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McGeehin to Assume Leadership of Chamber Board

Outgoing Chairman Bob Luna officially passed the ceremonial Chamber gavel to Jim McGeehin at the beginning of this year.

McGeehin, who was selected as chair-elect in November of 2009, assumed his new role in January. The Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors is made up of various business and community leaders in Putnam County.

"I am very excited to assume this new role with the Chamber," McGeehin said. "We have an outstanding staff and volunteer organization that enables the Chamber to effectively market and promote our region to organizations throughout the state of Tennessee and beyond."



Jim McGeehin

Thomas Lynn, community president of First National Bank of Tennessee, will begin his yearlong term as chair-elect. Luna will succeed Tom Lawrence, of Upper Cumberland Otolaryngology Clinic as immediate past chairman.

McGeehin is the general manager of the Cookeville operations of Flowserve Corporation, a global supplier of flow control equipment to a wide variety of customers in the chemical, oil and gas, pharmaceutical, and other process industries. McGeehin also holds the responsibility for operations in Houston, Brazil and India. He is a graduate of the University of Delaware in mechanical engineering, and has held engineering and operations positions at Chrysler, Black & Decker, The Coleman Company, and Sunbeam before joining Flowserve.

McGeehin has three grown children, triplets; two live in Pennsylvania and one serves in the United States Air Force. McGeehin and his wife, Adela, who is on the Board of Directors of the Dekalb County chapter for Habitat for Humanity, enjoy traveling and are avid supporters of area animal shelters. They also enjoy spending time with their two rescue dogs.

The Chamber of Commerce is made up of over 800 members who represent approximately 16,000 employees.

"The success of events like the TSSAA football championships recently held at
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Meet the Chamber's Five Newest Board Members

The Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce welcomes the following newly elected board members to serve a three-year term beginning in 2011.

"The caliber and character of leadership in this community is astonishing," said Lawrence, chairman of the Board Nominating Committee. "That's the only thing that made the selection process difficult. There are so many men and women ready and willing to serve this region. I feel that these five will bring new and unique perspectives from a variety of fields to the Chamber board."

The new members were selected to replace retiring directors David Williamson, Mike McCloud, Paul Korth, Tom Lawrence and Toney Hudson.

"I am excited to have these five new additions to the Chamber Board of Directors," said Jim McGeehin, chairman of the Chamber Board. "All five bring great energy and creativity, and will work closely with the existing Board members and Chamber staff to make Cookeville, Putnam County, and the Highlands a great place to do business."

Kevin Bowling is president of TechWerks, and draws on more than 25 years of executive business and consulting experience working with public and private companies as well as government agencies. As a former chief operating officer of a publicly traded healthcare firm and vice president of sales and marketing for various organizations, Bowling closed more than \$300 million in new business while directing development of new products and services. As senior business analyst for an international consulting firm, he traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada, specializing in operational and financial turn-arounds, strategic partnerships and corporate alliances. He is currently active in several businesses in healthcare related fields.

Bowling and his wife, Janet, have three sons. He currently serves on various church and civic boards.

Jean Davis served as Mayor of Cookeville from June 1994 to August 1998, was elected in 2002 for a four-year term on the Cookeville City Council, and served from 2006 to 2010 as Vice-Mayor of Cookeville. Davis has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Tennessee College of Nursing in Memphis and a Master of Arts in Educational Psychology and Counselor

Education from Tennessee Tech University. The majority of her nursing career was spent in community health nursing, although other areas of nursing practice included hospital, vocational nursing instruction and school health supervisor. Davis has received several awards including the Outstanding Alumna of University of Tennessee College of Nursing in Memphis, Fred Roberson Award of Cookeville Regional Medical Center, and

Outstanding Service Award of Tennessee Tech University.

Davis is active with the Tennessee Tech University School of Nursing Development Council, Cookeville History Museum Board of Directors and Putnam County Health Council. Davis and her husband, Bobby, are active members of First United Methodist Church, and are parents of two children and four grandchildren.

Kent Furcron is vice president of product development and operations for Oreck Manufacturing Company. Since he joined Oreck in 1997, he has provided both tactical and strategic operational support in areas such as product development, facility expansion, relocations and product manufacturing transitions. Furcron led reconstruction efforts at Oreck following hurricane Katrina in 2005, and led a multifunctional team to identify alternate facility



Seated from left are Bob Luna, immediate past chair; Jeremy Stoner, secretary/treasurer; Thomas Lynn, chair elect; Jim McGeehin, chairman; Phillip Baker, organizational development vice-chair; Bob Bell, economic development vice-chair; and Jim Martin, public policy/community development vice-chair. In the second row, from left, are Jeanie Lee, Ottis Phillips, convention & visitors bureau vice-chair; Steve Copeland, Jr., Wayne Spain, Susan Elkins, Randal Petrie, Kevin Bowling, Ellie Lenhart, David Prowse, and Jean Davis. Not pictured are Bob Allen, Donna Lee, Johnny Stites, and Kent Furcron.

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Chamber's 7th Annual Chamber Membership Meeting to feature NASA Astronaut Capt. Barry E. "Butch" Wilmore

The Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the 7th Annual Chamber Membership Meeting will be Tuesday, February 22 with NASA Astronaut Captain Barry Wilmore as the keynote speaker. The event is scheduled to be at the Leslie Town Centre beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person and \$600 for a table. Seating is limited, so reserve your ticket as soon as possible. Contact Dianne Callahan at the Chamber at 931-526-2211 or dcallahan@cookevillechamber.com for more information or to reserve your seat.



Captain Barry E. "Butch" Wilmore

Cookeville Christmas Parade Theme Became Reality



This past year's 44th Annual Cookeville Christmas Parade theme, "Dreamin' of a White Christmas" became a reality on Christmas morning, as a blanket of snow covered the region. Floats of all kinds lined the streets dawned in a white wonderland of decorations the night of the parade. Little did we know what an irony it would become.

"What a special memory it made to have this year's theme become a reality on Christmas Day," said Parade Coordinator Brenda Smith. "The parade committee would like to thank everyone who came out and helped make this year's parade such a wonderful experience."

The points for the floats are tallied and the scores are in for the Cookeville Christmas Parade presented by Bank of Putnam County and coordinated by the Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce.

Winners in the following six divisions were awarded plaques: Girl Scout division, Boy Scout division, Commercial division, Religious division, At Large division, and School division.

Girl Scout Troup 764 took home the Superior Award in the Girl Scout division, with the Excellence Award going to Girl Scout Troups 2350, 842, 1929, and 5011.

In the Boy Scout division, Cub Scout Pack 156 took home the Superior Award, with the Excellence Award being presented to Cub Scout Pack 553 at Cane Creek Elementary, Cub Scout Pack 355 at Northeast Elementary,

Cub Scout Pack 186, and Baxter Church of Christ Cub Scout Troop 295.

The Superior Award in the Commercial Division went to Cookeville Regional Medical Center. Excellence Awards went to Cheek Insurance Agency, Bank of Putnam County, Boswell's Harley Davidson, and Cedar Hills Senior Living.

Summerfield United Methodist Church received the Superior Award in the Religious division, with Caney Fork Baptist Church, Friendship Church of God, Poplar Grove Baptist Church, and First United Methodist Church taking home Excellence Awards.

In the At Large division, Putnam County Proud Paws took home the Superior Award. Putnam County Right to Life, Rhythm-N-Motion, Indigenous Intertribal Corporation, and Mended Hearts taking home Excellence Awards.

The Superior Award in the School division went to Highland Rim Academy, with the Excellence Award going to Baxter FFA, Avery Trace Cheerleaders, Cookeville High Habitat, and TTU Student Athletes.

Plaques were also be presented to the Christmas Parade's sponsors, including presenting sponsor Bank of Putnam County, and other sponsors including Flowserve, Lakeland Electric and Hooper, Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home.

The 45th Annual Cookeville Christmas Parade is scheduled for Monday, November 28 at 7 p.m. For information on the Cookeville Christmas Parade, contact the Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce at 931-526-2211.

Adopt-A-School Program Welcomes More Than 100 Active Adopters

The Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce's Adopt-A-School program will attain more than 100 active school adopters on Friday, February 25 as Cookeville First Assembly and Shea Chiropractic PC adopt Cookeville High School and become the 100th and 101st adopters.



"We are excited for this opportunity to be more involved with the schools in our community," said Greg Canada, youth pastor at Cookeville First Assembly. "This program gives us an outlet to work directly with the schools to be even more of a supportive role in the lives of young people."

"This is a significant milestone for the Adopt-A-School Program and all of the students in our schools who benefit from more than 100 adopters throughout Putnam County," said Jim McGeehin, Chamber chairman. "It represents a strong collaborative effort among the schools and adopters that grows stronger every year."

The Adopt-A-School program was started in 1989 by the Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce.

"This program has been instrumental in bridging the business community with the school system to impact the lives of our students. Adopters often provide financial support and other methods of support such as tutoring and mentoring," said Kenneth Manis, senior vice-president at Bank of Putnam County and Adopt-A-School committee chair. "Achieving more than 100 adopters shows the dedication and long-term commitment to this vital program by the adopters, the schools and the Chamber of Commerce."

January 31, 2011 was a big day for the Adopt-A-School program as Prescott South Elementary and Middle Schools welcomed the most adopters the program has ever added at one time.

Judge John Maddux presides over the Adopt-A-School adoption ceremony for Prescott South Elementary and Middle Schools as the adopters take the oath of adoption. Thirteen businesses and organizations became adopters during the ceremony, which is the most adopters the program has exceeded during a single ceremony.

Prescott South Middle School accepted Domino's Pizza, Duncan Moving and Storage, First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Friendship United Methodist Church, Hintz and Hulse Family Dentistry, Tennessee Pediatric Adolescent Center, Victory Sports Center, and Woodmen of the World as new school adopters.

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The mission of the Chamber is to be a world-class, regional leader, partner and catalyst by protecting and improving our pro-business climate; cultivating and supporting future community leaders; creating and retaining high quality, 21st Century jobs; enhancing our region's quality of life; and adding value for our members' investment.

For more information about the Adopt-A-School program or to contact the Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce, call 931-526-2211 or email Lillian Hartgrove at lhartgrove@cookevillechamber.com.

McGeehin Assumes Leadership -from page 1

Tucker Stadium at Tech and the gubernatorial debate have brought long deserved recognition to our community and will serve as a platform for continued growth in the future," McGeehin said.

McGeehin added, "I encourage all businesses in our community to join the Chamber if they aren't already a member, and to 'do business' with other Chamber members whenever possible."

"Jim McGeehin was the clear choice to lead the Chamber board during 2011," commented Luna, immediate past chairman. "He has used his manufacturing background and financial expertise to make significant contributions to the Chamber during the past few years. Jim is goal oriented and has the vision to lead our Chamber to new heights this year. I am proud to serve with Jim McGeehin."

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locations and subsequently relocate operations from the Gulf Coast to Cookeville in 2006 and 2007.

Prior to Oreck, Furcron spent 15 years in various engineering positions with consumer products companies such as Philips Electronics, Regina, Electrolux, Hamilton Beach and Black & Decker. Furcron is married to his wife, Retha, a registered nurse at Cookeville Regional Medical Center. They have two sons, both students at Tennessee Tech University. He is currently serving as a member of the Highlands Initiative II Steering Committee and was active in his community prior to relocating to the Cookeville area in economic and community development programs and youth activities. Furcron holds numerous consumer product design and utility patents, received his Associates Degree from Northeast State Technical College, and is a member of the Church of Christ.

Jeanie Lee is marketing, sales and design manager at Winell Lee Mouldings and Hardwoods, a four generation family business. Lee serves on the Better Business Bureau Board of Directors, the Board of the National Christian Women Connection, and the State Executive Council of the Church of God. Lee is president of "Rebuilding the Historical Welcome Center/Depot" in Baxter, the Baxter Beautification Committee. In addition, Lee filled an expired term and has served on the Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for the past year and been active on numerous Chamber committees.

Lee enjoys life and her desire has always been to "make a difference." Lee and her husband, Tony, attend the Church

Chamber President and CEO, George Halford believes strong volunteer leadership is pivotal to the Chamber's success.

"The Chamber is after all, a volunteer organization and the key to its success is the quality of our leadership," said Halford. "Jim McGeehin exceeds the definition of quality and will be an integral part of excelling this organization and community."

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of God in Baxter, and have two children, who all work in the family business.

Johnny Stites is CEO of J&S Construction Company, and has accumulated over 39 years in the family business founded in 1957. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Abilene Christian University in 1968, and served in the United States Navy from 1968 through 1971. He currently serves on the Board of Directors as vice president of the Associated General Contractors for the state of Tennessee. Stites also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Tennessee Tech University College of Business and the Highlands Initiative II Steering Committee.

Stites was a founding member and past president of the Home Builders Association of the Upper Cumberland, founding member and past president of the Putnam County Family YMCA, and founding member and past president of Cookeville Breakfast Rotary, where he was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary International. He also served on the President's Advisory Councils at Stran Buildings, Varco Pruden and American Buildings Company, and serves his alma mater on the Board of Trustees and on the Board's Purpose and Resource Management Committees. Stites and his wife, Rosemary, have four children, as well as 13 grandchildren.

Chamber News

Thanks to our November and December Event Sponsors

The Chamber's Thanksgiving **Business After Hours**, was held **November 11** at the **Holiday Inn Express**.

Holiday Inn Express is a refreshed, comfortable hotel with friendly service. It's the perfect place to kick back, relax and be yourself. Holiday Inn Express is located at 1228 Bunker Hill Road in Cookeville. Visit www.hiexpress.com.

Business Before Hours held **November 16** at the Leslie Town Centre, a "pep rally" for the 2010 TSSAA BlueCross Bowl with

speakers Larry Counts of TSSAA and Ottis Phillips, Steering Committee Chairman, was sponsored by **Country Inn & Suites**.

Country Inn & Suites is a leading mid-market brand known for providing a caring, consistent and comfortable hospitality experience. Country Inn & Suites is located at 1131 S. Jefferson Avenue in Cookeville. Visit www.countryinn.com/cookevilletn.



The Chamber's Christmas **Business After Hours**, held **December 9** at the Leslie Town Centre, recognized the BlueCross Bowl Volunteers and gave members an opportunity to network and share the Christmas spirit with hundreds of other members. Thanks to our sponsors: **American Bank and Trust, Bank of Putnam County, Citizens Bank, Community Bank of the Cumberlands, F&M Bank, First National Bank, First Tennessee Bank, Jackson Bank & Trust, Progressive Savings Bank, Putnam 1st Mercantile Bank, Regions Bank, US Bank.**

C & VB News

Retire Tennessee Program Travels to Philadelphia

The Retire Tennessee Program worked their second Live South Real Estate Trade Show in January in the Valley Forge area right outside of Philadelphia. Over 400 attendees came from over two feet of snow to learn about favorite retirement locations.

"When 12,000 boomers are retiring daily through 2015, now is the time to let them know that Cookeville-Putnam County is worth a look and a visit," said Laura Canada, vice-president of communications and programs for the

Chamber. "Many were blown away with Tennessee's low property taxes and many cultural opportunities."

Putnam County is one of only 11 certified RetireTN communities in the State, and is also an American Association of Retirement Communities (AARC) Seal of Approval community. For more information about the RetireTN program, visit www.retiretennessee.org or www.cookevillechamber.com/retirees.



The Retire Tennessee program hosted a booth at two Live South Real Estate Shows, Greater Chicago and Greater Philadelphia, in January. Pictured from left is Laura Canada, Ramay Winchester, Buddy Frazier, Susan Caruso, Sean Stephens, Matt Caldwell and Linda Bennett.

TSSAA Check Presentation



Cookeville representatives George Halford, Jim Shipley, Kim Blaylock, Bob Bell, Laura Canada and Ottis Phillips, far right, present Bernard Childress, TSSAA executive director, a check for \$261,586 for the 2010 BlueCross Bowl which was held at Tucker Stadium in December.

Welcome New Chamber Members

The following businesses/individuals joined the Chamber in November and December 2010. Please help us welcome them to the Chamber.

November

32 Degrees Frozen Yogurt Lounge Inc.

377 W. Jackson St. #18
Cookeville, TN 38501
931-854-1314
Navin Jain

BlueCoast Burrito

1010 S. Jefferson Ave.
Cookeville, TN 38501
931-525-2583
Tony Oliphant

Friendship United Methodist Church

5464 S. Jefferson Ave.
Cookeville, TN 38506
931-525-3555
Monica Mowdy

Hidden Hollow Park

1901 Mt. Pleasant Rd.
Cookeville, TN 38506
931-526-4038
Vince Taylor

Putnam County Rural Health Clinic, Inc.

319 W. Broad St.
Baxter, TN 38544
931-858-2116
Annette Laurie

R. Grover Niemeier Sr.

584 Hillwood Cr.
Cookeville, TN 38501
931-528-9198

Rib City Grill

780 W. Jackson St.
Cookeville, TN 38501
931-372-7100
Chad Westphal

Shoney's Restaurant 1214

880 S. Jefferson Ave.

Cookeville, TN 38501
931-526-1022
Charles Herren

Tennessee State Representative Ryan Williams

Legislative Plaza
Nashville, TN 37243
615-741-1875

Uncommon Grounds LLC

1296 Shag Rag Rd.
Cookeville, TN 38506
931-372-2571
Chip Woodiel

Victory Sports Center

1060 Willow Industrial Ct.
#A

Cookeville, TN 38501
931-526-4960
Allan Malone

Young Life Upper Cumberland

694 S. Willow Ave.
Cookeville, TN 38501
931-526-3086
Ryan Wiggins

December

Allen Lund Company - International Division

490 E. Spring St. #C
Cookeville, TN 38501
931-528-9902
Ernie Valdez

Coffee Talk Wireless, a U.S. Cellular Agent

606 W. Main St. #D
Cookeville, TN 38506
931-537-2633
David Franklin

CruiseOne - Huddleston & Associates

3449 Brookstone Dr.
Cookeville, TN 38506

931-432-2279
Cary Huddleston

Elk Mountain Construction Company, Inc.

1950 N. Willow Ave.
Cookeville, TN 38501
931-372-7424
Donnie Elkins

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

1800 Foreman Dr.
Cookeville, TN 38501
931-520-6181
Steve Orner

Kroger Company

445 S. Jefferson Ave.
Cookeville, TN 38501
931-526-4575
Todd Webb

Pain Relief Center of Cookeville

184 S. Lowe Ave.
Cookeville, TN 38501
931-528-7676
David Silvey



Save the Date

2nd Annual Highlands 8th Grade Career Fair

May 10, 2011

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Hooper Eblen Center

Tennessee Tech University

*Share your expertise with
8th graders from Jackson,
Overton, Putnam and
White counties.*

Be a speaker. Sponsor a booth.

Contact Lillian Hartgrove at 931-526-2211.

Renewals

The following members have renewed their membership in **November** and **December** 2010. We appreciate your continued support and investment in the Chamber and community.

November

Algood Medical Center
 Allen Appraising
 Apollo Distributing Company
 Badcock & More Home Furnishings
 Billings Crane & Mechanical, Inc.
 Borden Jewelry Company
 Brenda Gaw - First Realty Company
 City of Monterey
 Cookeville Pediatric Associates
 Downtown Comics
 Golden Corral #676
 Heritage Pointe Senior Living
 Hintz & Hulse Family Dentistry
 Journey Financial Planning
 MRS Group, Inc.
 NCA Reprographics & Plan Room
 Papa Murphy's Pizza
 Putnam County Assessor of Property
 Putnam County Family YMCA
 Sgt. York Patriotic Foundation
 Solutions IT Consulting, LLC
 Star Motor Inn
 State Farm Insurance - Carey Bass
 State Farm Insurance - Elwood Ervin
 Susan L. Walker
 Vantage Consulting Services
 Willow Park Apartments

Allergy, Asthma & Sinus Center
 Associates in Neurology
 Back To Health Chiropractic
 Bank of Putnam County
 Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon, Inc.
 BB&T Legge Insurance
 Best Western Thunderbird Motel
 Bowling World
 Buckner Bros Rental Property & Home Construction
 Budweiser of Cookeville
 Burgess Falls Nursery
 Carwile Mechanical Contractors
 CHAR
 City of Baxter
 CityScape
 Clarion Inn by Choice Hotels International
 Clean-Care Auto Care
 Closets-N-More
 Collins Manufacturing Company
 Comfort Inn & Suites
 Cookeville First Assembly of God
 Cookeville Medical Center
 DCS Restoration LLC
 El Cerrito Mexican Restaurant
 Elijah Castelli - Crye-Leike Realtors
 Falcon Realty
 First National Bank
 First Tennessee Bank of Cookeville
 Five Star Food Service, Inc.
 Funderburk Management LLC
 Gisela Wood
 Gunnels Florist Inc.
 Gynecology & Women's Health Care

Hampton Inn
 Highways, Inc.
 House Call Veterinarian
 Institutional Wholesale Company, Inc.
 Jackson Properties
 James L. Vaden DDS MS PC
 Jerald A. Bryant, DDS & Carol Baxter, DDS
 Jerry C. Gaw, Inc.
 Johns Family & Implant Dentistry
 Johnson Nursery & Garden Center LLC
 Law Office of David Day, PC
 Lee Company
 Lenhart Design Company
 Maddux Station
 Mandarin Palace
 Manpower
 Mary Kay Independent Sales Director - Dianne Callahan
 METCOM, Inc.
 Mid-State Construction Company, Inc.
 Midstate Termite & Pest Control
 MMA Creative
 Morningside of Cookeville
 NESCO, Inc.
 NHC Healthcare Center
 Nielsen Bainbridge LLC
 Occupational Health Center
 Pacesetters, Inc.
 Petrie's One Hour Heating & Air Conditioning
 Progressive Sentencing Inc.
 Putnam 1st Mercantile Bank
 Putnam County Highway Department
 Regional Oral Surgery Center
 Regions Bank

Rotary Club of Cookeville
 SatelliteMed
 SEC Enterprises, Inc.
 Sentry Shred LLC
 Sharon Barnes
 Spankies
 State Farm Insurance - John White
 State Farm Insurance - Josh Tucker
 Stevens Rental Property
 Stuart C. Irby Company
 SunCrest Home Health
 SunTrust On Line
 Super 8 Motel
 Swallows Newman Agency
 Tennessee Bible College
 Tennessee Credit Union
 Tennessee Master Restoration
 Thatcher Sales & Erectors, LLC
 The River Community Church
 Towne & Country Flowers
 Twin Lakes Telephone Cooperative
 U.S. Cellular
 UBS Financial Services, Inc.
 UniFirst Corporation
 Upper Cumberland Computer
 Upper Cumberland Otolaryngology Clinic
 W & O Construction
 Walter K. Crawford, Jr., Attorney
 WDStone & Associates
 Williams Wholesale Supply Inc.

December

Air Experts

Member News

ART à la carte Performance Series Featuring Dan O'Brien



ART à la carte Performance Series will feature Dan O'Brien on Friday, February 18 at 7pm. "AFTERGLOW" is the title of this evening's performance of love songs that will keep the lovers' glow going, on the Friday after Valentine's Day.

Dan O'Brien landed his first professional gig at the Great Eastern Hotel in Calcutta. He was 21, reveling in this new found grace called

entertainment. His transition from London Cathedral choir boy, to nightclub lounge lizard and crooner, was so smooth his parents never got over it.

He has never written a song in his life, but every one he sings becomes unmistakably his own. A master of phrasing, his rich stylistics always linger a couple of nanoseconds behind the beat, as if to some creative, yet crazy internal metronome.

His music always soars powerfully, and yet, can also sound lost, lonely and vulnerable all at the same time. He can be subtle and right out there, all at once- choirboy and crooner - dodging and weaving up and down the scales as he enraptures you with his particular brand of vocal magic - something you will not want to miss.

If asked, he'll tell you - all he needs is a barstool, a microphone - and you in the audience!

Tickets to see Dan O'Brien are \$10 and can be purchased at ART à la carte located at 121 W Broad Street in Cookeville, during regular business hours (Tues. - Sat. 11a.m. - 6 p.m.) Seating is limited so please contact the gallery to add your name to the attendee list as soon as possible by calling 931-520-8155 or email arlenedubo@gmail.com.

Signs of Growth as First FASTSIGNS® Center Comes to Cookeville

Area resident Mike Grosklaus held the grand opening of his FASTSIGNS® sign and graphics center, the first one in Cookeville, on January 10.

Located at 770-B S. Jefferson, the center provides a full range of sign and graphics solutions to area businesses, organizations and events, including banners, site and architectural signs, window and floor graphics, point-of-purchase signs, safety and identification signage, trade show displays, exterior signage, and vehicle wraps.

"We have already received very positive responses about opening this center during our soft opening period," said Grosklaus. "It's a wonderful feeling to finally officially open our doors after all the time we have spent preparing."

Grosklaus traveled to Dallas in December for a two-week course about all things signs and graphics. Kayla Bowman, the center's account representative, and Pete Serro, the graphic designer, joined Grosklaus on the training trip. Together, Grosklaus and Serro bring over 50 years of sign and graphics knowledge to the Cookeville FASTSIGNS. Before purchasing his center, Grosklaus gained experience through working with Seton Identification Products and Identity Group. Serro previously worked for independent sign shops for over 20 years.

"With everything that my team knows coming in and everything they have worked so hard to learn, I am confident that customers will be pleased with the experience they will have here," said Grosklaus. "Not only will they receive high quality signs and graphics, they will also get to experience the top-notch customer service we are here to provide."

Grosklaus has already begun connecting with the community through the Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, he plans to join other local organizations as another way to get involved with local residents and business people.

"We are excited to be part of the business community," said Grosklaus. "I want to personally invite anyone who is interested to come in, meet the team and let us show you the services that we have to offer."

The Cookeville FASTSIGNS® sign and graphics center provides custom sign and graphics solutions for businesses and organizations of all types and sizes. For more information, call 931-854 - 9007 or visit www.fastsigns.com/578.

Member News

16 Area Paramedics Graduate from First CRMC Critical Care Paramedic Course

Sixteen paramedics from seven emergency medical services (EMS) in the Upper Cumberland recently made history when they graduated from the first Critical Care Paramedic Course to be offered by Cookeville Regional Medical Center. Graduates of this first class came from county EMS Departments in White, Overton, Fentress, Dekalb, Smith, Warren and Putnam counties.

The first and only course of its kind to be offered outside of a metropolitan area in Tennessee and one of only three offered statewide, this class is the first, and only, rural-based course site in the state. Accredited by the Tennessee Department of Health – EMS Division, the course is designed to prepare paramedics to function as members of a critical care transport team. Through 13 weeks of intensive classroom instruction, hands-on lab training and clinical observation, the 16 experienced paramedics gained skills necessary to provide on-going care of a critically injured or ill patient during inter-facility transport or in other situations.

“The paramedics who took this class are to be commended,” said Nancy Judd, RN, MSN, and CRMC’s Critical Care Class Program Director. “It provides them

with an extra level of training that is important to have when transporting patients who are in critical condition especially if they are coming from a rural area that may be a half-hour or an hour away from a hospital.”



Graduating paramedics of this history-making class are Billy Price and Omega Brown (White County EMS); Rebecca Emberton (Overton County EMS); Nicholas Abraham, Bobby Priest and Bryan Madewell (Warren County); Clayton Anstis (Smith County EMS); Michael Stephens, Brian Tompkins, Anthony Delk and Jonathan Beaty (Fentress County EMS); Chip Cook (Dekalb County EMS); and Jim Knight, Tommy Copeland, Darren Ford and Tony Waters (Putnam County EMS).

Tell the World What You Think of Cookeville-Putnam County Clean Commission and Help Us Win \$5,000

The Cookeville-Putnam County Clean Commission needs your help! We have an opportunity to win the \$5,000 prize that GuideStar USA, Inc., the leading source of nonprofit information, and KIMBIA, a group that empowers nonprofits and other organizations to increase giving, are making available through the Winter 2011 GuideStar-KIMBIA Nonprofit Giveaway. This generous gift could help us accomplish our mission, specifically getting the litter cleaned up that has accumulated over the winter. Putnam County has a terrible litter problem -- everyone can agree on that just by taking a quick look around any roadside or park. The Clean Commission Board and Executive Coordinator Lisa Luck work tirelessly to try to keep Putnam County clean.

"Lots of churches and organization in our county volunteer their free time to clean up. Last year over 900 hours were contributed," says Luck.

To help get this \$5,000 Guidestar-Kimbria grant, all you have to do is write a short review about our organization. If every supporter would take the time to write a review, we could be a contender for the prize money. Reviews will show our donors and other stakeholders that we are making an impact, are working effectively toward our

mission, and are benefitting our cause. Anyone with firsthand knowledge about us who is not a paid employee of the Clean Commission —donors, volunteers, board members, recipients of our services—can write a review about us on GuideStar. Each person posting a review is limited to only one. Paste this link in your browser to write your review: www2.guidestar.org/organizations/62-1324618/cookeville-livepage.apple.computnamcountycleancommission.aspx. Remember to get your review in by **February 28**.

For 25 years, the Cookeville-Putnam County Clean Commission has worked tirelessly in our community improving our way of life. We are dedicated to promoting proper waste management while addressing such issues as litter, recycling, pollution, and conservation of our natural resources.

Keeping Putnam County litter-free and beautiful creates a sense of pride in our community.

Thank you for taking the time to help us in our mission. Please visit www.cleancommission.org more information.

Member News

Monterey High School Needs Your Support

Message and update from County Executive Kim Blaylock

I just wanted to say thank you again for all your help! The MHS chorus finished at 23 in the Pepsi \$1.3 Million Give Away contest. We missed the goal of top 10, but it was a great effort by many people like you that helped make it happen. Had the word gotten out at the beginning of the month rather than at the end, I am convinced that they would have made it with ease.

We lost the contest, but I feel like we won in many ways. It was an effort that brought together many people who worked very hard to achieve a common goal: Helping a group of students with a once in a life time opportunity. None of us can ever go wrong by helping others especially our youth!

Monterey High School will be representing Putnam County, the State of Tennessee and the United States as well.

Overview

The "I Hear America Singing" project combines music, culture and pride to the students of a small, economically-challenged town. It is awesome to think that this small town's students have been invited to represent the entire USA. To date, they are the only school from the U.S. to be invited!

They are invited, upon audition, to Verona, Italy to participate in a festival/competition. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for these students.

They will compete with choirs from all over the world; Japan, China, Norway, Italy, Belgium to name a few. They will perform 1 Italian song with all of the chorus groups, otherwise, all their music is of American composers.

The performances will include 45 minutes of a cappella music provided by the various choral groups. They will perform in a different city's cathedral or amphitheater each day. The culminating concert will be in St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice, Italy!

If you could make a contribution, it would greatly be appreciated! They need to raise \$80,000. If you can help, please make checks payable to: MHS Chorus. Mail to: Kim Blaylock, 18435 Crossville Hwy., Monterey, TN 38574.

I will get the money where it needs to go. Hope you can help!

Sincerely,
Putnam County Executive Kim Blaylock

J&S Construction signs contract with Genera Biomass to construct Innovation Park in Vonore, Tenn.



J&S Construction Company is proud to announce a contract signing with Genera Biomass, LLC, to construct the

Biomass Innovation Park, located in Vonore, Tenn. Tennessee's Biomass Innovation Park, operated by Genera Energy, is a 22-acre, one-of-a-kind campus which will integrate and optimize the entire biomass supply chain. Using the design-build approach to construction, J&S Construction has worked closely with Genera in helping them design the facilities, site plans and helping meet their budget and schedule.

The park is designed to accommodate future expansion and introduce new technologies and equipment for processing biomass to meet the specifications of biorefineries and other downstream conversion processes. The campus will serve as the foundation for all biomass feedstock used to create biofuels, biochemicals,

bioproducts, biomaterials, biopower and bioenergy.

"The Biomass Innovation Park will be a first-of-its-kind research, development and demonstration campus for the purpose of researching and optimizing receiving, storage, handling, pre-processing, transportation, and characterization of switchgrass and other types of biomass at commercial scale. Our goal is to demonstrate and improve the integrated biomass supply chain, between the farm gate and the biorefinery gate. We believe the Biomass Innovation Park is a key step toward producing cellulosic biofuels competitively and sustainably and will be a foundation for developing a robust cellulosic biofuels industry in Tennessee and beyond," said Dr. Kelly Tiller, President and CEO of Genera Energy.

"We are extremely pleased to have been selected by Genera Biomass, LLC to head the construction phase of this project," said Johnny Stites, CEO of J&S Construction Company. "I think we were selected because of the advanced delivery methods we use in the construction process that assures a

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Member News

Teen Challenge of the Upper Cumberland Wins Together We Care Award

Teen Challenge of the Upper Cumberland will receive the 2nd quarter 2011 Together We Care award to assist with their annual fundraising banquet on Friday, April 8, at the Leslie Town Centre. Present for the drawing was Noel Cherry, director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes who is the 1st quarter winner for their annual fundraising banquet on Thursday, February 24th at the Leslie Town Centre. Each organization will receive a donation of \$500 toward their event.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Teen Challenge are both faith-based organizations that promote Christian principles in our region. For more information about FCA programs or their upcoming event contact the office of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes by calling 931-372-2123 or visiting www.FCA.org. For more information about Teen Challenge of the Upper Cumberland programs or their upcoming event contact 888-688-0470 or visit www.TeenChallengeUC.org.

“Since 2009, our Together We Care program has contributed thousands of dollars to patron 501c3 nonprofit organizations in our area. We appreciate the opportunity to support these organizations who make such a contribution to our community,” said Debi Smith, events director at the Leslie Town Centre. “We are sincerely thankful for everyone who uses the Leslie Town Centre throughout the year as those revenues make the Together We Care program possible.”

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predictable result for our clients and reduces their risk".

The campus will soon feature a 6,400 square-foot office building, a 7,500 square-foot building for switchgrass bale storage, an 1,800 square-foot building for on-site equipment maintenance and storage, a 3,500 square-foot process building for conversion process demonstration, as well as associated site improvements. There will also be two large storage silos and a large switchgrass reclaiming pit for receiving field chopped material as well as on-site open storage for bales of switchgrass and several switchgrass demonstration plots.

The park is being funded by a combination of state and federal funds and requires a set cost. Therefore, Genera Energy has chosen J&S Construction to use its skills in the design-build method of construction to complete this



Together We Care 2011 1st quarter winner Fellowship of Christian Athletes represented by Noel Cherry, director (left) draws the 2nd quarter winner Teen Challenge of the Upper Cumberland for their event on April 8, at the Leslie Town Centre. On hand for the drawing was Debi Smith, event director of the Leslie Town Centre.

For more information about the Together We Care program call Debi Smith 931-372-7200 or email MyEvent@LeslieTownCentre.com.

Co-owned by the City of Cookeville and Putnam County, the Leslie Town Centre is supported solely by the revenues from the two venues: Estes Williams Business Center and the Herald-Citizen Conference Room. The building houses the offices of the Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce, Economic and Community Development and the Convention and Visitors Bureau. The Public Building Authority governs the Leslie Town Centre for the benefit of our community and proudly offers the Together We Care program.

project.

About Genera Energy:

Genera Energy is Tennessee limited liability company based in Knoxville wholly owned by the University of Tennessee Research Foundation. Genera focuses on developing integrated biomass supply chain solutions and strategic partnerships to support the emerging bioenergy industry. Genera's portfolio of public-private clean energy projects includes biofuels, biomass, energy crops, and clean energy investment. Genera plays a key role in implementing the University of Tennessee's Biofuels Initiative, a \$70.5 million State investment in developing a cellulosic biofuels industry in Tennessee, with a farm field to filling station comprehensive approach. For more information: www.generaenergy.net.

Recognizing Signs Your Aging Loved One Needs Assistance



For those who live far from their parents, a visit back home is often a happy time with family and catching up. But as loved ones age, this can also be a time of

unpleasant surprises for those who discover that their aging loved one is showing signs of decline.

“Aging adults that are facing new limitations often try to avoid drawing attention to themselves. It’s not uncommon for an out-of-town relative to be unaware of the changes their loved ones are facing. A family gathering can be a good time to assess how your loved one is doing,” said Molly Young, staffing coordinator for Right at Home of the Upper Cumberland in Cookeville.

But even if a loved one is experiencing new changes or challenges with age, are these changes serious? There are some key signs to look for that a loved one may benefit from in-home assistance.

First, make sure that your loved one is continuing to look after his personal appearance and hygiene as well as he used to. Warning signs could include wearing the same clothes over and over or neglecting to brush his teeth. If he is taking medications, watch to make sure he remembers when to take them, and that he knows what each is for. If he is not eating properly, he may be losing weight.

If visiting with your loved one at his home, you should also look for signs of neglect in the house. If the home looks that it is not getting its usual care, it could be that regular, simple maintenance chores such as dusting are not being performed. Keep an eye out for piles of unpaid—or even unopened—bills. Avoiding tasks such as this could be a sign that once manageable tasks have become overwhelming for your loved one. Keep a lookout for burned pots and pans, as well as food that is past its expiration date or molding.

Additional signs of a problem may be that your loved one is not taking proper care of a pet, is avoiding steps or having difficulty with them or has limited his contact with the outside world. If you see these signs in your loved one, it is time to speak up. You may not want to breach the subject during the holidays, but don’t wait too long.

“Planning for a loved one’s future needs as they age can be difficult and emotional for everyone involved. But it’s an important conversation to have to ensure those you care about get the help and care they need in the way they want it. The earlier you start the conversation, the easier transitions will be when they’re needed,” said Young.

Prepare what you want to say to your loved one beforehand, and focus on “I” statements that express your concern to help him maintain the life he desires as he ages. Bring other family members into the discussion during the early stages so everyone is on the same page. This can spare you and your loved ones much discord later. If you expect it to be a difficult conversation, some experts recommend introducing the topic briefly and then agreeing on a later time to discuss in more detail after everyone has had time to reflect. Another option to consider is bringing in a mediator or geriatric consultant to weigh in and keep the conversation peaceful.

There are many options available for seniors in need of assistance. Sometimes, the assistance of a family or friend caregiver is enough. Other times this is not practical, particularly if family members live too far away or are already overcommitted. Other single-service care options can help to supplement or address a specific need, such as a meal delivery service or an adult daycare. Your local social services office may offer some of these services; contact them to find out. If more comprehensive care is needed, there are assisted living facilities and nursing homes—or, if your loved one wishes to stay at home, you will want to consider an in-home care service such as Right at Home of the Upper Cumberland.

“Ultimately, no single isolated sign necessarily means your loved one is in trouble. After spending time with your loved one, take a gut check. Sometimes you can feel a change in a person even if you can’t articulate it. Trust yourself. And in the meantime, enjoy your time together and celebrate,” Young said.

About Right at Home of the Upper Cumberland

The Upper Cumberland office of Right at Home is a locally owned and operated franchise office of Right at Home Inc. serving the counties of Putnam, Cumberland, White, Fentress, Jackson and DeKalb. For more information, contact Right at Home of the Upper Cumberland at www.rightathomeuc.com or call 931-854-1605 or by emailing care@rightathomeuc.com.

What’s Happening with You?

Send us your news release, special accomplishment, interesting new product or contribution to the community for inclusion in our next available edition. This is an excellent way to tell the business community what’s happening with you. It’s FREE to Chamber members, however space is limited. Email SMcQueen@cookevillechamber.com today!

Member News

Benefit Cruise for CRMC Foundation

Ships 'n Trips Travel Agency is coordinating the 4th Cruise for a Cause – a 7 night/8 day Eastern Caribbean Cruise to benefit The Foundation at Cookeville Regional Medical Center to sail Easter Week – April 23-30. The Cruise will sail aboard the Norwegian Epic out of Miami, with ports of call at St. Maarten, St. Thomas and Nassau.

The Norwegian Epic is a new, very unusual, elegant ship with an ice lounge for those warm natured folks!

“This cruise is for everyone, especially friends of the hospital to join hospital staff, auxiliary members, physicians and board members for a fun filled week,” stated Gary Curto, executive of CRMC Foundation. “This is a great way to have fun, meet new people and support the various hospital patient care programs such as the Cancer Care Fund and Caring Hands Fund.”

The various cruises offered by Ships n' Trip have raised over \$6,000 with the Foundation receiving a rebate of every fare plus a full fare rebate for every 15 people sailing. If 40 cabins are filled and reserved, the Foundation could receive over \$7,500.

Cost of the Cruise ranges from \$1,136 per person for an inside cabin up to \$1,416 for a balcony cabin. Prices are based on double occupancy and include cruise, port charges, taxes and fuel surcharges. Not included are



airfare, transfers and insurance. \$350 deposit is due to hold the space with the balance due by March 15, 2011.

For additional information and/or to sign-up for the Cruise call Joane Kibbons at Ships 'n Trips at 931-528-7245 or stop by their office located at 440 North Washington Avenue in Cookeville.

Help the Sgt. York Patriotic Foundation Win \$5,000 toward Restoration of Historic York Institute



The Sgt. York Patriotic Foundation has an opportunity to win the \$5,000 prize that GuideStar USA, a nonprofit information source, and KIMBIA, a group that assists with nonprofit giving, are making available through their Winter 2011 GuideStar-KIMBIA Nonprofit Giveaway.

This prize would be earmarked toward accomplishing one of the major goals of the Sgt. York Patriotic Foundation, restoration of the historic York Institute built by America's greatest World War I hero, Sgt. Alvin C. York.

“We are incredibly fortunate to have passionate and committed supporters,” said Claudia Johnson, executive director of the York Foundation. “If every supporter would take the time to write a review, we know we could

be a contender for the giveaway and could do great things with the prize money.”

To write a review at no charge, click on <http://www2.guidestar.org/organizations/62-1533627/sergeant-york-patriotic-foundation.aspx> and click the “write a review” tab.

“Reviews will show our donors and other stakeholders that we are making an impact and are working effectively toward our mission,” Johnson said. “Anyone with firsthand knowledge of the work of the SYPF, like our donors, volunteers, board members and other supporters, can write a review about us on GuideStar.”

The giveaway ends at 10:59 p.m. on Feb. 28. The organization that has received the most number of reviews on www.guidestar.com will be awarded \$5,000. For more information about the activities of the SYPF, visit www.sgtYork.org and www.yorkgeneralstore.blogspot.com.

Upcoming Events

Below is a sampling of events. For a complete list, visit www.cookevillechamber.com and click on "Events."

Father Daughter Date Night

Feb 17, 18, 19

6:00 p.m., Leslie Town Centre. (931) 520-5297.

www.cookeville-tn.org/ls

TTU's "Pack the House"

Feb 19

5:30 p.m., Hooper Eblen Center, TTU. Support TTU by "packing the house" for this doubleheader against Austin Peay. (931) 372-3940.

www.ttusports.com

7th Annual Chamber Membership Meeting

Feb 22

5:30 p.m., Leslie Town Centre. NASA Astronaut Capt. Barry Wilmore will be the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$75/person and \$600/table. Reserve your seat now. (931) 526-2211.

Tuscan Style Dinner, Food and Wine Pairing

Feb 26

5:30 p.m., DelMonaco Winery. Tickets are \$35/person. Seating is limited. (931)858-1177.

www.delmonacowinery.com

Upper Cumberland Home & Garden Show

Mar 4-6

Hyder-Burks Agriculture Pavilion. Get inspiration to update your home and outdoor living spaces as you see innovative products for building, remodeling and gardening. (931) 528-7472.

www.uchba.com

Business Before Hours

Mar 8

Leslie Town Centre. (931) 526-2211.

www.cookevillechamber.com

13th Annual Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball

Mar 12

Clarion Inn. Proceeds go directly to the Genesis House, a non-profit agency dedicated to helping victims of domestic and sexual violence. Tickets: \$55/person. (931) 528-4240.

Bryan Symphony Orchestra

Mar 20

3:00 p.m., Wattenbarger Auditorium, TTU. Steve Doane, cello; Coates, London Suite; Haydin, Symphony no. 104 in D "London"; Elgar, Cello Concerto. (931) 525-2633.

www.bryansymphony.org

Small Business Expo and Business After Hours

Mar 24

4:00 - 7:30 p.m., Leslie Town Centre.

Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your business and join in the excitement planned for your Chamber's Small Business Expo and Business After Hours. (931) 526-2211.

www.cookevillechamber.com

TTU Athletic Performance Center Grand Opening

Mar 24

Tours of the new facility will be given, and refreshments will be served. (931) 372-3937.

Dogapalooza at Dogwood Park

Apr 2

Dogwood Park. Enjoy various animal demonstrations, an off-leash dog play area, vendors, activities for owners and dogs, educational areas and live music.

www.cookeville-tn.org/ls

Nature Fest 2011

Apr 14 - 17

Enjoy this four day celebration of the great outdoors.

www.naturefestcookeville.com



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Your Cookeville–Putnam County Chamber of
Commerce cordially invites you to attend the

SEVENTH ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP
★ MEETING ★

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011
AT THE LESLIE TOWN CENTRE

5:30 p.m. Reception
6:30 p.m. Dinner

Tickets:
\$75 per person
\$600 per table of 8



SPEAKER

NASA Astronaut Capt. Barry Wilmore

Seating is limited.
Reserve your tickets as soon as possible.
Business attire.
Please RSVP to Dianne Callahan at 931–526–2211 or
dcallahan@cookevillechamber.com



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Thursday March 24

Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your business and join in the excitement planned for your Chamber's Small Business Expo & Business After Hours.

Small Business Expo

4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Business After Hours

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Business After Hours Information

Thursday, March 24, 2011

All Chamber members are invited to visit the exhibits and network with fellow members. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be available. Please complete the BAH portion of the attached Reservation Form and return with payment information by March 23.

For More Info Call

931.526.2211

Cookeville-Putnam County
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SAVE THE DATE

Expo & Booth Info

The Small Business Tabletop Expo is geared toward small businesses and provides you the opportunity to showcase your products and services while networking your business to other Chamber member businesses. All participants will be able to display and sell their products or services on Thursday evening while networking with other Chamber members. Each exhibitor will receive two free reservations for Business After Hours per paid table.

Booth Information

Each booth will be provided with one 6'x30" table and two chairs. Exhibitors are responsible for table covers. Electricity (120v) is available for an additional \$10; please bring an extension cord. Nothing may be attached to the walls or hung from the ceiling.

Booth Costs & Deadline

Please complete the portions of the attached Reservation Form and return it immediately by e-mail (adudney@cookevillechamber.com) or fax (526-4023 Attn. Andrea). If paying by check, mail payment as soon as your accounting process allows.

Expo Early Bird Registration Deadline - March 1

Reservation received by March 1:

Center Space - \$80/table
Wall Space - \$90/table

Reservation received after March 1:

Center Space - \$90/table
Wall Space - \$100/table

Expo Door Prizes

Each exhibitor has the option to give away items. If you will offer a door prize from your booth, please bring a container for collecting names/business cards. Also, please indicate whether you want to receive a list of attendees following the event.

Set Up & Break Down

Thursday: Set up from 12 - 4 p.m. Break down immediately at close of event.

Expo Testimonials

"One of the best Expos that I have attended and the variety of exhibitors was impressive. We received a lot of positive feedback, made good contacts and gained new business at the event."

- Jeannie Lee, Winell Lee Mouldings & Hardwoods

"This is a great venue! The traffic at the March Expo was phenomenal and lots of people showed genuine interest."

- Jim Dainty, WIN Home Inspection

"Expo is an excellent opportunity to get our name out there. It's also an opportunity to connect with people. I met a gentleman I thoroughly enjoyed talking with whom I probably would never have had the opportunity to meet otherwise."

- Mike Austin, Cardinal Computer Corp.