

# CHAMBER CONNECTION

THE JACKSON CHAMBER'S  
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# Liberty High School's Farm to Tray Program Grows a Community

When Liberty Tech adopted the *Farm to Tray* program in 2009, it had no idea of the impact it would have on its student body, much less the Jackson community and the nation. This partnership with the school nutrition department and the addition of *Liberty Acres* creates collaboration between all Career Technical Education (CTE) programs in the school and provides food to seven Jackson-Madison County School System cafeterias.

"We wanted to get involved with *Tennessee's Local Foods for Local Schools Movement*. It dawned on me that the best local produce available was grown right here in one of our schools," recalls Susan Johnson, the school nutrition director for the Jackson-Madison County School System. When Johnson asked if the School Nutrition Department could purchase the student grown produce for school lunch programs in the district, Liberty's Agriculture instructor, Teresa Crouse, gave an immediate, "Yes." This gives the

greenhouses a chance to be self-sufficient.

In a 2013 and 2014, Delta Faucet, a Partner in Education with Liberty, committed \$5,000 for a new greenhouse. The company asked if it could do more, and then gave over 4 acres of land to the school so students could expand the agriculture



Students show off their 2013 "Best Practice Award" from the USDA.

program outside of the greenhouse. The property, named *Liberty Acres*, is being used to grow 100% organic crops for the Jackson-Madison County School System's cafeterias.

"*Liberty Acres* expands our opportunities for project-based learning in the agriculture department and throughout the whole school," explains Teresa Crouse. The Engineering class surveyed the land and led the design and construction of the raised growing beds, the Marketing class created the name, logo and all signage, the Automotive class is maintaining the equipment, the Culinary Arts Department is creating recipes that will complement the seasonal produce, plus, use the produce in the Taste of Liberty, the school café. Lastly, the Information Technology program supports all the other CTE programs with its computer expertise. All of Liberty's academic areas are able to collaborate with the CTE programs on real world projects. Dr. June Murry, Liberty Tech Principal, comments "*Liberty Acres* collaboration among students and staff has changed the school climate in a positive way. We are seeing students develop a deeper sense of work ethic skills and

higher scores in math and science. "

*Farm to Tray* has also paved the way for a student-taught plan called, *Teens Teaching Tots*. In this plan, Liberty students take freshly grown produce to elementary schools and teach a class on nutrition to younger students. Teachers at the elementary schools report that this results in more fresh fruits and vegetables being consumed for lunch by children pre-K through 1st grade.

These programs reflect positively on the future of Jackson. With a commitment to Jackson's economic future and health and wellness, Jackson Chamber and Madison County Mayor, Jimmy Harris, stepped in and applied for the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development's Three Star Program grant and were able to secure additional funding for the program. "We are thrilled with the benefits of the *Farm to Tray* program and the healthy habits Liberty High School has instilled across the Jackson-Madison County School System. We are happy to play a part in making a positive impact in the county," states Madison County Mayor Jimmy Harris. This grant money helped complete Phase One of four phases for *Liberty Acres*. Phase One consisted of manufacturing science students surveying and "flagging" the property to determine the best location for the six 4 ft. x 16 ft. raised garden beds. After the beds were designed and built, students planted vegetables and cover crops, which met the certified organic standards.

With three phases to go, Phase Two includes building high tunnel greenhouses, which will extend the growing season, a storage shed for supplies and compost, and permanent outdoor signage. In Phase Three, students will have full-use of the acreage as row crops are planted. Irrigation, utilizing a rainwater collection system, will be installed, and a tilapia farm will be added. And Phase Four will bring a solar farm to produce the electricity needed to operate outdoor LED lights, security cameras, and power tools.

Liberty Tech's future is growing, with its *Farm to Tray* program becoming a model for the nation. It has received recognition in the past through local, state and national awards including the 2014 Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award and the United States Department of Agriculture Best Practice Award. Liberty Tech is one of twelve schools in the Jackson-Madison County School System contending for a gold award with the Healthier US School Challenge this year. Many school districts have visited the program over the last two years and the *Farm to Tray* Team is now making national presentations and is included in USDA national webinars. Dr. Janey Thornton, the Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services from Washington D.C. visited in 2013 and has blogged nationally stating, "I am blown away about the *Farm to Tray* partnership in the JMCCS and how the program has moved their Student Wellness Initiative forward. Also, the Liberty Green House students will leave high school being able to link agriculture to their career goals."

Plans for the future include another greenhouse and the ability to supply all 28 local cafeterias with fresh produce from Liberty Tech.

For more information on the Liberty Technology Magnet High School's *Farm to Tray* program, contact Teresa Crouse at 410-6420 or go to [lib.jmccs.org](http://lib.jmccs.org).



Liberty provides seven JMCCS cafeterias with fresh produce.

## Orchid Orthopedic Solutions Invests \$2.1 Million, Creates 35 Jobs

The Jackson Chamber along with Orchid Orthopedic Solutions Alabama, LLC (Orchid Alabama) officials announced the company will expand its manufacturing operations located at 2715 Bells Highway in Jackson. A worldwide leader in the contract design and manufacture of implants, instruments and innovative technologies for the orthopedic, dental and cardiovascular markets, Orchid Orthopedic will invest \$2.1 million and create 35 new jobs in Jackson.

"We are pleased that Orchid Alabama chose to grow in Jackson," said City of Jackson Mayor Jerry Gist. "Jackson is a thriving community that nurtures its industries and we welcome this expansion."

Orchid established operations in Jackson in April of this year. Due to increased product demand, the company will purchase additional equipment to increase manufacturing capacity and capabilities, and add to its existing workforce in order to meet the demand.

"Working with Team Madison County has made this process efficient and effortless," Orchid's Tax Accountant Keith Wasilenski said. "They have been with us from day one to help answer questions, provide assistance, and ensure that our needs are met as we continue to grow in Jackson."

The facility is an expansion of Orchid Alabama which is part of the Orchid family of companies worldwide. Orchid is a leader of medical device outsourcing services with 13 manufacturing facilities worldwide and customers in more than 20 countries. The company offers a broad array of services and capabilities for orthopedic and medical device development and manufacturing.

"We are thrilled with the expansion of Orchid Alabama in Madison County," said Madison County Mayor Jimmy Harris. "They are a great asset adding to the quality and diversity of Jackson's economy."

For more information on current job opportunities, please visit the website, [www.orchid-ortho.com](http://www.orchid-ortho.com), and click on the Open Opportunities tab under the Careers link or contact Jason Garzonio, Senior Operations Manager at 215-6105 ext 73101 or e-mail: [jason.garzonio@orchid-ortho.com](mailto:jason.garzonio@orchid-ortho.com).







Congratulations to Lori Nunnery for being appointed to the Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association (TnHTA) Board. TnHTA is the advocacy voice and key resource for information and education for the Hospitality & Tourism Industry in Tennessee. The organization's purpose is to represent the common interest of members in the Hospitality Industry, including political action, education, and industry advancements, in an ethical and professional manner.

The Board of Directors of the Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association is the policy-making body for the organization. The board sets the Association's strategic direction, provides fiscal oversight, and monitors programs and services. Nunnery was named to the inaugural installation of the Tourism Caucus.

With more than 8 years in the non-profit industry in progressively responsible strategic positions, preceded by more than 15 years in the tourism and hospitality fields in significant positions, Nunnery has served as the leader for the Jackson, Tennessee Convention and Visitors Bureau for the past 5 years.

Nunnery currently serves on Governor Haslam's Tennessee Tourism Taskforce and is a member of the Experiences sub-committee and the Rural Tourism Initiative. Additionally she is a graduate of the WestStar Regional Leadership Program and is a Certified Tennessee Tourism Professional (CTTP), Certified Festival and Events Planner (FEP) and Tourism Marketing Professional (TMP).  
Lori

If you would like to connect with Lori you can contact her at 423-2200 ext. 136, email [lnunnery@jacksontn.com](mailto:lnunnery@jacksontn.com) or visit the chamber's website at [www.jacksontn.com](http://www.jacksontn.com).

Congratulations to Judy Renshaw for being this year's Grand Marshall of the Jackson Christmas parade! We are so proud of everything you do for the community and are proud this honor was bestowed upon you.

Judy serves as director of the chamber's community leadership development program, Leadership Jackson and the Leadership Jackson Alumni Association.

If you would like to connect with Judy, you can contact her at 423-2200, ext. 117, email [jrenshaw@jacksontn.com](mailto:jrenshaw@jacksontn.com) or visit the chamber's website at [www.jacksontn.com](http://www.jacksontn.com).



Judy and her granddaughter waving to the crowd at Jackson's Christmas parade.



Dr. Dennis Renshaw, Judy Renshaw and grandchildren at Jackson's Christmas parade.

## J Leadership Jackson

### Leadership Jackson Experiences On-Site Tours

Leadership Jackson class continues to be engaged at each session. During the Education-Vision for the Future Session, it toured public and private schools, heard from home school students, school board, and higher educational leaders about what Jackson-Madison County has to offer local children and youth.

During its "Quality of Life Day," the class explored downtown to see firsthand the tremendous growth and development of the core of the Jackson community.

"Vision & Future of Healthcare Day" held eye-opening opportunities of what is available in the community and what the future promises in the way of technology, as well as challenges.



Tour of Montessori School of Bemis during Education Session.



Touring downtown Jackson on Quality of Life Day.

For more information on Leadership Jackson, visit its website at [leadershipjackson.com](http://leadershipjackson.com).

## Local Coach Graduates International Training Program

Local coach, trainer and speaker, Alissa DeWitt has recently completed a year-long intensive Train-the-Trainer program studying directly under Jack Canfield, America's #1 Success Coach and arguably one of the world's most sought after trainers and speakers in the Human Potential arena. The prestigious program graduated over sixty professionals representing 17 countries for the class of 2014. Students included accomplished writers, trainers, community leaders, professionals, business owners, CEOs, and more.

Jack Canfield, perhaps most widely known as the creator of the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book series, created this Train the Trainer program based on his work *The Success Principles* and over forty years as a psychologist and professional trainer with the goal of equipping coaches and trainers with an experientially based learning model to teach proven principles of success. The facilitated learning creates personal and professional transformation in both individual and group settings.

"I envision a world where individuals and organizations are passionate about who they are, what they do, and are empowered to make their highest contribution. The Canfield Train-the-Trainer program has further equipped me to do just that...to raise the level of inspiration and engagement we all have about our life and our work - as individuals, as parents, as professionals," DeWitt enthusiastically explains.

Alissa is the founder of Executive Impact, a local West Tennessee based firm focused on developing leaders and building high performance teams. She is a Professional Certified Coach with the International Coach Federation, Certified Life Purpose Coach, Certified Personnel Consultant, and a Certified Employee Retention Specialist. Her clients credit her with the passion and enthusiasm to create profound awareness, inspire change and establish sustainable and accountable environments to insure continued growth and to achieve maximum results.

For more information, visit [www.ExecutiveImpactOnline.com](http://www.ExecutiveImpactOnline.com).



Alissa DeWitt (center) receives her graduation certificate for "Train the Trainer."

## Matt Altobell Named Executive Director for Jackson Downtown Development



Matt Altobell has been named as the Executive Director of Jackson Downtown Development Corporation (JDDC). He is a 2012 Leadership Jackson Graduate and a graduate of Lambuth University who came to Jackson to attend college and loved the community so much he decided to become a part of it. With roots from Columbia, TN, when asked what Matt loves about Jackson, he says, "I was completely enamored by the grassroots efforts of people pulling together to serve one another. The leadership in Jackson is incredible and I love the city."

Altobell has been employed in Jackson for eight years, working at Party Mart Liquors & Wine. In his spare time, he has served as a percussion instructor for Gibson County High School for the last five years. As Executive Director of JDDC, his main goals involve continuing to make downtown Jackson a valuable asset. Plans include engaging individuals and businesses in strategies for the future, keeping the cultural arts alive while helping to steer and facilitate ideas to satisfy goals and produce programs to keep downtown vibrant.

When asked about the role Leadership Jackson has played in his life, Matt states, "Leadership Jackson changed my entire trajectory. Learning more about the history of Jackson has helped me to find my place in the community now and in the future."

Matt believes that the heartbeat of a city comes from downtown. Downtown Jackson is the center for business, culture, pride and our heritage. We have the largest downtown district in the state of Tennessee and he wants to see it continue to thrive as the vital pulse of the community.

If you would like to contact Matt, email him at [MAltobell@cityofjackson.net](mailto:MAltobell@cityofjackson.net) or call 427-7573.

For more information, visit [www.downtownjackson.com](http://www.downtownjackson.com).





# Member Spotlight: Leaders Credit Union

**Company name:** Leaders Credit Union

**Address:** 87 Murray Guard

**Established:** 1957

**Number of Employees:** 90

**Top Services/About the company:** Financial services, Investment brokerage, Mortgage services

**Website:** www.leaderscu.com

**Phone Number:** 664-1784



**What's new with your organization?** Leaders Credit Union is changing and growing at a rapid pace. We have expanded across West Tennessee, with reach as far as Obion County and the Memphis metro area. We have also extended an additional 5,000 shared branches and 85,000 shared ATM locations, which are free for our members to use. Finally, we have enhanced our mobile banking platform to include check deposits and we will soon be offering personal payments through our mobile suite.

**What's the biggest community project you're working on right now?** We have always been proud of a heritage that begins with the Jackson community, and it's our ongoing corporate responsibility to be a leader in community reinvestment. In 2014, we have contributed over \$75,000 in local donations and sponsorships to the West Tennessee community, with Jackson as the largest beneficiary. Our key commitments with the American Cancer Society's Runway for a Cure and Making Strides 5K and our annual commitment as a Platinum partner for Area Relief Ministries serve to support the health and wellbeing of our community. We also have active volunteer support and monetary investment with the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, in their ongoing efforts to sustain the youth of West Tennessee.

**What's helped your organization become successful in our community?** Passion and a commitment to stay true to our mission and vision. We were created by five teachers at Alexander school in Jackson in 1957, because they were unable to acquire home loans from local banks. Their vision was for a cooperative saving and borrowing model that kept the consumer at the center of all decisions. Those first five members and their \$25 investment have grown to 33,000 members and \$226 Million in assets because of our passion for and commitment to that original ideal of socially-responsible banking in West Tennessee.

**What does your organization do that most people don't know about?** While we began in the 1950's as a service provider exclusively for the educators in town, we now extend those same benefits to over 350 businesses in West Tennessee. Our field of membership does not encompass everyone, but has expanded to include a vast and varied group of citizens. In addition to our 350+ business partners, we also have designations that allow for anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Madison County to join as a member. We also have strategic partnerships with the Jackson Theatre Guild and the Autism Society of the Mid-South that allow for membership. Many also are not aware that we are a holistic financial services provider. With a full slate of staff in our mortgage and investment brokerage areas, we're supporting the most sophisticated needs of West Tennessee households.

**What are some recent successes your organization has experienced?** Leaders is performing at unprecedented levels, and we own a share of the Jackson financial market that places us among the top 5 financial institutions. However, we're also gaining recognition on a national stage. In October 2014, we were recognized by DepositAccounts.com as the 38th Healthiest Credit Union in America (6,600 credit unions ranked). This distinction puts us in the top 0.5% of credit unions nationwide, and is a recognition that is not shared by any other local financial institution. We have also achieved over a 98% loan-to-share ratio, which means that \$0.98 of every dollar our members invest is being re-distributed into our communities in the form of loans. This also puts us in a class of our own.

**What challenges does your organization face?** It's no secret that financial services has been through a gauntlet over the past five years, and still ranks near the bottom in consumer sentiment. While our economy continues to see recovery, financial institutions face a very tough road. A new generation of informed and skeptical consumers is entering the market, and they are presented with many unique banking options. Our challenge is to stay true to our mission of providing the best financial services at the lowest possible cost while maintaining a strong equity share for our member-owners.

**What are some of the future goals of your organization?** The definition of service is evolving. While West Tennesseans still value a handshake, a smile and recognition by name, there is an increasing expectation of convenience and remote delivery of service through online and mobile means. Our goals in 2015 and beyond are to continue to meet our members' and communities' expectations of truly local service, while also becoming the "anytime, anywhere, any way" financial solution.

**Are there any things we didn't ask that you would like to share?** Leaders Credit Union enjoys a strong brand presence in the community, but we're growing and changing just like any other local business should and does. Very soon, Leaders Credit Union will look and feel very different, and our hope is that these dramatic changes will usher in a new era of banking for the Jackson and West Tennessee community. Leaders has committed itself to an aggressive growth approach that will begin and end with Jackson at the center of our focus. Not only will our commitments to our local Chamber and Economic Development Coalition continue and grow deeper, but our support of local business will grow like never before.





# NEW MEMBERS: OCT-NOV 2014

## October 2014

Byron's Lawn Service  
Byron DeBerry  
34 Windale  
Jackson, TN 38305  
(731) 928-7111  
Category: Lawn Care

Revelation of Hope Counseling Services, LLC  
Alvin G. Bonds, II  
386 B Carriage House Dr.  
Jackson, TN 38305  
(731) 487-3595  
[www.rohcs.org](http://www.rohcs.org)  
Category: Mental Health Services

PreventaGenix  
Jeffrey W. Young, II  
162 Murray Guard Dr., Ste. B  
Jackson, TN 38305  
(731) 300-0044  
Category: Health Care Facility

Custom Advertising Product, Inc.  
Angela Brazil  
17125 Lawson Rd.  
Little Rock, AR 72210  
(501) 821-3005  
[www.customapi.com](http://www.customapi.com)  
Category: Promotional Products

Edward Jones Investments-George Berryhill  
George Berryhill  
96 W. University Pkwy., Ste. E  
Jackson, TN 38305  
(731) 664-3539  
[www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com)  
Category: Investments & Securities

## November 2014

Super 8  
Thakor (Tim) Patel  
1940 Hwy. 45 Bypass  
Jackson, TN 38305  
(731) 661-0919  
[www.super8.com](http://www.super8.com)  
Category: Hotels/Motels

Crye-Leike Blue Skies Real Estate  
Jon Putt  
3021 Hwy. 45 Bypass, Ste. 106  
Jackson, TN 38305  
(731) 512-1234  
[www.jonputt.com](http://www.jonputt.com)  
Category: Real Estate

Stephen E. Collier, M.D., PC  
29 C North Star Dr.  
Jackson, TN 38305  
(731) 256-7047  
[www.testosteronejackson.com](http://www.testosteronejackson.com)  
Category: Clinics & Medical Groups

iTEK Advisors  
Don Dean  
383 Myrtle Dr.  
Huntingdon, TN 38344  
(731) 358-9486  
[www.itekadvisors.com](http://www.itekadvisors.com)  
Category: Computer Services &/or Supplies

Panattoni Development Company, Inc.  
Scott Abbott  
1600 Division St., Ste. 520  
Nashville, TN 37203  
(615) 277-2866  
[www.panattoni.com](http://www.panattoni.com)  
Category: Real Estate Developers &/or Investors

Alston Construction Company  
William Hancock, Jr.  
1600 Division St., Ste. 520  
Nashville, TN 37203  
(615) 386-6785  
[www.alstonco.com](http://www.alstonco.com)  
Category: Construction-General Contractors

**It's Time to Apply for the chamber's  
Business of the Year Awards!**

Jackson Chamber

*Annual  
Celebration*

**March 5, 2015, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
Carl Grants Events Center,  
Union University

**Awards will be presented in the following categories:**

**Emerging Business of the Year  
Health and Wellness Award  
Non-Profit of the Year  
Industry of the Year  
Business of the Year**

Businesses may apply for one award category.  
To apply for an award, please visit the chamber's website at [www.jacksontn.com](http://www.jacksontn.com).  
Businesses must be a member of the Jackson Chamber in order to apply.  
For questions, please contact Alexis Long at [along@jacksontn.com](mailto:along@jacksontn.com) or 423-2200.

**Application deadline is January 2, 2015, 4:00 p.m.**





# RENEWING MEMBERS: OCT-NOV 2014

100 Black Men of West TN Inc.  
 A - Z Office Resource Inc.  
 A-1 Chemical Products  
 ADS Security  
 Aero Academy International, LLC  
 AFLAC-Hazel Johnson  
 All Seasons Refrigeration, LLC  
 All Star Realty/Property Management Co.  
 Allegra Design . Print . Mail  
 Aloha Pools & Spas of Jackson  
 Apex Cardiology P.C.  
 Asahi Japanese Steakhouse  
 Audette's Academy for Early Learning  
 Ayers Children's Medical Center  
 B & E Electronics, Inc.  
 Baker's Rack  
 Behavioral Healthcare Center at Martin, LLC  
 Behavioral Outreach Services, LLC  
 Bethel University  
 Bill's Appliance, Inc.  
 Bluff City Electronics  
 Bob's Janitorial Services, Inc.  
 Bodyworks Massage & Spa  
 Boykin Mowing & Landscape  
 Boys & Girls Club of Jackson, Inc.  
 Bradford Chase Apartment Homes  
 Brentwood Services Administrators, Inc.  
 Butts Foods, Inc.  
 C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc.  
 Cades Assisted Living Center  
 Champion Power Equipment  
 China Pan Restaurant  
 CHP International/Job Corps Admissions  
 Citizens Police Academy Alumni Assn.- Jackson Police Dept.  
 Coldwell Banker Real Estate Now  
 Coldwell Banker Real Estate Now-Jan Blackwood  
 Columns Development Partners  
 Commercial Bank & Trust Company  
 Community Bank  
 Cook's Pest Control  
 Copies Plus, Inc.  
 Cowart Reese Sargent, CPA's, PC  
 Creekside Apartments  
 Crime Stoppers of Jackson/Madison Co.  
 Cyber Vision Technology Group  
 Days Inn  
 Deaton's Carpet One Inc.  
 Delta Materials Handling, Inc.  
 Dental Associates, Inc.  
 Denton & Associates  
 Dowsley Insurance  
 Drs. Burnett and Burnett  
 Dumplin's of Jackson  
 Edward Jones Investments-Greg Griffin  
 Edward Jones Investments-Tripp Tucker  
 Express Printing, Signs & Shipping, Inc.  
 Farmers Insurance-Shanna Tabor Agency  
 Finishing Brands  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 First Tennessee Bank  
 FirstBank  
 Five Guys Burgers and Fries  
 Fleet Safety Equipment, Inc.  
 Forest Cove Nursing and Rehabilitation Center  
 Frankie Plunk Travel Service, Inc.  
 GEN PAC  
 Gibson Electric Membership Corporation  
 Golden Circle Exterminators Inc.  
 Golden Key Realtors  
 Greg Hooper Logging, LLC  
 H & M Company, Inc.  
 Hampton Inn & Suites Jackson  
 Harry H. Miller Jr., CPA  
 Haynes Barker Investment Management, LLC  
 Heart & Vascular Center of West Tennessee  
 Hermitage Apartments  
 Homestead Pest Management, Inc.

Hope Credit Union  
 Hudson Warehouses  
 Human Technology, Inc.  
 Hutcherson Metals, Inc.  
 Ima's Fashions, Inc.  
 Imagination Library of Madison County  
 Jack Morris Auto Glass  
 Jackson Area Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency  
 Jackson Center For Independent Living  
 Jackson Energy Authority  
 Jackson Generals Baseball Club  
 Jackson Overhead Door  
 Jackson Regional Women's Center  
 Jackson, Shields, Yeiser, & Holt  
 Joe Gomez Agency  
 Johnson Properties  
 King & King, PLC  
 King Tire Company  
 Kiwanis Club of Jackson  
 Land Office-Realtors  
 Lentz Pediatrics PLC  
 Lighthouse Church  
 Liles Brothers & Son  
 Longhorn Steakhouse  
 Mack Pest Control Inc.  
 Madison County Emergency Communications District (911)  
 Madison County Fire Department  
 Manpower of the Mid-South  
 McCowat Mercer Packaging, Inc.  
 Metal Technologies  
 Mike Hopper Promotions  
 Milan Public Utilities  
 Mirror Lawn Turf Doctor, Inc.  
 MobileNation  
 Modern Telephone Systems  
 Montessori Center of Jackson  
 Moore Insurance  
 Morgan Stanley  
 Moss, Benton & Wallis, PLLC  
 MSB Construction LLC  
 Nell Huntspon Flower Box  
 Northwestern Mutual  
 NOVOLEX  
 Office Interiors of Jackson  
 Old Country Store  
 Old Hickory Car Care Center, Inc.  
 Owens-Corning  
 PAL Properties  
 Parkway Village Mobile Home & RV Community  
 Patriot Equity Credit Union  
 Paul Latham Bar-B-Q, Inc.  
 PC Paladins  
 Post House Jackson  
 Propane Resources Transportation  
 Putman Plumbing Company, LLC  
 Rainey Dental Office  
 Rayco Inc.  
 Reeds Jewelers  
 Reelfoot Metal Building Supply  
 Reggi's BBQ  
 Regional Hospital of Jackson  
 Rina's Bridal Boutique  
 Robert Hopper, Jr., DDS, PC  
 Sam's Club (Division of Walmart, Inc.)  
 Service Master by Capital Restoration  
 SERVPRO of Jackson/Crockett County  
 Sew Detailed  
 Shaw's Broadcasting Co., LLC  
 Shipman HR Consulting, LLC  
 Signs First of Madison County  
 Smallwood's Camper & Trailer Sales  
 Smith Farms  
 Smith Seckman Reid, Inc.  
 SnagMob.com  
 Southeast Financial Credit Union  
 Southern Concrete Products  
 Southwest TN Child Care Resource & Referral

Sowell's Diesel Repair  
 Sparky's Pizzeria & Grill  
 Sports Plus Rehab Centers  
 Stanley Steamer of Jackson  
 State Farm Insurance-Greg Milam  
 State Farm Insurance-Wes Harris  
 State Systems, Inc.  
 Stephen Fincher, U.S. Congressman  
 Storm Shelters of Tennessee, Inc.  
 Stuart C. Irby Co.  
 Sunrise Recycling Services  
 TAP Industries, Inc.  
 Taylor & Sons of Tennessee, LLC  
 Taylor Diesel Service of Jackson  
 Tennialum  
 The Forked Vine Wine and Spirits  
 The Highland House: Home Decor & Interior Design  
 The HillHelen Group, LLC  
 The Jackson Symphony  
 The Learning House  
 The UPS Store #4691  
 The Woods of Post House  
 Therapy & Learning Center  
 Thomas Media - WWYN/WFKX/WHHM/WZDQ  
 Thompson Machinery  
 Tony V. Taylor Painting Co.  
 Tri-State Truck Center, Inc.  
 Trinity Christian Academy  
 United Country-Bradley V. Arnold  
 University of Tennessee/Tennessee State  
 University Extension-Madison County  
 University Village at Walker Road  
 Wal Mart #393  
 West Tennessee Healthcare Sportsplex  
 West Tennessee Transitional Care  
 White & Associates Insurance-Perry Agency  
 Williams Steel Co.  
 Wingstop  
 WNWS Radio (101.5 FM)  
 Workcare Resources, Inc.  
 WorkForce Essentials  
 Young Touchstone Co.  
 Zebra Marketing







# RIBBON CUTTINGS: OCT-NOV 2014



Ribbon Cutting for new High School Building  
Augustine School

Donne Smith, Director of School Relations  
1171 Old Humboldt Rd.  
Jackson, TN 38305  
660-6822

[www.augustineschool.com](http://www.augustineschool.com)

Category: Education-Schools & Colleges



Allstate Insurance – The Hughes Agency

Angie & Marix Hughes, Owners  
250 Carriage House Drive  
Jackson, TN 38305  
668-1990

[www.angiehootenhughesinsurance.com](http://www.angiehootenhughesinsurance.com)

Category: Insurance



DoxicomGlobal

Sidney Wilson, Jr., Managing Director  
736-1291

[www.doxicomglobal.com](http://www.doxicomglobal.com)

Category: Recycling



Reed's Metals of Jackson, Inc.

1070 S. Highland Avenue  
Jackson, TN 38301  
300-3200

[www.reedsmetals.com](http://www.reedsmetals.com)

Category: Metal Fabricators &/or Metal Manufacturers



Groundbreaking  
Jackson Christian

Chris Ramey, Director of Advancement  
832 Country Club Lane  
Jackson, TN 38305  
234-4141

[www.jcseagles.org](http://www.jcseagles.org)

Category: Education-Schools & Colleges



Liberty Technology Magnet High School/  
Delta Faucet Garden

3470 Ridgecrest Road, Extended  
Jackson, TN 38305  
423-9086

[lib.jmcss.org](http://lib.jmcss.org)

Category: Manufacturing



Joint Ribbon Cutting with Crockett County Chamber, Celebrating 10th Anniversary  
Office Pride Commercial Cleaning  
Diana Hart, Sales & Marketing Manager  
231 N. Parkway, Suite F  
Jackson, TN 38305  
736-1735

[www.commercialcleaningjackson.com](http://www.commercialcleaningjackson.com)

Category: Janitorial-Commercial



Ribbon Cutting to Celebrate Regional Hospital's "first in WTN" Joint Commission Gold Seal in Orthopedics in total knees and hips and partnership with Marshall Steel  
Regional Hospital Orthopedic & Joint Center  
367 Hospital Boulevard • Jackson, TN 38305  
661-2161

[www.regionalhospitaljackson.com](http://www.regionalhospitaljackson.com)

Category: Hospitals



Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening

First Citizens National Bank  
381 Walker Road  
Jackson, TN 38305  
882-2144

[www.firstcitizens-bank.com](http://www.firstcitizens-bank.com)

Category: Banks & Banking Associations



LIFE Mentoring & Tutoring, Inc.

Guain Holloman, CEO & Founder  
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## Get Involved!

The Ambassadors (Red Coats) are accepting applications now for additional volunteers for the 2015 year. The Ambassadors serve as the goodwill arm of the chamber. They attend ribbon cuttings, grand openings, ground breakings and volunteer at chamber functions.

They are an elite group of volunteers who support chamber member businesses in all kinds of ways. They are on the front line of all the new and exciting things happening in Jackson. If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador, email [Shirley Jones](mailto:Shirley.Jones@chamber.com) or call at 423-2200.

## Ambassadors with Perfect Attendance | October-November 2014:

### October, 2014

Joyce Corley, FirstBank  
Amanda Davenport, Complete Restoration, Inc.  
Bruce Dorris, Jackson Energy Authority  
David Martin, Business Professional Group

### November, 2014

Karen Ashley, Allegra Print & Imaging  
Kathy Canovan, Rodan & Fields  
Joyce Corley, FirstBank  
Amanda Davenport, Complete Restoration, Inc.

### Judy Leforgee, Union University

David Martin, Business Professional Group  
Pat Ross, United Way of West Tennessee  
Melissa Williams, Charter Business  
Sabrina Young, Cancer Care Center



# ECONOMIC INDICATORS: OCTOBER 2014

Total Labor Force	Oct '14	Oct '13	Rate Change	Sept '14	Sept '13	Rate Change
Madison County		48,720	N/A	46,700	-	N/A*
Jackson MSA (Madison & Chester Counties)		56,840	N/A	54,550	-	N/A*
Tennessee		3,058,300	N/A	2,801,600	-	N/A*
United States		154,908,000	N/A	146,940,000	-	N/A*

Unemployment	Oct '14	Oct '13	Rate Change	Sept '14	Sept '13	Rate Change
Madison County		8.6%	N/A	6.7%	-	N/A
Jackson MSA (Madison & Chester Counties)	-	8.5%	N/A	6.7%	-	N/A
Tennessee		8.1%	N/A	6.6%	-	N/A
United States		7.0%	N/A	5.7%	-	N/A

\*September 2013 Unemployment Figures not available due to the Fall 2013 Federal Government Shutdown.

Sales Tax Collected	Oct '14	Oct '13	Rate Change	Sept '14	Sept '13	Rate Change
City of Jackson	\$3,843,202	\$3,566,969	7.7%	\$4,048,681	\$3,625,441	11.7%
Madison County	\$4,136,857	\$3,840,056	7.7%	\$4,344,853	\$3,917,991	10.9%

## Building Permits

Residential	Oct '14	Oct '13	Sept '14	Sept '13
Number Issued	14	5	17	8
Permit Value	\$2,145,000	\$1,457,000	\$3,440,000	\$2,394,000
Commercial				
Number Issued	25	16	12	11
Permit Value	\$6,863,983	\$905,950	\$4,416,342	\$2,612,700



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Jackson is looking ahead as a sustainable city with a growing focus on wellness.  
Our hundreds of doctors, specialty centers and pioneering robotics have captured  
national attention.

The surprising variety of arts, sports and music is kept vibrant by a growing number of  
students and professionals.

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