



Your Chamber

At Work

Hardin County Chamber of Commerce

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April 2013

Professional Administrative Assistants:

Annual Luncheon is April 22

"Nacho average day at the office"

To pay tribute to today's administrative assistants on Monday, April 22, in honor of Professional Administrative Assistants Week, the Chamber will host our 11th annual luncheon. First United Methodist Church of Savannah will be the setting for the spring-time event, *"Nacho Average day in the office"*. Uptown Bistro will be preparing a tastefully delicious taco bar for you to enjoy.

Taco 'bout fun! This year we are offering attendees a exciting event! Guest speaker is Arrita Summers, director of the Tennessee Technology Center in Crump. She will share current avenues for you to gain needed work skills studying at home. The luncheon will be fun, colorful and informative! Attendees will be entered for all kinds of door prizes! The fun begins at noon! *So, bosses, make your plans now!*

Reservation deadline is April 17. The cost is \$15 per person or bring the entire staff by reserving a table of

8 for \$115. Bosses, support staff, retired workers ...all are welcome.

Also, now through April 17, the Chamber is accepting nominations for Hardin County Assistant of the Year. Please fill out the form below and pay tribute to your assistant. The Assistant of the Year will be announced at the luncheon and presented a plaque and gift.



Call the Chamber at 925-2363 for your reservations!!

Enter your administrative assistant for
ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR



Assistant name _____

Business _____

Phone _____

Please include a brief paragraph honoring your nominee!
Fax form to the Chamber 925-8069 or mail to PO Box 996, Savannah, TN 38372
Before April 17! Luncheon is April 22

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Ribbon Cutting...



Hardin County Chamber hosted a Business After Hours and Ribbon Cutting at Hardin Poultry on their Grand Opening weekend! Chamber members and friends attended the event enjoying the tours, English tea and Yorkshire Puddings...and the blistery snowflakes. Owners Jonathan Stone, pictured with the ceremonial scissors and Holly Barnes-Wallis, holding the baby emu, welcomed guests to the farm and grounds. They sell eggs, hatchlings...chicks, ducks, peacocks, pheasants...can be seen as well as pigs, llamas, goats, turkey, horses, cows and soon they will have vegetable gardens including a strawberry patch to pick your own.

The farm is located at 8185 Hwy 22 between Crump and Shiloh. Phone is 607-7485 or visit them on Facebook. Watch for more special events including Easter weekend fun!



Hardin County Chamber partnered with the McNairy Alliance to co host a ribbon cutting at Top o' the River in Michie. The restaurant was celebrating new growth during their first anniversary. Owners Tim and Becky Hearnberger welcomed friends and family serving up great food and birthday cake! Visit them at 5831 TN 57, Michie or on facebook, 731-632-EATS or www.topotheriverrestaurant.com

Has Your Business Had A Physical Lately?

• Existing Businesses • Expanding Businesses • Start-ups



Here is an opportunity to have a full day of business screening and improve the wellness of your business! All areas—Finance, Marketing, and Human Resources will undergo a full screening and you will be able to take away actionable information to improve your business.

Whether you are contemplating a start-up, wanting to expand, or just want to make your business more profitable, this all day clinic will motivate you to set goals and understand how to implement the various processes.

What you will learn:

How to use the “tools” of marketing—the various types of media including print, radio, TV, and social media.

The basics of branding your company and how to sell it.

Techniques to use in hiring the right personnel.

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Requirements to obtain financing for growth.

How to develop solid business objectives and to achieve your goals.

Don't miss this great opportunity to screen your business operations and to learn ways that will help you to better organize your business and make it more profitable.

Learn from professionals.

Take away actionable information.

Gain confidence to make your business better.

This is a Regional Workshop focusing on Henderson, Hardeman, Hardin and Chester Counties. However, members of all Chambers are welcome.

Registration is Required: (Space is limited)

When: March 21, 2013

Time: 8:00 AM—4:00 PM (Lunch will be provided)
Price: (Any Chamber) Member \$39 Non-Members \$49
(Includes all materials)

Where: McNairy Regional Alliance
205 West Court Avenue
Selmer, TN 38375

Register with:
Hardin County Chamber 731-925-2363
Based on attendance, let's take a Chamber bus load!

Registration Deadline: March 18, 2013

Sponsored by: The Chambers of Commerce of Chester, Hardeman, Hardin and McNairy Counties in partnership with:



Chamber Workshops

Regional Business Physical

March 21 in Selmer (see page 4) \$39 chamber members!

Next in our monthly series:

"Building a referral based business

continues...
....business referrals"

April 25
Uptown

7:45 am-9 am

with business coach Steve Pitcairn \$5 chamber members!



Government Contracting—April 16 at Hardin County Chamber

Gain A Competitive Edge On Government Contracts

Government Contracts can be extremely profitable and provide stable long term growth for your business. If you are a small business interested in working with the Federal Government, here is a workshop that will take you step-by-step into the federal procurement arena.

May 10

Selmer Alliance

Exciting webcast event in our area!

\$50 Chamber members!

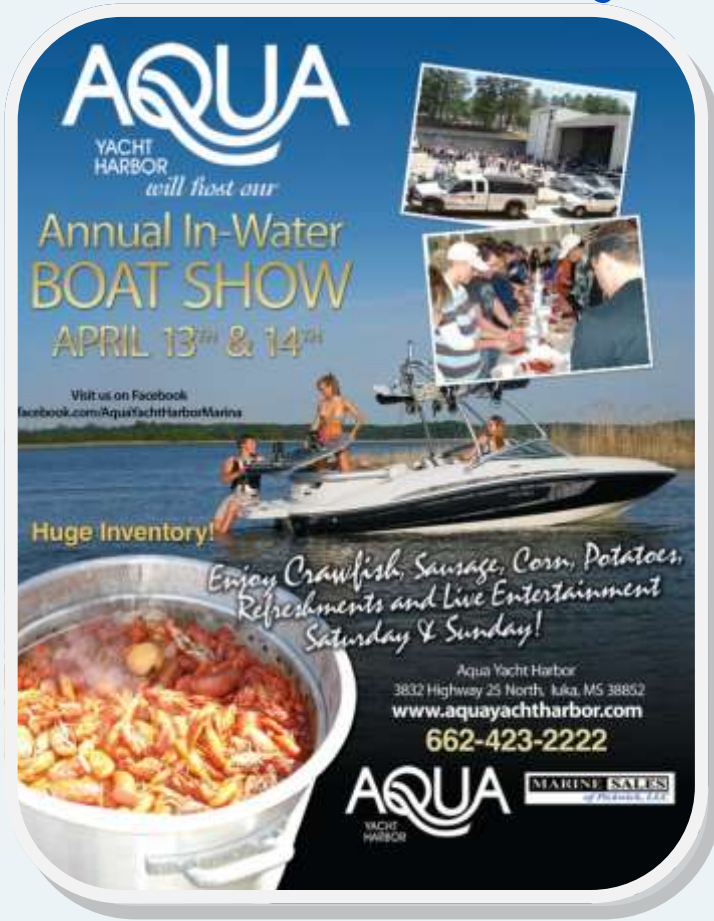
(a \$25 savings!)



Please contact the Chamber to reserve your seats at these fantastic opportunities!

925-2363

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Pickwick Parrotheads.....May 18

Southwest Development District.....May 30

Friends of Pickwick Landing State Park...June 7-8

Annual Taste of Pickwick

Hardin County Convention & Visitors.....June 12

Pickwick Rotary.....June 21

Hardin County Chamber Golf Tournament
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May 8—12, 2013

Tours each day
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Hardin County Events...

Hee Haw
March 15-16
HCHS

Hunting for a Cure
March 23
Fairgrounds

Holy Week
March 25-31
EASTER
March 31

Historic Savannah
Theater
Grand RE-Opening
March 30
Jason D. Williams
in Concert
Call City Hall for tickets
925-3300

HCHS Spring Break
April 1-5

Shiloh Living History
April 6-7
Tourhardincounty.org

Savannah Rotary
Run in the Park
April 13
Shiloh Park
925-2363

For more events
Tourhardincounty.org

USEFUL TIPS FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS/MANAGERS **FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR NEW HIRES OR RE-TRAINING EXISTING EMPLOYEES**

Small Business Owners and Managers who are interested in hiring new employees or seek training for present employees to improve existing skills or learn new skills, now have the resources to accomplish these goals.

The West TN Workforce Investment Board, (LWIA 11), can provide On-the-Job, (OJT), training for new hires and incumbent worker training for existing employees, to qualified small businesses in the eight counties of LWIA 11. These counties are: Haywood, Hardeman, McNairy, Chester, Madison, Henderson, Decatur and Hardin.

Unique features of the OJT program are:

- The participant begins training as a permanent employee of the employer;
- Participant receives training in a production setting under appropriate supervision, gaining knowledge of the position and acquiring and applying occupational skills while performing On-the-Job;
- The OJT is limited by the period of time required for the participant to become proficient in the occupation for which the training is being provided.

OJT employers must first agree to hire and train eligible participants. Reimbursement of up to 50% of the wage rate is provided to compensate the employer for the costs of the training.

The purpose of the Incumbent Worker Training, (IWT), program is to support training that results in either:

- Lay-off aversion through new skill attainment for employees;
- Lay-off aversion through process improvement that contributes to the competitiveness and productivity of the business.

Tennessee small businesses that have been in operation for a minimum of one year prior to the IWT application date, employing at least five full-time employees and are current on all federal and state tax obligations, are eligible to apply. Funds are administered by the LWIA11 Board.

Both programs can be significantly beneficial to small businesses in this eight county area, either by creating new employment at a reduced cost or retaining skilled workers through retraining.

Contact the Workforce Investment Act, (LWIA 11), office to apply or for more information. They are located in the SW TN Human Resources Agency at 1527 White Avenue, Henderson, TN, 38340, or call 1-800-572-5782 or 731-989-0533.

If you would like more information on this or other topics regarding your business, a FREE and CONFIDENTIAL visit with Ron Acree, Director of the TN Small Business Development Center, (JSCC), may be helpful. This counseling is provided as an additional service of your local Chamber of Commerce. Acree will be at the Chamber office on Wednesday, March 20 and April 17. Contact the Chamber at 925-2363 for an appointment.



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