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J.D. Legends nominated for top award

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J.D. Legends is one of the most unique entertainment complexes in Southwest Ohio and in recognition of that fact, they have been nominated by the Franklin Chamber of Commerce to be considered for a state-wide entrepreneurial award.

The local chamber forwarded the businesses name to the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and, on May 12, J.D. Legends may be named the winner the first annual Entrepreneurial Award by the chamber. That recognition would come with a \$25,000 cash prize as well.

Charlie Samaan, who owns the business with his brother Wasfi Samaan, said that he and his "entire J.D. Legends team" was very happy with the recognition by the Franklin chamber.

"It's a great opportunity to represent the city and hopefully bring home the award," said Samaan.

Samaan said the credit goes to his team.

"Our team strives to make this a fun entertainment atmosphere for all ages," he said. "We want this to be a place you can bring your family and friends and there's something to do for everyone."

"We have a great staff and they work hard every day," he said.

There's lots to do at J.D. Legends including a state-of-the-art bowling alley named Strike Zone, arcade games, sand volleyball, a restaurant, an outdoor patio with tiki bar and even concerts featuring top flight entertainers.

"We have the largest outdoor patio in the State of Ohio," said Samaan.



Photo by Steve Sandlin

Charlie Samaan outside of J.D. Legends.

Samaan said some of the entertainers booked to perform at J.D. Legends this summer are Blues Traveler, Tracy Lawrence,

Neal McCoy and Mark Chesnut. "It's nice to be recognized for the hard work we do," said Samaan. "But we work every

day to continue improving and offer more and better services to our customers."

J.D. Legends is located at 65

Millard Drive in Franklin. For more information, call 746-4950 or visit the website at www.jdlegends.com.

Carlisle welcomes three new employees to village

Carlisle Mayor Tim Humphries recently presided over the oath of office ceremonies for the newest additions to the Carlisle Fire Department - Jake Warren and Jessica Chewning. Both will serve the department as volunteers.

Jake will be Carlisle's newest firefighter while Jessica will serve the department as fire support services.

On January 27, 2009, Officer Amanda Woodford was sworn-in as the newest addition to the Carlisle Police Department. Officer Woodford has been with the department as a reserve officer since September 2008.



Pictured top left, Mayor Tim Humphries gives Jake Warren his oath of office. Pictured bottom left, Humphries gives Jessica Chewning her oath of office. Pictured above, Humphries gives Amanda Woodford her oath of office.



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