Thanks to All Members

Thanks to all of our members who have renewed their membership investment this year. As you all know, the Chamber of Commerce is a membership based organization and depends solely on chamber membersô investment to insure that we can operate and meet the needs of our membership and community.

New Chamber Members

Bryant Medical Holdings - Bryant Harlin - June
Peebles - Phillip Pirkle - June
Abigailôs on Main - Michael Marler - July
American Red Cross - Amanda Bennett - July
Amity Trader - Bridget Lindsey - August
Enterprise Community
Healthy Start Init. - Mark Wilkinson - August
Allstate Insurance - Donna Hedgepath
Monterey Pass Apartments - Marcia Kirkland
Sandersville Well Company - Mary Tooke

McDufĀe Mirror Moves

The McDufýe Mirror has now moved to their new location at 108 Railroad Street in Thomson. Please stop in, their doors are always open. Pictured is Tommy Luckey of Luckey Signs.

Meet your Chamber Board

Brad Adams – 706-597-7368
Diane Wood – 706-595-6999
Pat Baston – 706-595-5240
Jason Smith – 706-597-0335
Mike Carrington– 706-597-8500
Stephanie Ivery– 706-597-9616
Cindy Cox – 706-595-8269
Steve Dwyer – 706-595-5721
Evan Flynn – 706-595-0166
Sean Kelley – 706-556-1933
Dena Williams – 706-595-6775
Sue Richards – 706-597-8575
Angela Blair – 706-597-0335
Jennifer Allen – 706-595-1601
Tommy Phelps – 706-595-5626

The Winter Newsletter will be published in January 2007.
If you would like an article or photo in this newletter please turn it in to Carolyn Gilbert at the Chamber by December 10.

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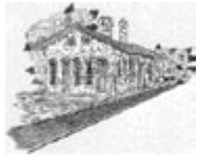

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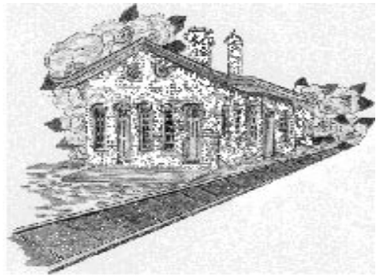

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*ó**The Magic of Christmas**ô*

2006 Festival Off Main to be held in December

ñThe Magic of Christmasò is the theme of the Fourth Annual Thomson-McDufýe Festival Off Main. Those working to organize this family community event are already feeling the magic of the season as they plan events that will appeal to all ages!! The festivities will begin on Friday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m. with the lighting of the Christmas Tree, area Elementary School children singing, and the arrival of Santa Claus!

The calendar of events for Saturday, December 2, will begin at 9 a.m. with the 5K Run/Walk and the opening of the Crafts, Food, and Antique Vendorsô venue. There will also be a special section for the children with pony rides, slides, wall climbing, and other rides to excite them. Do you smell the funnel cakes, hamburgers, and fries just thinking about it? New this year is Breakfast with Santa at the Depot. This will truly be a delight for children of all ages. Breakfast will be served at 10:00 a.m. Advance tickets will be sold at a cost of $3.00 for children and $5.00 for accompany-ing parents. There is no way one can imagine how thrilling this will be for the little ones. Tickets will be sold at the Chamber. Entertainment by local groups will be staged on the platform between the Depot and Annex with performances from 10:00 ï 2:00 p.m. You will not want to miss this part of the dayôs activities. For some of the planners the most exciting event for the Festival is the Parade!! This year there will be a NIGHT parade! Canôt you just see the þoats sparkling with lights and hear the air ýlled with Christmas music? What a perfect ending for a day ýlled with fun and goodwill! Applications for the parade can be obtained at the Chamber Ofýce. Entry cost is $10.00. A $100 prize will be awarded in each of four divisions: Small Business, Industry, Religion, and Education.

Cam Swann stands watch as a Toy Soldier while other kids visit with Santa following the Christmas tree lighting.

The Committee Volunteers hope that you and your family will support their efforts and make plans to spend the day shopping, eating, and celebrating the Christmas Season at the Fourth Annual Festival Off Main. They are certain you wonôt be disappointed.

Thank you to the following sponsors for this yearôs festival:

- Thomson Plastics - Presenting
- The McDufýe Mirror
- Anthony Auto Sales
- The Wilson Company
- McDufýe Tourism
- Jefferson Energy
- Cushman Paint & Body
- City of Thomson
- Jimmy & Denaôs (Breakfast with Santa)

Around Town

Calendar of Events:

October:
Ribbon Cutting/ Grand Opening
Allstate - Oct. 19 - 10 a.m.
Business After Hours
The McDufýe Mirror
Late October

November:
Business After Hours
Peacock Hill - Nov. 9
Ribbon Cutting/ Grand Opening
Jefferson Energy - November
Chamber Board Meeting
Nov. 15
Open House
Mattress Gallery - Nov. 16

December:
Tree Lighting
December 1 - Depot Park
Festival Off Main
December 2 - Railroad Street
Breakfast with Santa
Depot - December 2
Annual Christmas Parade
December 2 - 5:30 p.m.
Downtown Thomson
Concert at the Depot
featuring Steve Baughman and Robin Bullock
December 8 - Depot
Grand Opening
Amity Trader
(To Be Announced)

Check out the new website at:
www.thomson-mcdufýe.com