

HUMBOLDT CHAMBER NEWS

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YOUR CHAMBER – SERVING PROUDLY SINCE 1905

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

**MERLE NORMAN
HAIR & FIGURE SALON**
Lilia Spencer, Owner
1317 Main Street
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784-7660
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Calendar of Events March 2008

- 01 – Bluegrass Music At The Abbey
- 05 – Gibson County Health Council Meeting
Kappis Steak House – 12:00 Noon
- 06 - Youth Leadership Graduation
West TN Ag Museum – 6:30 p.m.
- 08 – Carl Perkins Dinner & Auction
HGH Conference Center – 5:30 p.m.
- 10 – Adult Leadership
County Government Day
WLJT-TV Telethon – WTSP Royalty
- 17 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- 18 - Humboldt Chamber Board of Directors
Meeting, 7:30 a.m., Chamber Office
- 21 - Good Friday – Chamber Office Closed
- 23 – Easter Sunday
- 27 – Adult Leadership – Leadership/
Community Service Day

**THANKS FOR YOUR
INVESTMENT!!!**

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



CHAMBER DIRECTOR'S NOTES

First, best wishes to Jim Blankenship, as he accepts a position with the West Tennessee Industrial Association, an organization which is quite a catalyst for growth and a friend of Humboldt and all of Gibson County.

And, thank you to the Chamber Board for allowing me to serve our membership and our community, as Chamber Director, as we seek to continue the good work already occurring and the vast potential we have before us. As one considers our demographics (highways, proximity to larger population areas, work force, etc.) future opportunities seem limitless. We offer a "hometown" style of living and availability to any amenity one might desire...recreation, the arts, big league sports, and on and on.

Our challenge then is one of vision...how do we see ourselves? It seems that others will assess our community based on how we represent it. To that end, our challenge, as your Chamber, will be to accentuate the positive, that which sets our community apart as "the best place to live". Further, we will do all we can to attract new families, businesses and industry. We will work, side by side, with our City, County and State governments to assure that Humboldt is on the map when others consider relocation to or growth within our region.

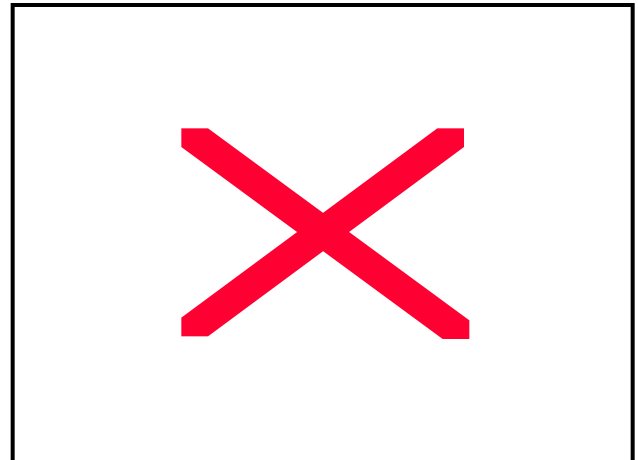
Your suggestions will be welcome, my door will be open. Feel free to visit our Chamber office at any opportunity. We are, after all YOUR Chamber, and we will not take that responsibility lightly. The best interest of Humboldt will guide our decisions and our actions.

Thank you for your ongoing support and your dedication toward causing Humboldt to be all it can be. Our future is bright!

Respectfully submitted,

CHAMBER NOTES

Gray Metal South, Inc. celebrated it's Grand Opening & Ribbon cutting on Friday, February 15th at 11:00 a.m. Opening remarks were given by Mayor Barker, who then welcomed Commissioner Matt Kisber, Department of Economic & Community Development, for additional comments. Other state & local officials were present to welcome this new industry to Humboldt.



GIBSON COUNTY ADULT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Adult Leadership group began their program with the ACES course on February 5th at Peabody High School, and then on February 26th both Youth and Adult Leadership groups toured our State Capitol and visited with our State Legislators. Thank you to BancorpSouth, General Shale Brick and Jackson State Community College for sponsoring this year's Humboldt Adult Leadership group.

**TENNESSEE SCHOLARS
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We appreciate the following sponsors for their support to the program:

- *Humboldt Board of Education*
- *Humboldt Chamber of Commerce*
- *Regions Bank*
- *Floyd Flippin, P.C.*
- *Humboldt High School*
- *Jones Companies, LTD*
- *BancorpSouth*
- *Dana Corporation*
- *First State Bank*

**13th 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 now 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. Ticket price is \$20.00.

**CARL PERKINS CENTER FOR THE
PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE
10th ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION**

*“The Love Boat: Sink or Swim?!”
Saturday March 8, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.
HGH Conference Center*

*Table of 8 beginning at \$280.00
Captain’s table, Veranda table and
Promenade table seating also available
for varying prices. Individual tickets are
available for \$35.00 each.*

Casual Cruise Wear Invited

*For more information on the mystery
dinner and auction, please call 855-4884.*

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

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

<i>Gibson County</i>	<i>\$ 56,836.80</i>
<i>Trenton</i>	<i>\$ 100,199.77</i>
<i>Bradford</i>	<i>\$ 8,079.17</i>
<i>Dyer</i>	<i>\$ 35,792.46</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>\$ 2,868.68</i>
<i>Humboldt</i>	<i>\$ 267,731.04</i>
<i>Medina</i>	<i>\$ 9,613.74</i>
<i>Milan</i>	<i>\$ 323,427.31</i>
<i>Rutherford</i>	<i>\$ 19,691.01</i>
<i>Yorkville</i>	<i>\$ 820.00</i>
<i>Kenton</i>	<i>\$ 6,340.74</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 831,407.72</i>

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