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## Henry County Development Authority and Chamber Celebrate Industry Appreciation Week

Existing businesses are a fundamental driver of both the local and state economy. In honor of our local businesses, Henry County will celebrate Industry Appreciation Week – April 12-16, 2010. Industry Appreciation Week provides an opportunity to say “thank you” to businesses, as well as a chance to build awareness among Henry County residents of these industries’ many contributions to our community.

The list of Henry County industries reads like a “Who’s Who” of some of the world’s

top corporate names. Recent additions to Henry County’s growing corporate base include companies such as Whirlpool and Inline Plastics Corporation while Briggs and Stratton, Toppan and Nestlé have called Henry County home for many years. Henry County is home to 64 large industries providing over 10,000 jobs in our community.

Although large industries contribute significantly, small businesses are also a driving force of the County’s economy. In fact, 91 percent of the businesses in Henry

County employ less than 19 employees. “We are proud of the businesses and industries in Henry County,” said Henry County Development Authority Chairman Jim White. “Large and small, they are equally important to our community. They are the lifeblood of Henry County.”

We salute all industries during Industry Appreciation Week and we are especially proud of the following Chamber members:



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# Chairman's Message

By Andy Welch

## Lessons Learned from the STARs

Too often the voices of our youngest citizens are discounted as naïve or unimportant. As adults with busy schedules, deadlines, important projects and frequent meetings, we often have very little interaction with some of the best and brightest citizens in our community...our young people. When we do, we may be too busy to value what they have to say. At the recent Henry County Student / Teacher Appreciation Recognition (STAR) Breakfast, I had the opportunity to listen to some of our community's top students talk about their plans, their hopes and their ideas.

The STAR Breakfast is an annual event hosted by our HCCC Education Committee. It celebrates students with the highest SAT scores and rankings in the top 10% of their graduating classes. The students come from Henry County's public and private high schools and have a variety of interests and opinions. During the ceremony, the students are recognized for their achievement and given an opportunity to talk about their college plans and career aspirations. Additionally, they are asked one question that always elicits great responses... *What can we do to encourage you to come back to Henry*

*County after graduating from college?*

We all may be guilty of having low expectations for how our youth might answer a question of this nature. The obvious comes to mind - build more malls, lower the driving age, or even the dreaded "nothing, I'm never coming back!" However, these students cogently and precisely gave meaningful and thoughtful suggestions that, perhaps, should not have been unexpected.

Several of the STARs encouraged us to become a smart growth community. They wanted to see more planning before new developments were approved. They advocated for more green space, landscaping, trees and waterscapes and alternative forms of transportation such as

rail and buses. They described how they liked communities with bike paths and sidewalks that encouraged more people to get out of their cars. These STARs endorsed quality construction in housing developments and more people friendly surroundings.

Others advocated for more opportunities for employment in Henry County so that working parents and others would not have to commute everyday to jobs outside the county. It was also their concern that there were few opportunities for employment of students and entry level employees coming straight out of high school and into the workforce. The STARs want our community to offer more help for entrepreneurs and start-

up businesses to encourage business growth.

Accompanying each STAR Student was a STAR Teacher, personally selected by each student as the teacher who had wielded the most influence on their academic success. Each student praised these professional educators for inspiring them to reach for greatness. Not surprisingly, some students encouraged us to take better care of our teachers, specifically they recommended that we pay them more, support them more, and appreciate them more... because, according to the STARs, it is these adults who have the greatest influence on the educational well-being of our community and therefore its future.

A couple of the STARs are selecting career paths that might make it impossible for them to return to Henry County. Unless we can build an Air Force Base or relocate NASA to Henry County, they will have successful lives away from their home town. However, as they defend our country in the Air Force or "explore the final frontier" as one STAR put it, we can take pride in them as products of and ambassadors from our great community. So, while this request may not be possible, many of the other requests are doable.

What do you think colleagues...do we have what it takes to reach for the hopes of our STARs? ~



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## Going For Grilling Glory May 22 - Nash Farm

coveted People's Choice Award.

The festival is not just for grilling gurus. Food, live entertainment, music, arts and crafts, and a children's area make this a perfect event for the whole family. This year, visitors will sample the bar-b-que entries and cast their votes for the winner of the People's Choice Award.

The festival is May 22 at Nash Farm from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm. Nash Farm is located at 4361 Jonesboro Road in Hampton, Georgia just off of I-75 at Exit 221.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6 -12. Children 5 and under are free. Entry to the People's Choice bar-b-que tasting is \$3. All proceeds from the event benefit Nash Farm. For more information about the festival or to register as a cook team visit [www.riffsandrifs.com](http://www.riffsandrifs.com).



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We are looking for one lucky BBQ connoisseur to join the panel of celebrity judges to select the winners of the Nash Bash Riffs and Ribs Backyard

Grillers competition. Visit [www.riffsandrifs.com](http://www.riffsandrifs.com) to download a "Best BBQ 'Buds" application and tell us why your BBQ taste buds are up to the challenge.

## The STARS Were Brightly Shining

**I**nspiration. Dedication. Determination. These three words encapsulate the characteristics of 2010 Henry County Schools STAR Students and their STAR teachers.

The HCCC Education Committee hosted the 2010 Student/Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) Breakfast on February 25 at Eagle's Landing Country Club. Jim Durrett, Executive Director of Buckhead Community Improvement District, delivered the keynote address. Mr.

Durrett offered his professional biography as an example of non-traditional career choices and as a testament to seizing the opportunities that present themselves.

Superintendent of Henry County Schools, Michael Surma, and 2010 HCCC Chairman Andy Welch introduced the STAR Students and Teachers from each school. Ola High School senior Brian Pogioli, with a near perfect SAT score of 2370 out of 2400, and his teacher Russ Lee were named

the 2010 STAR Student and Teacher for Henry County. Mr. Pogioli will compete for the Region 3B title on March 25.

Each year the Chamber hosts the STAR Breakfast as an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of our hard working students and their dedicated teachers from across Henry County. "This award represents much more than intelligence and good testing skills," remarks Chamber Chair Andy Welch. "Those who earn the STAR recognition are dedicated students whose

preparation and drive mark them as promising future leaders."

The student from each high school who scored the highest on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) receives the honor of STAR Student. Each student selects a current or past teacher that has inspired or motivated them in some way as their STAR Teacher. From this pool of exceptional students, one Henry County STAR Student is named whose test score is the highest in the county. ~

### Congratulations to this year's STAR students and teachers:

**Thomas Ian Nothing** (Bible Baptist HS)  
TEACHER: Andrew Broere

**Whitney Jinks** (Dutchtown HS)  
TEACHER: Kristina Rackstraw

**Kemble Hildreath** (Eagles Landing HS)  
TEACHER: Crystal Hildreath

**Alyssa McGhee** (Henry County HS)  
TEACHER: Pamela White

**Sumit Patel** (Luella HS)  
TEACHER: Melaine Paramore

**Brian Pogioli** (Ola HS)  
TEACHER: Russ Lee

**Vannida Ket** (Stockbridge High School)  
TEACHER: Joy Hebert

**Kharon Franklin** (Community Christian School)  
TEACHER: Stanley Adkins

**Andrew Rogers** (Strong Rock Christian School)  
TEACHER: Angie Rice

**Daniel McBrayer, II** (Woodland HS)  
TEACHER: Michael Shook

**Jhaleil Phillips** (Eagles Landing Christian Academy)  
TEACHER: Shellie McNeight

**Niles Wimber** (Union Grove HS)  
TEACHER: Matthew Portwood



# APRIL 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Youth Leadership Henry 8 AM, Bd Rm	3
4	5	6 Education Committee 8:30 AM, Bd Rm	7 Leadership Henry BOD 8 AM, Bd Rm  Cultural Diversity Noon, Hudgins Rm	8 Golf Committee, 8:30 AM Toppan Rm  CVB BOD, 9 AM, Bd Rm  Government Affairs 11:30 AM, Hudgins Rm	9	10
11	12 <b>Industry Appreciation Week</b>	13 Cultural Development Noon, Bd Rm  New Member Reception 6 PM, Eagle's Lnd. CC	14 Leadership Henry Class County Tour Day  BBQ Fest Committee 10 AM, Bd Rm	15 Small Business Council 10 AM, Bd Rm  Business Boosters Luncheon, 11 AM, Hudgins Rm	16	17 <b>Hands on Henry Day</b>
18	19	20 Executive Committee 8 AM, Bd Rm  Membership Committee 10 AM, Bd Rm  Media Relations 2 PM, Toppan Rm	21 Conservation & Preservation Committee 8 AM, Bd Rm  Existing Industries Noon, Hudgins Rm	22 Business After Hours 5:30 PM, Southern Belle Farm  Plan Grow & Win 6 PM, Hudgins Rm	23	24
25	26	27	28 HCCC BOD Mtg. 7:30 AM, Bd Rm  Ambassador Luncheon Noon	29	30 Plan Grow & Win 9 AM, Hudgins Rm	31

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# CHAMBER BRIEFS

## Hampton Awarded ARC Grant

The City of Hampton has been awarded an \$80,000 Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission for the purpose of identifying the best uses of land in its downtown area. The study will focus on land that now houses the Public Works facility that sits just two blocks off of Main Street. The Public Works department will be moving across HWY 19/41 to the site of their new Waste Water Treatment Plant, freeing up 2 acres of prime, downtown real estate that will one day be the site of a mixed-use, high density development that will feature water treatments, green space, retail and residential development while fostering a climate geared towards diverse transportation alternatives.

## Henry Medical Center Foundation Names New Executive Director



Adam Stanfield is the new Executive Director of the Henry Medical Center Foundation. Stanfield assumes his new role following two years as Associate Director of the HMC Foundation. Along with the many annual fundraising events hosted by the Henry Medical Center Foundation, Stanfield is working to revitalize previous programs like the Corporate Honor Roll. He is

also working with numerous committees that support the Henry Medical Center Foundation to implement new and creative ways to raise funds with events like the recent Inaugural HMCF Texas Hold'em Tournament.

## Griffin Tech offers Business Management Classes in Henry County

Beginning April 5 Griffin Technical College will offer Business Management program courses at the Henry County Academy for Advanced Studies. These courses will enable students to complete certificates in the Business Management program. These initial certificates will focus within the areas of small business management and human resource management. Courses to be offered for this upcoming quarter include Principles of Management, Leadership, Business Ethics, Employment Law and Organizational Behavior.

## LOCAL ORGANIZER ELECTED PRESIDENT



Sherry Lee Denton, CEO of The Orderly Touch, Inc. and professional organizer, was elected President of the Georgia Chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers at the annual meeting. Mrs. Denton had served in the chapter as Volunteer Coordinator and had been on the Board of Directors for two years in the capacity of Director of

Professional Development. She also holds the Golden Circle designation. This prestigious designation is for NAPO members who have been engaged in the business of organizing for five years or more while also a NAPO member in good standing for at least one year.

## Local Accountant Earns Certified Fraud Examiner Credential



The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), the world's leading provider of anti-fraud training and education, recently awarded Hayley Glisson, of Robison, Whaley, Hammonds, & Allison, PC, the globally-preferred Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) credential. In order to become a CFE, an anti-fraud professional must meet a stringent set of criteria and pass a rigorous exam administered by the ACFE.

## Hands of Hope Clinic Welcomes New Leaders



Ruth Rucker, a longtime volunteer nurse at the Hands of Hope Clinic, recently assumed the role of Interim Executive Director and is joined by the Clinic's newly appointed Medical Director, Dr. Sarveswar Naidu. Mrs. Rucker's

immediate focus will be bringing in new volunteers and financial support whereas Dr. Naidu's will center primarily on recruiting physician volunteers, arranging for specialty referrals, and overseeing the medical operations of the Clinic.

## Henry County Schools Name Media Specialist of the Year

Betsy Sierra, Stockbridge Middle School, was named the 2010 Media Specialist of the Year for Henry County Schools. The purpose of the School Library Media Specialist of the Year Award is to recognize individual excellence in the library media field through service to students, teachers and the community. Nominees submitted a resume, a letter of recommendation from a parent, teacher, principal or other supervising personnel. They also submitted a narrative description

of innovative programs and techniques used to provide media services in the areas of: collaborative planning, productive use of media resources and sharing ideas with others. A team of educators selected the winner based on the submitted materials.

## Gateway Event Center Gives Free Tickets to Chamber Members

The Gateway Event Center, Henry County's newest major attraction, is proud to bring quality concerts and events to the area. Gateway has been working to fill the calendar with everything from concerts to Exotic Bird Shows to Mixed Martial Arts. Because of the continued support of a large number of Chamber members and members of the community, the event center has sent out over 800 free tickets to a "True Oldies" show on March 27th along with coupons for family and friends. Gateway is excited to be able to give something back to Henry County. In addition, the event center will be working with the community very closely over the next few months as they will be introducing a new annual festival that will be FREE admission and FUN for the entire family. Gateway has branded this as the "McDonough Summerfest" and will present the inaugural event on June 5 and 6.

## "Noelle" Birthing Simulator Arrives at Henry Medical Center

Henry Medical Center's Labor & Delivery Department recently held it's initial in-service training on its new "Noelle" Birthing Simulator mannequin. "Noelle" is a state-of-the-art, comprehensive teaching system that combines the best of patient care simulators with advanced childbirth simulation. "Noelle" is designed to provide a complete, simulated birthing experience before, during, and after delivery. She can be programmed to have "real life" reactions to medications, delivery complications and more. Sim "Noelle" was purchased through the Henry Medical Center Foundation by combining donations from the Auxiliary, an anonymous donor, and a grant from the Chaparral Foundation. ~

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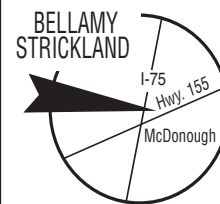
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## Leaders Visit Charlotte to Learn More About "Changing Times, Changing Minds"

Invest in your community. That was the overriding theme heard from Charlotte's leaders during the recent HCCC Cultural Diversity and Cultural Development Committees "Changing Times, Changing Minds" trip to Charlotte, North Carolina. The trip was

attended by 32 Henry County business, government and community leaders.

Attendees set out to learn what Charlotte has accomplished in the areas of transportation, education and cultural arts. The group heard from

dynamic speakers such as City of Charlotte Mayor Anthony Foxx, Mecklenburg County Commission Chair Jennifer Roberts, and Charlotte Chamber of Commerce President Bob Morgan. The message repeatedly delivered in Charlotte was be proactive in planning

for future growth, invest in permanent infrastructure and harness public/private partnerships.

Many of the group's activities were held at the Levine Museum of the New South which featured an exhibit entitled "From Cotton Fields to

Skyscrapers." The exhibit chronicles the rise of the Charlotte area from an agricultural based economy to the diverse economy it is today; a fitting parallel to Henry County. During the panel discussion "Putting the Pieces Together," Charlotte's leaders discussed their proactive approach to smart growth and how the community plays a vital role. "An effort was made by a small group to repeal the tax that funds the commuter rail system in Charlotte," said Bob Morgan of the Charlotte Chamber. "The citizens of Charlotte voted overwhelmingly to continue funding the rail system." Charlotte is a front runner among American cities investing in transportation infrastructure including light rail, busses and street cars to move a rapidly expanding population. In visiting Charlotte, Henry County's leaders learned how the arts have been used as an economic driver during the panel discussion "Building Community and the Arts." Jean Greer of the Charlotte Arts and Science Council

discussed how public and private funding of the arts and museums has benefited the community by spurring new investment and increasing property values. While discussing Charlotte's changing demographics and growing minority populations - Asian, Middle Eastern, Indian, Latino, and others - a clear message was delivered by Bishop Claude Alexander of the Park Ministries. The Bishop, noting the theme of the trip "Changing Times, Changing Minds," stated "We know that times will change; the challenge for all of us is to adapt to change; those who are unwilling to adapt to change will be left behind."

A documentary of the trip is being developed and will be available for viewing on the Henry County Chamber of Commerce website, [www.henrycounty.com](http://www.henrycounty.com), in early April. For more information on this and other Chamber initiatives, call 770-957-5786. ~



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# Ten Questions and Answers about the 2010 Census



## 1. What is the decennial Census and how did it get started?

The Census is the process of counting everyone living in the United States every ten years and recording some basic statistical information. It was established by the US Constitution, Article One, Section Two, with the first Census being done in 1790. This is the 23rd census. Our goal is to count every resident once, and only once, and in the right place.

## 2. What's happening with the 2010 Census right now? (as of early April)

The national headquarters mailed out questionnaires to over 100 million home addresses around March 15, so every household should have received a form recently. Everyone is asked to fill out the form and return it as soon as possible. If the form is not returned right away, an additional mailing will go out.

The Census is also working with various places where groups of people live – dormitories, military institutions, nursing homes, shelters, and the like – to be sure people are counted there. For households that do not return the form, Census workers must visit those homes in person and conduct interviews. These visits will begin in May.

## 3. Why should people support the Census? Why is it important?

Two main reasons – power and money.

First – the 435 representatives in Congress are apportioned across the county according to the results of the Census every ten years. This is the system established by the Constitution to be sure everyone is represented equally and fairly. It is expected that the state of Georgia will gain at least one seat in Congress this time. The data is also used to guide legislators as they draw up new state and federal congressional district boundaries.

Second – more than \$400 billion in federal funding is allocated according to Census information every year. That money, and the planning that goes along with it, determine where new schools and hospitals are built, what kinds of transportation development are undertaken, and how much federal money is available for education, health care, public safety and much more. We all SEND our fair share of taxes to Washington; we should be counted and GET our fair share back for our communities.

## 4. What happens if people don't return the Census questionnaire?

First, it costs the American taxpayer more money. Instead of spending a little for mailing back the form, Census workers must go in person to individual homes and interview the residents. This means the expense of hiring, training and paying more workers. We estimate the additional cost is about \$70 per

household to the American taxpayer for every questionnaire that is not returned. For every 1% of the population that does not return the form, taxpayers pay another \$80 to \$90 million.

Second, it costs the community. For every person who is not counted, the state and local community loses about \$13,000 in federal funding over the next ten years. That's money that taxpayers are sending in to Washington that does NOT flow back, just because someone didn't get counted.

Finally, it increases the hassle factor. It only takes ten minutes to complete the form and mail it back. But if you don't do it, the Census bureau has to visit your home and interview you. It's so much simpler and less hassle for YOU just to return the form.

## 5. What kind of information will this Census collect?

The form this year is just ten questions, several of which are simply to determine who actually lives in the home. The only individual questions are name, gender, age, race and whether or not you're of Hispanic origin. That's it!

## 6. How can people identify Census 2010

## workers in their neighborhoods?

All Census takers will wear ID badges in the field and will carry Census Bureau tote bags, making them easy to identify. Some Census operations involve small hand-held computers, but most Census takers will NOT have them. They'll be collecting information on paper forms only.

Everyone should know that if you don't return the questionnaire, a census taker will come to your door. They will ask ONLY the questions that are on the form. They will NOT ask for your Social Security number or banking information.

## 7. How can we be sure that information we give the Census will be kept confidential?

All information collected by the Census Bureau is protected by Federal law, and all Census employees are sworn to uphold that law. If information is misused, Census employees face stiff penalties and up to five years in jail. Information is given to the government only in statistical form – individual, personal information is sealed for 72 years.

There has never been a breach of confidentiality of Census information – in 220 years. By current law, not

even the Secret Service or the FBI can access Census Bureau information.

## 8. How can people get help with completing the Census questionnaire?

Questionnaire Assistance Centers are now set up in over 80 locations in our six county area. (Butts, Clayton, Henry, Newton, Rockdale, and Spalding counties) These are places that are staffed with Census employees who can help you complete the questionnaire. They will also have printed information in up to more than 50 different languages. Look for posters where you shop or around your community. Or you can go to the census 2010 website: 2010.census.gov and find

locations near you.

## 9. Where can people get more information about the Census?

We have a very helpful website: 2010.census.gov Go there for all kinds of information, including locations of Questionnaire Assistance Centers and complete directions for the questionnaire. You may also call: 1-800-923-8282.

## 10. What is the most important thing people need to know about Census 2010?

For once, the easiest thing to do is also the most patriotic thing to do - take ten minutes to complete the form and send it back in. It's easy, it's safe, and it's important to your community. ~

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**April 3**

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### Art Attack

**April 3 – Noon – 5:00 p.m.**

**McDonough Square**

### Student Juried Art Show

**April 3 – 3:00 p.m.**

**10 Macon Street – McDonough**



### The Henry Players present: *Copacabána*

**April 8-10- 7:30 p.m. / April 11 - 2:30 p.m.**

#### Henry County Performing Arts Center

This two-act musical is based on Barry Manilow's song "Copacabana." The story follows Stephen, an aspiring songwriter, as he writes what he hopes will become a hit musical. His story takes him back to the 1940s as he creates a story of an ambitious young singer, Lola Lamar. He tells of Lola flying from the southwest to the Big Apple, with nothing but dreams of stardom in her eyes. She lands a job at the famous Copacabana Nightclub "the hottest club north of Havana." Tony Starr, a bartender helps her get a job as a Copa girl. This production is rated PG.

### Walk with Billy

**Tuesdays, Thursday & Saturdays - April 8-24**

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### Girls Night Out...In the Grove

**April 15 – 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Downtown Historic Mayors' Walk Park**

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### Hands on Henry Day

**April 17 – 8:00 a.m. – Noon**

On April 17, hundreds of volunteers will gather during the 12th Annual Hands on Henry day to make a positive, lasting impact on our community. Local businesses and organizations are invited to show their support for Henry County by becoming a Hands on Henry sponsor or volunteer. Hands on Henry is also accepting project requests from non-profit organizations, schools, community clubs, churches, and public facilities in Henry County. To learn how to volunteer, sponsor, or submit a project visit [www.handsonhenry.org](http://www.handsonhenry.org).



### The Atlanta Festival Ballet presents: *Jungle Book*

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Atlanta Festival Ballet's 20th season wraps up with *Jungle Book*. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and students, \$6 children age 5 and under. Tickets available at the Henry County Chamber of Commerce, Moye's Pharmacies, and at the door. For more information, call 770-507-2775 or visit [www.atlantafestivalballet.com](http://www.atlantafestivalballet.com).

### Buck Baker Racing School

**April 17**

**Atlanta Motor Speedway**

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### Arti Gras on the Square

**April 18 – Noon – 5:00 p.m.**

**McDonough Square**

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**HAPPENING IN HENRY** *continued***Taste of Henry**  
**April 23 – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Jason T. Harper Event Center**

Taste of Henry showcases over 20 local restaurants with dishes that are sure to satisfy every palate. The taste-size portions let you sample a variety of different flavors and restaurants. From delicious main courses to appetizers and desserts - if its great food, you are sure to find it at Taste of Henry. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

**Locust Grove Day**  
**April 24 - 9:00am to 11:00pm**  
**Downtown Locust Grove**

Enjoy a parade, games, arts & crafts, food, music, and evening entertainment.

**Friday Night Drags Pre-Season Test and Tune**  
**April 30**  
**Atlanta Motor Speedway**

Local competitors power up for weekly drag racing among several divisions. Everything from full-blown dragsters to grandma's grocery-getter will compete in side-by-side, heads-up drag racing along the speedway's pit road eighth-mile drag strip. Visit [www.atlantamotorspeedway.com](http://www.atlantamotorspeedway.com) for more information or call 770-946-4211. ~

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## Time for "Spring Cleaning" of Your Investments

Spring is here — time to spruce up your house, get rid of clutter and get things organized. But this year, go beyond your home and yard when you do your spring cleaning and look for ways to rejuvenate your investment portfolio.

Of course, you don't have to take an "out with the old, in with the new" approach just for the sake of changing things up. But to consistently make progress toward your financial goals, you may need to make adjustments in response to changes in the financial markets, the economy and your

personal situation. And springtime is as good a time as any to take a fresh look at your investment situation. So consider these suggestions:

Dispose of things that aren't working. Whether it's a burnt-out computer, a non-vacuuming vacuum cleaner or a treadmill that lost its grip back when "the Web" was reserved for spiders, we all own things that are no longer useful. And the same may be true of some of your investments. If one hasn't performed the way you had hoped, and you've given it adequate time, you may be better off by

replacing it and using the proceeds to purchase another investment.

Get rid of duplicates. If you went through everything in your house, you might find several items that do the same thing. Do you really need two toaster ovens? And how many radios can you listen to at one time? If you looked at your investment portfolio in this same way, you might be surprised to find some redundancies. For example, do you own several stocks issued by similar companies that make similar products? This might not be a problem when the stock

market is booming, but it could be a definite concern if a downturn affects the industry to which these companies belong. Always look for ways to diversify your holdings. While diversification, by itself, can't guarantee profits or protect against loss, it can help you reduce the effects of volatility.

Put things back in order. Over time, and inadvertently, the spaces in your home can get "out of balance." Perhaps you have too many chairs in one corner, your flat-screen television is crowding out your family pictures, or your new

desk takes up too much space in your home office. With some rearranging, however, you can usually get things back in order. And the same need for rearrangement may apply to your portfolio, which might have become unbalanced with too much of one investment and too little of another. This situation could undermine your financial strategy, especially if the imbalance means you are taking on too much risk or, conversely, if your holdings have become too conservative to provide the growth you need. So look for ways to restore your portfolio to its

proper balance — one that reflects your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals.

By giving your portfolio an annual spring cleaning, you can help make sure it reflects your current needs and is positioned to help you make progress toward your key financial objectives. And you won't even have to get near the dust cloths or furniture polish.

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## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



### Henry Vision Center Makes an Impression

Henry Vision Center hosted a feast fit for a king at the February Business After Hours. Chamber members joined Dr. Nickson Henry, and his staff in celebrating a year of helping Henry County residents see better. In addition to the full range of routine services, Henry Vision Center boasts an affiliation with one of the Southeast's most trusted name in LASIK, Woolfson Eye Institute and emergency after hour care.

### April Business After Hours Hosted By Southern Belle Farm



What better way to welcome spring than sampling fresh, homegrown strawberries on a family farm! The April Business After Hours will give Chamber members just such an experience at

Southern Belle Farm. Take a tour of the farm and enjoy the season in a relaxing, fun environment. Southern Belle Farm is located at 1658 Turner Church Road in McDonough. ~

## So Many Simple Ways to Help

The 2010 Leadership Henry Class has more than 40 ways Henry County residents can give back to the community. The 12th Annual Hands on Henry Day, scheduled for Saturday, April 17, is a day of community service at more than 40 locations throughout the county. Volunteers will spend the day planting flowers, painting, landscaping and many other tasks to help worthwhile organizations like A Friend's House or Noah's Ark. A free T-shirt and biscuit are small tokens of appreciation for volunteers, but the real prize is the moving experience, camaraderie and satisfaction that comes from a day of service.

Volunteers of all ages, skill

levels and abilities are still needed for service projects. While some projects have age requirements, many are suitable for children and seniors. Volunteers can register individually or as groups. Businesses and organizations are encouraged to volunteer together for a great team-building activity while giving back to the community.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at a variety of levels to support the efforts of the volunteers. Applications are being accepted from organizations, schools, and facilities in Henry County that need volunteers to assist with beautification or improvement projects. If you would like to have your project considered

or if you'd like to volunteer or sponsor, visit [www.handsonhenry.org](http://www.handsonhenry.org). Hands On Henry is sponsored by the 2010 Leadership Henry class, a program of the Henry County Chamber of Commerce. ~



## PLAN, GROW, & WIN in 2010 -Spring Series-

### APRIL

#### April 15— **BUSINESS BOOSTERS LUNCHEON: MAKING GREEN WORK FOR YOUR BUSINESS**

Alisa Kirk of the Small Business Development Center will review the basics of regulations, opportunities and bottom line advantages for having a green business.

**TIME/COST:** 11:00 am, \$12

#### April 22— **GREEN FINANCING MARKETING AND OPERATING**

This in depth seminar will teach how to lower energy or materials costs, use green marketing, compete for contracts and locate new sources of funding.

**TIME/COST:** 6:00-8:00 pm, \$49

#### April 30— **INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL MEDIA AND TWITTER**

This seminar will explain many of the new forms of social media such as LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter and why they are useful in a businesses marketing strategy.

**TIME/COST:** 9:00-11:00 am, \$49

### MAY

#### May 6— **BE A "NETWEAVER"**

Bob Littell, creator of this ground breaking concept will show you how to go beyond just "networking" and why "Netweaving" can be a more fruitful method of expanding business connections.

**TIME/COST:** 8:00-9:30 am, FREE

#### May 7 & 14— **FACEBOOK (5/7) and SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION (SEO) (5/14)**

On May 7, a class will explore how to use Facebook for your business and on May 14, we will discuss how to use SEO to get your website to the top of a web search.

**TIME/COST:** 9:00-11:30 am, \$49

#### May 20— **BUSINESS BOOSTERS LUNCHEON: MEET YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS**

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