

### 1ST CHOICE REALTOR & DADDY BILLY'S HOST COFFEE

1<sup>st</sup> Choice Realtor and Daddy Billy's will co-host the February Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce membership Coffee at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Daddy Billy's, 119 NW Atlantic St.

Since purchasing 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Realtor in late 2013, owner Lisa Hayes has watched the company's sales double each year. Originally an office of seven agents, the company now employs 22 sales agents and continues to grow. Hayes said that she is in the process now of expanding her 211 S. Jackson St. location to accommodate additional agents who, like all 1<sup>st</sup> Choice agents, will provide clients and customers with the highest level of professional and personalized service available.

Because home buyers increasingly rely on the internet to explore their options 90 percent of homes are found online. Hayes said that her company particularly emphasizes its web presence. At 1stchoicerealtor.com, customers can browse a large selection of properties in the Middle Tennessee area. With listings that range from large family farms to lakefront property, 1<sup>st</sup>

Choice Realtor is committed to finding the perfect property for you.

With a growing real estate market combined with the lowest interest rates in the history of home financing, today is the best time to make the most important purchase in your lifetime. Your home is your greatest asset and now is the time to invest. Call 455-8000 for more information.

For more than 40 years Daddy Billy's has been Tullahoma's premier live music venue. Established downtown in 1975 and re-imagined in 2012 under owner Nick Smith, Daddy Billy's sports both indoor and outdoor stages. The open air patio lets patrons enjoy the outdoors when weather permits while the indoor restaurant allows for year-round smoke-free enjoyment for all ages during the day and adults at night.

We are also proud of a menu that we believe is simply the best bar food for miles. While we have bar staples such as delicious handmade burgers, fries, wraps and sandwiches, we recently



expanded our menu to include numerous healthy options for the health conscious.

And what would live music and great food be without libations? Daddy Billy's carries a full bar with more than 50 craft or unique beers available on tap or in the bottle. We love our local brewers and support them to the fullest. We also support our American wines with an expanding wine selection currently highlighted by a full variety of award winning Wente wines direct from Livermore, California. Call 455-6195 for more information.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### FEBRUARY 28

Chamber Coffee at Daddy Billy's 11:00a  
119 NW Atlantic St.

#### March 7

Coffee County Day on the Hill TN State Capitol, Nashville

#### MARCH 8

BluBearz N Friends Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 1:00p  
(open house immediately following)  
112 S Collins Street

#### MARCH 28

Coffee hosted by Life Care Center 11:30a  
1715 N Jackson Street

#### April 11

3rd Annual Women Impacting the Community Awards Luncheon 12:00p Lakewood Golf & County Club

### AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH



Tameila Hampton  
Hampton Creek

I was born in Cleveland, Ohio but I grew up in Tullahoma. I have been in the retail business for the past 20 years.

My hobbies and interests include: decorating, handmade jewelry, traveling, and animal rights. I have a 4 legged child named Macy who has been with me over 8 years and does a "fabulous job" as Hampton Creek's door greeter.

My favorite thing about Tullahoma is that it's in an area that allows my business to thrive.

I started my retail business in February 2008. Initially, I started as a sterling silver and gemstone jewelry store. Over the years I expanded my merchandise to include fashion

jewelry and handbags. Then I added misses and plus size clothing and accessories. I am very passionate about my business since I started it from nothing. I work 80 hours a week at Hampton Creek so I don't have to work 40 hours a week for someone else.

My favorite Chamber event is the monthly Coffees because it allows me to network and socialize with new people and promote my store events.

My favorite thing about being an Ambassador is being informed about the new businesses in Tullahoma. As an Ambassador, we get to deliver new business packets and welcome them to our town.

The best advice I've ever been given is to "never fry bacon naked!"

My advice to other young professionals: "It isn't where you come from; it's where you're going that counts." - Ella Fitzgerald

### EVENT

#### Women Impacting the Community

Submit your nominations now for the 3rd Annual Women Impacting the Community Awards Luncheon. Visit our website at [www.tullahoma.org](http://www.tullahoma.org) to complete your nomination form.

Deadline for nominations is March 24th.

Save the date for the luncheon, Tuesday, April 11th at 12 noon at Lakewood Golf & Country Club. Visit our website to make your reservation, or contact the Chamber office!! Deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, April 4th.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a *marvelous* 2017 Membership Celebration night we had to end January! Melva Kinkel and her Celebration committee team did a splendid job planning the Mardi Gras Masquerade theme. The Chamber Directors, Jennifer, Hope, and Ashton, also came through with flying colors once again. Kudos to all the attendees, volunteers, and donors that made the night amazing.

American City Bank and Tennova Healthcare Harton were our prime sponsors and we thank them for their commitments. Silver Spoon Catering provided a tasty Cajun menu and RJ and Sande Hayes went above and beyond with an array of dazzling, festive decorations.

The THS Jazz Band set the tone for the evening proving that Mardi Gras is all about jazz. MC Bryan McAdams, laud-

ed L&H Distributing, Hayes Travel, John Greeter, Weichert Realtors, Joe Orr & Associates, Christopher Equipment, and KK's Loans, Music, & Jewelry for their key roles in making the event successful, along with photographer Chris Barstad of the *Tullahoma News*.

Retiring TACC Executive Director, Diane Bryant, highlighted 2016's successes, and 2016 TACC President Bill Yoder gave his farewell speech before presenting the President's Award to Jackie Lendley and the Ambassador of the Year Award to Danielle Middleton. Hope Sartin was introduced as the new TACC Executive Director, and I gave the 2017 Vision, before Diane was surprised with a 'Purple Reign' achievement award for her 12-year reign of service excellence to the TACC and our community.

Diane presented the 2016 award winners: CEO Business Partner of the Year: Ascend Federal Credit Union (Greg Davis); 2016 Business of the Year: Tullahoma Funeral Home; 2016 Extra Miler of the Year: Tullahoma Utilities Authority and Tullahoma Public Works for their superb response to the November tornado. Member's Choice Small Business of the Year: Rodney's Body Shop; and Citizen of the Year: Cat Murray. Congratulations to all the nights' big winners!

Our silent and live auctions were successful because of those who toiled collecting door prizes, and generous businesses who donated them and our auctioneers: BB Brown and Joe Orr. This event proved that TEAM-WORK does make the DREAM-WORK! Great job everyone.

If you are not currently a



Chamber member, we invite you to be. Many great benefits can be realized as part of a team which consists of over 400+ businesses and individual memberships. Join us on Tuesday, February 28th for our monthly Coffee co-hosted by 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Realtor and Daddy Billy's at Daddy Billy's. See you then!

Sincerely,  
Ken Keller  
2017 Chamber President

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Edward Jones – Joseph Mustain**  
1940 N Jackson St, Tullahoma  
931.454.2435  
Investment Services

**Great American Storage**  
806 N Davidson St, Tullahoma  
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Storage – Climate Controlled

**Highland Baptist Church of Tullahoma**  
808 West Hickory St, Tullahoma  
931.455.0645  
Service Organizations

**Mid-South Motorcycle Training Academy**  
6015 Ledford Mill Rd, Tullahoma  
931.472.7700  
Education

**Muse Montessori**  
120 Cedar Lane, Tullahoma  
931.224.8630  
Education

**The Flawless Boutique**  
212 NE Atlantic St, Tullahoma  
931.841.9667  
Retail

**Waffle House**  
1914 N Jackson St, Tullahoma  
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Restaurant/Catering

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