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- Rev. Henry Looney**
Sylacauga City Council

March Chamber Coffee

Garing Business Machines hosted the March Chamber Coffee at our Chamber building. As usual, we had a large attendance to hear about the latest in digital printers and, of course, to enjoy the wonderful grilled bratwurst.

Paul Garing also introduced the new representative for our area, Carrie Griffin. Garing also expressed his appreciation to Jeff Ramsland for his service and wished him well in his retirement.



**The printer we use for our colorful newsletters,
as well as other equipment at the Chamber, comes from Garing.
We appreciate their excellent quality and friendly, prompt service!**



RiteAid held a ribbon cutting to celebrate their reopening on Wednesday, March 8th. Renovations were made to repair damages caused by a fire.

RiteAid is located on the corner of Broadway Ave. and Ft. Williams St. 1 North Broadway Avenue Downtown Sylacauga



Career Awareness Day is a chance for local businesses to showcase and display information about their company and the types of jobs (present or future) available within the company. Emphasis will be placed on career opportunities in and around the Sylacauga area. The day will allow students in our area to view information about your company, inquire about future employment and gain valuable information relating to their career choice. To register, call the Chamber of Commerce at 249-0308 or Sylacauga Career Technical Education at 249-2881. Leave a lasting impression on the life of a student.



**SYLACAUGA
PROMISE DAY
2006**



Sylacauga Promise and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation are partnering to raise money and awareness for Diabetes through Promise #3, A Healthy Start to a Healthy Future. We encourage industries, businesses, agencies, church congregations, families and individuals to join together to walk/run in the "Walk to the Cure" to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The following sponsorships are available:

- Gold Sponsor - \$500 and you or your business will receive a plaque and newspaper / event publicity.
 - Silver Sponsor - \$250 and you or your business will receive a certificate and event publicity.
 - Bronze Sponsor - \$100 and you or your business will receive event publicity.
- If you know of any youth or youth group that would like to perform during Sylacauga's Promise Day, please have them contact SAFE at 256-245-4343
 - Volunteers are still needed to help on the event day
 - If your agency would like to set up a booth during the event to promote programs in the community, please give us a call. Space is limited and free
 - We ask businesses to donate door prizes to give away during Promise Day activities. Americorp workers with the BRIDGES program are out in the community asking for door prizes. If you have not already been contacted, please call us!

Sylacauga Promise Day promises fun for the whole family with free food, ice cream, live entertainment, children's games with lots of prizes, and door prizes including a cruise, courtesy of Blue Horizon Travel.

Registration for the "Walk to Cure Diabetes" begins at 9:00 a.m. Opening remarks begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by a balloon release to be held in recognition of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month.

Come out and enjoy this family event... join us in celebrating our youth!

Sylacauga Promise Day, April 22 Beth Yates Park on South Broadway Ave. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**HAPPY RETIREMENT
PETE MOORE**

Congratulations on being named



"Most Valuable Citizen" and we all wish you the best in your retirement.

Sympathy to: Pete Storey and his family in the death of his father, Robert Monroe Storey Jr.; and the family of Martha Morrisette Livingston, who recently lost her battle with cancer.

We will all miss her.



Mary Emily Farnsworth was recently crowned Miss Sylacauga 2006 at a coronation ceremony held on March 26. Mary Emily is a Chamber Ambassador.



Calendar of Events

Apr 6-8		ARC of South Talladega County Yard Sale For information call: Linda Dickson 245-9309 or 245-4639	213 N. Main Avenue Former Ala Power Co.
Apr 10		Rotary Golf Tournament	Sylacauga Country Club
Apr 12	8AM-12:00PM	SHS Career Fair	J. C. S. Community Center
Apr 15	10:00AM	Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt	Fairmont Park
Apr 22	10AM-2:00PM	Sylacauga Promise Day	Beth Yates Park
Apr 27	10:00AM	Chamber Coffee hosted by American Plant Services	1218 Syl/F'ville Rd
May 6	9-10:00AM	Resources for Women Walk For Life	Oak Grove Walking Track
May 11	6:30PM	Leadership Sylacauga Banquet	B. B. Comer Library
May 18	10:00AM	Chamber Coffee hosted by Heritage South Federal Credit Union	Hwy 280
May 19	7:00PM	Relay For Life	SHS Track
May 25	7:00PM	Sylacauga High School Graduation	SHS
May 25	7:00PM	B. B. Comer Memorial High School Graduation	B. B. Comer High School

Sylacauga Chamber of Commerce (256) 249-0308

Jeff Ramsland, Executive Director ~ Karen Beane, Financial Administrator
Fara Carney, Administrative Assistant

The mission of the Sylacauga Chamber of Commerce is to provide leadership and promote the economic advancement, business climate and quality of life for the City of Sylacauga and surrounding areas.



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Business News

Working Together For Community Progress

Thanks for Reinvesting

Abrams Broadcasting
AL Municipal Electric Authority
B-H Transfer Co.
Baker Consulting
Birchfield Penuel & Associates
Block USA
Blue Bell Creameries
Charlie's Clothing
Collier Motors
Isabel Anderson Comer Museum & Arts Center
Curtis & Son Funeral Home
Troy Dennis, DMD
Desoto Caverns Park
Eastern Alabama Railway
Fairmont Realty Co.
First Presbyterian Church
Garing Business Machines
Garris Specialties, Inc.
Global Docugraphix
Griffin's Jewelers
Clarence Haynes
Haynes Electrical Contractors, Inc.
Knollwood Presbyterian Church
Lou Belle's
McCluskey & Booker
John McPeters, DMD
Presbyterian Church USA
Safety Plus
Service Printing & Office Supply
Glyn Smith Pontiac Buick GMC
State Farm Insurance, Sheila Curtis
Stone's Awards & Sign Center
Raymond Styres
Sylacauga Anesthesia Associates
Sylacauga Housing Authority
Talladega County Economic Development Authority
Wal-Mart Super Center

Welcome New Member!

Lee Staffing, Inc.

JOE RICHARDSON NAMED THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SYLACAUGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



The Sylacauga Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is happy to announce that Joe Richardson of Warner Robbins, GA has been named new Executive Director.

Joe will be moving to Sylacauga and is scheduled to begin work on May 1st, 2006.

Joe formerly lived in Sylacauga while working at Teksid from 2002 to 2004, and is eager to return to our town. Richardson is a graduate of the University of Alabama and from Webster University with a masters degree in human resources development. He has worked in procurement and contract administration for companies that include McDonnell Douglas, University of Alabama, United Technologies Corp., Knight/Jacobs, Bechtel Jacobs Company and Science Applications International Corporation.

Chamber President, Gary Smith, said, "He will truly be an asset to the entire community."

Please join the Board & Staff in extending Joe a hearty welcome!



EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH

(Left) Charmelle Lewis, US History, Gov't and Economics teacher at B.B. Comer Memorial High receives **February Educator of the Month** award from Jeff Ramsland, Chamber Executive Director.

(right) Jeff Ramsland presenting **March Educator of the Month** to Patsy Lagen, Science teacher at Fayetteville School.



Chamber Champions

Coosa Valley Medical Center ~ IMERYS ~ Teksid Aluminum Components, Inc ~ SouthFirst Bank ~ Frontier Bank
Pursell Technologies ~ OMYA Alabama ~ Alabama Power Co.