

JACKSON CITIZEN PATRIOT

WORTH NOTING

Jobless numbers mask continuing problem

Five things to keep you in the know about Jackson-area business news and events:



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5. We have seen the unemployment rate drop for the past three months, but the numbers seem to be masking a continuing problem. The labor force has been in decline, meaning that people are moving out of the county to find work or they are so discouraged at the job prospects they are no longer looking for work. That makes the jobless rate look low when it's really not.

***4.** Economist Charles Ballard will discuss the "Economic Impact of an (Un)Educated Workforce" on Friday morning. The event will take place from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Cas-

cades Manor House, 1970 Kibby Road. The meeting will also feature a panel discussion with Mary Cunningham-DeLuca, director of children's programs for the Community Action Agency; Kevin Oxley, superintendent of the Jackson County Intermediate School District; Patty Kaufman, president of Baker College of Jackson; and Christine Quinn, president of South Central Michigan Works.

3. CMS Energy Board President Dave Joos will be keynote speaker for the next Jackson

County Chamber of Commerce Economic Club luncheon. Joos, who is also board chairman of Business Leaders for Michigan, will discuss the group's Michigan Turnaround Plan. The event will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the Holiday Inn Jackson, 2696 Bob McClain Drive. The cost is \$25 for chamber members and \$45 for nonmembers in advance, or \$30 for members and \$50 for nonmembers at the door.

2. The chamber's next speed networking

lunch will take place Thursday at the Comfort Inn and Suites, 2435 Shirley Drive. It will run from noon to 1:30 p.m., and a light lunch is provided. The cost is \$15 for members and \$25 for nonmembers.

1. The Jackson Area Career Center's robotics team, the Jacktown Vectors, will have an informational meeting for interested students, parents and mentors Dec. 15. It will take place at 6 p.m. at the Career Center. For more information, call 990-6616.

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The Economic Impact of an (Un)Educated Workforce

The Jackson Chamber and the Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County invite you to join in a discussion about the importance of ensuring a highly educated workforce to meet the needs of local businesses and organizations.

Come share your experiences and ideas as we open the lines of communication between educators and the business community.

Date: Friday, December 10th
Location: Cascades Manor House
1970 Kibby Rd., Jackson
7:30 am Breakfast
8:00 am Presentation by Dr. Charles Ballard
9:00 – 11:00 am Moderated Panel Discussion

There is no charge to attend this event, However an **RSVP** by Dec. 2nd is recommended.

RSVP to Lora Kilmer at 517/784.4800 or lkilmer@caajlh.org