



September Chamber Coffee Host Hamilton-Ryker

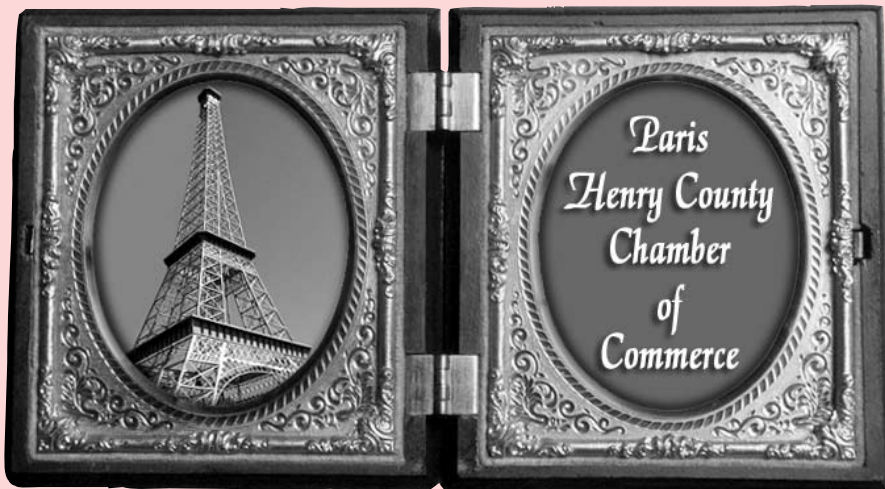
Hamilton-Ryker has had an office in Paris since 1992. In striving to service the area, the office has relocated to 1042C, Suite 2, Mineral Wells. The office is in a great location and has a fresh new look. Troy Tidwell, our landlord, remodeled the office and we are very proud of it.

Hamilton-Ryker continues to service businesses in Henry County, Stewart County, Benton County and the Murray, KY area. All Hamilton-Ryker offices strive to provide excellent customer service. In addition to staffing, each office does compliance, training, professional placement and will try to accommodate your needs when possible.

Come by the new office on September 25th for the Chamber Coffee and have a cup of coffee with us and enjoy our new location.



Kay Rogers (left) and Dannyelle Rendon (right) welcome you to their new office located on Mineral Wells Ave.



"Picture Perfect"

57th Annual Membership Banquet

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Paris Elks Lodge

Social Hour - 6 PM / Dinner - 7 PM

Silent Auction

Tickets - \$25 each / Table of eight - \$190

PREMIER TABLES - \$500

Includes best seats, gifts, recognition

September Calendar of Opportunity

September 3	Labor Day - Chamber Office Closed		
September 18	Executive Board Meeting	Chamber Office	8:00 AM
September 20	Board of Directors Meeting	Chamber Office	8:00 AM
September 25	Chamber Coffee / Hamilton-Ryker	1042C Mineral Wells Ave., Suite 2	8:00 - 9:00 AM



Paris / Henry County Chamber of Commerce

2508 E. Wood Street
Paris, TN. 38242-0008

731-642-3431

Tourism: 800-345-1103

Fax: 731-642-3454

Email: pariscoc@charterbn.com

Website: www.paris.tn.org

Office Hours: 8 AM - 4:30 PM

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Michael Murphey

President-Elect : Jeff Mahan

VP Economic Development: Bruce Reed

VP Community Development:

Bryan Irby

VP Tourism: Gary Benton

Treasurer: Clint Davis

Past President: Troy Buttrey

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Van Bowden, Sandra Sims,

Herman Jackson, Michael Williams,

David Sullivan, Tim Wirgau, Brian Tusa,

Jennifer Morris, Chip Anderson,

Carlton Gerrell, Rosie Johnson,

John Penn Ridgeway

EX-OFFICIO

Carl Holder, David Travis,

Brent Greer, Joe Qualls,

John Weiher, III, Kenny Paschall

Executive Director: Jennifer Wheatley

Administrative

Assistant: Galia Thompson

Chamber Services

Coordinator: Susie Umstead

The mission of the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce is to improve the economy and quality of life in our community.

From The President

MICHAEL MURPHEY



Where has this year gone? I can't believe that this is my final article, since the Chamber year ends September 30th. I've had an awesome time serving the Chamber and hope we've accomplished some things in between all the fun we've had. I'd like to use a little of this space to highlight some things we've done as a Chamber this year.

We tried to show the Chamber in a new light, so the community (and membership) could see the value of our organization. We started with the **KEEP IT POSITIVE** campaign, reminding folks to think positive about our community and serve it in a selfless way. We visited some clubs and organizations and did a PowerPoint presentation on our Chamber and the work it does. We tried to maintain personal contact with the membership through cards, e-mails, and phone calls. We improved the literature we present to prospective and new members. Hopefully, all of these things raised visibility of our organization and motivated people to be a part of it.

On the event side, we also have a lot to be proud of. The Chamber was one of the multiple "cogs" it took to make the ABA Tournament a success. The participation of every one of our events (Small Business Expo, Holiday Decorating Contest, Healthcare Expo, Golf Tournament, and Water Fun Run) was larger than the previous year. We had an extremely successful Membership Drive adding many quality members to our cause. Chamber Coffee attendance continued to grow and more businesses had ribbon cuttings to announce their openings. These were just a few of the many events that the Chamber worked to make better.

You know, when I was installed as Chamber President at the banquet last year, I made the comment that there were a lot of other people that would do the real work and my responsibility would be to show up and get my picture taken. My father's response was that I had plenty of experience at that and would be well qualified for the job. Seriously though, these highlights above are just a few things we achieved as a Chamber this year. "We" meaning all of us collectively. The Chamber could not function without our staff, board of directors, committees, and especially, members giving of their time and resources to make Paris and Henry County a better place live, work, and visit. Thanks to all of you for a great year!

KEEP IT POSITIVE! Continue to serve Paris and Henry County in your own way, giving just little more each year.

From The Executive Director

JENNIFER WHEATLEY



A distinguished list of community leaders makes up our list of former Chamber presidents. Michael Murphey will soon join that list. I have had the honor of working with the past seven. Each person who takes this completely volunteer job brings a new point of view, a new contribution to the whole.

Michael brought us a manufacturing point of view. His experience at Clifty Farm has given him a unique perspective. He expects everything to work, to be practical, and to be worthy of people's time. He brings the values of the Murphey family to every function and shared his love of his community from the moment he put on the red jacket at last year's banquet.

Michael always showed great respect for our work and input as a staff. He shared what he thought we needed to know and asked questions when he was not sure. He tackled every job with enthusiasm, did what was needed and was never afraid to make a decision. Michael understands the function of the Chamber and wants to see us achieving our goals and contributing to our local economy and quality of life. He understands the big picture and the steps necessary to get there.

Taking steps forward means accepting change. We will soon have Jeff Mahan at the helm of the Chamber. Jeff is an engineer, a logical thinker who puts an analytical mind to work on problem-solving. He gathers information and puts it all together.

One of the greatest rewards of this job is getting to work with really extraordinary people. Michael and Jeff certainly qualify. They give us their time, their leadership, their vision and a fresh approach to our role in the community. Thank you!

Applications for now being accepted 2007- 2008 Leadership Henry County class

Participating in Leadership Henry County will provide an outstanding opportunity to get an in-depth look at the most pressing issues facing our community. This program is open to those who live and work in Paris and Henry County. They will meet the experts in a setting that will allow frank and open discussion on healthcare, tourism, agriculture, history, the arts, economic development, education, and government. They will meet our political leaders and learn what is being done on all levels to improve our quality of life.

The Selection Committee reviews applicants from all walks of community life to form a class of interested, concerned individuals who have a sincere desire to offer their time and talents towards improvement of their community.

BASIC CRITERIA

The most important factor in selection is identifying those individuals most apt to utilize their leadership for the long-term benefit of the community by:

- (a) Selecting those who have demonstrated a strong sense of community commitment through past involvement.
- (b) Selecting those interested or intending to seek public office, boards, commissions, or key volunteer leadership roles.
- (c) Selecting those with potential or existing opportunities for advancement to top leadership positions within their own organizations, which in turn, may play a significant role in the community.



- (d) Selecting those with an occupational commitment to remain in Henry County.
- (e) Selecting a cross-section of participants from business, government, community services, minorities, and women.

HOW TO APPLY

Each candidate needs to submit a completed application no later than September 14, 2007 to Leadership/Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, 2508 East Wood Street, Paris, TN 38242. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Chamber office at 2508 E. Wood Street or calling (731) 642-3431.

COST

Each participant will pay his/her entrance fee or have a sponsor. The fee is \$275. The fee includes meals during each session, breaks, program materials, and expenses.

Chamber goes to the Henry County Fair



Left: Retirees enjoy the ice cream social held August 11 at the fairgrounds. Right: Jamey Tosh welcomes everyone to the Chamber Coffee at the fairgrounds.

Henry County Workforce Employer Outreach Committee Forum planned for September 11th

The Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development, in conjunction with the Career Center at Paris, wants to team up with you. Please make plans to join the Henry County Workforce Employer Outreach Committee (WEOC) Forum on Tuesday, September 11th. It will take place at the Tennessee Technology Center, 312 South Wilson Street, Paris, TN, from 7:45 to 9:00 a.m.

The WEOC is an ongoing effort by the department to reach out and partner with Tennessee employers and enhance your company's awareness of employment issues and legislation that affects your business operation; to gain a better understanding of the many programs and services that the department provides.

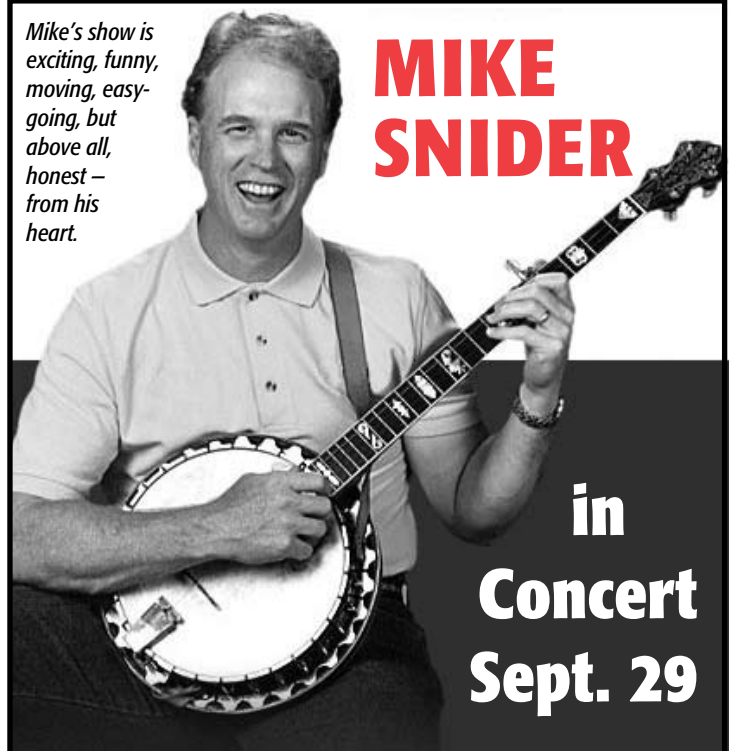
The guest speaker will be Representative Willie E. (Butch) Borchert of the 75th District Tennessee General Assembly, and his topic will be "Legislative Update." A light breakfast, sponsored by PML Inc., will be served.

Attendance at WEOC forums will earn valuable Three Star Award points for Henry County. The chairperson is Mr. Joe Rainey, retired; vice-chairman, Mr. Brad White, Tennessee Technology Center at Paris; and secretary, Ms. Jennifer Wheatley, Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce.

Reservations need to be made by Friday, September 7th to Jane Gibson at the Career Center in Paris, 731-644-7355, or email her at Jane.Gibson@state.tn.us. Reservations may also be made at the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce at 731-642-3431.

Mike's show is exciting, funny, moving, easy-going, but above all, honest – from his heart.

MIKE SNIDER

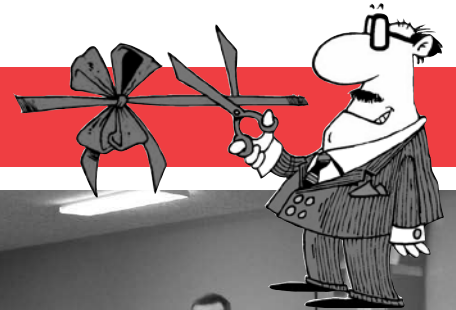


**in
Concert
Sept. 29**

The Paris-Henry County Arts Council welcomes Grand Ole Opry banjo player and comedian MIKE SNIDER to the stage of the Krider Performing Arts Center on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at 7 PM.

Tickets available at City Hall and Commercial Bank locations. For more information, call the 642-3955.

CHAMBER HAPPENINGS



Paul Harber thanks everyone for coming to the July Coffee at Paint Plus Flooring.



Tim and Lisa Leonard of All Temp Heating & Cooling cut the ribbon at their ribbon cutting ceremony on August 17.



Small Business Expo 2007

PARIS-HENRY COUNTY 15th ANNUAL SMALL BUSINESS EXPO 2007

CHAMBER COFFEE

Tuesday, October 16, 2007 - 8:00 - 9:00 AM

EXPO

Tuesday, October 16, 2007 - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Paris Convention Center
Hampton Inn, Paris, TN

SPONSORED BY THE PARIS-HENRY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- Registration is required by October 5, 2007 •
- Door prizes provided by exhibitors may be given away all day •
- Sales permissible in exhibitor booths •
- There will be three size booths available. The larger booths are few so reserve your spot early •

10 x 6 Booths - \$130.00
12 x 6 Booths - \$175.00
14 x 6 Booths - \$250.00
Outside Booths - \$100.00*
 (*No electricity outside)

BOOTH FEE INCLUDES:
 DRAPED AREA WITH
 SKIRTED TABLE & ONE CHAIR
 BUSINESS SIGN
 GARBAGE CAN

\$25.00 extra fee for electrical outlet
CALL EARLY!

NO REFUNDS OR CANCELLATIONS
AFTER OCTOBER 5, 2007

**PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED IN FULL
BEFORE BOOTH SPACE IS RESERVED.**

Exhibitor/Company _____

Contract Name _____

Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Chamber Member? Yes No

Need Electrical Outlet? Yes No

**CONTACT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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Perk Up Paris!

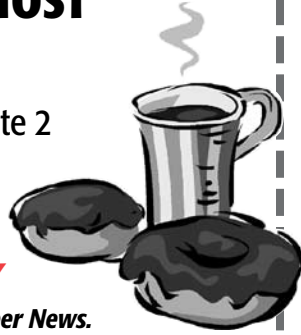
CHAMBER COFFEE HOST

HAMILTON-RYKER

1042C Mineral Wells Ave., Suite 2

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

8:00 - 9:00 AM



"A Premium Blend"

Clip and post after reading the Chamber News.



Welcome New Members!

SUMMIT SOFTWARE

Contact: Chuck Hall
P.O. Box 362 • Big Sandy, TN

DAVID WEBB

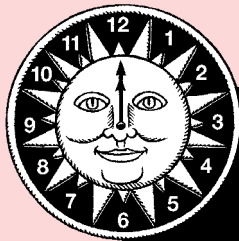
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WORKFORCE ESSENTIALS

Contact: Karen Magnuson
55 Jones Bend Rd Extended • Paris, TN

WQQR 94.7 / WILLIE 102.1

Contact: Theresa Perkins
P.O. Box 2397 • Paducah, KY



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ON THE

SQUARE

SEPTEMBER 7
BRANDED COUNTRY
(Country Music)

SEPTEMBER 14
THE BARONS
(60's & 70's)

SEPTEMBER 21
CLUB 51
(Blues)

SEPTEMBER 28
LOBO & SHERYL
(Variety)



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