

## Chamber of Commerce sees strong relationship with Partnership and Tourism Board as vital to county

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The Washington County Chamber of Commerce had approximately 25 people in attendance at its February meeting held at KD's Backroads on February 26. Chamber President Hank Jacoby was out of town due to a death in his family; Chamber Executive Secretary Laurie Carr conducted the meeting in Jacoby's absence.

Carr, recently appointed to the Tourism Board by the Washington County Board of Commissioners, told the group that efforts to explore ways in which the Chamber of Commerce, the Washington County Economic Growth Partnership, and the Washington County Tourism Board could complement one another to the betterment of the county are underway. Carr's upbeat assessment of the initial discussions between the three groups was reinforced by Partnership President Jess Helsel and Partnership Executive Director Jerry Rose.

In other business, Chamber Treasurer Reta Haub provided a report showing a current balance of \$8105.58 and payroll tax liability of \$5475.25.

Other announcements included:

Peebles Department Store will have its official ribbon cutting on April 30

Convenient Care is scheduled to open its doors on March 23. Both are located at Riverside Shops of Salem on South Main Street.

Shelby Fling will return to Salem again this year on May 15. Details are still being worked out as to the exact schedule of events featuring classic Ford Mustangs. Once that schedule has been confirmed local media sources will report it.

Chamber Board member Rhonda Green told members that she would help them set up blogs (web logs) to help promote their business.

An update on Partnership activities by Jerry Rose

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned but not before Cheryl Yates' name of Green Banner Publications was drawn as the winner of the door prize.