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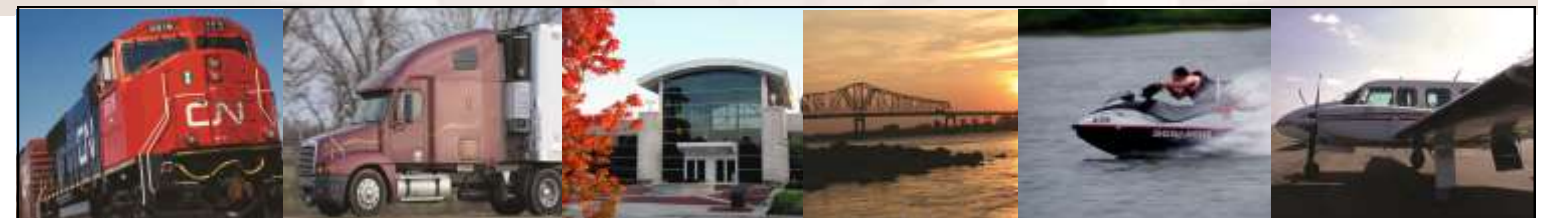
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2013 A Year of Progress



Announcement of Dot Foods at the Annual Membership Luncheon



Discovery Park event at First State Bank



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Happenings of Downtown Dyersburg and the River Park



Joe's Downtown Market



Fall Festival Antique Car Show



Family Fun at the Fall Festival



Paint and Gogh Ribbon Cutting Downtown

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Economic Development & Tourism

Terry Layman, Co-Vice Chair

York Walker, Co-Vice Chair

Fundraising efforts continued with a total of **\$615,000** now pledged over the three year period 2012-2014.

Dot Foods announced the opening of their new distribution center in Dyersburg.

A total of **11 industry inquiries** were answered in 2013. We have had site visits by several companies interested in locating a facility in Dyersburg.

Our 40 Acre Rail site is now certified through the **Select TN Certified Sites Program**.

We supported the **Foreign Trade Zone** application process which is now completed and approved.

The Chamber is continuing to support efforts to **promote the development of the Port**.

Ads placed this year in the following publications: *Site Selection, Area Development, Business Facilities*, Southern Business & Development, as well as State Gazette and Yellowbook

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Crappie Masters weigh in at the Dyer County Fairgrounds

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, FORUMS:

Site Selectors Guild Summit in New Orleans, LA.

Tourism & Economic Development Commission quarterly meeting

International Council of Shopping Centers TN-KY Idea Exchange in Louisville, KY

Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives "Day on the Hill" in Nashville, TN

TVA Economic Development Forum annual meeting in Nashville, TN.

Regional Economic Development meetings in Paris, TN & Martin, TN

Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry board orientation and Public Affairs Conference in Nashville, TN

We continued our tourism efforts with support for the **Halls Air Show**, sponsor of Crappie Masters Tournament at Reelfoot Lake and the Dyer County Fairgrounds and related tourism events such as canoeing, hiking, bird watching, etc., with various forms of advertising and promo materials. Videos, print ads, brochures, etc., including the **Destination Dyersburg** magazine, which contains articles about tourism and cultural events.

The 4th Annual Dyersburg Duckfest was hosted at the Dyer County Fairgrounds.



Duckfest 2013

Downtown Development

Joe Yates, Vice Chair

We installed first series of **Christmas Banners** in the **Historic District**.

We assisted with the **Second Annual Duck Splash**.

We saw an increase of **17 new jobs** downtown and a net gain of **7 new businesses**.

We operated the **Main Street Dyersburg Farmers Market** with an average of 19 producers and crafters. This is an increase of 7 from 2012.

We held the largest **Annual Christmas Parade** since the event has been facilitated by **Main Street**.

Membership Development

Danny Watson, Vice Chair

The Chamber held the **Annual Membership Matters Luncheon** in August 2013 and featured Glenn Shphard, with guest speaker Congressman Stephen Fincher.

The Chamber held the **Annual Membership Banquet and Awards Presentation** in January and featured guest speaker Dr. Dale Henry.

The Chamber continues to host **monthly 12 @ 12 luncheons** for Chamber and prospective members to learn about current programs and member benefits.

The Chamber held a **Holiday After Hours** in the month of December that was open to all members and their guests.

The Chamber has held **38 Ribbon Cuttings** for members this year with assistance from our Diplomats, Mayors, and other dignitaries.



EXPO 2013



DRMC Healthy Woman Ribbon Cutting

Business Development

Don Crews, Vice Chair

The Chamber's **Annual Business Expo** was held on May 23rd with record breaking attendance

The Chamber awarded two local small businesses Business of the Year Award at the **2013 Annual Banquet**.

The Chamber promoted a **Business After Hours** at Amtek in April and at First State Bank in July.

The Chamber held a **De-Stress for Success** luncheon in April.

The Chamber hosted two business workshops in November. One entitled **"Unlocking your Leadership Potential"** with Glenn Shepard and **"Manage your Message"** social workshop with Erin Holt.

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First Presbyterian Church
First South Bank
First South Financial Credit Union
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Omni-Tech Manufacturing
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Existing Industry

Aaron Tiede, Vice Chair

The Chamber continued involvement with **Workers Comp** issues and facilitated **industry roundtable meetings** to discuss the issues and to inform all members.

We continue to conduct an **assessment of local industries** to better understand their present issues and determine how we can assist them.

The Chamber continues to encourage plant tours of local industry as a component of **Existing Industry Roundtable meetings**.

We executed the **Annual Industry Appreciation Cookout** and encouraged more participation. Held on May 2nd with a good turnout. A presentation was given by representatives of TVA.

We conducted the **Annual Wage and Benefit Survey** with guidance from HR Managers. Completed in February of 2013 with good participation.

Retail Development

Cathy Strawbridge, Vice Chair

Worked with the **Shopping Center group** on new retail marketing materials

The Chamber has continued to **gather, maintain, and update relevant retail information**.

We attended **ICSC Events** to get face-to-face meetings with retail prospects.

Governmental & Legislative

Bob Kirk, Vice Chair

We continue to meet periodically with **City and County government officials** to educate them on Chamber activities and goals for the region.

We held a community coffee where Mayor Holden presented the **"State of the City"**.

We held a **Legislative Coffee** at the Lannom Center whenever legislators were available and continue to do so.

We continue our **partnering efforts with other organizations** that engage in legislative affairs.

Agribusiness

Eddie Anderson, Vice Chair

The **Chamber's Agriculture Committee assembled and local farmers shared information** from the areas they concentrate on. Cotton, soybeans, wheat, cattle and farm fuel suppliers all compared notes as they face the challenge of feeding America.

We held **quarterly Agribusiness Committee meetings**.

The committee resolved to pursue the **regional farm-to-table program**.

The Chamber assisted with and helped to facilitate the **4th Annual Dyersburg Duckfest**.



Youth Leadership introduce and vote on a mock bill in the Tennessee House.

Community Development

Paul Carson, Vice Chair

The Chamber implemented the first ever STEM based program, **Project Gearheads**, involving 36 8th grade students from both the city and county middle schools. Project Gearheads is a workforce education partnership between existing industry, local educators, chamber and community leaders and is funded through the **Governor's Three Star Program**.

The Chamber staff attended the **Annual Governor's Conference on Economic and Community Development**.

In May 2013, the Chamber graduated **39 Youth Leadership participants**.

In June 2013, the Chamber graduated approximately **10 Adult Leadership participants**.

The Chamber continues to work with a regional grant writer to **provide grant writing assistance** for community wide projects.

The Chamber continued its partnership with the Dyer County YMCA and Y-USA for the **Pioneering Healthy Communities initiative**. This program is designed to advocate healthier lifestyles through environmental change.

Hosted **State of the City** Community Coffee featuring Mayor John Holden.

Continued efforts towards **more community wide events, presentations to city, county, and civic groups, and long-range plans** for improving the health and wellness of the community.

Provided over **180 newcomer packets** and fielded over **4,000 community inquiries via telephone**.

Over **200 events held** within the **Lannom Center**.

Partnered with State Gazette for the annual publication of the **Destination Dyersburg** magazine.

Educational Development

Dr. Karen Bowyer, Vice Chair

Continued to promote the **Dual Enrollment** program in high school and encouraging the use of technology to address limited space at the Tennessee Technology Center and at Dyersburg State Community College.

Encouraged continued support of City and County officials for continued funding of the **Dyer County Promise Scholarship** for all high school and GED graduates in Dyer County.

Continued support and promotion of the **Adult Education Program** in Dyer County.

Provided event sponsorship for fundraising efforts of the new **Dyer County Library**.

Partnered with city and county school systems, Dyersburg State, and the Tech Center to host the annual WestStar Education Day.

Transportation

John Ford, Vice Chair

The Chamber worked on **building positive relationships** with the newly elected Governor and legislators and will continue to do so.

We are working to improve access to the **Port at Cates Landing** by improving State Route 22 and **widening US Highway 78**.

We are continuing to seek ways of **strengthening local airport services**.

The Chamber continues to participate in the **Regional Infrastructure Assessment study** and **The Regional Logistics Council**.

We are working with TDOT to **accommodate prospective industry** in the Industrial Park.

Continued **support** of the **I-69 Coalition**.

Regional Development

David Hayes, Vice Chair

We completed a **Regional Marketing Plan** website.

The Chamber continues to develop a **Regional Transportation** plan to take benefit of the Mississippi River Bridge, Port at Cates Landing, and I-69.

We continue to develop a **Regional Agribusiness Task Force**.

Healthcare Industry

Ben Youree, Vice Chair

Continued positioning ourselves to **be more regional** in surrounding counties.

Supplied community packets for **recruitment efforts of new physicians** to the area.

Partnered with Alexander, Thompson, Arnold, White & Associates, and Dyersburg Regional for a **community wide Health Care Forum** to discuss federal changes in the federal health care laws.

Our Economic Development Partners

Anderson Farms	Forcum Lannom Materials
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Economic Development Highlights for 2013

- ◆ We recruited Dot Foods to Dyer County, bringing 160 new jobs and \$22 million in capital investment.
- ◆ We cut ribbons on 38 new or expanded small businesses last year, well above our target of 25.
- ◆ We successfully created and launched our new Gearheads program which encourages 36 selected middle school students to study more Science, Technology, Engineering and Math courses.
- ◆ Overall, we had a total of about \$25 million in new capital investment, and we created a total of 483 new manufacturing and industrial jobs.
- ◆ Our agribusiness economy generated an estimated \$168 million dollar economic impact in the local economy last year.
- ◆ We have over 2,000 jobs in our healthcare sector.
- ◆ Our community college in Dyersburg and our technology center in Newbern employ hundreds of people, and train thousands more for jobs across the region.
- ◆ Our retail sector helped us generate over \$11.6 million in sales taxes in 2013, and we've now got 24 of the Top 100 national retail chains represented here in Dyersburg/Dyer County.
- ◆ "We chose to locate here because of the people of Dyer County." - Jim Tracy, Dot Foods