



WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAMBER NEWS



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**2009-2010 Chamber President Randy Huffstetler with
2008-2009 Chamber President Mike Wilson**



Sherri, Randy, Abby, and Grant Huffstetler

Greetings Weakley County. My name is Randy E. Huffstetler, your 2009-2010 Chamber President. I am Vice President of Greenfield Banking Company in Greenfield, TN. I am married to Sherri and we have two children, Abby 12 and Grant 9. I graduated from Greenfield High School, and received by BS in Agriculture from the University of Tennessee at Martin. I attend the Presbyterian Church in Greenfield. As the son of a longtime Weakley County business owner, I realize the importance of promoting our area for continuous business development. I look forward to serving as President, and will do my best to represent and promote Weakley County whenever possible.

New Chamber Members

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Ribbon Cuttings



Tri-County



Boxing



On July 17, the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce joined with Tri-County Boxing for a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting. Present were: Front row (l-r) Barbara Virgin, Chamber Executive Director; Greenfield Mayor Eddie Joe McKelvy; Blake White, Reelfoot Bank; Sarah Mobbs, W.C. Press; Jerica Spikes, Greenfield City Recorder; Sherri Wright, First State Bank; Brandon Barger; Elvis Ray; Jeff Hansen, Coach; Donovan Hansas; Randy Huffstetler, Greenfield Banking Co. and Chamber President; Jamie Shelton; Shelly Bowers, WCMES; and Deloris Wright, Greenfield Banking Co. Back row: (l-r) Dusty Frazier, First State Bank; Paul Richmond, Alderman; Jimmie Shelton; Tom Thornton; J.H. Wallace; Danial Ricketts; Christian Robbins; Cindy McAdams; Alderman; and Chris Harris, Greenfield Insurance Agency. Also employed at the club is Kristen Pelletier, Secretary/Treasurer.

To see what Tri-County Boxing has to offer visit the club at 104 East Main Street in Greenfield, TN, or contact Jeff Hansen at (731) 819-3944 or email pellhan@att.net.

RE/MAX UNITED



A Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening celebration was held July 24 at Re/Max United real estate in Martin, TN. On hand to help broker-owners Sheila Bell and Jayne Parrish celebrate were Weakley County Mayor Houston Patrick, Martin City Mayor Randy Brundige, Chamber President Randy Huffstetler, local dignitaries, company officials, Chamber members, family, and friends.

Re/Max is located at 235 University Street, Martin, TN. Hours are Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday 9 am until noon. For more information call 588-4100 or to see property listings visit their website at www.remaxunited.net.



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Weakley County!**



Ribbon Cuttings



GRANDMA'S ATTIC



The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce joined with Grandma's Attic to celebrate their opening with a Ribbon Cutting on June 19, 2009. Present were: Front row (l - r) Barbara Virgin, Chamber Executive Director; Junior Moore, Chamber Director; Joy Adams, Greenfield Banking Company; Jennifer Branscum, City of Dresden; Winnie Moore; Wanda Mitchell, Dresden Insurance; Adam Barker, son and employee; Jack and Melinda Barker, Owners; Bethany Barker, daughter-in-law and employee; Weakley County Mayor Houston Patrick; Delores Wright, Greenfield Banking Company; and Dresden Mayor Danny Forrester. Back row (l - r): Nancy Connell and Linda Morris, Fred Stoker & Sons, Inc.; Chad Snider, Dresden Insurance; Bert Tredway and Nancy Elinor, Fred Stoker & Sons, Inc.; Beverly Oliver, Weakley County Mayor's Office; Larry Randell, Thunderbolt Broadcasting; Amy Lewellen, BancorpSouth; Andrea Hughes and Jake Bynum, First State Bank Dresden. Present but not pictured were Billie Mackin, WIA; Donna Ellis and Janet Moore, Fred Stoker & Sons, Inc. Also employed at Grandma's Attic are Shara Goode and the Barker's son Matthew Barker.

Grandma's Attic motto is "If you can imagine it, we may have it!" To see what they have, visit their located at 143 W. Main in Dresden, TN, or call (731) 819-2741 for more information. Business hours are Monday - Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Cutting Expenses?

DON'T Cut This One!

Sooner or later it had to happen.

A long term member recently did not re-new their membership in the Chamber. This may be hard to believe, but it's true.

When asked why, the response was "We don't take part in any Chamber activities, so we thought we'd just save the money."

Businesses and households alike are watching expenses closer these days. As important as cost cutting is, it's more impactful to find new sources of income. Asking questions such as, "How can we grow our business?", "Can we develop additional ways to service our current customers?", and perhaps most importantly, "Are we doing everything we can to meet and attract new clients?"

You could spend hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars in advertising to get the message out about your business or organization. Or, you could invest your money and some of your time in membership dues for the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce. Think of all the possibilities:

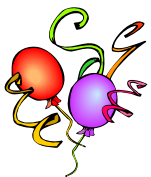
- * Multiple networking opportunities at Chamber events
- * Volunteer positions on committees to raise your profile
- * Seminars concerning business, education, and economic development
- * Mail and email contact lists available through the on-line membership directory
- * Sponsorships at President's Banquet, Golf Tournament, Christmas Reception, Business After Hours, or Leadership Classes
- * Available space for business cards or pamphlets in Chamber Information Center

Like anything else, in order to get results from your Chamber membership, you need to put effort into it. It's simple to do; for example, attend Membership meetings, place an insert in the newsletter, or even take advantage of Ribbon Cuttings and Business After Hours to promote your business.

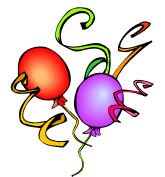
But DO NOT drop your membership in the Chamber of Commerce. Instead, leverage it - get more involved! Be the positive force in your business and community that lays the groundwork for economic-prosperity. Even in these difficult economic times, the Chamber has grown its membership, and is continually looking for ways to create better events and opportunities for members.

Isn't that the type of organization everyone would like to be associated? The good news is that you ARE part of that group, and we want you to be an active participant.

For more information on how to become more involved with the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce, or to sponsor an event, please visit our office at 114 West Maple in Dresden, or call (731) 364-3787.



CONGRATULATIONS



***Union City Coca-Cola
Bottling Company***

100th Anniversary

**Of Commitment and Service to the
Community and Surrounding Area**

Located at 1915 Reelfoot Ave., Union City, TN



25th Anniversary

**Of Commitment and Service to the
Citizens of the Southwest Tennessee Area**

Located at 1527 White Avenue, Henderson, TN

Calendar of Events

August 18

Chamber Board Meeting
Chamber Office

August 31 - September 6

Tater Town Special
Gleason, TN

September 5 - 13



Tennessee Soybean Festival
Martin, TN



September 7

Labor Day
Chamber Office Closed

September 12



Big Cypress Tree Fall Festival
Greenfield, TN



September 13



Airport Extravaganza
Everett - Stewart Airport
Union City, TN



September 13 - 19



Corn and Music Festival
Sharon, TN



September 22

Chamber Board Meeting
Chamber Office

September 25 - 28

Brad Cameron Mule Clinic
UTM Ag Pavilion, Martin, TN

October 5 - 10



Fire Prevention Week
Greenfield, TN



December 10 - 13

Santa's Village
W. TN Ag Pavilion, Martin, TN

2010 Census Timeline: Key Dates

<i>Fall 2008</i>	Recruitment begins for local census jobs for early census operations.
<i>Spring 2009</i>	Census employees go door-to-door to update address lists nationwide.
<i>Fall 2009</i>	Recruitment begins for census takers to support peak workload.
<i>February - March 2010</i>	Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households. Please fill out and return.
<i>April 1, 2010</i>	Census Day
<i>May - July 2010</i>	Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.
<i>December 2010</i>	By law, Census Bureau delivers population counts to the president of apportionment.
<i>March 2011</i>	By law, Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.



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