

Chamber's Friday News!

February 21, 2014

Thank You!


Rhapsody in Red was a HUGE success thank you to our supporters and sponsors.

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Irwin EMC

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Community Bank

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Active Real Estate

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Rhapsody in Red

Michelle Joiner—

Wow... What an awesome evening at ECO ballroom. We danced the night away. Hats off to Anna Oliver, Derinda Lewis, Christi Schirack and everyone that helped make this an Awesome night. Think we need to do this often. Great support. Our Ben Hill - Fitzgerald Chamber does an amazing job. Looking forward to supporting many more great events.

Ellen Dorminy Burke - It was an awesome night! We had lots of fun!



Dancing away with my
Sweetheart
With the "Swinging Medallions"
we had an AWESOME TIME!!!

Debra Weil

Rancho Grande

February & March Specials

Lunch Menu #1 -14

\$\$\$ 2.99 + tax

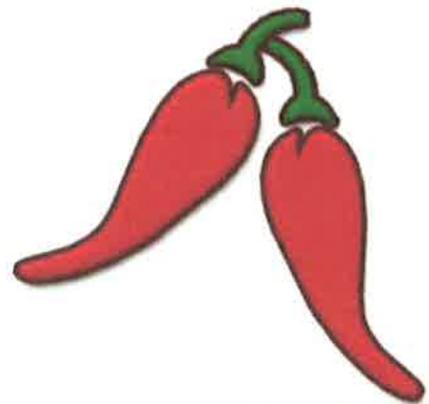


Margaritas

Monday—

Thursday

Buy 1 Get 1 Free



Domestic Beer .99

Imported Beer \$1.50



708 S. Grant Street
Fitzgerald, GA 31750
423-2323

GOLD & SILVER BUYERS OF FITZGERALD

*Just In Time
For Valentine's
Day*

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423-8427

*Great
Valentine's Day
Gifts*

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**Carrying a Full Line of
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Also introducing the debut of:

- **Beautiful Stainless Steel Jewelry**
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At Prices Anyone Can Afford!

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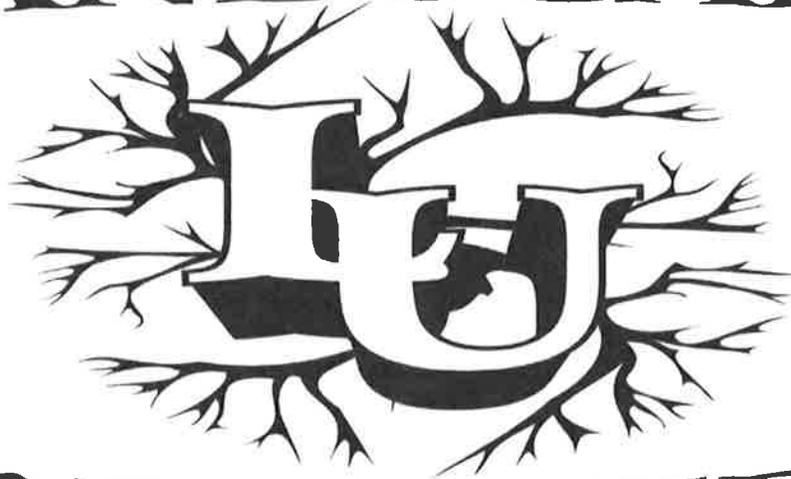
— Plus —

***We can order Guitar, Drum & Wind
Instrument Accessories.***

(Order by 2:00PM for next day delivery)

Still Paying the Best Prices for Your Gold & Silver!

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(229)423-1080

FREE PINE STRAW GIVEAWAY!

Come by between Feb 17-28
to enter for a chance to win
50 bales of pine straw!!

734 Benjamin Hill Drive West
Fitzgerald, Georgia 31750
Hours 8 am - 5 pm M-F



PO Box 362
408 W. Suwanee Street
Fitzgerald, GA 31750
Phone: 229-423-7933

Communities In Schools

Fitzgerald/Ben Hill County

Utility Trailer Raffle

Tickets \$5 each

OR

5 for \$20

Details:

- Size--6' x 12' with 4' ramp
- 2" coupler--5000lb capacity
- 3000lb capacity tongue jack
- 3500lb axle with e-z lube hubs
- ST205/75 tires w/15" steel spoke wheels
- Expanded metal floor
- Fender steps





Candie Martin will be retiring from Sherwin-Williams Co. Friday February 21, 2014 after 18 1/2 years. If anyone wants to tell her goodbye.



The Chamber would like to congratulate the staff and students of Fitzgerald High School on the outstanding success of our graduation rate.

FHS graduation rate jumped from 64.9% in 2011 to 83.50% last year...ABOVE THE STATE AVERAGE!!!

We are proud of our school system and students!

OSHA

10-hour OSHA GENERAL SAFETY TRAINING

Instructor: Jacob Dukes, Southern Safety Consultants

This 10-hour OSHA General Industry Training Course is intended for area employees who need general safety instruction that will emphasize hazard identification, avoidance, control, and prevention at an industrial or distribution center site.

All 10-hour OSHA General Industry Safety course completers will receive a certification card reflecting 10 total hours of OSHA General Industry Safety training.

This course will take a more in-depth look at the following safety topics:

- Introduction to OSHA
- Walking & Working Surfaces - Fall Protection
- Exit Routes, Emergency Action Plans, Fire Prevention Plans, & Fire Protection
- Electrical
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Hazard Communication
- Hazardous Materials
- Machine Guarding
- Bloodborne Pathogens



LOCATION & DATES:

Cook Campus - Sparks, GA
Two Fridays: Feb 28th & March 7th
7:00 a.m. – 12 noon each day

Course fee: \$195/person

**To register or for additional information, contact
Bill Tillman at 229.219.1379 or bill.tillman@wiregrass.edu**



FOR
ALL OF GOD'S
YOUNG DISCIPLES



JOIN US
as we go ALL OUT
in the LUMINOUS FEW
CHRISTIAN YOUTH RALLY

March 1st, 2014

• Arbor Baptist Church- Fitzgerald, GA
(1137 N. Merrimac Dr.)

Free Food

• Free Entry

For Youth,
By Youth

6:00 (food & fellowship) - until the party's over

(229)-457-1948

FELLOWSHIP - MESSAGE - LOUD MUSIC

Who was your favorite celebrity when you were in high school?

Join us for

Now
60's
90's
**DINNER OF THE
DECADES**
70's
00's
80's

CIS Celebrity Dinner
March 6, 2014 ~ 7 pm
early arrival for guests begins at 6:30
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College



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www.cisbenhill.org

**Communities
In Schools**

Fitzgerald/Ben Hill County

The Celebrity Dinner is a fundraiser for Communities In Schools. We are a non-profit organization which specializes in drop-out prevention, touching the lives of all students in Ben Hill County. Our various programs are funded through grants, foundations and local fundraising efforts. Last year, we raised over \$22,000.00 from the Celebrity Dinner. This money comes from business sponsorships, ticket sales, auction/raffle items, and the money collected during the event.

Here are a few ways you can help:

- ♣ **BE A CELEBRITY!**
 - Choose your favorite **Celebrity** (Movie Star, TV Star, Music Star) from the decade you graduated
 - Waiters are asked to sell **8** tickets for their table
 - The tickets are \$50 each and guest will be treated to a wonderful meal catered by Fat Daddy's
- ♣ **RECRUIT A CELEBRITY:** Maybe dressing up is just not for you – but I bet you know someone who loves it!
- ♣ **SUPPLY AN AUCTION/RAFFLE ITEM:** During the event, guests are able to bid on items that have been donated. These include a variety of items: vacation get-a-ways, portraits, bleaching kits, plane rides, large retail items – tv's etc
- ♣ **BECOME A SPONSOR:** Businesses as well as individuals can be a sponsor for the dinner at different levels
- ♣ **BE A GUEST:** Tickets for the dinner are \$50 each

Sponsorship Levels:

- ♣ **PLATINUM SPONSOR:** \$1000 or more – recognition as Platinum sponsor in the event's program, business name included in newspaper articles, business logo included in newspaper ad, **8 tickets, \$200 in tip money** to be divided among guest at the table, business promotion at the table
- ♣ **GOLD SPONSOR:** \$500 – \$999 donation - recognition as Gold sponsor in the event's program, articles in newspaper, **tickets for 2 guests, and \$25 in tip money** for each guest
- ♣ **SILVER SPONSOR:** \$250 - \$499 - recognition as Silver sponsor in the event's program, and articles in newspaper
- ♣ **BRONZE SPONSOR:** \$100 - \$249 - recognition as Bronze sponsor in the event's program, and articles in newspaper
- ♣ **CIS FRIENDS:** up to \$100 - recognition in the event's program, and articles in newspaper

*One idea for businesses is to provide a waiter as well as purchase tickets for their staff.
Extra promotional incentives for the business can be received by becoming a Platinum Sponsor.*

100% of money raised STAYS in Ben Hill County helping OUR children.

**Communities In Schools of Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County, Inc, is a 501c3, nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible.
*Credit Cards and "Colony Cash" accepted**



Wild Chicken Festival

March 14 & 15, 2014

*Historic Downtown
Fitzgerald, Georgia*



2014 Ben Hill – Irwin Boy Scout Invitational

Here is the opportunity to enjoy a golf outing at Turkey Creek Dining and Golf and support the youth of our area. This golf tournament will help provide needed funds to help deliver a quality program to scouts across all of Ben Hill County and Irwin County of the South Georgia Council. Thank you in advance for your support!!

Date: Saturday, March 29, 2014 9:00 am shotgun start.
3 Man Scramble - \$120 per team, includes event appreciation item, lunch, and cart (for first 20).
Mulligan Package - \$30, includes: – 2 mulligans, 1 "throw mulligan", and 1 "closest to the pin" , 1 package per player

Prizes: Cash - 1st place team - \$400, 2nd - \$250, 3rd - \$150
20 carts available, teams welcome to bring own carts.

"Double Diamond" Sponsors are a \$1,000 level which includes a name banner with logo*, and a team.

"Diamond" Sponsors are a \$500 level and includes a "yard sign" with logo* and a team.

Hole Sponsors are \$100 each and includes a sign with name, no logo.

**** Logos – camera ready, must be furnished by March 14, 2014**

For additional information contact Roland McCarthy, South Georgia Council, 1841 Norman Drive, Valdosta, GA, 31601, 229.343.1615.



WIREGRASS

GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Drivers Education

Learning to drive is a major milestone in your teens life. It's important for young or inexperienced drivers to learn safe driving techniques. Joshua's Law requires 30 hours of class instruction and 6 additional hours of on the road experience to receive a class D license. Most insurance companies also give a reduction (approx. 10%) on insurance premiums upon successful completion. You may also be eligible for up to a \$150.00 tax credit.

The cost of the course is \$275.00.

March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2014

Ben Hill-Irwin Campus

For more information contact:

Gail Giddens

229-468-2074



Receive 10 hours of Bright from the Start Certified Continuing Education Training when you attend all five classes.

Tuesday, March 11
"Blocks: A Foundation for Learning"

Thursday, March 13
"It Takes Two to Talk: Listening and Language In the Classroom"

Thursday, March 20
"The World Around Us: Preschool Social Studies Concepts"

Tuesday, March 25
"Room for Everything—Room Arrangement"

Thursday, March 27
"Positive Discipline: What is It And Why Do We Use It?"

Time: 7:00-9:00
Cost: \$15 each

Two Hours Credit Awarded for Each Class Attended!!

Don't miss this opportunity for local training!!!

Training Location:

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College
667 Perry House Road
Fitzgerald, GA 31750

To register contact:

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gail.giddens@wiregrass.edu



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GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

GUEST
ORDER NO
80918

ServSafe
Coffee Campus

April 7

9am-6pm

\$180.00

**For more information or
to register contact:
Gail Giddens
229-468-2074**

Registration Deadline: March 19

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COLONY CITY COLOR CHASE 2014

5 K & 1 MILE FUN RUN

WHEN

**Saturday, May 10, 2014
8:00 am**

WHERE

**Start/Finish Line at
Jaycee Stadium**

Fitzgerald High School 601 W. Cypress Street Fitzgerald, GA

**Wear a white shirt!! • A different color powder thrown at each
Kilometer on the 5K race route • Powder will be thrown along
the 1 mile route to cover the kids!! •**



www.fitzgeraldrotary.org

ENTRY FEES

**By May 5: \$20 for adults/
\$15 for children 12 and under**

**After May 5: \$25 for adults/
\$20 for children 12 and under**

THERE WILL BE RACE DAY REGISTRATION

AWARDS & PRIZES

**T-shirts & race sunglasses
to all preregistered
participants.**

**5K : Trophies awarded to the
top 3 in each age group.**

**1 Mile: Finisher medals to all
participants 12 and under.
Trophy to 1st place male and
female 12 and under.**

**CONTACT ANY
ROTARIAN FOR
MORE INFO
AND TO REGISTER.**

**Colony City Chase
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Fitzgerald, GA 31750
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