BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
THE MEDICAL CENTER

The Medical Center of Elberton, LLP is a full service Primary Care Clinic. The practice has been serving the area since 1950. The Medical Center’s top priority is to serve the community and its citizens. They recently added a new physician, Dr. Matthew Jenkins, to its practice, August 1, 2014. Dr. Jenkins will be joining Doctors, Dan McAvoy, David Mize, Glenn Poon, Mark Daniel, Jonathan Poon, Wynn Crowe as well as its mid-level providers, Kerri Wiley, NP and Amanda Pisciotta, PA. The Medical Center is excited that Dr. Jenkins, wife Jenny, and son Parker have chosen Elberton to begin his practice in Family Medicine. Please join The Medical Center and staff as they host Business After Hours on Thursday, August 21st at 6:00pm and welcome Dr. Jenkins to their practice.

SEPTEMBER 11TH PROGRAM
A time to pause and reflect…Main Street Elberton will sponsor a special 9/11 program on Thursday, September 11th beginning at 12:30 on the Downtown Square. This program will commemorate this historic date as we focus on bringing all communities across the nation together. Why not pick up lunch at one of our local restaurants, enjoy the program with us and share the freedom we all have to celebrate this memorable day. Hope to see you on the 11th!

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING SEMINAR

Reminder about the upcoming Federal Government Contracting Seminar to be held on Wednesday, August 27th from 9:00 to 11:00 at Athens Technical College. Lloyd Atkins will be the guest speaker. If you make or sell a product or offer a service, you need to be at this seminar. You may contact Beth Eavenson at 706-213-7600 for more information. Registration fee is $10.

INDUSTRY OF THE MONTH

The Community Pride Committee of the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce selected Star Granite as Industry of the Month for August. Pictured at the recognition were: (l-r) Myra Woodall, Katie Grant, Gary Dixon, Rusty Adams, Hoke Howard, Randall Moore, Rick Adams, Bill Brown, Pam Brown and PJo Phelps. Congratulations to Star Granite.

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

The Community Pride Committee of the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce selected Soap Box Car Wash as Business of the Month for August. Pictured at the recognition were: (l-r) Bill Brown, Donna James, Skip James and Pam Brown. Congratulations to Soap Box Car Wash.
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS  The Chamber would like to welcome into our membership:

   *Elberton Family Dental Center*
   *Gino Saponari, D.M.D.*
   *Located at 1465 Athens Highway*

   *J. L. Enterprises*
   *Jerry Looney (Owner)*
   *Located in Winterville, GA*

If you know of potential new members please let us know so that we may contact them.

ELBERTON JOB READINESS EVENT / ELBERTON CAREER EXPO

The Georgia Department of Labor, Elberton/Broad River Area Employer Committee, Elbert County Chamber of Commerce and Elberton First Baptist Church are collaborating together to bring you two exciting upcoming events! The first is a *Job Readiness interactive workshop (September 9th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm)* for job seekers who wish to polish their job seeking skills and to become work ready. The second event is the *Career Expo (September 25th from 10 am to 2 pm)* where we hope to connect Employers with qualified applicants. Both events will be held at the “ROC” Recreational Outreach Center of the First Baptist Church. For more information you may contact Sarah Byrum at 404-217-1283 or email Sarah.Byrum@gdol.ga.gov.

Participants are reminded to be prepared for interviews, bring several copies of your resume and dress for success.

GRANITE CITY BBQ COOK OFF

The 7th Annual Granite City BBQ Cook Off will be held on the Downtown Square, Saturday, September 13th from 9 am - 3 pm. They are looking for the “best griller” in the Granite City area. For more information or to reserve your spot you may call Rev. John Barnett at 706-224-9220 or Tiffany Mercer at 706-213-3204.

TRI THE PARKS TRIATHLON

The Chamber assisted with the Tri the Parks Triathlon Race Series held at Russell State Park on Saturday, August 9th. This race featured triathlon, duathlon and aquathlon. There were approximately 240 participants at this event. Many thanks to our volunteers that were out early on Saturday morning to help.

Please note:  M & M Tire and Auto Care is located at 225 North Oliver Street. This was omitted from our July newsletter.

81st ANNUAL ELBERTON 12 COUNTY FAIR

The Elberton 12 County Fair will be held September 29th-October 5th. The theme this year is “Carousel of Nature”. They are currently seeking businesses, non-profit organizations, and educational exhibitors who would like 35,000+ people to visit them at their booth during this time. Applications are now being accepted and are available at the Chamber office. You may also call Becky Hitchcock at 561-262-5597 or email Elbertonfair@aol.com if you would like to participate. This year they have more promotions, larger grandstand events, expanded free entertainment on the outside and in the exhibit building. If you are seeking new customers or additional exposure you certainly want to exhibit at the Elberton 12 County Fair from September 29th-October 5th.
TEACHER’S APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Elbert County educators enjoyed a Teacher’s Appreciation Breakfast on Tuesday August 5th at the ECCHS cafeteria. High School Principal Renee Padgett welcomed educators to the breakfast and Superintendent Chuck Bell addressed the group. Others on the program were County Chairman Tommy Lyon, Rev. Gary Purvis, Paul McKinney and Chamber Chairman, PJo Phelps.

Elbert County Chamber of Commerce Business-Education Committee members that worked on the event were: Laura Evans, Suraiya Razzak, Cathy Brady, Katherine Fernandez, Lera Ray, Allen Lee, PJo Phelps, K. Denise Smith, Butch Smith, Phyllis Brooks and Gwen Childs.

A special thanks to Suraiya Razzak, Co-chair, for her generosity in sponsoring this event. Thanks to Bridgett Palmer and her staff for the delicious meal and Dunkin’ Donuts for the donuts.

Door prizes are always a fun addition to the breakfast. We would like to thank the following businesses and individuals that donated the prizes this year. Donors were: ALBICA Computers, Arrowhead Pointe Golf Course, Brady Builders, Dr. Lenette Burrell, Community Insurance Associates, Community Partnership of Elbert County, Bill Daughtry, Dr. Joyce Davis, Design Mart, Designing Women, Eagle Oil Change, Elbert County Board of Education, Elbert County Chamber of Commerce, Elbert County Extension Office, Elbert County Public Library, Elbert Memorial Hospital, Elberton Ace Hardware, Elberton Christian Church, Elberton Federal Savings & Loan Association, Elberton Granite Association, Elberton Police Department, Farm Bureau, Franklin Insurance Agency, Frog Hollow Antiques and Unique Items, Heritage Health Care, Bill Hurst, Ingles, Shaheen Jalil, Martha Jones, Katrina King, Creations by Kathy, Lake Russell Building Supplies, Allen Lee, Love Unlimited Christian Bookstore, Madden's Pharmacy, Main Street Elberton, Majestic Granite Company, McIntosh Coffee Shoppe, Northeast Georgia Bank, Oglesby Antiques & Collectibles, One Price Dry Cleaning, PJay's Gallery, Papa's Pizza To-Go, Pilot Club, Pinnacle Bank, Pro Fitness, Suraiya Razzak/Amin Imports, Regions Bank, Dr. Jesse Robinson, Sanders Furniture Company, Slabco, The Petal Pusher, Timeout Sporting Goods, Trendy Retail, Tri State Granite, ValuTeachers, Wellness Center, Woodson Florist & Vintages, Wright's Automotive, YaYa Sisters and Tracie York.

Thanks to everyone that helped make this breakfast successful!

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CHAMBER MISSION - The mission of the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce is to promote commerce, tourism and growth that enhances the quality of life in our community.

VISION STATEMENT - “Elbert County - Small town charm with recreational opportunities, rich heritage and smart growth.”
LUNCH AND LEARN - DRUGS DON’T WORK PROGRAM

The Chamber will have a “Lunch and Learn” program on Wednesday, September 10th at the Chamber office. The speaker will be Chuck Wade, State Director of the Drugs Don’t Work Program. The Drugs Don’t Work Program is a powerful drug prevention program because:

- Drug testing at work is a proven deterrent to drug use (prevention).
- Drug testing at work encourages abstinence (prevention).
- Drug education provided to parents who are employees of drug free workplaces (a captive audience) can be shared with their children to help keep them drug and alcohol free (prevention).

WANT TO SAVE MONEY…
The General Assembly passed a 7.5% premium discount in workers’ compensation insurance based on a certified drug-free workplace program.

Please call the Chamber at 706-283-5651 if you would like to attend. Lunch will be provided.

THE ELBERT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND
THE MEDICAL CENTER

INVITE YOU TO ATTEND
BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST
6:00 - 7:00
LOCATION - 109 COLLEGE AVENUE