

HAWKINSVILLE/PULASKI COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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E-Letter

May/June 2011



Mary Therese Tebbe with 21st Century Partnership and Cori Beth Sutton, Miss Georgia Cotton's Outstanding Teen were the keynote speakers on Thursday, May 19th at the graduation of the Youth Leadership Pulaski County Class. The Youth Leadership class is sponsored by the Hawkinsville/Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce.

Nine students from Hawkinsville High School and one student from Westfield made up the class, which is aimed at enhancing the leadership skills and overall knowledge of exceptional students and leaders.

Left to right: Cori Beth Sutton, Victoria Whitehead, Staley Smith, Amber Holt, Hunter Bowen Pollock, Morgan Castleberry, DeCarla Jackson, Mellisa McLeod, Kirsten Burch, Darius Foster and Mary Therese Tebbe. Not shown was Josh Fountain.

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Hawkinsville upcoming events:

Hawkinsville Harvest Fest

Date TBA

Downtown Hawkinsville

10 AM – 5 PM

This is a fall festival which will be held in Historic Downtown Hawkinsville & in the Ocmulgee Market.

Local merchants & businesses open

Fine antiques, gifts, silver, jewelry, unique home interiors, gun & pawn shop, clothing, children's shop & children's gifts, toys, specialty embroidery & screening shop, pharmacy, florist, floor covering, paint, china, crystal, team spirit wear, gas, restaurants and more!

Arts, crafts, food, music, entertainment.

Ocmulgee Market – new Farmers Market Grand Opening. Corner of Broad Street / HWY 31 @ Houston St

Contact : **Hawkinsville Better Hometown (478) 783-9294**

Concert @ Old Opera House

42 N. Lumpkin Street

“Whitepath” - a Bluegrass concert

performance starts @ 7:30 PM

tickets \$18.00

Contact: **Hawkinsville Pulaski County Arts Council – Phone (478) 783-1884**

www.hawkinsvilleoperahouse.com

Pulaski Rivers Alive

*Annual Clean up of Ocmulgee River

Saturday, September 24, 2011

8:00 AM – 12:00 AM

* All Volunteers meet @ Mile Branch Landing ~ Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Park

on S. Jackson Street

Pulaski Rivers Alive Director, Chuck Southerland

Phone **(478) 892-5489**

pulaskiriversalive@comsouth.net

Hawkinsville Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 3, 2011

5:30 PM

Commerce Street ~ Historic Downtown Hawkinsville

Contact: **Hawkinsville Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce** for Parade Entry Applications

& more information. Phone **(478) 783-1717**

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Business of the Month

Kimberly's – April

Coley Insurance and Realty -May

Middle Georgia Technical College -June

Congratulations!

New Chamber Members

- **Wescott Sales and Service**
- **1st Franklin Financial**
- **Clark Funeral Home**
- **Dortch Insurance Agency**
- **Hawkinsville Hospice– George West**

**Welcome!
We Appreciate
Your
Membership!**



CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

- **La Cabana Mexican Restaurant**
- **Hawkinsville High School**
- **Way & Way**
- **Best Western**
- **Pulaski County Commission**
- **Johnson Electric**
- **The Columns of Georgia**
- **Hawkinsville Rotary Club**
- **Farmers Furniture**
- **Heart of Georgia Peanut & Gin**
- **Hawkinsville Dental Associates**
- **Middle Georgia Signs**
- **The Steak House**
- **Batts Drugs**
- **Up and Rolling Tire Center**
- **Harveys**

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Georgia is now among the top five U.S. states for film and TV production with more than 274 projects shot in the state since July 2010.

The Georgia Film Office released the following information on Friday, June 3, 2011 from its Atlanta office.

X-MEN: FIRST CLASS was filmed on Jekyll Island and other spots along Georgia's Coast in late 2010. This is the first of many Georgia-filmed movies slated to hit theatres in the next few months, including "The Change-Up" starring Ryan Reynolds and Jason Bateman on August 5; "Wanderlust" starring Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd on October 7; and a remake of "Footloose" will hit theatres on October 14.

Georgia can also be seen on television sets across the world with multiple television series now calling Georgia home. On May 30, VH1's first hour-long scripted series "Single Ladies" premiered; "Teen Wolf" will make its debut on MTV on June 5; and the third season of "Drop Dead Diva" will air on Lifetime on June 19. AMC's record-breaking "The Walking Dead," CW's "Vampire Diaries," The Discovery Channel's popular "Auction Kings" and BET's "The Game" have also set up shop here.

The 2008 Georgia Entertainment Industry Investment Act helped the state's entertainment industry achieve record numbers. Georgia is now among the top five states in the nation for film and TV production with more than 274 productions shot in Georgia from July 2010 through April 2011, bringing in more than \$589.2 million in investment to Georgia. These projects have generated an economic impact of \$2.1 billion.

The Georgia Entertainment Industry Investment Act provides an income tax credit of 20 percent to qualified productions, and an additional 10 percent tax credit to productions that embed a Georgia promotional logo in the titles or credits, or as product placement within the content of the production. The tax credits may be awarded not only to traditional feature films, television series, commercials and music videos, but also to innovative new industries such as video game development and animation.

Additional Georgia-filmed movies that have had box office success in recent months include "Fast Five," "Water for Elephants," Robert Redford's "The Conspirator," Tyler Perry's "Madea's Big Happy Family," "Get Low," and "Due Date."

About GDEcD

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) is the state's sales and marketing arm, the lead agency for attracting new business investment, encouraging the expansion of existing industry and small businesses, locating new markets for Georgia products, attracting tourists to Georgia, and promoting the state as a location for film, music and digital entertainment projects, as well as planning and mobilizing state resources for economic development.

Hawkinsville-Pulaski County is a Camera Ready Community.



Macon Small Business Development Workshops

July-September 2011

Alternative Financing in Today's Market Place

Most companies need working capital to conduct their day-to-day operations. This program discusses the use of working capital term loans to finance these operations. You will want to attend this informative program if you are considering starting a new business venture or have the need for additional working capital for your existing business. Come join us help you grow your small business into the future.

Tuesday, July 26 10:00am-12:00pm
Macon SBDC Office
4875 Riverside Drive, Suite 202
478-757-3609

* Starting a Business

If you are considering starting a small business, then this workshop is a crucial first step. Topics for discussion include the traits of successful entrepreneurs, market research, legal structures for your business, estimating start-up costs and cash flow projection, financing alternatives, failure factors, and business planning. Since lack of planning is one of the top reasons new businesses fail, attending this comprehensive workshop may be one of the most important decisions you make prior to opening your business. A detailed business start-up workbook and other handouts are provided.

August 23 6:00pm-9:00pm
Pre-Registration Fee \$69

Register Online at www.georgiasbdc.org/ce/macon.

Coming This Fall! **FastTrac® NewVenture™**

The Macon Small business Development Center is planning to offer the successful **FastTrac® NewVenture™** entrepreneurial training program. This is an award winning, proven program developed for those in business for two years or less.

If you can dream it, you can do it!

Owning your own business is the American dream, but building it to withstand the test of time takes a unique set of tools. **FastTrac® NewVenture™** will show you the way.

All About Certifications

Attend this seminar and learn about the various certifications available for small businesses. Programs discussed will include:

- 8(a) - SBA minority designation for procurement bids/contracting
- DOT/DOAS - Department of Transportation Department of Administrative Services
- WBE - Woman Business Enterprise
- MBE - Minority Business Enterprise
- GMSDC - Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council

Participants will gain a better understanding of certifications, what certifications (if any) might be appropriate for their business and opportunities to grow their business through effective use of certifications.

The seminar will be taught by SBDC business consultant and certification expert Lloyd Atkins. Mr. Atkins has over 26 years of expertise in the areas of certifications and business consulting. He also teaches the 8(a) Certification prerequisite course for the Atlanta SBA District Office.

The morning session will cover 8(a) and the other certifications will be covered in the afternoon.

The cost for this all day session is \$35 which includes a box lunch. Paid pre-registration is required to reserve your seat.

Wednesday, August 10 8:00am-4:00pm
Macon SBDC Office

Register Online at www.georgiasbdc.org/ce/macon

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Evaluate your concept and develop plans to move forward
 Acquire a working knowledge of business fundamentals
 Build an infrastructure for business operations and processes

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Georgia Work Ready Update

On Thursday, May 12, at the Sam Way learning Center, Melvin Everson, Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Development presented the Chamber of Commerce the official proclamation declaring Pulaski County as "Work Ready".

Hawkinsville/Pulaski County became a Certified Work Ready Community in January, 2010. The certification process was very extensive and took over 18 months to complete. On May 12, 2011 Melvin Everson, Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Development presented the Hawkinsville/Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce the official proclamation.

Georgia Work Ready was created to ensure that Georgia's workers have the best skills, easy access to training and world class opportunities. The back bone of the initiative is the worker certification program that accesses the real world skills of Georgia's workers and provides valuable job training. That, combined with an innovative job profiling process that accurately identifies what kind of worker a company needs, is helping Georgia workers find great jobs and realize a better quality of life.

Bobberthon Fishing Tournament deadline was June 11, 2011

The Grand Tournament will be held June 25th at Flat Creek PFA, Perry, GA. This event is only for registered anglers that catch and report a tagged fish during Bobberthon.

Nine tagged fish were caught and registered in Pulaski County

We would like to thank our **Registration Location Sponsors:**

Hawkinsville Dispatch and News
Batts Drugs
Up and Rolling Tire Center
Harris Kuntry Meats and Grocery
KidStuff

