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Mission Statement

To promote a strong
business and industrial
climate for Chamber
members through a
partnership with businesses
and the Miami County
community.

Service Organizations Calendar

Peru/Grissom Kiwanis Club
Meet Every Thursday
12 Noon
Peru Civic Center
Lions Club
Every First and Third Tuesday
6:30 pm
First Baptist Church
Peru Rotary Club
Every Tuesday
12 Noon
The Siding
Business Professional Women
First Thursday of Month
6:30 pm
Peru Civic Center
Harvesting Capabilities Support Group
2nd and 4th Tuesday of Month
6 pm
Ivy Tech Community College - Peru

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The Wabash Friends Counseling Center Leadership Luncheon is Thursday, March 4th from 12 noon to 1 pm, *A Growth Path for Leaders* by Dr. Henry Cloud, Licensed Psychologist. On April 1st see *Followership* by Dr. Sharon Drury, Professor, Organizational Leadership, College of Adult Professional Studies, Indiana Wesleyan University. The luncheon is located at Wabash Friends Church at 3563 South, SR 13 in Wabash. Cost is \$20 with a light lunch by Poole's Market included. For more information, call 260-563-8452.

The Wabash Friends Counseling Center added a new support group called The Safe Haven: A support group for chronic pain and physical illness and challenges addresses the needs and issues affecting those who suffer from chronic pain and illness. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Wabash Friends Church, 3563 South SR 13 in Wabash in rooms 108/109.

The Honeywell Center offers hospitality services which include weddings, anniversaries, baby showers, meetings, banquets, seminars and conferences. For more information call 260-563-1102 or hospitality@honeywellcenter.org. Manchester Symphony Orchestra, Sunday, March 14th at 3 pm sponsored by Midwest Poultry Services, 105.9 The Bash welcomes Mary Wilson of the Supremes, Saturday, March 20th at 7:30 pm.

Dial 2-1-1 is a three-digit phone number anyone can call to get information about health and human services. Call 2-1-1 if you need information on housing, employment, legal aid, counseling and much more. It is easy to use and is good for business, helping employees with family situations, better use of volunteers, local and faith-based services, and track service gaps, duplication and trends.

Peak Community Services, Inc. of Logansport is available to help businesses with the responsible destruction of confidential documents. Now that tax time is here, you might be thinking about all of those boxes of old documents that need to go! Peak Community Services, Inc. will pick up large purge jobs and you will receive a certificate of destruction to prove the safe disposal of those documents. Documents are handled in a secure manner and all shredded material is recycled. Call for details about our system and security. Contact Tina Foust at 574-753-4104 ext. 200. A Shredding Day is planned for March 20th from 9 am to 11 am at their location in Logansport at 1416 Woodlawn Avenue. Any individual or business that brings documents in that day receives up to 25 pounds of shredding for FREE! We welcome visitors to our facility.

www.ppl.blastoffnetwork.com/toddpatt08 is a FREE personalized web page that you design for your entertainment. Features include: face book, you tube, online shopping and more. You get information, income stream (no financial investment) and save money while you shop. Click on the above address and watch the short and fun video

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presentation. For more information, call me at 765-398-9158 mobile, 765-395-7048 or www.prepaidlegal.com/hub/pattont.

Hoosier Heartland Small Business Development Center will be hosting “How to Start Your Business” workshop from 11 am to 1 pm on March 11th at the CRC Building at 13 East Main Street in Peru. For more information or to make a reservation, call Monty Hendersen at 765-454-7922.

In Your Own Backyard Home and Pet Sitting – we are getting into mating season and I want to remind you to spay and neuter your pets. It is so important to keep the numbers of unwanted animals down. There are many pets out there that are homeless, so please open your heart and adopt a pet that needs a home. Whether you are leaving for a few hours, days, a week or longer, even holidays and weekends, call me to care for your home and/or pets while you are away. I customize my services to the home/pet owner providing your pets with the same care and comfort they receive from you at home, eliminating the stress of your pets being placed in unfamiliar surroundings. I'll also care for your home with the same pride as you have for it, bring in your newspaper, mail, watering your plants and rotating your lights throughout your home. Don't forget to make your pets reservations for Spring Break! Call Jo Ann Hughes at 765-472-5970 and let's set up an appointment.

Health Tips from Seeds of Health for the month of March. Mineral supplements for everyone. Nature's Sunshine has some great mineral supplements. Mineral Chi Tonic, a blend of colloidal minerals with adaptogenic herbs has helped many people improve their overall health while reducing stress levels and increasing energy. Nature's Sunshine latest addition to their mineral line is Ionic Minerals with Acai. This blend contains about 70 trace minerals that are ionically charged for better absorption and utilization. This blend also contains the proper antioxidant Acai berry for reducing free radical damage in the body. Another good mineral supplementation is an herbal blend called HNS-W. The herbs in this formula supply easily utilized calcium, silica, manganese, potassium and other trace minerals for healthy hair, skin, nails, bones, joints, teeth and nerves. The herbs in this blend also help maintain cognitive function as you age, making it a great anti-aging supplement. Always seek the advice of a certified herbalist or licensed healthcare practitioner for detailed information and specific uses. Always seek competent medical help for serious or life threatening health problems. Come visit your herb specialists, Don and Cindy Layman at 300 East Main in Peru or call 765-473-9544.

Beauty Tips & Tricks by Mary Kay Cosmetics – Want the inside scoop from the professionals? Beauty experts let you in on the latest industry secrets. Celebrity makeup artist Susan McCarthy teaches you how to wear the must have makeup of this season's trend. The Look on set wardrobe stylist provides fashion tips to complement that gorgeous face. Mary Kay Chief Scientific Officer, Dr. Lange, explains why keeping your total body in mind when it comes to minimizing the signs of aging is a must know right

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now. All that, plus you will find dozens of gift ideas for your mom, the resident expert on you! See the totally tempting new colors for spring. The new TimeWise Body Targeted Action Toning Lotion and more. Go online to my Mary Kay Personal Website to download this issue of THE LOOK onto your iPhone or Blackberry free today. Upload your photo to try on the latest trend looks for FREE with my Mary Kay Virtual Makeover! Check it all out and be in the KNOW. Marykay.com/ppavey or schedule an appointment with Patty Pavey at 765-985-9799. Remember, Chamber members receive 15% off!!

Montgomery Aviation has come to serve the northern Indiana community at Grissom ARB. Along with the addition of a fixed base operation and the wonderful support of Grissom ARB, civil aviation is now permitted to land without prior permission. With 12,500 feet of runway, there is no airplane too large to land. We offer an array of services such as: complete maintenance capability, aircraft charter, aircraft rental, flight training, hanger rental, hotel reservations, rental car reservations, catering, pilot supplies and much more. You can expect world class service and a friendly atmosphere. Here at Montgomery Aviation, we look forward to serving pilots, aviation enthusiasts and the community. We are honored to share the runway with our United States Air Force and we are proud to be a new gateway for Miami County. For more information, call 765-689-8100. Do you want to fly the blue skies? If so, we can train you at Montgomery Aviation. We now rent aircraft to pilots.

Miami County Tobacco Awareness Group has a really fantastic deal for pregnant women who smoke and want to quit. Sign up for our “Smoke Free Baby Program” and get free disposable diapers. That’s right! Each time you come to one of our classes, we will give you a package of diapers. And after you complete the program, we will give you two cases of diapers. That’s about \$150 worth of diapers for your baby! And it is all FREE! Call the Miami County Tobacco Awareness Group at 472-4450 or imsmokefree@comcast.net.

Birthright of Peru, Inc. has a wish list that we would like to see filled. We need sizes 3, 4 and 5 in diapers and wipes. For more information, stop by our center at 65 West 6th Street or call 765-475-0706 between 12:30 and 3:30 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or call our hotline at 800-550-4900 and someone will return your call. We are now open on Mondays from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. We are in need of volunteers, too.

Anytime Fitness, Peru has eSpinning bikes in their club. Members can now participate in popular spinning workouts whenever they choose. From the moment you climb aboard the eSpinner™, it’s obvious that they’re in for an experience you’ve never felt before on the cardio floor. It all begins with the state-of-the-art, embedded touch screen computer. But it’s more than an intuitive dashboard – it’s also home to your very own virtual Spinning® master instructor. Simply choose your time goal and intensity level, and are off on a guided, virtual Spinning® class experience. Integrated touch screen computer with digital TV tuner. Integrated iPod® connectivity with music and video. USB charging station allows users to display personal content while charging media

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devices. On board customized Spinning® video classes. Proprietary randomization program creates over 1 million possible ride variations. Personal fan creates a more rewarding workout. Motivational rider dashboard coaches and drives optimal performance with rider data including cadence and Heart Rate. Smart Release™ braking system provides safe, dependable performance for unsupervised riders. Dual-sided pedals with larger platform and SPD™ compatibility. Anytime Fitness is now your local source for the entire line of CompleteNutrition products. These range from essential vitamins, weight loss products, herbal cleansing, and meal replacement supplements, to sports nutrition. Stop in to check out these great products. Mention you saw this in the chamber newsletter and you will receive a 20% discount on all nutritional products. Visit our web site at www.anytimefitness.com for more details or call the club @ 765-472-7004.

Positive Results Therapies – thanks to a generous donation from the Dukes Health Care Foundation of Miami County, Inc., Positive Results has opened a new fitness center located at 105 E. Benton Street in Peru. A physical therapist will provide you with an orientation of the facility and a personalized fitness plan. The cost for the one time evaluation is \$35.00. After the evaluation, you pay only \$6 per week for the weeks in which you utilize the fitness center. The Fitness Center hours are from 8:00 am to 6 pm, Monday through Thursday, and 8 am to 4:30 pm on Friday. For additional information or to schedule an evaluation, please call Positive Results Therapies in Miami County at 765-473-6055 to set up an evaluation time or check out our website at www.bonavista.org. The Fitness Center is another quality service provided by Bona Vista Programs.

Bona Vista Programs, Vice President, Early Childhood Services, Tracy Martino, announces that Bona Vista has received approval to expand Early Head Start program services in Howard and Miami counties. Early Head Start can help you with family support, provide someone to talk to, provide information and resources, prepare your child for preschool, provide quality child care at no cost to you and tailor services to meet your needs. For more information, please contact Tracy Martino in Howard county at 765-457-8273 or Julie Petrowsky in Miami county at 765-473-6744.

Indiana's First Steps System is a family-centered, locally-based, coordinated system that provides early intervention services to infants and young children with disabilities or who are developmentally vulnerable. First Steps brings together families and professionals from education, health and social services agencies. By coordinating locally available services, First Steps is working to give Indiana's children and their families the widest possible array of early intervention resources. Families who are eligible to participate in Indiana's First Steps System include children ages birth to three who are experiencing developmental delays and/or have a diagnosed condition that has a high probability of resulting in developmental delay. For more information or for a FREE evaluation contact First Steps of North Central Indiana at 574-935-8446 or toll free at 866-403-5437.

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Please, Take a Seat – Friends of the Auditorium at Ivy Tech Community College in Peru – the renovation of the Psi Iota Xi Auditorium is almost complete. One hundred thirteen telescopic, armed seats have been installed and the Psi Otes made this possible. Lighting and sound will be the next piece of this project which also will require funding. To accomplish this, the college and the Psi Otes are asking for your help. You are invited to be an inaugural benefactor of this new community auditorium by participating in the Take-A-Seat Campaign. Sponsorship is payable over three years, but the plaque is permanent. Talk with your family, your board, your friends. Consider supporting the efforts of your community college and the lead from your local sorority who have each demonstrated their commitment to your community. One seat is \$1,200 each and two or more seats are \$1,000 each. For more information, contact Miriam Thomas at 800-459-0561, ext. 404 or mlthomas@ivytech.edu.

Angel Food Ministries – First Presbyterian Church is pleased to offer Angel Food ministries to our community. It has been around since 1994 and is a non-profit grocery relief program. The USDA is excited about this program and is providing the largest grant ever given through the Faith-based Initiative Program. Angel Food is for everyone! There are no income requirements and no information asked. It is just good food at a great price! The meat is frozen and is restaurant quality. For more information call the church at 765-472-2962 or order on line at www.angelfoodministries.com.

1st Commercial Lending, LLC has commercial SBA loan programs, loans for doctors, unlimited cash out, church real estate financing, true no doc loans and no prepayment penalty loans. For more information call Russell Wormuth at 765-688-5626 or go to 1525 West Hoosier Blvd., Suite 106 in Peru. Call for an appointment today!

LaSalle St. Securities, LLC realizes that the needs of today's investors have become highly diverse as to the choice of financial advice and products. Today's investors seek a firm with the expertise to address this ever-changing marketplace. Markiewicz's professionalism exemplifies these ideals by offering comprehensive wealth and portfolio management tailored to their clients. He has offered full service investment planning, retirement planning, asset allocation, pension funds and a large amount of IRA rollover business for over 25 years for clients he serves in Miami County. When it comes to your investment money....call us for: investment planning, tax-free investments (may be subject to AMT), monthly income investments, AAA rated and insured investments, IRAs/IRA lump sum rollovers, stock and bond mutual funds, Roth IRAs, 401K plans, Simple IRAs SEP IRAs, annuities, life insurance, long term health care insurance plans and college 529 plans. For more information and to make an appointment, call 765-473-7211. We offer a free no obligation portfolio investment reviews and we are members of FINRA/SIPC.

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Community Health Center of Miami County offers these services: medical home for infants, children, teens, adults and elders, prenatal care, immunizations, pneumonia and flu vaccines, lab tests, social service assistance, eligibility assistance with Medicaid, CHIP and HIP programs and schedule of fee discounts based on family size and income.

PHP – The physician sponsored, not for profit health insurance company. Accidents happen and so does illness. They are a part of life. Because they are, keeping a healthy workforce means keeping that workforce insured. That is where we come in. WE are PHP, a not for profit health insurance provider, founded by independent physicians. We understand that in this day and age of spiraling healthcare costs, it can be a challenge for any business, big or small, to provide good coverage. So we use our expertise to create healthcare solutions that not only take care of your employees but your bottom line as well. Call us or visit us online and find out how PHP can give you and your employees the type of coverage you deserve at 800-982-6257 or www.phpni.com. **Now businesses with 2 to 50 eligible employees will be able to receive up to a 5% discount on their PHP health insurance premiums if they are a member of the chamber. This change to the program's eligibility requirements will greatly increase the number of area employers who now qualify to participate in a discount!**

The HUB, under the direction New Life Praise and Worship Center, is now taking applications for volunteers to help with the youth center. The Hub is looking for those who are willing to give one or more evenings a month to invest in the youth of our community. The center is open on Friday from 6:30 pm to 11:30 pm and Saturday from 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm. Requirements are fill out a simple application, must be 21 years of age or older, a desire to invest your life in the lives of our youth and agree to a criminal records check. To secure an application, stop by New Life Praise & Worship Center at 52 North Broadway in Peru Monday through Thursday between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm or call Pastor Carol Zumwalt at 765-473-9325.

American Cancer Society has several committee positions that are available at this time for planning the 2010 Relay for Life. You can volunteer as little or as much as you would like. Please call Angie at 765-455-9905 to help make a difference in Miami County. The theme this year is Cirque de Relay. The actual event will take place on June 25th and 26th at the Riverwalk in Peru.

The American Cancer Society Daffodil Days of Miami County is March 24th – 27th. For one bunch the cost is \$10, for one bunch with a vase is \$15 and for a case (50 bunches) the cost is \$500. Please place your order by March 5th. For more information or to place an order call Mary Clark at 765-395-7115.

The Miami County Community Foundation is pleased to announce that applications for college scholarships are now available. There are twenty-five scholarships for which students can apply through the Miami County Community Foundation. These scholarships are for graduating senior students from Oak Hill, Maconaquah, Peru, Tippecanoe Valley and North Miami High Schools. Scholarship opportunities are also

available for students who are already attending college or are non-traditional students starting a college career. Certain specific scholarships are designed for those students in a health-related field, photojournalism - or studying history, museum studies, or non-profit administration with a history-related goal. Application packets are available at all area high school guidance departments, at the Miami County Community Foundation office located at 13 East Main Street in Peru, and online at www.nicf.org. Packets contain specific criteria and instructions for applying for the various scholarships. The application deadline is March 15, 2010.

Ole Olsen Memorial Theatre presents *Play It Again, Sam* directed by Stu Sullivan and Kelly Mathias. Performance dates are April 22nd – 25th and May 1st – 2nd, 2010. All performances take place at the Peru Depot. Tickets for the performances (other than dinner theatre) are \$12. The Depot has limited seating, so calling for reservations ahead of time is much needed. For ticket reservations call 765-472-3680 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as quickly as possible.

Eastside Medical Clinic located at 685 East Main Street in Peru is now accepting new patients. Hours of operation are Monday thru Friday 8 am to 5 pm. Call 765-460-5608. Wonda F. Elmore FNP can help with acne, asthma/COPD, depression/stress, headaches, OCD, smoking cessation, AD/HD, cholesterol/diabetes, gynecology/std's, hypertension, pain and weight loss. Lab available onsite.

3rd Annual Grandma's Chicken Noodle Dinner at St. John's Lutheran Church located at 181 West Main for carry out only on Saturday, March 27th from 4 pm to 6:30 pm. Pick-up located in alley in back of church. Tickets are children 5 – 12 \$2.50 in advance and \$3 at door and adults are \$6 in advance and \$7 at pick up door. Children 4 years and under are free. Menu includes chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple cobbler or sugar free applesauce on request. Advanced ticket sales contact Eva Wildrick at 765-473-7513 or Gail Van Dyke at 765-460-4576.

Civic Leader Orientation Flight – this will give you a first hand look at the KC135R Stratotanker mission and the vital global impact of Grissom ARB. If you are selected you will receive an official invitation and additional information from the 434th ARW Public Affairs Office. If you are interested in being considered for this program, call Lt. Col. Lockard at 765-688-3348.

First Farmers Bank & Trust recently announced that it will no longer offer licensing, title and registration services for the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles at the Amboy banking branch after February 25th, 2010. Increased security measures for licensing required by Federal and State laws and regulations were cited as the primary reason to suspend the service. There was no reduction of staff for this operational change.

NIPSCO announces a leadership change effective the end of February. Executive Vice President and group CEO Eileen O'Neill Odum resigned her position to spend more time with her family and Jimmy D. Staton, a NiSource executive with an extensive background in the electric and gas utility business, will take the reins of the company's Indiana utilities effective March 1st.

Charley Creek Foundation is a non profit organization devoted to fostering the arts, creating and maintaining public green spaces and supporting historic preservation. The Foundation owns and operates the Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gardens and sponsors the annual Charley Creek Arts Fest. **On March 10th**, Kay Boomhower will speak at the Dr. James Ford Historic Home at 7 pm about Gus Grisson and the Apollo 1 Fire. Free to members or with regular admission. Call 260-563-8686 for reservations at this limited seating event. **On March 13th**, the second annual Seed Exchange will be held from 9 am to 12 noon at the Charley Creek Gardens Education and Resource Center located at 551 North Miami Street. Parking is available at 518 North Wabash Street or at the Wabash High School. This is a come and go event offering gardeners a chance to share seeds with each other. This event is free.

Tastefully Simple – Jo Ann Orr

If you are planning a special celebration, we've got all kinds of delicious ways to whip up romantic meals in minutes. To get your hands on our delicious gourmet foods, call JoAnn Orr at (765) 473-1198 or email: cjorr01@comcast.net. You can always shop 24/7 DIRECTLY from my website too! www.tastefullysimple.com/web/jorr

Turtle Truffle Fudge Brownies

Ingredients

[Truffle Fudge Brownie Mix](#)

1/2 cup (1 stick) melted butter

2 eggs

1/2 cup chocolate chips

1 cup whole or chopped pecans

1/2 cup warmed [Creamy Caramel Sauce](#)

Directions

Prepare [Truffle Fudge Brownie Mix](#) with butter and eggs; bake as directed. Top hot brownies with remaining ingredients in order

Chocolate Coconut Almond Pound Cake

[Absolutely Almond Pound Cake Mix™](#)

3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) melted butter

1 cup water

1 can chocolate almond frosting

2 peeled, sliced bananas

1 cup flaked coconut

Directions

Prepare AA Cake Mix as directed on package with butter and water. Divide batter evenly between two greased 8-inch round baking pans. Bake at 350° for 35-40 minutes; cool. Frost cake layers and top with frosting, placing bananas between layers. Toast coconut on ungreased baking sheet in 350° oven for 10 minutes. Watch carefully to prevent burning; stir often. Sprinkle cooled coconut over top of cake. Store, loosely covered, at room temperature. Makes 6-8 servings.

AMBASSADORS

Ambassadors are messengers and representatives of the Chamber who spread the word to seasoned and new members about the Chamber and the community. It's a commitment they make above and beyond their regular jobs. They are ready to take action when needed, attend grand openings, ribbon cuttings and act as greeters at many of our Chamber events. Every month we will list the upcoming ribbon cuttings, open houses and business after hours that are open to all members. If you would like to have a business after hours/open house at your place of business, please call the Chamber at 765-472-1923.

The Ambassadors had a ribbon cutting at US Cellular, Zehring Accounting and Hair-n-Dipity

CHAMBER CHATTER

The Chamber will be having their Business Break on March 3rd from 12 noon to 1 pm at the Firehouse Ministries located on the corner of Main and Miami Streets. Speakers will be Rabb Water Systems and Peak Community Services. Cost for lunch is \$9. To make reservations, please call the Chamber office at 765-472-1923. This is a great way to network and enjoy a great lunch with friends and fellow business associates.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 6th – Circus physicals in the circus office. Every child must have a physical and parent consent forms turned in before they can start practice.

March 13th – Extension Homemakers Garage Sale at the Miami County 4H Fairgrounds from 8 am to 2 pm. For more information contact Patricia Ingram at 765-472-1921

March 14th – Circus Round Up at 1 pm at Circus building in downtown Peru.

March 20th – Community Shredding Day sponsored by Peak Community Services. Each customer will receive the first 25 pounds of shredding for free! Each additional pound will cost only 14 cents. Services will be provided at 1416 Woodlawn Avenue, Logansport between 9 am and 11 am.

March 22nd – Circus practice starts at the Circus building in downtown Peru.

March 23rd – 25th – Spring Day Camp at Salamonie Reservoir. Ages 7 to 11, \$45 per participant per-registration required. For more information, call 260-468-2127.

March 27th – Harvesting Capabilities Chicken Noodle Carry Out from 1 pm to 5 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church. Pick up located in alley in back of school. Adults are \$6.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the door. Children 5 years to 12 years are \$2.50 in advance, \$3.00 at the door. Children 4 years and under are free. Menu includes: chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, peach cobbler or applesauce on request for diabetics and cookies for the kids.

April 7th – 9th – Spring Day Camp at Salamonie Reservoir. Ages 7 to 11, \$45 per participant per-registration required. For more information, call 260-468-2127.



FREE INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOPS NOW AVAILABLE

United Way of Miami County

February 1, 2010

PERU – Free informational workshops are available to help residents to stay strong in difficult economic times in Miami County. United Way of Miami County is offering sessions on getting through tough times when the paycheck stops, budgeting your money, finding your next job, dealing with stress, and basic computer skills.

More than 12.2% of adults are unemployed in Miami County. "We're going to help struggling families find ways to meet their needs and make the most out their current financial situation," said executive director, Debi Miser. "We want to try to actively support working and unemployed residents with their financial condition. We want people to keep all of their money so they can meet their basic needs and save for the future."

The workshops will include: Finding Your Next Job, March 2, Interviewing For the Job, March 9, Exploring the Internet, March 16, Basic Word Processing, March 23.

These workshops will be at 5:30 pm at the United Way office at 13 E. Main Street, Peru. Call (765) 473-4240 to reserve your seat for each or all workshops.

"There is a lot of research that shows that lower- and middle-income people will save and gain assets if you help them make better decisions about their money," said Ms. Miser. "We need to encourage people to take advantage of all the resources and financial assistance available to be financially stronger."

Contact: Debi Miser, executive director, (765) 473-4240