



*Paris/Henry County*

OCTOBER 2011

# CHAMBER NEWS

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## ***October Chamber Coffee at the Small Business Expo***

The Small Business Expo committee decided that it was time to go back to some of the basics of the expo but still add some new things. We are still having the karaoke contest, which is always a lot of fun, starting at 3pm. In previous years we have had an outside judge come in and choose best use of theme booth. This year the people attending the expo will decide. When the attendees come in they will be given a map with all booths on it and they will mark their favorite. The winner will be announced after the karaoke contest. The winner will receive their booth free next year. Also, after the karaoke contest there will be a contest for Best Use of Theme Costume. This will be decided by biggest applause. The winner will receive \$50. The booth participants will still have a chance to win a free booth next year. All booths that still have their booth up at 5pm will be put in a drawing for a free booth. Henry County Medical Center will offer their free screenings during the Chamber Coffee. This is also a new addition they has never been offered before the Expo started. To have a more accurate screening stop by their booths before you eat or drink.

Businesses already in the expo include: Rogers Jewelers, Dola's Monograms, FirstBank, Volunteer Home Care, Paris Country Club, Abbott's Print Shop, Freedom Fitness, K & B Supplies, Tennessee Quality Home Care, Foundation Bank, Carey Counseling, Hamilton-Ryker, Eiffel Gardens, St. John Security, Commercial Bank, My Favorite Things, Morningside of Paris, Tennessee Rehabilitation Center, Paris Civic Center, Pepsi, West Tennessee Printing, Adult Learning Center, Grace Clinic, TSBC, Tennessee Technology Center, Downtown

Paris Association, The Toggery, Arrowhead Home Sales, Robbie to the Rescue, Paris Realty, Paris Natural Gas, Henry County Medical Center, WTPR, Paris! magazine, West Tennessee Chiropractic and Vern Steedly State Farm.

# TOTALLY AWESOME THE BIG 80'S SMALL BUSINESS EXPO

We are looking forward to another great Expo this year. There is still time to get your booth. Call Susie at 642-3431 to get your booth. We look forward to seeing you there.

## *October Calendar of Opportunity*

|            |                            |  |                 |
|------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| October 17 | Small Business Expo Set Up | Paris Convention Centers                       | 1:00pm - 6:00pm |
| October 18 | Chamber Coffee             | Small Business Expo (Paris Convention Centers) | 8:00am - 9:00am |
| October 18 | Small Business Expo        | Paris Convention Centers                       | 9:00am - 5:00pm |
| October 24 | Executive Committee        | Chamber Office                                 | 3:30pm          |
| October 28 | Board Retreat              | Paris Landing State Park                       | 8:00am - 1:00pm |



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Office Hours: 8 AM - 4:30 PM

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Wayne "Butch" Powers  
President-Elect : Sam Mahan  
VP Community Development:  
Stacia Puckett  
VP Tourism: Jeff Seaton  
Treasurer: Andrea Lamb

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chip Anderson, Michele Atkins, Lisa  
Casteel, Carlton Gerrell, Jennifer Hayden,  
Rosie Johnson, Jeremy Lindsey, Gary  
McEntire, Traci Middleton, Jamie Orr,  
John Penn Ridgeway, Darrin Thompson

### EX-OFFICIO

Carl Holder, Sam Tharpe,  
Kenny Paschall, Brent Greer,  
Joe Qualls, Machele Operia

Executive Director: Jennifer Wheatley

Henry County Alliance CEO:  
Larry Crawford

Administrative  
Assistant: Galia Greer

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*

WAYNE "BUTCH" POWERS



It's somewhat funny how life throws things at you. If you would have told me three weeks ago that I would be serving as Chamber president for a second term then I would have told you that you're short a few marbles. Well, odd as it may seem, through a series of unforeseen incidents, here I am serving a second term. I have jokingly mentioned to some people that the president's position should be a two year term. It seems that by the time you figure out what you are doing your term is ending. Over the past year there are certain things I wished I had done and other things I would have done differently. I'm looking at this situation as something akin to a second chance. Not so much as a second chance to right some wrongs or fix mistakes, but a second chance to do things better and accomplish more.

There are three groups that make this job easier. The first is the Chamber staff, Jennifer, Susie and Galia. These three ladies do all the hard work and represent the Chamber well. The second is my employer, Foundation Bank. The bank gives me the flexibility to be out in the community and understands the importance of being involved in the Chamber. The third is the Chamber membership. We have a wonderful and supportive membership which provides us with countless volunteer hours.

A few people have told me I'm crazy for serving a second year. But, if you're committed to something then should you not be willing to serve longer if needed? As I've said before, you will find the time to be involved in those things that you believe in, whether it's sports, church, watching tv, or eating. I believe in what the Chamber stands for. I believe the Chamber serves a purpose. I believe the Chamber works toward improving the economy and quality of life in our community. I believe this next year can be better than the last.

## *From The Executive Director*

JENNIFER WHEATLEY



THANK YOU to all of you who supported the Chamber's recent banquet! Butch Powers, our outgoing and incoming president, did not disappoint in his promise to make some changes to the banquet! The absence of a speaker was certainly not missed as we focused the evening on our volunteers and the presentation of a brand new award, Business of the Year.

Congratulations to Commercial Bank as the very first recipient of this honor. Butch quoted a comment made as the committee deliberated over the nominations: "If you're going to start a Hall of Fame, you start with the Beatles." Commercial Bank has a long history in Henry County and is known for their generous support, in human and other resources, of community events. City President Clint Davis, outgoing Chamber treasurer, accepted the award. Former Chamber President Bruce Reed was on hand at the Commercial Bank table, along with Leadership Henry County Chair and incoming Treasurer Andrea Lamb. Commercial Bank is a most deserving first recipient.

Another moment that did not disappoint was Gaines Hedges presenting Priscilla Martin as the Person of the Year. Her humble remarks, genuine surprise and long-standing support of the Junior Livestock Auction at the Henry County Fair made her an incredibly worthy recipient of this honor. The Person of the Year is one of our longest running traditions at the Chamber and seeing this selfless lady honored reminded us all of why it is important to seek out and recognize these individuals for their contributions.

Also receiving recognition during the evening were Stacia Puckett, Paris Surgical Specialists, chair of the Healthcare Committee; Tory Daugherty, HCMC, chair of the Small Business Committee; Sam Mahan, FirstBank, and Jennifer Hayden, Hamilton-Ryker, co-chairs of Small Business Basics; Jamie Orr, chair of the Golf Committee; Jeff Seaton, chair of the Tourism Committee; and Andrea Lamb, Commercial Bank, chair of Leadership Henry County.

Henry County Medical Center was our sponsor and Andy Collins, Commercial Bank, was master of ceremonies.

Your Chamber of Commerce is an opportunity to work with other businesses and individuals for the enhancement of our community. Make the most of your membership. Join a committee or volunteer at an event. Call, 642.3431, stop by the office, or send an email, [jennifewheatley@paristnchamber.com](mailto:jennifewheatley@paristnchamber.com).

# LEADERSHIP HENRY COUNTY

## Leadership Henry County Class of 2011-2012

The Leadership Henry County Committee has selected the 2011-12 class. Applicants are chosen from all walks of community life to form a class of interested, motivated, concerned individuals who have a sincere desire to offer their time and talents towards improvements of their community. They will meet our political leaders and learn what is being done on all levels to improve our quality of life. Class members will visit with educators and see the problems and needs of our school systems and work for solutions.

The most important factor in selection is identifying those individuals most apt to utilize their leadership for the long-term benefit of the community. Emphasis is placed on those who demonstrate a strong sense of community commitment through past involvement, interest to seeking public office, boards, commissions or key volunteer leadership roles.

This year's class certainly meets all the criteria and we are looking forward to a great year.

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|-----------------|--|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Carrie Charles  | <i>Call Center Manager/Commercial Bank</i> | Brock Martin   | <i>Self Employed Chiropractor</i>   |
| Bethany Edwards | <i>Public Accountant/BPU</i>               | Justin Oliver  | <i>Relations Manager/First Bank</i> |
| Kim Foster      | <i>Finance Director/City of Paris</i>      | Stephen O'Neal | <i>Chief Nursing Officer/HCMC</i>   |
| Mitzi Hammonds  | <i>Hospitality Manager/PLSP</i>            | Kim Patterson  | <i>Materials Manager/Nobel</i>      |
| Alta Lambert    | <i>Loan Officer/Foundation Bank</i>        | David Stone    | <i>Henry County Trustee</i>         |

## CHAMBER HAPPENINGS



Clint Davis cuts the ribbon for the **Walking Trail at Eiffel Tower Park.**



Brian Foster President of the **Tennessee Valley Association of Realtors** welcomes everyone to the September Chamber Coffee.



David Beasley cuts the ribbon at the Ribbon Cutting ceremony for new **Blockbuster To Go** located at Beasley's Antenna and Satellite.

# Perk Up Paris!

## **SMALL BUSINESS EXPO**

Paris Convention Centers

Paris, Tennessee

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

8:00 am - 9:00 am



***"A Premium Blend"***

*Clip and post after reading the Chamber News.*

# *Interested In Joining?*

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online, or call!**

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61<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL  
MEMBERSHIP  
BANQUET

**Chamber President Butch Powers, Foundation Bank, addresses the membership.**

**Priscilla Manz Martin, a generous and active supporter of the Junior Livestock Auction and other community events, was honored as the Person of the Year. Miss Priscilla's humility and genuine service were an inspirational moment during the evening.**

**Commercial Bank was honored as the Chamber's first-ever Business of the Year.**



19th ANNUAL

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## SMALL BUSINESS EXPO

Set Up: Monday, October 17 (1pm - 6pm)

Chamber Coffee: Tuesday, October 18 (8am - 9am) Expo: Tuesday, October 18 (9am - 5pm)

**SPONSORED BY THE PARIS-HENRY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Registration is required by October 10, 2011

- 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. • Best use of theme will receive their booth FREE next year!

**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  
PUBLICITY  
GARBAGE CAN  
TRADE SHOW KIT

**\$25.00 extra fee for electrical outlet**  
**CALL EARLY!**

You will be charged \$50 for early breakdown.

**NO REFUNDS OR CANCELLATIONS**  
**AFTER OCTOBER 10, 2011**

**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

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