

June 2011

WILLCOX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE

CHAMBER NEWS



Willcox Chamber
of Commerce & Agriculture

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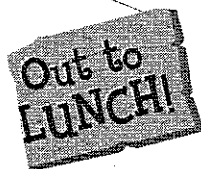
Kathy Smith, Director

I remember in the 1970's when my dad would say—"It's tough to make a living farming this pavement, especially in this economy" (my family was in the bar & restaurant business and my dad always referred to it as 'farming the pavement', you probably have to be from Iowa to get this). Today we are facing the very same issues the small business person was facing back then...a very, very poor economy. It's not as easy to get that loan as it was ten years ago, our credit is stretched to the limit, gas prices are through the roof, in general everyone is looking at what is *needed*, instead of *wanted* these days...we think twice about going to a movie or out to eat, and that trip to Tucson for the day is completely out of the question.

The last thing we want to see is another business closing its doors in Willcox. We may not have a solution, but we do have several partners that may be able to help you.

Bob Mucci, Small Business Development Center at Cochise College, recently spoke at our Community Luncheon. Bob stressed the importance of bringing your issues and concerns to the table before serious damage is done. If you need help with getting your business plan updated or putting together a budget that will work for you, or if you just need a fresh look at how you are operating your business, the Small Business Development Center may be able to help you see a way of keeping your business secure.

Bob will be at Cochise College's Willcox Center every second Tuesday of the month. If you have questions or concerns regarding your business I encourage you to call and schedule an appointment with Bob. Bob can be reached at Cochise College, Sierra Vista Center, 1-520-515-5478 or you can e-mail him at muccir@cochise.edu.



Chamber Community Luncheon

You're invited to join us on June 7, 2011 at 12:00 Noon at the Big Tex BBQ for our community luncheon.

Our program will be presented by Dr Eric Kaldahl of the Amerind Museum. Feel free to bring a friend.

Thank You For Investing in Your Chamber of Commerce

We would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for beginning or renewing their membership in the Willcox Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture from February 25th, 2011. We appreciate your commitment and support.

BBVA Compass Bank

Rex Allen Days Inc.



NORTHERN COCHISE FUND

Nonprofit Grant Application Workshop

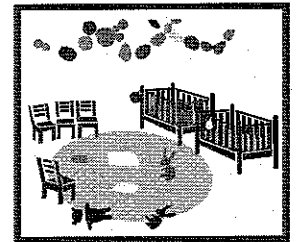
Thursday, June 16

3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

At the

City Council Office (Council Chambers)

300 W. Rex Allen Drive



Learn how to develop a strong, competitive proposal for the 2011 grant cycle and find out more about:

- Submitting the required online application
- Expanded resources for an improved application
- Assistance for completing an application
- Key dates you need to know

For further information contact Tresa Thomas-Massiongale at 520.850.7089
Or tthomas-massiongale@azfoundation.org to RSVP.



PRESENTS



WHERE:

Cochise College - Willcox Center
470 N Bisbee Ave
Willcox, AZ 85643

WHEN:

June 29, 2011
8:30am - 11:30am

COST:

FREE!

RSVP:

Willcox Chamber of Commerce
520-384-2272

Local First Arizona will be on hand with an overview of their programs that focus on strengthening local businesses in Arizona as well as a starter course in using social media effectively. This free class will help raise your online visibility and give you a whole new way of interacting with your customers.



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



Join the Northern Cochise Fund Board of Directors for an evening of refreshments and information on how your organization may be eligible for this year's grant applications.

WHEN: Thursday, June 9, 2011— 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Willcox Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

Bring a Friend!!!

for visitors
and attracting and providing
encouraging economic development
together...By building community,
Bringing a growing community

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6 City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers	7 Community Lunch at Big Tex—12:00 noon	8	9 Business After Hours @ the Chamber 5:00—7:00 p.m.	10	11
12	13	14	15 Chamber Board Meeting 7:30 a.m. Holiday Inn Express	16	17	18
19	20 City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

For further dates check out the Community Calendar on our web site