

November, 2009 Newsletter  
**Humboldt Chamber of Commerce**

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

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Thank you to each of our members for your support!

Our strength is in our membership, so we ask for your assistance...ask your neighbor if they are a Humboldt Chamber member. If yes, tell them "thank you". If not, ask them for their consideration and call the Chamber that we may visit with them to explain the programs of work in which we are involved.

Our primary purpose is to promote our community in a most positive way and to work collectively to assure that which allows the Greater Humboldt area to become all it can be. Thank you again for your support and for helping us grow and become better.

## Calendar of Events - November, 2009

1st...Daylight Savings Time Ends

5th...8:00 a.m. Youth Leadership Gibson County Industry/ECD Day

10th...1:30 p.m.till 4:30 p.m. Ron Acree with TSBDC in Humboldt Chamber office...for business counseling (a free and confidential service) Call the Chamber office for details or to schedule an appointment)

11th Veterans' Day...Chamber office closed...thank you to each of our Veterans and to active duty personnel for your service and your sacrifice!

11th... 10:00 am. Field of Flags Ceremony at First Baptist Church, Humboldt

12th...7:30 a.m. Industrial Council at Humboldt General Hospital Conference Room...Program by TOSHA (breakfast available at 7:00 a.m.)

17th...7:30 a.m. Chamber Board meets

17th...9:00 a.m. SBA Workshop...Humboldt Higher Education Center (see information in this newsletter)

18th...8:00 a.m. Youth Leadership Gibson County Ag Day

26th Happy Thanksgiving! Chamber office closed

27th Chamber office closed

**Save the Dates...**Thursday, December 3rd @ 6:00 p.m. Christmas at Bailey Park (Call the Chamber office for details)

...December 4th and 5th Downtown Business Association Christmas events (Call Mary Key Roe or Tommy Goodrum for details)

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

## To our Members:

### Leadership Gibson County is a great opportunity to:

...learn aspects of our County you may not be aware of

...network with other leaders and potential leaders in our County

...sharpen your leadership skills or those of an associate you might enroll in the program

...identify areas where you, individually, or your business might become involved

**There are 9 sessions plus graduation...sessions begin mid-February with graduation on June 10th.**

**All this and more by calling the Chamber office to register, you and/or a staff member, or just to get more information.**

**The program fee is only \$250 and covers all materials, meals, etc.**

**We hope you will be represented in the 2010 class...you will not be disappointed!**

Respectfully submitted,

*Gil Fletcher*

## Christmas at Bailey Park

Thursday, December 3rd, 2009...5:45 p.m.

We hope you are planning even now to be part of this special annual event...a time of celebration for our community and a time of "giving back", to set the tone for the holiday season.

To be part of the "giving", you may donate toys, coats/jackets/food prior to December 3rd, in the following ways:

Toys may be delivered to any Rotary Club member

Coat collection boxes, coordinated by the Jr. Auxiliary, will be available at:

**Humboldt General Hospital**

**1st State Bank**

**BancorpSouth**

**Bank of Humboldt**

**Regions Bank**

A number of our industry will also have boxes available that their employees may donate coats.

Food collection boxes, coordinated by the Lions Club, will be available at many of the churches in Humboldt. If your church is interested in assisting with food collection, contact a Lions Club member or call the Chamber office and we'll let them know.

Watch our Humboldt Chronicle for further details about this year's event, or call the Chamber...you will not want to miss the 2009 Christmas at Bailey Park!

## 2010 Census Facts

**Census Day: April 1, 2010**

### Census employment tip/referral:

Peak job recruitment efforts begin in the fall of 2009, with the majority of hiring taking place in the spring of 2010. If you would like to prepare for the upcoming recruitment effort, you may download and print the Census Practice Test. The practice test is similar to the actual test, which measures basic skills, abilities, and knowledge required to perform a variety of census jobs.

To learn about other census jobs in your area, please visit the [2010 Census Regional Offices Web site](#), select your state on the map provided, and then select the "Regional Employment" option.

To learn more, go to:

[2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs](http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs)

[Please pass this on to someone who may be seeking employment/additional employment.](#)

**Begin now** to encourage all in your circles of influence to participate in the census...so many areas of our community are impacted, and **we need to be certain ALL are counted!!**

## Need a Small Business Loan?

### *Community & Patriot Express Workshop*

Apply for a loan at this workshop!

Learn step-by-step how to apply for an SBA Community Express Loan

- \$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000 up to \$25,000

Patriot Express Loans, (for Veterans), are available up to \$25,000.

This is NOT a credit card loan: these are SBA-guaranteed loans, payable over 7 years (no prepayment penalty) - all from Tennessee's #1 SBA lender!

Start Up's, Full-time or Part-time businesses are eligible !

If you are a start-up or existing business that is looking to expand

**This FREE Workshop Is For You!**

SBA Community & Patriot Express Loan Program Highlights:

- Loans up to \$25,000 - in \$5,000 increments
- No financial statements required
- No Collateral Needed

\*\*\*Veterans receive a 90 day deferral on principal and interest\*\*\*

Bring the following documents if you wish to apply for a loan:

- Photo copy of your driver's License or official ID
- Social security number.
- Evidence of LPRA status if not a citizen
- Federal Tax ID number and your Business Checkbook.
- (Veterans)Certified Copy of DD-214, DD2, DD-1173, DD-2648, etc.

All partners, principals or co-owners of the business must apply together.

NOTE: Those with a criminal history or anyone who has defaulted on a government loan including student loans are not eligible. Non-profit businesses are not eligible.

Seating is limited and is on a first come, first serve basis.

**Date: November 17, 2009**

**Time: 9-11AM**

**Location: Humboldt Higher Education Center (Room 24)  
1751 Main Street, Humboldt, TN 38343**

Contact the Humboldt Chamber office for reservations  
at: 731-784-1842

Event is sponsored by the TSBDC (JSCC) & Humboldt Chamber of Commerce

Funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Additional funding is provided by the TN Board of Regents and the State of TN. All SBA funded programs are extended to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Contact the TSBDC office at 731-424-5389 to make the arrangements.

### LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

**The Department of Revenue collected and allocated (less administrative costs) the following funds for September, 2009.**



<b>Gibson County</b>	<b>\$ 53,784</b>
<b>Trenton</b>	<b>83,747</b>
<b>Bradford</b>	<b>8,249</b>
<b>Dyer</b>	<b>35,509</b>
<b>Gibson</b>	<b>3,730</b>
<b>Humboldt</b>	<b>205,635</b>
<b>Medina</b>	<b>12,102</b>
<b>Milan</b>	<b>251,032</b>
<b>Rutherford</b>	<b>10,620</b>
<b>Yorkville</b>	<b>218</b>
<b>Kenton</b>	<b>6,582</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 671,208</b>

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**...or open any day by appointment.**  
**call 731-784-4666 or 731-784-8100**

**Currently taking bookings for Corporate/business holidays parties and Christmas wine baskets**

**Oct 30...Scott Myatt will be entertaining for our Spooky Friday night "wine down" from 6:00 until 9:00. Wine-tasting in the winery and music in the barn. Wine, chocolate, cheese & French bread available for purchase or bring your own picnic. No outside alcohol or pets. Costumes welcome but not required.**

**Nov 8 ...Songwriter's concert starring Ted Jones & Sergio Webb. Live recording in the Coronation Room from 2:00 until 4:00 upstairs in the villa. Tickets \$10. For reservations call: 731-784-8100.**

**Nov.27...Special Friday night Thanksgiving "Wine Down" from 6:00 until 9:00 (or later!) in the heated barn. Reservations not required. Rick Williams performing.**

**Thanks** to the good folks at Crown Winery for sponsoring our newsletter!

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