



#### **Executive Committee**

Jasper Taylor IV – President Bill Williams – Vice President Lisa Myrick – Treasurer

#### **Board of Directors**

Kyle East • Harold Nance • Sherry Kail • Charlie Moore Brandon Gibson • Roy Jelks • Emily Sullivan • Kevin Ligon Ernest Bushart • Michelle Bushart • Bryan Smith • Maleia Evans

#### **Ambassadors**

Mildred Brimm • Charlotte Haley • June Jones
Dianne Moore• Eddie Moore • Mary Marvin
Hilda Mount • Jo Perry • Cartha Williams • Virginia Smith
Nancy Vernon • Willodean Young • Joe Jones
Don McKnight • Virginia Smith • Perrylin Harber

#### Staff

Diana Hart - Executive Director Polly Jones - Administrative Assistant Carol Turpen - Office Assistant

#### Mission

To enhance the quality of life in Crockett County by promoting its economic, educational and social resources.

# Fiscal Year 2012/2013 annual Report TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

#### Meeting & Networking

- Attended tourism focused conferences:
  - Southwest Tennessee Tourism development district

#### Marketing

- Planned, coordinated and implemented events that will promoted Crockett County and will involved tourism.
- Promoted available resources:
  - Davy Crockett Lake
  - Tennessee Safari Park
  - Green Frog Village & Cotton Museum of the South
  - Crockett County Veterans Memorial
  - Horns Bluff Wildlife Refuge
- Distributed tourism materials throughout the community and rest areas

#### MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

#### Coordination & Support

- Drive membership engagement through:
  - Business After Hours
    - Hosted one Business After Hours—Edward Jones
  - Monthly Chamber Coffee
    - Four Chamber Coffees held at Chamber office
- Published monthly newsletter
- Communicated with Chamber members regarding legislation, meetings, seminars, and events.
- 11 Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies:
  - Crockett County Memorial Library
  - AT&T
  - Pitbull Gym & Tan
  - Dave's Automotive (15 Year Anniversary)
  - Alamo Donuts
  - Merle Norman & Just For You (4 Year Anniversary)
  - The Crockett County Times
  - The Crockett Reporter
  - Mansfield's Store (50 Year Anniversary)
  - Eagle's Nest Trading Post (5 Year Anniversary)
  - Quality Drug Store (90 Year Anniversary)



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#### **EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT**

#### Coordination & Support

- Coordinated Crocktober Fest 2012 for Scholarship Fund
  - Scholarships awarded
    - Deanna Williams \$500
    - Destiny King \$500



#### Resource Use

- Supported and coordinated JRP initiatives with workforce development
- Worked with Business Systems Technology Advisory Board to enhance workforce development
- Supported Crockett County Higher Education Center

#### Marketing

- Supported Literacy program for Crockett County children Imagination Library
- Worked with REDI to support college planning
- Supported and promoted adult educational programs
- Assisted UT Extension office with following programs:
  - Back to School Bash (July)

#### INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### Coordination & Support

- Conducted Industrial Visits
- Updated Industrial Sites and Buildings on TVA and WTIA websites
- Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament & Dinner
  - 29 Two Person Scramble Teams
- TN Select Sites Certification through State of TN ECD
  - Submitted application July 11, 2013
- Submitted RFI or RFP to industrial prospect
  - Submitted RFPs for two projects
- Worked with Industrial Board, JRP, Northwest Regional to promote industrial development
- Collected resumes for job referral program

#### Meeting & Networking

- Participated with TN Dept of Labor WEOC meetings
- Attended Governor's Conference Economic Community Development
- Attended Mid-South Economic Development Summit
- Attended USDA/ Rural Development Conference

## 30th annual Membership Banquet

Welcome Bill Williams President Invocation......Brooks Rawson Principle of Alamo City School Terry McCaslin Master Of Ceremonies.......Brooks Rawson **Executive Director** Guest Speaker......Congressman Stephen Fincher U.S. Representative TN 8th District Presentation of: Ambassador of the Year Award..... Charlotte Hayley, 2012 Ambassador of the Year Educator of the Year Award....... Bobby Mullins, Crockett County Schools Superintendent Business of the Year Award........ Tate's Family Foods, 2012 Business of the Year Woman of the Year......Carol Haynes Barazza, 2012 Woman of the Year Door Prizes......Joe Jones & Crockett County Ambassadors



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### BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL/RETAIL DEVELOPMENT

#### Coordination & Support

- Chamber Buck Program
  - Distributed \$33,517.61
  - Reimbursed Chamber Member Businesses \$32,790.00
- Business Expo 2013
  - 40 Exhibitors
  - 600 in attendance

 Provided monthly business counseling through Tennessee Small Business Development Center to Chamber members.



- Utilized WTIA Retail Lease Track to identify and recruit new franchises
- Distributed new marketing brochure
- Maintained updated information on WTIA website

#### Meeting & Networking

- Attended the following conferences to keep abreast of retail opportunities:
  - West Tennessee Retail Alliance to identify new recruitment strategies
  - ICSC TN/KY Idea Exchange

#### Marketing

Promoted Pre-Sales Tax Free Weekend August 2012

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### Coordination & Support

- Leadership Crockett County (LCC) Class of 2013
  - 9 Graduates
    - 1. Ruth Cohill
    - 2. Diana Hart
    - 3. Justin Jones
    - 4. Angie Moyers
    - 5. Sandra Phillips
    - 6. Cherry Rains
    - 7. Carol Turpen
    - 8. Elizabeth Wickersham
    - 9. Walter Yearwood
  - Scholarship created in memory of Ruth Cohill



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- Crockett Youth Development (CYL)
  - 11 Graduates
    - Carli Sission
    - Elyse Mann
    - 3. Emma Karvik
    - 4. Georganna Vestal
    - 5. Lila Byrd
    - Madison Utley
    - Melissa Rardin
    - Morgan Jenkins
    - 9. Morgan Reeves
    - 10. R.J.Sills
    - 11. Savannah Pillow
- Crockett County Ambassador Program
  - Active Ambassadors
    - Charlotte Haley (Chair)
    - Dianne Moore
       Don McKnight
    - 4. Eddie Moore
    - 5. Joe Jones
    - Perrylin Harber
    - Virginia Smith
    - 8. Mildred Brimm
    - 9. Jo Perry
    - 10. Mary Marvin
    - Willodean Young
    - 12. Cartha Williams
    - 13. Hilda Mount
    - 14. June Jones
    - 15. Mildred Brimm
  - Honorary Ambassadors
    - Bobby Cates
    - Donald Watson
    - 3. Donna Watson
    - Brien Kee
    - 5. Johnna Kay Slayton
    - 6. Angela Boone
- County Wide Litter Clean-Up/ Keep Tennessee Beautiful
  - Recertified as a 2013 Keep Tennessee Beautiful participant
- Annual Harvest Highway Yard Sale
- 2013 ThreeStar More certification



- Work with local children focused councils and boards
  - Crockett County Health Council
  - Crockett County Community Advisory Board
- Promotion of the following activities
  - Relay For Life
  - West Tennessee Cotton Festival
  - Alamo Christmas Parade
  - Friendship Christmas Parade
- Chamber website and Facebook page

