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# Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

December 2009

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## BREAKFAST MEETING

Tuesday  
December 8, 2009

7:30 AM

Hancock County Develop-  
ment Complex

Speakers:  
Southwire

Sponsored by:  
Southwire



## FROM THE PEN OF THE PRESIDENT

Welcome from the Hancock County Chamber President. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Rosemary Emmick, Optometrist for being recognized as the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month. See the article below for some background on this Hancock County business. It has been an interesting and challenging year for the businesses of Hancock County in 2009. We have begun to see some positive change in the business climate locally but we still have a long road ahead of us. One thing is certain about the future, change will

come. We may not have complete control of change but we do have control over our attitude toward change. I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving and has a very Merry Christmas. Thank you for your continued service to the people of Hancock County and your membership in the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce.

– Steve Smith



Steve J. Smith, Jr.  
Chamber President

## Business of the Month - Emmick Eye Care

Emmick Eye Care has been meeting the eye care needs of the residents of Hancock County since 1986. Originally located in downtown Hawesville, Rosemary Emmick began her practice after graduating from the University of Houston College of Optometry in 1985. Rosemary wanted to come back to her hometown of Hancock County where she was born

and raised. When she first started her practice in 1986, there were a couple of other optometrists who visited Hancock County a couple of days a week, but Rosemary was and still remains the only optometrist with a primary practice in Hancock County. Dr. Emmick also serves the residents of Breckinridge



County twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays, at the Hardinsburg Eye Care Center where she works with Dr. Baughn Sanders.

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## Business of the Month—Continued

In 2008, Emmick Eye Care moved into their new state of the art facility located at 115 Eastwind Court. Please join the Chamber in congratulating Emmick Eye Care as our December Business of the Month.



## Membership Renewal

Membership renewal will be coming up in January. The Chamber would like to thank each of our members for their continued support and we gladly welcome any feedback you give us to help us make the Chamber better. We hope you will renew your membership with the Chamber of Commerce. Now is a perfect time for new businesses to join the Cham-

## Merry Christmas



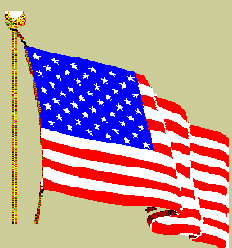
The Chamber office will be closed December 24th—25th for Christmas. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

## Breakfast Meeting

The next breakfast meeting of the Hancock county Chamber of Commerce will be Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at 7:30 a.m. at the Hancock County Development Complex. Our guest speaker will be a representative from Southwire Company. Come join the Chamber in celebrating Southwire's 40th Anniversary. The Chamber would also like to thank Southwire for sponsoring the breakfast.

## Upcoming Events

The annual Hawesville and Lewisport Christmas Parades will be held this Saturday, December 5th. Hawesville's Parade will start at 1:00 p.m. and Lewisport's Parade will begin at 4:00 pm.



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