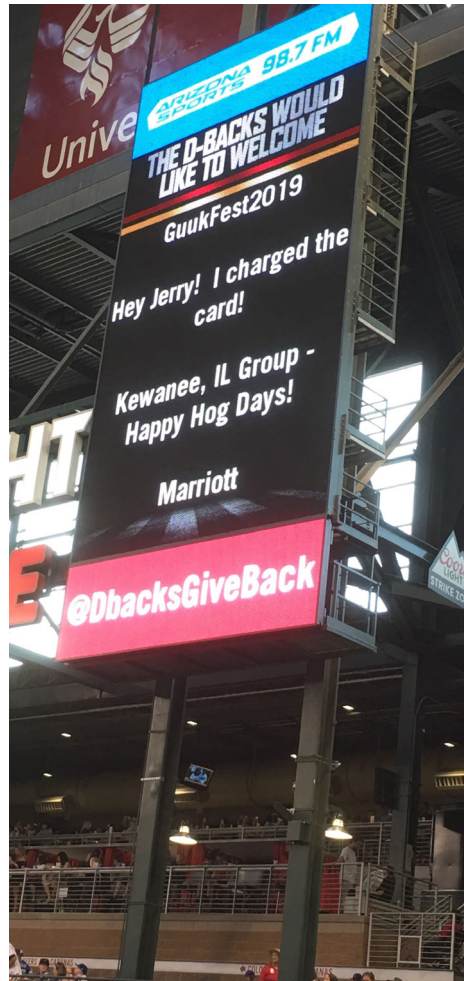
Please see the current insurance compliance newsletter attached...

2019 Standard Mileage

Did you know that 2019 standard mileage rate is 58 cents for business miles driven? This is up from 54.5 cents for 2018.

Hog Capital Makes Arizona Chase Field

The message board at the Arizona Diamondbacks / Chicago Cubs game recently welcomed a group from Kewanee and even wished them a Happy Hog Days! Former Kewaneean and Hog Days "Mayor" Matt Michalik hosted a group in Phoenix recently and they took in the game, which the Cubs won. Brent and Cheryl Majeske, Vic Fredrickson, Bobby Johnson, Nelson Lay, plus Abe and Ingrid Dye were all part of the Kewanee Connection in Arizona.



Happy Birthday, Kewanee Park District!



The Kewanee Park District is celebrating its 100th Birthday.

At an early July meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, in 1919, President E.E. Baker offered \$50,000 if Kewanee would form a park district. "It was the largest amount that had been offered in Kewanee for Public purposes by a citizen and cannot be interpreted in any way, other than as an evidence of high public spirit and deep interest in the community." Said the Star Courier article on the subject.

The vote to form the district was held on Saturday, September 6, 1919. Voter turnout was light with only 502 votes being cast, but the measure to form a park district won by 196 votes -- 349 in favor, 153 against.

Look for Park District celebrations continuing throughout 2019.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday, Kewanee Park District!

E.E. Baker in 1922



May Dates

- 3 Executive Committee
Chamber Office
7:30am
- 15 Board Meeting
KCUD 229 Offices
7:30am
- 16 Business After Hours
Kewanee Kiwanis
Elks Club
5pm
- 18 City Wide Clean Up
Elliott & Division Streets
- June 4 Outstanding Citizen
Banquet
Flemish American Club
6pm

Sales up in 2018

Retail sales were up 3.1% over 2017 according to sales tax figures released by the Illinois Department of Revenue. Total sales for 2018 equaled \$199.79 million edging ever so close to the 200 million mark which the city saw in 2005-2009. Categories showing increases over 2017 were auto & service station 6.2%, small retail 3.2%, general merchandise/apparel combined 7.9%, drinking & eating places 3.8%, grocery food 0.1%.

Hopefully 2019 will push us back over \$200 million. If we all work to shop goods and services locally, it should be a reality.



Pool at Northeast Park • Kewanee Historical Society photo

15% OFF

Cannot be combined with other offers.
Limit one coupon per customer.

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- Your single source for Professional Commercial and Residential Cleaning
- Carpet Cleaning Special \$99.00 per room (unlimited)
- Weekly and Bi-weekly Cleaning
- Deep Cleans
- Rental Property
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- Light Housekeeping
- Estate Clean Outs

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Kewanee Chamber of Commerce

67th Annual Golf Outing



Thursday June 13th, 2019
1:00 P.M. Shotgun Start
Baker Park Golf Course

\$65 per person
Baker Park members \$50

Entry fee includes Green Fees, Cart Rental, Steak Dinner and door prizes!

Fill out form below and return to Kewanee Chamber of Commerce by June 10th.
email: chamber@kewanee.com, Fax: 309-852-2176, Mail: 113 E. 2nd St, Kewanee, IL 61443
For more info call the Chamber at 852-2175

_____ I would like to be a Hole Sponsor for \$50. Company Name_____



_____ I would to donate a door prize.

Golfer #1_____

Golfer #2_____

Golfer #3_____

Golfer #4_____

Non-Golfer Dinner only \$15 @5:00 p.m._____



Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission Insurance Compliance Newsletter

JB Pritzker, Governor

Michael J. Brennan, Chairman

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RECENT NEWS

IWCC v. Brian Marshall, Individually & as Owner of Marshall Electric & Communications

Mr. Marshall owned an electrical contracting business in Mahomet, Illinois. In late February, the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC) entered a decision against Mr. Marshall, Individually and as Owner of Marshall Electric. The Commission found that Marshall Electric conducted electrical work and was automatically subject to the insurance provisions under the Workers' Compensation Act. The Investigator was able to provide sufficient evidence to prove that Marshall Electric & Communications was uninsured for a minimum of 902 days, approximately 2 ½ years. It was during that period of non-compliance that one of Mr. Marshall's workers was injured.

On February 21, 2019, The IWCC assessed a penalty of \$451,000.00 for non-compliance and awarded an additional \$11,112.00 as reimbursement to the Injured Workers' Benefit Fund (IWBF) which paid benefits to Mr. Marshall's injured worker and for unpaid premiums. The total penalty imposed against Mr. Marshall was \$467,800.

IWCC v. Douglas L. Marick, Individually and d/b/a Square One Roofing

Mr. Douglas L. Marick operated a downstate siding and roofing company. One of Mr. Marick's workers was up on a scaffold installing siding when the board that he was standing on slipped off the ladder causing him to fall 5 feet to the ground.

The worker suffered a very serious ankle fracture which eventually required three separate surgeries to repair. He needed a metal plate, screws and a bone graft to correct the fracture. When his worker filed a workers' compensation claim, Mr. Marick argued that his worker was an independent contractor and not his employee. Mr. Marick testified that he told his worker he would have to get his own insurance. Mr. Marick also testified that he told his worker that in addition to getting workers' compensation insurance, he would have to pay his own taxes. Mr. Marick also claimed that his worker was intoxicated when he fell off the scaffold. The IWCC evaluated the testimony of the injured worker and Mr. Marick. It determined that the facts supported a finding that the injured worker was an employee and not an independent contractor. The Commission relied on the fact that Mr. Marick supplied the materials, the scaffolding and nail guns. It also looked at the control and supervision that Mr. Marick exercised to determine how the work was done. The Insurance Compliance Division filed a non-compliance action against Mr. Marick, d/b/a Square One Roofing when the injured worker filed a workers' compensation claim. On February 4, 2019, the IWCC concluded that Mr. Marick knowingly and willfully violated the insurance requirements of section 4(a) of the Workers' Compensation Act. The Commission assessed a penalty of \$500 per day for 1,479 days equaling \$739,500. In addition, Mr. Marick was ordered to reimburse the IWBF the \$87,000 it paid to his former employee. The total penalty assessed against Mr. Marick and his company was \$826,802.

FAQ'S

- ❖ *How can I determine if an individual is an employee or an independent contractor?*

The Illinois courts have articulated the factors to be considered in determining whether a worker is an employee for purposes of the Workers' Compensation Act. These include the right to control the work performed, whether the employer controls the work schedule, and whether the worker is paid hourly, whether the employer withholds taxes, whether the employer has the right to discharge the worker and whether the employer supplies materials and equipment. No one factor is determinative. The determination rests on the facts of each case and the totality of the circumstances.

There is a strong incentive to classify workers as independent contractors because it relieves the employer of the obligation to pay social security taxes, unemployment taxes and workers' compensation insurance. However, most employers do not get this right and it can cost them dearly when they get it wrong.

- ❖ *Who is responsible for paying workers' compensation insurance?*

By law, the employer is responsible for the cost of workers' compensation benefits. Most employers buy workers' compensation insurance, and the insurance company pays the benefits on the employer's behalf. No part of the workers' compensation insurance premium or benefit can be charged to the employee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Presentation at the Roselle Chamber of Commerce – Roselle, IL

On March 19, 2019, Outreach Coordinator, Gloria Jimenez made a presentation at the Roselle Chamber of Commerce.

Employer Seminar at the Beardstown Chamber of Commerce – Beardstown, IL

On April 30, 2019, Outreach Coordinator, Gloria Jimenez will be giving a presentation at the Beardstown Chamber of Commerce (Beardstown Chamber covers Cass County) on employers' responsibility to provide workers' compensation insurance.

Presentation at the Mt. Prospect Chamber of Commerce – Mt. Prospect, IL

On May 7, 2019, Outreach Coordinator, Gloria Jimenez will be giving a presentation at the Mt. Prospect Library.

2019 Vendor Fair hosted by Government Procurement Compliance Forum

On May 15, 2019, Outreach Coordinator Gloria Jimenez, will be attending this annual business expo that will be held at the UIC Forum.



A Healthy Workplace Event

Great Minds at Work - Mental Health in the Workplace

Thursday, May 16 | 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

OSF HealthCare Saint Luke Medical Center
East/West Conference Room

Developing strategies in the workplace for managing stress, promoting positive behavioral health and overall wellness will contribute to increased employee engagement and organizational success. Please join Luke Raymond, manager of OSF Behavioral Health, to learn how to implement effective strategies to improve employee well-being and mental wellness.

Lunch will be available starting at 11:30 a.m.

For questions, please contact Business Development Specialist Linda Hawkins at linda.c.hawkins@osfhealthcare.org or (309) 677-0883.

Please register online by May 13 at osfsaintluke.org under "Attend an Event."



OSF[®] HEALTHCARE

City Wide Clean Up Day

Saturday May 18, 2019 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The following items WILL NOT be accepted:

Electronic items, Toxic materials, Liquid paint, Cleaning solvents, Motor oil, Batteries, Liquid items of any sort, Tires, Landscape waste, Slate siding, Shingles, Concrete, Brick, Masonry, Railroad ties, Construction or Demolition materials, Roofing material.

The following items WILL be accepted:

Mattresses, Furniture, Yard Furniture, Water Heaters, Appliances, Metal junk items, Scrap Wood, Paint with lids REMOVED (MUST BE DRIED use cat litter), Carpet, Toilets, other misc junk and trash items that maybe cluttering your yard or you've had stashed behind the garage or yard shed that you've been putting off taking to the transfer station.

YOUR VEHICLE MUST BE HAND UNLOADABLE!

If in doubt of an item being accepted, Call City Hall 852-2611

How to enter the Clean Up site:

Enter on to Elliott St. from West Prospect St. Drive South on Elliott St. and turn West on West Division St. **Have Utility Bill and ID ready. Your ID will be checked at the South side of the parking lot. If you do not have the required Utility Bill and ID, you will be directed in a safe direction out of the City Wide Clean-up area.** Once your ID is verified you will be directed in to the Clean-up area lot to empty your vehicle into a trash container. You will then be directed to exit the parking lot and West down Pine St. **DO NOT ENTER FROM PINE ST.**

Got Tires?

***Moore Tires has joined forces with
the City of Kewanee!***

Who: Kewanee residents ONLY!
Must have utility bill and photo ID!

What: *Passenger & Light Truck tires ONLY!*
No tires on rims! (LIMIT OF 8 TIRES PER HOUSEHOLD)

No debris in tires (rock, mud, concrete, etc.)

We will collect the first 300 tires at no charge!

**After we've collected 300 tires, there will be a charge of
\$2.50 per tire to be paid at Moore Tire on site.**

Where: Moore Tires, 308 W 2nd St., Kewanee.

When: Saturday May 18th from 7:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

How: Enter at the intersection at 2nd St. & Lexington Ave. at the West end of Moore Tires. Drive East on 3rd St. behind (North side) Moore Tires. Line jumping will not be permitted!

Have Utility Bill and ID ready. Your ID will be checked prior to the unloading of any tires. If you do not have the required Utility Bill and ID, you will not be able to take advantage of this event.

Once your ID is verified you will be assisted with the unloading of your tires.