

April 2010 Newsletter Humboldt Chamber of Commerce

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www.humboldttnchamber.org

Established 1905

Home of the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival...since 1934!

www.wtsf.org

Calendar of Events -April, 2010

2nd... Good Friday...Chamber Office Closed

7th...7:30 a.m. Chamber Business Development Committee

8th...9-11 am Big Moe's Soulfood Open House (Ribbon Cutting at 9 am)

13th...8:00 am Humboldt Downtown Business Assoc. meeting at Peoples Furniture

15th...Leadership Gibson County...ACES Course

15th...1:00 until 4:30 pm...TSBDC Business Specialist at Chamber office
(Call Chamber for appointment)

16th...Strawberry Festival City Tour

16th...6:30 pm Gibson County Sports Hall of Fame at Humboldt General Hospital
Conference Center

20th...7:30 am...Chamber Board Meets (Chamber Conference Room)

21st...12 Noon...Chamber Ambassadors meet

29th...Leadership Gibson County...Tourism/Retail

Mondays @ 12:15 p.m. Pray4Humboldt (at the Abbey on Main)

Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m. Humboldt Library Story Time

**Third Thursday...from 1-4:30 p.m. TSBDC Business Specialist at the Humboldt
Chamber**

Save the Dates:

May 2-8...the 73rd Annual West Tennessee Strawberry Festival

June 18...Relay for Life in Humboldt

August 26th...6:30 p.m. Humboldt Chamber Membership Banquet

Welcome New Chamber Members!

BIG MOE'S SOULFOOD

Owner: Donna Hardimon

1401 Main Street
Humboldt, TN 38343
784-9573
Restaurant

PRATT INDUSTRIES (USA)

Mr. Jay Baldwin, General Manager

21 Highway 45 West
Humboldt, TN 38343
784-2009
Email: jbaldwin@prattindustries.com
www.prattindustries.com
Corrugated Shipping Containers

MR. LEE WILLIAMS

204 S. 19th Avenue
Humboldt, TN 38343
(731) 784-7299
Individual

Our members...the "lifeblood" of our Chamber!

Business Specialist Available to our Chamber Members

Through a partnership with the Tennessee Small Business Development Centers (TSBDC), the Chamber is able to offer free and confidential business advice for those planning to start a business or who simply want to "fine-tune" some aspect of an existing business.

Denise Newton will be in our office each 3rd Thursday of the month, from 1:00 p.m. till 4:30 p.m....**In April, she will be in our office on Thursday the 15th**...or if another time works better for you, contact the Chamber at 731-784-1842 or Ms. Newton at 731-587-7333.

We hope you will take advantage of this service or refer someone who might benefit from it.

It is another "Community Building Block" for existing and new businesses... and remember, **"All business is BIG BUSINESS in Humboldt!"**

The West Tennessee Strawberry Festival May 2nd -8th

The 73rd Festival kicks off on Sunday afternoon, May 2nd with a "Berry Festive Afternoon"...family fun on Main Street in the area around the Library. This and other events throughout the week are sure to capture your attention and provide a true West Tennessee Homecoming for family and friends.

Good food, the carnival, parades, the recipe contest, fireworks, the prayer breakfast, the checker tournament, barbecue cook-off, horse show, car show, Humboldt Hall of Fame inductions, tractor show, pet parade, 5k and 10k runs and of course the revues.

And this year the Christian Concert has been moved outside of Festival Week but still very much a Festival event. This year's concert features Mark Schultz in concert at the Humboldt Hospital Conference Center...the date is Saturday, May 22nd at 6:00 pm, a dinner concert this year. There are only 300 tickets available at \$30 each (or \$240 for a table of 8)...they're already going fast so you'll want to pick yours up soon at First Baptist Church in Humboldt, Lifeway Christian Bookstore in Jackson, or at the Humboldt Chamber office. For additional information about all of the events of this year's Festival, go to www.wtsf.org, or call or visit the Chamber office.

Further, if you would like to be involved in the 74th West Tennessee Strawberry Festival, call the Chamber office.

As you can see, there is a place for everyone...the success of the Festival depends on volunteers which is that which makes ours the longest running Festival in the State of Tennessee.

Chamber Board Elections Upcoming

Around the first of May we begin the process of election to the Chamber Board of Directors.

Our process, as per the by-laws, is a little different than most elections. As a primary contact/owner/manager of your business, we ask that you allow us to place your name on the ballot of nominees...or you may place the name of one of your staff members on the ballot for consideration. Or if you have an individual membership, you may place your name on the nominee ballot. A business now represented on our Board is not eligible to nominate another for at least one year.

By-Laws Article VI. Elections, Section 4 states:

"Each membership is entitled to have one name on the ballot as a candidate for election to the Chamber Board of Directors."

Once all nominations are received, we will send a ballot and ask our membership to vote for up to five nominees. The five receiving the most votes will be elected to a 2-year term beginning July 1.

We ask each of you to consider our Board elections, a most important function for our Chamber as we strive to do all we can to promote our community and enhance the quality of life for all.

You may contact the Chamber for more details.

Respectfully submitted,

Gil Fletcher



Census 2010 Update

The census process is important to our community as it is critical that every resident be counted...for future tax dollar determinations, grant possibilities and so many advantages for our community.

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>

This link is provided that you might visit the website with any questions you may have...good source of information.

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

The Department of Revenue collected and allocated (less administrative costs) the following funds for February, 2010.



GIBSON COUNTY	\$40,126
TRENTON	\$75,975
BRADFORD	\$6,947
DYER	\$30,287
GIBSON	\$4,092
HUMBOLDT	\$189,765
MEDINA	\$12,820
MILAN	\$225,947
RUTHERFORD	\$11,449
YORKVILLE	\$238
KENTON	<u>\$6,337</u>
TOTAL	\$603,983

2009-2010 Board of Directors:

Roger Swaim, President - Cell Plus (Verizon)
Gary Caraway, President-elect- Caraway Motor Company
Jessica Alsobrook-Pritchard Realty
Jocelyn Bundy-The Bank of Humboldt
Terri Crider-Flippin & Atkins PC
Dwayne Curtis-Delta Contracting Company, LLC
Harry Davidson-Peoples Furniture
Laurie Gamble-Strawberry Festival President
John Hale-First State Insurance
Larry Johnson-Mid South Industrial, Inc
Ralph Jones, III-Jones Companies, LTD.
Greer Lashlee-Lashlee-Rich, Inc.
Michael Longmire-Humboldt Plaza 3 Theater
Matt McLean-Humboldt Higher Education Center
Joan Smith-Coldwell Banker Creswell Realty
Randy Terry-State Farm Insurance
Jared Wilkerson-Professional Cuts Barber Shop
Jennifer Wilson - Dwight Hawks Law Firm
Roger Ziegler-Edward Jones
Mayor Allen Barker - City Liaison
Ex Officio: Janeice Frisbee-BancorpSouth

Chamber Staff:

Gil Fletcher, Executive Director
Cindy Acree, Executive Assistant

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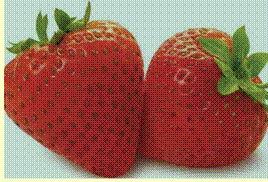
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