

March 2010 Newsletter

Humboldt Chamber of Commerce

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Established 1905

Home of the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival...since 1934!

www.wtsf.org

Calendar of Events -March, 2010

- 2nd...7:30 a.m. Chamber Business Development Committee
 3rd...Youth and Adult Leadership Gibson County classes to Nashville (State Government Day)
 9th...8:00 a.m. Downtown Business Association (at Peoples Furniture)
 11th...7:30 a.m. Industrial Council at Humboldt General Hospital
 (subject: Crime in the Workplace- Presented by Chief Raymond Simmons)
 11th...6:30 p.m. Youth Leadership Gibson County Graduation (West Tennessee Ag Museum)
 16th...7:30 a.m. Humboldt Chamber Board Meeting
 18th...7:30 a.m. Industrial Development Board of the City of Humboldt Annual Meeting (Chamber Conference Room)
 18th...8:00 a.m. Leadership Gibson County (Leadership/ Diversity Training)
 20th...10a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Bike Show...Benefits Relay for Life
 (at Viking Park and sponsored by Humboldt Parks and Recreation
 20th...10 a.m. till 2 p.m. Youth Leadership Gibson County "Youth Project"
 (at First Baptist Church, Humboldt...call Chamber for details)
 27th...5:30 p.m. Carl Perkins Center of Gibson County Dinner & Auction
 (Humboldt National Guard Armory)
 31st...8:00 a.m. Leadership Gibson County (Agriculture Day)

Mondays @ 12:15 p.m. Pray4Humboldt (at the Abbey on Main)

Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m. Humboldt Library Story Time

Third Thursday...from 1-4:30 p.m. TSBDC Business Specialist at the Humboldt Chamber

Save the Dates:

April 16...Gibson County Sports Hall of Fame @ Humboldt General Hospital

May 2-8...the 73rd Annual West Tennessee Strawberry Festival

June 18...Relay for Life in Humboldt

August 26th...6:30 p.m. Humboldt Chamber Membership Banquet

Welcome New Chamber Member!

Crenshaw's Catfish Cookers & Party Barn

Dale Stanley, Owner

314 Poplar Corner Road

Trenton, TN 38382

ph.: 731-855-3388 fax: 731-855-3150

Restaurant & Party Barn

"Best Catfish in West Tennessee"

Hours: Thursday 4-8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 4-9 p.m.

Sunday 12-3 p.m.

Business Specialist Available to our Chamber Members

Through a partnership with the Tennessee Small Business Development Centers (TSBDC), the Chamber is able to offer free and confidential business advice for those planning to start a business or who simply want to "fine-tune" some aspect of an existing business.

Denise Newton will be in our office each **3rd Thursday of the month, from 1:00 p.m. till 4:30 p.m.**...or if another time works better for you, contact the Chamber at 731-784-1842 or Ms. Newton at 731-587-7333. Her credentials:

Denise recently joined the TSBDC after spending 16 years working on Wall Street. Her experience includes extensive financial statement analysis, portfolio analysis, strategic planning and business development. Prior to that, she spent 10 years as a Corporate/Commercial lender for various commercial banks specializing in small business lending, structuring, and financing. Denise was born and raised in West Tennessee, attended Vanderbilt University, where she graduated with an Economics degree, and University of Miami, where she obtained her MBA.

We hope you will take advantage of this service or refer someone who might benefit from it.

It is another "Community Building Block" for existing and new businesses... and remember, **"All business is BIG BUSINESS in Humboldt!"**

Humboldt Utilities makes it easier to manage your utility bills! No More High Bills!

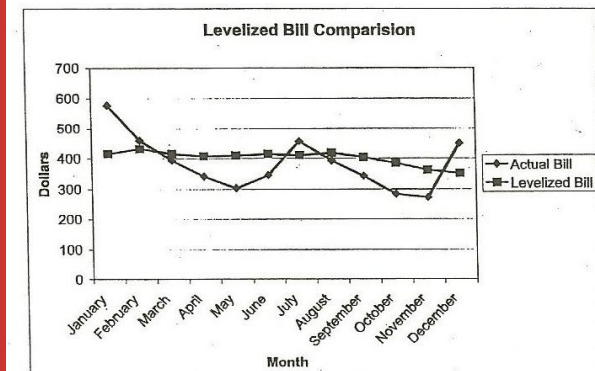
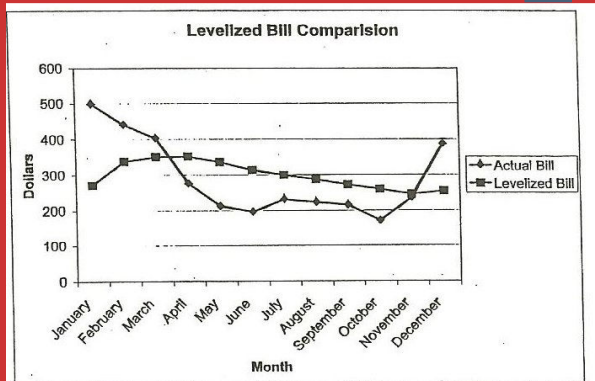
The new "LEVELIZED BILLING PROGRAM" offered by Humboldt Utilities will prevent customers from ever having another really high utility bill.

This program allows customers to avoid large summer bills that come with hot weather air conditioning and the really large winter bills that result from frigid winter temperatures. The bills are a moving average of the past 12 months, and payments will vary minimally from month to month and there are no yearly true-ups.

***"Moving average" means that each month's bill is an average of the past twelve months; therefore it only varies a few dollars regardless of the weather.**

Customers who have already joined this program say it has been a "lifesaver" for them during the past two winters.

Contact Humboldt Utilities at 784-9212 if you want to participate in the Levelized Billing Program and avoid high utility bills or if you have questions about the program.



Revitalization is important in any community...it means we not only want our city to "show" better, we are willing to do something about it.

Improvement has been and is an ongoing theme in our City...and, there is a loan program available to building/business owners to assist with that process...a loan that can provide, subject to approval, a maximum of \$20,000 per storefront for improvements. The funds are provided at a most competitive fixed rate, for up to 10 years.

This is a joint effort of the Humboldt Chamber of Commerce and USDA Rural Development.

By separate e mail, we are providing additional information on this program or you may contact the Chamber for more details.

Respectfully submitted,

Gil Fletcher



Census 2010 Update

The census process is important to our community as it is critical that every resident be counted...for future tax dollar determinations, grant possibilities and so many advantages for our community.

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>

This link is provided that you might visit the website with any questions you may have...good source of information.

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

The Department of Revenue collected and allocated (less administrative costs) the following funds for January, 2010.



GIBSON COUNTY	\$69,835
TRENTON	\$97,671
BRADFORD	\$6,974
DYER	\$34,893
GIBSON	\$4,140
HUMBOLDT	\$258,594
MEDINA	\$12,840
MILAN	\$317,277
RUTHERFORD	\$16,161
YORKVILLE	\$223
KENTON	<u>\$8,265</u>
	\$817,572

2009-2010 Board of Directors:

Roger Swaim, President - Cell Plus (Verizon)
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Jocelyn Bundy-The Bank of Humboldt
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Dwayne Curtis-Delta Contracting Company, LLC
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