

June 2010 Newsletter Humboldt Chamber of Commerce

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Established 1905

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

www.wtsf.org

Calendar of Events -June, 2010

7th...8:00 am Leadership Gibson County- Tourism/Retail

8th...8:00 am Downtown Business Association- Peoples Furniture

10th ...10:00 am Imagination Library Annual Meeting- Trenton Teapot Room

10th...6:30 pm Leadership Gibson County Graduation- Humboldt General
Hospital Conference Center

15th...7:30 am Chamber Board of Directors

17th...1:00-4:30 pm Business Specialist, Denise Newton, at Humboldt Chamber
(Call 784-1842 for an appointment)

18th...6:00 pm Relay for Life- Viking Park

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:

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

Welcome New Chamber Members!

Mr. Larry Rubin

19 Forked Oak Lane
Humboldt, TN 38343
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Individual Membership

Tennessee Equipment Rentals, Inc.

Randy and Emily Warrington, Owners

354 Hwy 45 W
Humboldt, TN 38343
Phone: 731-562-1822; cell: 731-618-9086
Fax: 731-784-7937
Email: tnequipmentrentals@aeneas.com
Equipment, tool, party rentals for contractors & homeowners

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

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

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

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| GIBSON COUNTY | \$57,132 |
| TRENTON | \$88,934 |
| BRADFORD | \$7,513 |
| DYER | \$38,644 |
| GIBSON | \$5,684 |
| HUMBOLDT | \$224,276 |
| MEDINA | \$13,244 |
| MILAN | \$272,822 |
| RUTHERFORD | \$11,258 |
| YORKVILLE | \$292 |
| KENTON | \$7,368 |
| | \$727,166 |



Humboldt City Schools

A recent tour of a couple of our schools was quite a positive eye-opener for me. Jennifer Roten and Kristin Hardin provided a tour of many of the classrooms at East End Elementary as did Christine Hille at Humboldt Middle School. They explained programs and resources of which I was not aware. It is quite apparent that our schools have in place innovative teaching models that provide every opportunity for our students to excel...from a "Reading Intervention" program that helps students who may need to catch up to Exploratory classes that encourage participation and excellence. I was able to witness a couple of each of these programs and classes in action. The students were challenged, motivated and engaged and really enjoyed "getting it right"...they seemed to be learning in a very interactive environment. There are always going to be areas for improvement, in education and in business...let's continue to work cooperatively on those opportunities. Let's also discover those attributes that are so positive and be certain others know about them.

Teachers, staff, and administration are important to our schools and to our community...let's be certain that we, as parents, business people, and citizens are also engaged in education. Opportunities abound to serve as a tutor, a lunch-time partner, a mentor, a supporter of various school activities that occur throughout the year, and a school advocate...just ask...I'm certain our Humboldt City Schools will find a place for us to serve.

We plan to provide additional specifics in future newsletters, resources that assure that our schools are intent on quality education.

We welcome your success stories, for consideration, to be shared with our Newsletter recipients.

Chamber Board Elections

With the new fiscal year for our Chamber to begin July 1, it is time to elect members to our Board of Directors for a two year term. This year we will elect five (5) positions to our 19 member Board.

This is an important time for us as a strong Board is vital to the aggressive program of work in which we are involved...industrial and retail recruiting, assuring service and accountability to our current members, recruiting new Chamber members, participation in a county-wide workforce development program, staying ahead with new and innovative communications functions. promoting tourism, cultural, and recreational opportunities, and, of course, assisting in the planning, preparation and presentation of the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival, preparing for our 74th Festival in May, 2011.

We have ten (10) candidates for your consideration as you select the five (5) who you would like to see join our present Board members. We are grateful to each one who has agreed to place their names for consideration in this election.

Our Board is vital to that for which we strive...also please note that each of our Chamber members may be involved in the life of our Chamber and Community. We always have committee, task force and project opportunities...just give us a call...I assure you there is an area in which we can use your talents and ideas.

Nominated for a two (2) year term, to begin July 1:

(the election ballot will ask that you select/vote for 5)

Jeff Bateman.....Printco
 Dave Blanton.....Blanton Engineering
 Suzanne Craig.....Gene Langley Ford
 Tommy Goodrum.....Individual Membership
 Martha Hathcote.....Freewill Shelter & Outreach Center
 Stacey Palmer.....Farmers & Merchants Bank at Three Way
 Kenny Perry.....Senter & Senter, Attorneys
 Barry Reed.....BR Supply
 Bryant Rhodes.....Farm Bureau
 Brad Webster.....BancorpSouth

Note: A separate e mail, with this nomination ballot, will be sent to our membership for more convenient use...we appreciate your response!

2009-2010 Board of Directors:

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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:

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