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HCC PRESENTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Historic Chattahoochee Commission (HCC) recognized two individuals at its 24th Annual Supper Meeting in Auburn, Alabama on October 5th. A beautiful four-inch bronze medallion, sculpted with the relief of a Chattahoochee River steamboat, was presented to Newell Floyd of Opelika, Alabama and Vance Smith of Pine Mountain, Georgia.



Photo courtesy of
Mac Moye, Lumpkin, GA

Newell Floyd, accepting the HCC achievement award at the annual meeting

Newell Floyd was recognized for his dedicated efforts to record and research the history of Lee County and East Alabama. Mr. Floyd has been involved with a variety of history related programs and projects in East Alabama for years. He wrote many articles for **The Heritage of Lee County** and served as the committee treasurer. The Lee County Historical Society, The Genealogical Society of East Alabama and The Museum of East Alabama have all benefited from his volunteer work. He currently serves as treasurer of the Genealogical Society of East Alabama and has contributed numerous articles on genealogy for their publication, **Tap Roots**. In addition he is active in the First United Methodist Church of Opelika and has written about the early origins of the church. In recent months he has become an enthusiastic grave dowser which is helpful in his efforts to locate unmarked graves in area cemeteries for friends and genealogists who contact him for assistance. Mr. Floyd is also a former board member of the Historic Chattahoochee Commission.

Vance Smith was recognized for his resolute and vigorous support for the heritage-tourism needs of Legislative District 129 and the Chattahoochee Valley. Representative Smith has long held a special interest in the land and history of Harris, Troup and Muscogee Counties and the surrounding area. In the Georgia General Assembly he serves on the Appropriations, Economic Development and Tourism and Rules Committees. In addition he chairs the Transportation Committee. When the General Assembly is not in session he earns a living as the owner of Vance Smith Construction Company which has been a fixture in Harris



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Vance Smith, accepting the HCC achievement award at the annual meeting

County for 55 years. Despite this hectic life-style, Mr. Smith always finds time to meet with and listen to the concerns of his constituents. He has been a major champion of the Historic Chattahoochee Commission since his election to the Georgia General Assembly in 1992.

More than 150 people attended the HCC's 24th annual meeting at the Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center which featured a keynote address on the Alabama hospitality industry by Lee Sentell, Director of the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel.

SEVEN ORGANIZATIONS TO RECEIVE HCC SEED GRANTS

Seven Chattahoochee Valley organizations are to receive matching grant monies under the Historic Chattahoochee Commission's (HCC) Seed Grant Program. The program was established twenty-one years ago to assist in the funding and development of various heritage tourism projects within the Commission's eighteen county bi-state region. Applications from qualifying non-profit "organizations are reviewed on a competitive basis. Grants awarded this year ranged from \$500 to \$2,000.

Henry County Historical Group Abbeville, Alabama

\$1,250 to design and erect directional signs to guide visitors and area residents to town sites in Henry County that no longer exist. Each sign will display the name of the town and the dates that a post office operated there.

Fort Gaines Historical Society Fort Gaines, Georgia

\$2,000 to assist with the restoration of the site and graves located in the "Old Pioneer Cemetery" within the city limits of Fort Gaines, Georgia. This project is designed to provide a venue to attract tourists, stimulate local interest in preservation and history and instill a sense of pride within the local community.

Archives of Wiregrass History & Culture Troy University - Dothan, Alabama

\$500 for a "Church Documentation Project of Houston and Dale Counties (AL)" which is a "windshield survey" of church buildings and grounds in these two counties. Completed reports will be available for research in the Archives of Wiregrass History and Culture.

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ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION SELECTS NEUBAUER AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Colonel John A. Neubauer joined the Alabama Historical as executive director on September 5. For the past two years, the position had been filled on an interim basis first by Dr. Ed Bridges, an AHC Commissioner who also heads the Alabama Department of Archives and History, and then Elizabeth Brown, the AHC's deputy director. The Commission has not had a permanent director since Lee Warner resigned on August 20, 2004.

Prior to retiring from the Air Force last year, Neubauer was a career military officer. His last duty assignment was as the commander, 42nd Air Base Wing, Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery. As such, he was responsible for overseeing all functions on Maxwell and Gunter Annex that directly support Air University, Standard Systems Group and all other organizations assigned to these facilities.

Neubauer entered the Air Force in 1978 as a distinguished graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. Upon graduation from pilot training, he served as a T-37 and T-38 instructor pilot and functional check flight pilot. He has also served as an A/OA-10 instructor pilot, flight examiner, flight commander, operations officer and squadron commander. Other assignments include duty as an action officer in the Directorate of Operations, Headquarters Air Force, aide-de-camp to the commander in chief, United Nations Command in Seoul, Korea, commander of the Air Support Operations Group in Heidelberg, Germany, commander of the Air Force ROTC detachment at Duke University and deputy director of operations, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command.

Neubauer's educational background includes a Bachelor's degree in mathematics, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado (1978), Master's degree in systems management, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California (1985), Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama (1990), and a Master's degree in national security and strategic studies, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island (1998). His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster. In the year since he retired, he has worked for a defense contractor on a software project from his home in Prattville.

He told the Alabama Historical Commission's Search Committee that "My goal is, in five years, to have a bumper sticker that reads: 'Alabama Historical Commission: Best in the Nation.'"



Colonel John A. Neubauer

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Ozark-Dale County Public Library Ozark, Alabama

\$1,000 for the purchase of flat map drawer file cabinets and supplies for more than 120 maps in storage in the Creel Richardson Room. These maps are from the collections of Creel Richardson and Judge Val McGee. The file cabinets will provide a storage system for preserving and archiving the maps.

Historic Westville, Inc. Lumpkin, Georgia

\$1,500 for the printing of new Westville educational program brochures. This printing will allow Westville to distribute brochures to public, private and home schools within a 150-mile driving radius including areas within the tri-state region of Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

Barbour County Governor's Trail Council Clayton, Alabama

\$2,000 for the printing and distribution of brochures and posters promoting the Barbour County Governor's Trail Scenic Byway and the play, "Wallace/the Clayton Years".

Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center Columbus, Georgia

\$1,115 for the construction of a reproduction southeastern style dugout canoe. Teachers and the public will be engaged to reproduce the canoe using a large oak tree recently felled by a storm. Such canoes were used by Native Americans for transportation and hunting fish with a spear, bow and arrows or with hooks made from antlers or bones.

In the last twenty-one years, the HCC has distributed more than \$120,200 to 64 different groups in its eighteen county region.

NEWSLETTER

The Historic Chattahoochee Commission (HCC), an agency of the states of Alabama and Georgia, is involved in the promotion of tourism and historic preservation throughout the lower Chattahoochee Valley.

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GUEST COLUMN

Travel Writers Visit Our Region

By Hank Arnold

Executive Director, Pine Mountain Tourism Association



Hank Arnold

The impact of tourism to Georgia's economy is far reaching. According to the Georgia Department of Economic Development, tourism is the second largest industry in the state, accounting for the development of over 200,000 tourism-related job opportunities. In a time of continued economic uncertainty across our nation, the driving force that is tourism has proven to be vital to our home state and to those who view tourism in Georgia as irrelevant to their existence. It is important to note that tourism and visitor expenditures save tax dollars, approximately \$380 in savings on taxes per household.

To promote tourism and its dramatic impact on our state, it is vital to showcase Georgia through the implementation of creative and exciting marketing initiatives. As director of the Pine Mountain Tourism Association, this is what I concentrate on

every day. Although there are countless ways of supporting the tourism industry in our region, we have recently made the decision to partner with the Historic Chattahoochee Trace FAM Tour or Familiarization Tour - a term widely used in the tourism industry. The purpose of this event is to invite travel writers from various regions who are on the staff of, or write for, travel and lifestyle publications such as Southern Living, Travel and Leisure magazine, The Atlanta Journal & Constitution and many others. As a result, the FAM tour will generate media coverage, promoting continued awareness of and interest in our region. While taking part in the tour, participants will have the opportunity to experience my town of Pine Mountain and Callaway Gardens as well as other communities in the Historic Chattahoochee Trace. There is no better way to show off the unique beauty and excitement of our region than to have the story told to literally hundreds of thousands of readers in all areas of the country, with particular emphasis in the Southeast.

Not only does the FAM Tour familiarize journalists with our area, therefore spreading the word to countless other potential visitors, it also allows us to advertise ourselves in a way that would normally be financially impossible. When tourist destinations set out to market their region, it is often challenging to effectively advertise in the desired manner due when ad rates for many of these publications are too high for some communities. Partnering a FAM Tour, though, serves as a means of drawing these media to our area, in a way that is affordable, yet remarkably effective.

Through this upcoming FAM Tour, we will not only have the opportunity to present the beauty of our area to the media through visiting journalists, but in the end, we'll be able to reach hundreds of thousands of prospective visitors and tourists who might not otherwise have ever heard of our region. And we know from past experience that once the visitor comes, the hospitality and beauty of our region will keep them coming back.

We are very excited about this partnership opportunity with our neighboring communities and hope it will benefit everyone in our region.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Frank Lewis, of LaGrange, Georgia, a long-time teacher, librarian and sports official, died October 25 at West Georgia Medical Center. Lewis, 75, who had been diagnosed with stomach cancer in March, served as grand marshal of the 2005 Sweet Land of Liberty Parade in downtown LaGrange. He moved to LaGrange to teach sixth grade at Kelly Grammar School. Lewis was a librarian at LaGrange High School and was library director at LaGrange College from 1974-1996. He served on the public library board and was honored by the LaGrange College Friends of the Library. His wife Laura, who died in 2003, was associate director of LaGrange Memorial Library, where the children's section is named in her honor. A Columbus native, Lewis helped found the local baseball association and was an umpire for 15 years, as well as a football referee. For many years, he organized officiating for the Troup County Recreation Commission's adult and youth basketball programs. An avid golfer

since age 11, Lewis served on the board of The First Tee of Troup County golf program for youth. At the time of his death, Lewis was serving as a board member of the Historic Chattahoochee Commission.

The Harris County Chamber of Commerce has tapped Lynda Dawson of Pine Mountain Valley as its third executive director. Dawson served on the staff of former US Rep. Mac Collins, worked for 12 years at Callaway Gardens and most recently was general manager of Pine Mountain Club Chalet Resort. She served as community relations manager, tourism manager and annual giving manager during her Callaway Gardens tenure. Dawson has worked with Pine Mountain Heritage Inc. to help beautify Pine Mountain. She serves on the Harris County Development Authority, is a graduate of Leadership Harris County and the Economic Development Leadership

Program. She served on the Harris County Comprehensive Plan Committee that worked to revise the county's land-use plan. She is the 2006 chairwoman of the "Sweet Home Dinner" for the American Cancer Society.

Melvin Prince has been selected as Westville's new maintenance manager. He is from Shellman, Georgia and joined the Westville staff in May, 2006 with over 30 years experience as a private contractor. "I am very pleased to have Mr. Prince join the staff of Westville," said Leo Goodsell, Westville's executive director. "He comes with decades of construction experience as well as knowledge and appreciation of rural Georgia life." Prince personally conducted the repair and restoration of the McDonald House, Grimes-Feagin House, Bryan House and Singer Gates, with many more projects to come. When not working at Westville, Mr. Prince preaches at the Lion

TOURISM & PRESERVATION NEWS

One of Alabama's last remaining historic covered bridges is being pieced together. The 105-year-old Salem-Shotwell Covered Bridge still sits in a parking lot behind the old Lowe's store in Opelika. Preservationist John Marsh says the bridge will soon look like its former self. For the past several months, nearly 100 people have worked to reconstruct the bridge, which collapsed last June following a thunderstorm. After its restoration, it will be moved to the Opelika Municipal Park. Recently Senator Ted Little and the Historic Chattahoochee Commission announced a major grant to the City of Opelika for the restoration of the bridge. For more information on the bridge or to make a donation to assist with its restoration, call the Opelika Kiwanis Club at (334) 745-4567.

On August 31, the renovated "Ma" Rainey House opened to the public as a museum in honor of the woman who became known as the "Mother of the Blues" in the early years of the twentieth century. Today, the house has new paint outside and a paved parking lot. Inside the restored structure, Rainey's music will play as visitors can look at period furniture (including Rainey's own bedroom suit and piano), old records, photos and other artifacts. The \$300,000 renovation was funded half by a grant from the National Park Service and half by city sales tax money set aside for Liberty District improvements. In 1991, the City of Columbus spent about \$96,000 to purchase and stabilize the house. Rainey, born Gertrude Pridgett, built the 2,000-square-foot house and lived in it after she retired, from 1935 until her death in 1939. Among her many songs is "See-See Rider," which became an R&B staple recorded by dozens of artists. She's long been recognized as a legendary blues pioneer outside of Columbus, but that reputation often is not appreciated in the city limits, according to local officials.

On October 29, the Union Springs Baptist Church, Henry County Historical Group and the Historic Chattahoochee Commission unveiled a new historical marker, which spotlights Union Springs Missionary Baptist Church and Cemetery in Henry County.



Photo courtesy of Ron Thomas, Abbeville, AL

Dr. James David Griffin, Doug Purcell and Larry Smith at the unveiling of the Union Springs historical marker

The Church was organized on September 19, 1896 and was named for the nearby bubbling springs which came together and were thus called "Union Springs." Members were baptized in a pool of water that formed below these springs.

The Comfort Inn in Dothan, Alabama has received a 2006 Platinum Hospitality Award from Choice Hotels International, Inc., one of the world's largest lodging franchisors. This year, all Choice Hotels properties were judged based on a customer focused awards process that measured the hotel's ability to meet guest needs. The Dothan Comfort Inn earned this prestigious award because it was among the top hotels in the Choice family of brands, meeting several key thresholds important to achieving guest satisfaction. First, the hotel scored high marks for cleanliness and property maintenance. Second, they maintained a low ratio of guest complaints. Third, they had no more than one "unresponsive" guest complaint on record over the last year. Fourth, the hotel met or exceeded Comfort Inn standards and fulfilled all promises of Comfort Inn to customers. Finally, guest surveys revealed that they were much more likely to recommend this hotel to friends and family following their stay because of the great experience they had. Only five percent of properties in the Choice Hotels system were awarded the exclusive Choice Platinum Award this year.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History has announced the resumption of Saturday services in October. Starting October 7, 2006, the Research Room and Museum will

be open each Saturday from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. The Department will remain closed on Sundays, and the Research Room is closed on Mondays. The Department is also closed on all state holidays designated by legislation or by the Governor's Office. This resumption of services was made possible through funding in the 2007 budget recommended by Governor Riley and approved by the Legislature in the last session of the Alabama Legislature. Check the Archives' website for the latest schedule, including information on state holidays: www.archives.alabama.gov/intro/hours.html

Members, former members and friends of the Hurtsboro United Methodist Church joined together on October 22 for a Centennial Homecoming Celebration. The centennial theme was "The Treasure of a Good Foundation." Featured speaker at this special service was Bishop Larry Goodpaster, of the Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. During the ceremony, a specially made copper time capsule was inserted into the front wall of the church in place of an old tin box capsule that was removed in late August. A large crowd enjoyed the remarks



George Chambliss, Chairman of the Trustees, holds the HUMC copper time capsule. To his right are Bishop Larry Goodpaster of the AL/West FL Conference of the United Methodist Church and Doug Purcell, Executive Director of the HCC. Rev. Keith Turner, pastor of the Hurtsboro United Methodist Church is standing next to the railing.

of Bishop Goodpaster and the Reverend Keith Turner, pastor of the church. They later enjoyed dinner on the grounds.

The Calvin Bullock Log Cabin, located in the Eufaula vicinity of Barbour County, was recently approved by the Alabama Historical Commission for listing on the National

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Register of Historic Places. Built in the late 19th century, the cabin is a locally significant example of a dogtrot or central passage log cabin. During the 19th century, this form proliferated in Barbour County. Today, there are few examples that remain. This example is noteworthy since it retains the open-ended central hall.

Philip Adams, president of the Historic Columbus Foundation board of directors, recently received \$29,000 raised for the Foundation from the 2005 Steeplechase. At the September board meeting of the Foundation, Mr. Adams also received a check for \$35,300 in proceeds from the 2006 Heritage Ball.

The Harris County Commission unanimously approved an application and resolution recently supporting Callaway Gardens' request to seek state permission to add some 2,000 acres of forest land into a conservation easement. The property lies at the end of the Appalachian Mountains and where Georgia's Piedmont and Coastal Plain regions overlap. Callaway already had placed some 2,000 acres in conservation easement, which means it will remain in its natural, undeveloped state forever. The property has been in the Ida Cason Callaway Foundation's name.

The Barbour County Genealogy and Local History Society and the Friends of the Eufaula Carnegie Library Genealogy Committee have recently released the History of Barbour County, Alabama by Lewy Dorman. This long-awaited publication of the manuscript, completed in 1932, by Lewy Dorman, allows readers access to details of the early settlement of what is now Barbour County, Alabama. Covering events and inhabitants from the early 1800s to the 1930s, it should be a "welcome and important resource for anyone interested in the early history of Barbour County and the people who lived there." The book retails for \$40 postpaid or \$37.50 if hand delivered. Checks should be made payable to Friends/Genealogy/Book. Contact Erma Vandenberg at (334) 687-7179 to order your copy of the book.

James Edgar Coleman, of Fort Gaines, Georgia, has recently released a new book entitled, "Daddy, Write That Down." The 162-page spiral-bound publication details life growing up in Clay County and Fort Gaines, Georgia. This is at least the third publication by Mr. Coleman. Earlier he published "God's Unfinished Land: Events Effecting Pioneer South Georgia" and "The Bluff and Fort Gaines, Georgia." Copies of "Daddy, Write That Down" are available for \$12 postpaid from Mr. Coleman at P. O. Box 298, Fort Gaines, GA 39851.

Several communities in the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Development Center region have received FY 06-07 Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding through the Georgia Department of Transportation for various transportation-related improvements. Columbus-Muscookee County received three awards: \$800,000 for improvements to the Columbus Riverwalk at the 13th Street bridge and 14th Street pedestrian bridge; \$200,000 for restoration and preservation of the Columbus Depot; and \$1,000,000 for Phase II streetscape improvements along Veterans Parkway. Clay County received \$400,000 for Phase I of the multi-use (cycling and pedestrian) Phenomenon Trail, and the City of Cuthbert received \$200,000 for downtown streetscape improvements.

The National Infantry Museum project recently received a major shot in the arm, one that may go far beyond a \$1 million donation by Korean electronics manufacturer Samsung and a \$1 million pledge by Schuster Enterprises, the local Burger King operator. The National Infantry Foundation is hoping the large commitments will send a clear signal that the \$85 million museum—when it opens in early 2008—will have national and international appeal as a tourist attraction. The foundation also is banking on the donations helping to spur other Columbus-area corporate and private donors to open their wallets and put the fundraising effort over the top. The money from Samsung and Schuster Enterprises brings the total raised so far to \$52 million. The 160,000-square-foot museum—which replaces

an aging facility on Fort Benning's Main Post—is being constructed on 200 acres between Benning Boulevard and South Lumpkin Road. A Columbus State University study estimates the interactive museum and the adjacent Heritage Park will attract as many as 500,000 visitors each year. The annual economic impact on the city is pegged at \$50 million, with 400 to 500 jobs being created.

Museum exhibit consultants, architects, and members of the fundraising committee of Museum on Main: A History Museum for West Georgia are all hard at work helping the museum move closer to reality. The museum will be located on the first floor of 136 Main Street in LaGrange. The Troup County Archives will move from the first to the second floor of this 1917 building constructed to house LaGrange National Bank. The museum is a project of the Troup County Historical Society, which also operates the Troup County Archives. Members of the Historical Society's Board of Trustees decided a couple of years ago that a steam engine in the basement of the old Newman Construction Company building on East Depot Street would be the "centerpiece" for the museum's long-term exhibit area. However, in February of this year, members of the Museum Committee learned that the steam engine would be unavailable. A new centerpiece emphasizing the "wheels of change" theme is being developed. Museum fundraising is also progressing. Almost \$1 million has been raised for the project. Additional funds are currently being sought. Jenny Copeland is the chair of the Fundraising Committee. Mrs. Copeland noted that, "Now is an exciting time to be located in downtown LaGrange. The Troup County Government Center is complete, as is the renovated athletic club. The new Carmike Theaters and the parking deck at Broome and Morgan Street should be completed this fall. Museum on Main and the renovated Troup County Archives will add even more activity and people to downtown. Visitors and long-term residents alike will have a place to go to learn more about the heritage of the area."



THE CHATTAHOOCHEE POOCHIE NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

*Please Consider Becoming a Member
of the Historic Chattahoochee Commission*

All memberships are fully tax-deductible.
If you haven't already done so,
won't you consider renewing your membership
at this time?

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE DETAILS

The Historic Chattahoochee Commission began its annual membership drive in October. Our goal for 2006-2007 is 500 total members. We urge you to consider increasing your level of membership giving this year. If you would like, fill out the form below and mail it in with your payment. Or to make a renewal even easier, you can call the HCC at (334) 687-9755 and put your membership renewal on your credit card.

With your membership in the Historic Chattahoochee Commission, you will receive our monthly calendar of events, quarterly newsletter, 20% discount on our publications, and an invitation to our annual meeting held in September or October of each year.

THE CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP ARE:

Businesses.....	\$50
Financial Institutions	\$100
Historical/Preservation Societies (by Membership)	
Under 100.....	\$50
Over \$100	\$100
Individual	
Single.....	\$15
Family.....	\$25
Restaurants (by seats)	
Under 50.....	\$50
Over 50	\$100

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Level of Membership

All memberships are tax deductible. Mail checks to the HCC at P. O. Box 33, Eufaula, AL 36072-0033 or P. O. Box 942, LaGrange, GA 30241 or you can charge to your credit card.

2006 - 2007 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

(Listing date: July 6, 2005 – November 28, 2006)

RENEWALS

- Dr. Becky Champion
- LaVerne Wright
- Donalsonville-Seminole County Chamber of Commerce
- Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc.
- Polyengineering, Inc.
- Randolph County Historical Society
- Chattahoochee County Historic Preservation Society
- Cliff C. Glover
- Col. M. Reid Wallis
- Tommy and Ann Ballenger
- Whigham and Imogene Mixson
- Betty S. Brown
- William and Brenda Howell
- Eleanor Harris Family
- Van Smith
- Jerry Beasley
- Dr. Charles S. Otto
- Terry and Anmarie Honan
- Tim and Joy Glover Family
- Ronnie and Judy Marshall
- Lindy Money
- Carolyn Hutcheson
- Gary and Laura Fuller
- Lt. Col. (Ret.) Dick and Deanna Grube
- Register Realty Company
- Bill and Pat Wentz
- Tim Beasley
- Al and Gloria Fleming
- David and Trish Strobel
- J. Newell Floyd
- Willette and Tom Chesnutt
- Dr. and Mrs. Danny L. Hartzog
- James and Janice Biggers
- Ruth Ann and Lamar Powers
- George and Ramona Wright
- Bob and Barbara Patton
- Bill Dillard, Jr.
- Elizabeth Lipscomb
- Best Western Dothan Inn and Suites
- Tom and Carolyn Gates
- Willie Marie Porter
- Jeff and Carol Jakeman
- Jim and Linda Straub
- Virginia P. Freeman
- Ms. Armeto C. Reynolds
- Bob and Betsy Powers
- Charles and Regina Garrett
- Fred and Judy Tye
- Dr. Horace Holderfield
- Calvin and Pat Wingo
- Betty A. Shackelford
- Mr. and Mrs. Mike Murphree
- T. Larry Smith

- Jacquelyn Cook
- Earl and Roberta Hyers
- Henry County Historical Group
- Roberta Childs
- Marjorie Gay
- Roger B. Davis
- Jack and Sandy Jordan
- Elizabeth Y. Davis
- Mr. and Mrs. Sam Marley
- Pat Schiller
- Dr. Hugh Rodgers
- Miss Virginia Harvey
- Marilyn Crapps
- Neal Rumble
- Gloria K. Jones
- Great Southern Wood Preserving
- Stewart County Historical Commission
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Methvin
- William F. Church
- Abbeville Chamber of Commerce
- Farmers Exchange Bank
- The Columbus Museum
- Anderson Construction Company
- Jim and Marianne Phillips
- Clay County Commission
- Ozark-Dale County Public Library
- Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Charter Bank
- Rich Daniels and Marilyn Weeks
- City of Abbeville
- Lester and Catherine Killebrew
- Leonard and Frances Messer
- Eufaula Heritage Association
- Edna Bush
- Stewart County Commission
- Mountain Hill Schoolhouse Foundation
- Tim French

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

- Caitlin Money and Jonathon Towns Powell
- V. Hawley Smith
- Eugenie Tyree
- Dr. and Mrs. Werner Linz
- Dr. Leland M. Park
- Kaye and Greg Minchew
- Dr. and Mrs. Cliff Rainey
- Lewis Banks
- LaFayette Rotary Club
- Pam Snead
- Bill English
- Arnie Meagher and Jackie Devlin
- Maryalice Lenmark
- Mr. and Mrs. Earl P. Cook
- James and Virginia Weldon
- Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith Lanier, II

- Charles and Isabelle Knight
- Jane Weathers Gore
- Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor
- Dr. and Mrs. William B. Fackler
- Charles T. Creekman
- Jane Crayton Davis
- Betsy D. Moultrie
- Henry Labiche
- Clara Daniel
- Lillian Cobb
- Bob and Judy Ellis
- Claud Brown
- Margaret Russell
- Justice and Mrs. Gorman Houston, Jr.
- Chambers County Commission
- Alto L. Jackson
- Dr. Ann B. Pearson
- Mac Davis
- Jim Martin
- Robert W. Davis
- Florence Foy Strang
- Manonia Snell
- Sam and Ann Singer
- Mr. and Mrs. Mac Moyer
- Harris County Chamber of Commerce
- Dahlia Dykes
- Walter and Dancy Stroman
- Ernest and Jeanne Koone
- Wiregrass Museum of Art
- William and Mary Ann Hudson
- The Gates House Bed and Breakfast, LLC
- Historic Westville, Inc.
- Sue T. Rye
- John and Eve McKibben
- Orren and Patricia Gilbert
- Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Newman
- John Ross
- Mr. and Mrs. Billy Houston
- Ann Petry
- Sam Kates
- Arnold D. Leak
- Charles D. Beall
- Dave and Mary Barrows
- Mrs. Al Folger
- Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Edelson
- A. Stephen Johnson
- Katherine Cook
- James E. Coleman
- Columbus Historic District Preservation Society, Inc.
- The Honorable Jack T. Brinkley
- Ethel W. Foley
- MidSouth Bank
- City of Lanett
- Seminole County Commission
- LaGrange-Troup County Chamber of Commerce

- Opelika Chamber of Commerce
- City of Donalsonville
- City of Fort Gaines
- BankTrust
- City of Eufaula
- Senator Ted Little
- Blakely-Early County Chamber of Commerce
- Clyde Hennies, HGI
- Ann McNorton
- Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Unified Government

SPECIAL GIFTS

- Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith Lanier, II
- Claud Brown
- Eleanor Harris
- Tim and Joy Glover Family
- Robert W. Davis
- Carolyn Hutcheson
- Gary and Laura Fuller
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MEMORIALS

- In Memory of John & Lois Purcell
by: Ethel Purcell Morris

GIFTS IN KIND

- The Image Agency

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Hope Missionary Church in Cordele, Georgia.

Matthew "Mac" Moye has been named as the new Stewart County manager. He will be the first non-elected official to serve as county manager in Stewart County. "I have roots going back in both Randolph and Stewart Counties to the 1830's. This area is my home. Being the Stewart County manager is a natural progression for me. My generation must prepare the way for the next," stated Moye. For the past 26 years, Mac Moye has served as the executive director of Historic Westville, Inc., an 1850's village featuring restored buildings that show life in rural southwest Georgia. Moye brings years of experience as an advocate and proponent of heritage tourism to the county. Stewart County encompasses 463 square miles of land with 293,600 acres, most of which is timberland. The population is approximately 5,250 with a county budget of \$3.3 million.

William Davidson, a long-time member of the Lee County Historical Society and Chattahoochee Valley Historical Society

passed away on August 30, 2006. He authored many books on local history including Pine Log and Greek Revival. In 1993, the Historic Chattahoochee Commission honored him "in recognition of his dedicated efforts to chronicle the architectural and general history of the Chattahoochee Valley."

The winners of the Alabama Tourism Partnership Award and the Alabama Travel Council Award were, respectively, Patti Culp and Bob Hendrix. Culp is the executive director of the Alabama Travel Council and one of the founding members of the Alabama Tourism Partnership. She has been active in the organization's efforts to pass the Alabama Tourism Development Act, legislation that, if passed, will provide economic incentives for the development of tourist attractions. She has coordinated the legislative Alabama Tourism Bash for the past six years and is chair of the House Tourism and Travel's Advisory Committee. Hendrix is the executive director of the Dothan Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and serves on the board of the Historic Chattahoochee Commission.

He has been an active ATC board member for the past four years, has served as vice-president of the southern district, and has chaired most ATC committees. He has been proactive on the Tourism Incentive Bill and other legislative issues affecting the industry.

In what he called "the most special night I've experienced in my career," Barry Kraselsky accepted Marriot International's Community Service Award from Bill Marriott on behalf of all Larry Blumberg Associates at Marriott's 2006 select-service and extended-stay Owners Conference held in May in Tucson, Arizona. The award recognizes the franchise company that best demonstrates and supports its and Marriott's values of community service through employee volunteerism, in-kind donations and overall "Spirit To Serve" initiatives.



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