



Paris-Henry County

MARCH 2013

CHAMBER NEWS

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MARCH CHAMBER COFFEE HOST

Joe Mahan Ford

Joe Mahan Ford, in business since, January 1, 1974, looks forward to welcoming Chamber members to the March coffee. With the most up to date line up in the industry Ford offers a wide variety of models to suit our customer's needs. Two of the newest models are the all new Ford Escape and the Ford Fusion. Completely redesigned for 2013 these two models have much to offer from our all new look to the latest technology to outstanding fuel economy. Speaking of fuel economy, the 2013 Fusion Hybrid and 2013 C-Max Hybrid offer ratings of up to 47 miles per gallon!



When you visit our dealership you will see many familiar faces with the majority of our staff with over 20 years of service. Joe and Larry Mahan are both now semi-retired and Jeff Mahan is the General Manager in charge of the dealership.

In keeping with our long time slogan, "SERVICE IS OUR BUSINESS, NO UNHAPPY OWNERS ARE OUR GOAL." We take great pride in our service department.

With five Master Certified, Ford Technicians, including our Service Manager and the most up to date technology available we're delivering top-notch service to our customers.

Our modern facility, last remodeled in 2000 is located at 211 Memorial Drive. Our Service hours are 7 to 5 Monday thru Friday and 8 to 4 on Saturday. Sales hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Please join us for the Chamber Coffee we look forward to introducing you to our outstanding staff our facility and our products.

March Calendar of Opportunity

March 5	Ribbon Cutting & Open House	Bethel Facility on Tyson Avenue	11:00 am
March 6	Ribbon Cutting	Paris Pharmacy (1025B Mineral Wells Ave)	10:00 am
March 13	Leadership Henry County	Chamber Office	8:00 am
March 20	Executive Committee	Chamber Office	8:00 am
March 26	Chamber Coffee	Joe Mahan Ford	8:00 am
March 27	Board of Directors	Chamber Office	8:00 am
April 5	Chamber Golf Tournament	The Tennessean Golf Club	11:00 am



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Jeff Seaton

President-Elect : Andrea Lamb

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Stacia Puckett

VP Tourism: Tony Lawrence

Treasurer: Chip Anderson

Past President:

Wayne "Butch" Powers

Vice President of Membership

Development and Training:

Jennifer Hayden

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michele Atkins, Emory Bradley, Kevin Buie, Lisa Casteel, Mandy Hamlin, Jeremy Lindsey, Gary McEntire, Robert Newcomb, Jamie Orr, Darrin Thompson, Terry Wimberley

EX-OFFICIO

Carl Holder, Sam Tharpe, Brent Greer, Joe Qualls, David Varner, Mike Waddey

Chamber Executive Director:

Jennifer Wheatley

Membership Services Coordinator:

Carolyn Kaminski

Henry County Alliance CEO:

Larry Crawford

Henry County Alliance Administrative Assistant: Galia Greer

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

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From The President **JEFF SEATON**



Hello chamber members. First I want to congratulate 20 people who graduated from our 3rd session of the Small Business Basics Class. That is a great program and the Chamber's sincere thanks go out to Jennifer Hayden and Kevin Buie, program chairpersons and to all of the individuals who gave their time to serve as instructors in the program. My quote for this month comes from baseball great Rogers Hornsby who was asked about his off-season plans. He stated, "People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring." Well my fellow spring lovers, we may not be seeing the robins making their spring nests just yet but I sure bet they are starting to scout out some good locations. The talk of spring and summer and all of the events that occur during that time of year are starting to happen at the Chamber. For example, the Chamber golf tournament committee is busy making plans for our April 5th golf tournament at the Tennessean golf course. If you feel like taking a lazy Friday afternoon to have a nice meal and a fun round of golf with your friends, then put a team together and come join us at the tournament. Also, spring brings the distant sound of boats on the horizon. The Chamber's tourism committee is starting to gear up for the annual Chamber of Commerce boat run on Kentucky Lake. This year's event will take place on July 20th. This committee starts their work on the event long before the first boat hits the water. If you need more information on either of these events or are interested in being a part of the planning committees for these events or any other, then please contact us here at the Chamber office. We are always looking for people to not only participate in the events but also to be involved in the planning of the events. It is the starting of a great and exciting season so come on to the Chamber and see what we can get you into.

From The Executive Director **JENNIFER WHEATLEY**



The opportunity to share the work that the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce does with its members and our community is why we publish a newsletter every month. It is also why we inundate you with emails, keep our calendar full and constantly seek your input and participation. Sometimes that opportunity reverses itself and we get the opportunity to tell other people why this is such a special community.

Travel South is a trade show full of tour bus operators and media representatives only interested in the South where we get to tell that fact is a series of six minute appointments. The keynote speaker this year was Robert St. John, a chef, writer and restaurant owner. He told a great story about being able to determine the denomination of a church cookbook without looking at the cover. You find the party punch recipe. If it involves ginger ale, you've got Baptists; if it begins with a bottle of wine, it's probably Episcopalians.

Mr. St. John went on to read an excerpt from a column he wrote several years ago:

My South is full of honest, hard-working people.

My South is colorblind. In my South, we don't put a premium on pigment. No one cares whether you are black, white, red or green with orange polka dots.

My South is the birthplace of blues and jazz, and rock-and-roll. It has banjo pickers and fiddle players, but it is also has B.B. King, Muddy Waters, the Allman Brothers, Emmylou Harris and Elvis.

My South is hot.

My South smells of newly mown grass.

My South was the South of The Partridge Family, Hawaii 5-0 and kick the can.

My South was creek swimming, cane-pole fishing and bird hunting.

In my South, football is king, and the Southeastern Conference is the kingdom.

There's more, but I think you get the idea. We are blessed.

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MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2013 • THE TENNESSEAN

THIS IS A FOUR-PERSON SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

11am Lunch *prepared by Gayle Griffith* • Shot gun start at 12:30pm

\$310 for Chamber Members
(\$77.50 each person) per team

\$360 for Non-Chamber Members
(\$90.00 each person) per team

* Price includes golf fees, cart, and lunch *

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For more information, contact the Chamber office at 642-3431.

PARIS-HENRY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

— OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM —

List of Players Participating

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Contact Person _____

Phone # _____

Team Sponsored by _____

**Deadline for registration
is Monday, April 1, 2013**

Please make all checks payable to:

**PARIS-HENRY COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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JOE MAHAN FORD

211 Memorial Drive
Paris, TN 38242

Tuesday, March 26, 2013
8:00 am - 9:00 am



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Chamber Happenings



Jeremy Stone, Cowart, Reese and Sargent, taught accounting to the Small Business Basics class.



Christiane Longest, Kaye Andrews and Daniel Garstecki listen as Chamber President Dr. L. Jeff Seaton teaches about employees at Small Business Basics.



Albert Wade, Greer and Wade, taught a session of Small Business Basics.



Brian Foster, Landmark Realty, taught entrepreneurship lessons to the 2013 Small Business Basics class.



Jose Huerta (holding daughter Jocelyn and the scissors) and his staff at El Vallarta were welcomed to the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce with a large ribbon-cutting crowd. El Vallarta is located at 1113 Mineral Wells Avenue.



Far left is Chamber President Dr. L. Jeff Seaton, Dick Bates, Secretary of the Board, Charles Fletcher, Architect, then Tomorrow's Hope Executive Director Cheryl Conner; board chairman Jack Pressey and Henry County Mayor Brent Greer, all participated in the ground-breaking for Tomorrow's Hope near the Cornerstone Medical Complex.