

## PRESIDENTS UPDATE – May 12, 2016 to June 9, 2016

### STATS

#### **May 12 to June 9 Meetings:**

Pam attended June County Commissioners Meeting  
Pam attended May City of Monticello Council Meeting  
Pam and Rebecca attended Kiwanis Club meetings  
Pam attended Development Authority April meeting  
Pam met with Georgia College/Website Development grant that is available  
Rebecca attended the Historic Heartland Travel Association meeting

#### **Ribbon Cuttings:**

No Ribbon cuttings

#### **Coffee Call:**

Coffee Call in May: Heartland Chiropractic – 30+ in attendance

#### **Statistics:**

##### **Facebook Pages**

Chamber of Commerce: 1,207 Likes

Deer Festival of Jasper County: 1,804 Likes

Monticello, Georgia: 3,181 Friends

Market Day Festival: 621 Likes

##### **Website:**

5,545 visitors on our website 73,390 visits

Words searched: Shady Dale Rodeo, Poker Run, Jasper County GA

##### **Constant Contact:**

Poker Run 199 sent, 91 opened

First Friday Breakfast 501 sent, 231 opened

June Newsletter 501 sent, 236 opened

Third Thursday Coffee Call 237 sent, 121 opened

**Visitors in Visitors' Center:** we were so busy, we didn't track 😊

The Garden Club Flower Show brought in a lot of visitors/tourists

**Membership Update:** We have 155 member entries

### **Jasper County Leadership Class**

Pam has started working on the 2017 Leadership Class. A recommendation has been made that Jeff Greeson be the Chair (Board Contact). He has given a lot of ideas, suggestions, and information from the Leadership Henry County class. Pam will be working on this in July and will have an outline ready at the August meeting complete with proposed dates, times, agenda and a list of proposed teachers. We can send out information in September and contact the proposed teachers in August so they can put it on their 2017 calendar.

### **Georgia College**

Heather \_\_\_\_\_ a representative with Georgia College met with Pam, David Dyer, Carl Pennamon, and Stone Workman recently. The College has received a grant to help rural communities with web design, social networking, etc. Our role is to get the word out into the community.

### **Dog Waste Stations**

Since the Market on the Square began, there has been an enormous amount of dog waste noticed each week. Tourists have stopped with their dogs for years, but the abundant amount clearly is coming from residents and/or merchants that are walking their dog. Pam would like to propose that we sponsor "doggy waste stations". We need 6 (4 on Square, 1 Westview Park, 1 Funderburg Park). One time sponsorships for \$125.00. A sign would be place on the waste station with the name of the sponsor.

### **Back To School Rally**

The Back To School Rally is July 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will need to order 500 items to hand out and it will require volunteers to be at the booth. We are going to purchase 500 items that cost 50 cents or less (color crayons, or glue, etc.) The hours are 8:30-12:30 at Washington Park Elementary.

### **Jackson Homeowners Association Poker Run**

The Board voted to sponsor a boat dock at the Poker Run. The Poker Run is Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm to 4:30pm. We need volunteers to help hand out goody bags and poker cards. Someone needs to be responsible to take the goody bags along with a Chamber of Commerce sign. The address of the dock we are sponsoring is: 261 Old Hardy Farm Road, Jackson, GA

### **Deer Festival Update**

- Parade Time will remain at 2pm
- Floats For Parade -
- Costume/Mascot
- Helicopter as an attraction
- Entertainment

### **Farmer's Market Update**

This has been a tremendous year for the market...! We have 57 vendors registered this year. Last week we had 32 vendors here. The community has responded well this year, too. We have added a different marketing/advertising campaign this year by putting a map of the vendors in the newspaper and on Facebook. Also the Facebook page has been an added benefit.

Miss Monticello Teen USA

Deer Festival Queen, Tyler is representing Monticello at the Miss Georgia Teen USA pageant in November. Since she is representing the county, we need to help sponsor her. Pam makes the recommendation that we give Tyler a \$200.00 donation for travel expenses. The pageant is November 17<sup>th</sup> at Henry County Performance Center. We also need some people to attend the pageant.

Tyler Phillips has been chosen as an official State Finalist in the 2017 Miss Georgia Teen USA Pageant. Tyler will be running as Miss Monticello Teen USA. This pageant is the official preliminary to the respected Miss Teen USA Pageant, one of the most prestigious teen pageants in the world in conjunction with the Miss USA and Miss Universe Pageants.

The competition exemplifies confidence and beauty through workshops, mentoring and scholarships. Money raised will help pay for expenses that come along with the journey to compete mid November 2016. Your sponsorship is necessary to help cover the costs of the pageant fees, hotel rooms, meals, production costs, wardrobes, etc. A sponsorship program is incorporated into the Miss Georgia Teen USA Pageant. Your sponsorship is tax deductible. All donations, big and small, are greatly appreciated!

This means so much to Tyler because it can bring amazing opportunities if crowned the 2017 Miss Georgia Teen USA. Tyler would represent Georgia during her reign by making numerous appearances throughout our state, by helping the community, local businesses and charitable organizations, as well as appearing at special events, grand openings and parades.

Please help Tyler Phillips in reaching her goal to become the 2017 Miss Georgia Teen USA ! Please follow Tyler's journey: <http://facebook.com/tylerphillips19>

Elected Official Collaborative Meeting (waiting to set date)

Next Meeting – July, 2016

Next Coffee Call – June 16<sup>th</sup> at Monticello Drugs