

# HUMBOLDT CHAMBER NEWS

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**YOUR CHAMBER – SERVING PROUDLY SINCE 1905**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



### PRESTIGE LANDSCAPING, INC.

John Milam, owner

P.O. Box 70

Humboldt, TN 38343

731-394-2830

[milamlawncare@click1.net](mailto:milamlawncare@click1.net)

Landscape and Lawn Maintenance



### MOTOR PARTS & BEARING CO. of HUMBOLDT

Gary and Nancy Johnson, owners

2210 Vine Street

P.O. Box 127

Humboldt, TN 38343

731-784-1752

[MPBearing@bellsouth.net](mailto:MPBearing@bellsouth.net)

Automotive & Industrial Supplies



### PRATT INDUSTRIES (USA)

Corrugating Division of Humboldt

Keith Toney, General Manager

221 Highway 45 West

Humboldt, TN 38343

731-784-2009 fax 731-784-2060

[www.prattindustries.com](http://www.prattindustries.com)

Corrugated Shipping Containers

**THANKS FOR YOUR  
INVESTMENT!!!**



*See insert for “Humboldt” and  
“Strawberry” specific shopping  
opportunities.*

## Calendar of Events

April, 2008

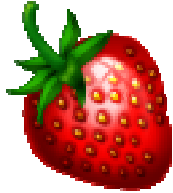
- 08- Adult Leadership- Economic and  
Community Development and Industry  
Day
- 11- West Tennessee Strawberry Festival City  
Tour
- 15- Chamber Board of Directors
- 18- West Tennessee Strawberry Festival  
Goodwill Tour
- 21- Junior and Grand Floats Parade Entry  
Deadline
- 24- Adult Leadership Tourism and Retail Day
- 25- WTSF Royalty to Paris Fish Fry
- May 3- Chairmania (see article)



## Viking Baseball Home Schedule

- 01- 5:00 PM vs. Halls
- 07- 5:00 PM vs. Gleason
- 08- 7:00 PM vs. Murray, Ky.
- 10- 5:00 PM vs. Martin Westview
- 11- 5:00 PM vs. Milan
- 12- Noon vs. Liberty
- 15- 5:00 PM vs. Lake County
- 21- 5:00 PM vs. Bradford

**Support our Vikings!**



## CHAMBER NOTES

### CHAMBER DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Wow, March has been a whirlwind month as I begin to understand all the activity that passes through our Chamber office...which gives me a greater appreciation for the job at hand and the numerous possibilities before us.

There are many who must be recognized, those who give, tirelessly of their time and talents, on behalf of our city.

This month, the volunteers for the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival come to mind. Jennifer Wilson and Vickie Hale are providing excellent leadership as our Festival's President and General Chair, respectively. I'm certain they hesitate to count the hours (and those of the hundreds of volunteers) already given to the success of the 2008 Festival. While we are unable to list (because of space limitations) all who are giving of themselves for our City's Festival, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the official Strawberry Festival magazine (available by April 9th) and note those who are leading committees and serving so unselfishly. And, tell them "thank you" for their work and their commitment. I'm sure they don't consider it work as they give because they care...but a thank you is well in order.

Also, thanks to Cleo Mack and Cindy Acree for their administrative support of the Festival's volunteers. Theirs, too, is a labor of care.

If you want to become involved in the Festival this year and/or in future years, call our Chamber office at 784-1842.

And a special thanks to all who volunteered and all who pledged funds for WLJT's Strawberry Festival fund drive night on March 10<sup>th</sup>. \*\*\*\*\*\$2400.00 was raised\*\*\*\*\*

Respectfully submitted,

### Training Opportunity: Managing a Successful Business

Where: Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce

Time: 5:30-8:30 PM

Cost: \$35.00 per session

Dates/Topics:

March 25--Management Control and Time Management

April 1-----Financing/Strategic Planning

April 8-----Marketing & Communication

April 15----Customer Service

April 22----Risk Management

For more information, contact Ron Acree at 731-422-5389

### GIBSON COUNTY LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

*The Gibson County Youth Leadership class graduated on March 18<sup>th</sup> with a ceremony at the Ag Museum in Milan. Julie Griggs, Dyersburg State Community College, was the keynote speaker. Humboldt students recognized for completing the program are: Mary Coleman, Christian Greenhill, Daniel Dougan, Tyler Jackson, and Jasmine Gentry.*

*The Adult Leadership group attended the County Commission meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> as a prelude to County Government Day. They also visited a number of our county's administrative offices with the opportunity to meet those elected to serve in various positions. The day's tour ended with a visit to the county jail and an*

## A "USER FRIENDLY" HUMBOLDT

- 1) Take note of the "Clean Up" Day scheduled for Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, sponsored by the Hobock Law Firm. Meet at the downtown mini-park at 8:00 AM. Bring rakes and gloves.
- 2) The Main Street improvements are outstanding...curb planters, street lights, trees, etc. Let's take the opportunity, now, to clean up and provide a facelift to some of our buildings...and, we may be able to occupy some of the empty ones if we provide more street parking. So, encourage your staff and associates to utilize the off street parking, thereby freeing parking spaces in front of our stores. The perception of available parking is as important as the reality.

## 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WEST TN STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL CHRISTIAN CONCERT

*Back by popular demand are the multi award winning and gospel music Hall of Famers, Sandi Patty and Larnelle Harris, performing at the First Baptist Church, Humboldt on Friday, May 9, 2008, 7:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, First Baptist Church – Humboldt and LifeWay Christian Book Store – Jackson. You may also purchase online at: [www.iTickets.com](http://www.iTickets.com). Ticket price is \$20.00.*

## CHAIRMANIA 2008

The Gibson County Visual Arts Association is sponsoring a special event on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at The Abbey on Main in Humboldt. The event will feature Adirondack, vanity, modern, etc. birdhouses, desks, and more. The time is 5:30 PM and will provide heavy hors d'oeuvres, a live auction and more. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from any Visual Arts committee member...or you may contact Jessica Alsobrook (her phone number is 731-694-7134) with any questions.



## LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

*The Department of Revenue collected and allocated (less administrative costs) the following funds for February 2008.*

<i>Gibson County</i>	<i>\$ 45,507.66</i>
<i>Trenton</i>	<i>\$ 77,884.84</i>
<i>Bradford</i>	<i>\$ 7,466.88</i>
<i>Dyer</i>	<i>\$ 31,049.57</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>\$ 2,292.06</i>
<i>Humboldt</i>	<i>\$ 209,443.12</i>
<i>Medina</i>	<i>\$ 8,870.11</i>
<i>Milan</i>	<i>\$ 212,384.69</i>
<i>Rutherford</i>	<i>\$ 12,036.62</i>
<i>Yorkville</i>	<i>\$ 602.91</i>
<i>Kenton</i>	<i>\$ 5,868.87</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 613,397.33</i>

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**Gil Fletcher, Executive Director**  
**Cindy Acree, Executive Assistant**  
2007-2008  
Board of Directors

**Jeff Gamble, President – McDonald's**  
**Janeice Frisbee, Vice-President – BancorpSouth**  
**Donnie Bradford – Connetus I.T. Solutions**  
**Chuck Cloud – Edward Jones Investments**  
**Ginny Estes – Sign Up Sign Solutions**  
**Laurie Gamble – The Bank of Humboldt**  
**Chuck Graves, Jr – Chuck Graves, Inc.**  
**Sharon Herndon - LemonAides**  
**Kevin Hunley - Printco**  
**Ralph Jones III – Jones Companies, Ltd.**  
**Brad Lindsey – Hickman Realty**  
**Stan Little – Humboldt Utilities**  
**Michael Longmire – Humboldt Plaza 3 Theatre**  
**Bob Moore – Domino's Pizza**  
**Bob Seals – Henley Printing**  
**Kathleen Smith – First State Bank**  
**Cynthia Chandler-Snell – Hobock Law Firm**  
**Roger Swaim – Cell Plus**  
**Jason Tubbs – STAR Physical Therapy**  
**Jennifer Wilson – Strawberry Festival President**

**Chuck Lovell, Alderman – City Liaison**

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1200 Main Street  
Humboldt, TN 38343

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**71<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL**  
**WEST TENNESSEE**  
**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

**Memorandum**

**TO:** Humboldt Chamber of Commerce Member  
**FROM:** Gil Fletcher, Executive Director  
**DATE:** April 1, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Nomination for Board of Directors Election

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With the beginning of a new fiscal year approaching, it is time for the Humboldt Chamber of Commerce to accept nominations for representatives to be elected to the Board of Directors. Please nominate one representative from your business or industry whose name will be placed on the election ballot. This ballot, which will contain the names of the nominees from all eligible Chamber memberships, will then be sent out to our Chamber membership for the election of six (6) new Board members to serve a two-year term for the fiscal years of 2008-2010. Please return your nomination form to the Chamber of Commerce via mail (Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, 1200 Main Street, Humboldt 38343); via fax (784-1573); in person; or you may email your membership's nominee to the Chamber at [gil@humboldttnchamber.org](mailto:gil@humboldttnchamber.org) **not later than Friday, April 18th.** The nominees of members in good standing will appear on a ballot in the May newsletter.

Membership Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Shop for “Humboldt” and “Strawberry” Specific Items** Page 1 of 2

**Stitches Unlimited** 113 S 14<sup>th</sup> Av., Humboldt 784-6452  
*Embroidery for over 10 years*  
“Everything Strawberry”- Purses, Visors, Tote bags, Aprons, Caps, T-Shirts, etc.!

**Duvall Drugs** 1616 Main St., Humboldt 784-3610  
Tervis Tumblers, Strawberry dishes, etc.!

**City Drug Co** 1511 Main St., Humboldt 784-2724  
“Humboldt” Tervis Tumblers, “Strawberry”-paper tableware, jewelry, key finders, flags, birdhouses, candles, bags, & much more!

**Peppermint Pony** 120 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Av., Humboldt 784-9598  
Childrens’ clothing...T-shirts, Sundresses and Hair Bows!

**Candyland** 1019 Jones Blvd., Milan 686-7324  
Double dipped strawberries, Strawberry fudge, etc.!

**Brasfield’s Jewelry** 1314 Main St., Humboldt 784-9714  
“Strawberry” Jewelry, gift items, and more!

**The Trophy Shop** 1209 Main St., Humboldt 784-6668  
Trophies and Plaques!

**Ginny Estes** 393 Pleasant Hill Road 618-1416  
License Plates and T-Shirts!

**Gigi’s (Monogramming & Printing)** 784-3311  
“Strawberry” invitations for parties or any event during festival time!

**Henley Printing Co.** 209 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue 784-1313  
“Strawberry” Stationary, thank you cards, and more!

**Simmons Shoe Store** 204 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue 784-4701  
“Strawberry” handbags, flip-flops, and more!

**Festival Event Tickets Available:**

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<b>Prayer Breakfast</b> First Baptist Church	\$5.00	Tuesday May 6 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 AM - available at the Chamber office or any member of the Ministerial Alliance
<b>Governor's Luncheon</b> Humboldt General Hospital  Conference Center	\$20.00	Friday, May 9 <sup>th</sup> @ 12 Noon - available at the Chamber office or from event chairman., Dwight Hawks, @ 731-784-4781
<b>Christian Concert</b> First Baptist Church	\$20.00	Friday, May 9 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM - available at the Chamber office, at First Baptist in Humboldt, and Lifeway Christian Stores(in Jackson), or contact Frank Christie @ 731-784- 1450
<b>Horse Show</b> Chalmus Davenport Arena	* *	Friday, May 9 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM - available at Chamber office
*Box Seats --\$25.00 (advance)*		
*Box Seats -- \$30.00 (at gate)*		
* general admission--\$5.00*		

And, remember the President's Reception on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, does not require an invitation, so plan to attend as Festival honoree, Harry Davidson, and Past President, Georgann McFarland will be recognized.