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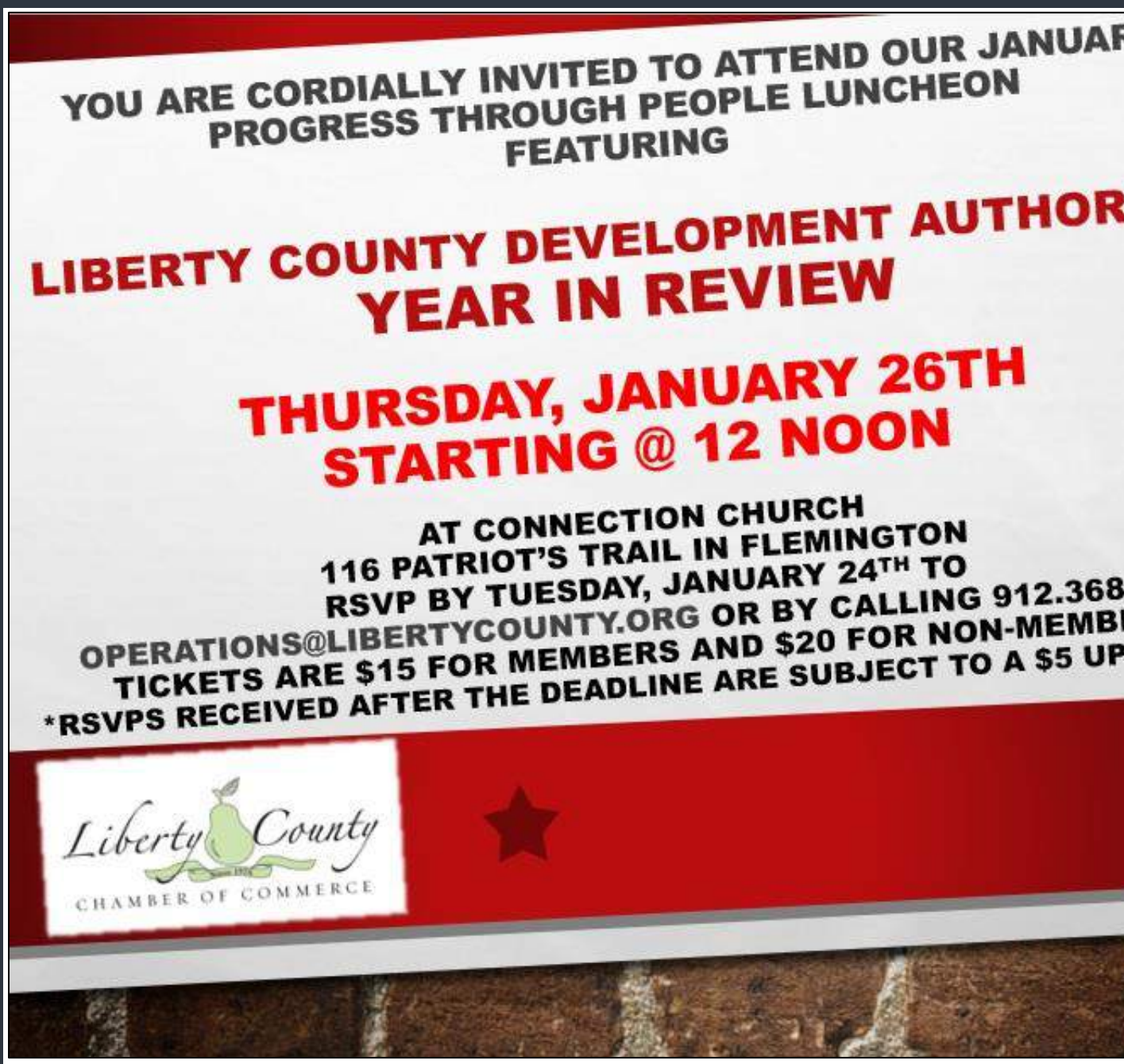

Ameris Bank
amerisbank.com

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Thursday, February 16th
5:00pm to 7:00pm

Please join the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce for

Business After Hours

hosted by
Ameris Bank

located at
101 W Hendry Street in Hinesville

Bring your business cards for networking opportunities!

Liberty County
Since 1976
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Liberty County Blog

"What I Actually Do at Work"

Make sure to stop by our website and check out our blog in its entirety. A new entry is posted every week. You can view "The Right Blend Blog" here: http://libertycounty.org/category/news/right-blend/

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.™

Blood Drive
Liberty Regional Medical Center

Classrooms
462 E.G. Miles Parkway
Hinesville, GA 31313

Friday, January 27, 2017
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Please see Deborah Wells to sign up or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code:: librmc

Go online on the day of your donation and make your visit to the blood drive quicker! Visit redcrossblood.org/rapidpass for more information

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Marketing Tip of the Week

Charlene Parlett

THE IMPORTANCE OF REVIEWS

Do you ask customers to leave a review for you? Don't be afraid of the occasional bad reviews you will get; what if you fall behind one day because someone calls out sick? Or a new customer has unrealistic expectations? It happens. Unfortunately, unhappy customers complain online and happy customers don't think to praise you ***unless you ask them to.*** Nobody has a perfect 5-stars (and if they do, I'd be suspicious). But what if all your reviews are 3 stars or less?

It takes 2-3 GOOD reviews <u>each</u> to balance out those negative reviews in prospects' minds. Google ranks organic (aka free, non-ad) search results in part on how much your business interacts with Google.

SO – when you claim and fill in your GoogleMyBusiness page, that helps you rank higher. Create blogposts on your GoogleMyBusiness page and it ranks you higher. Get LOTS of reviews (yes, even bad ones) and Google ranks you higher. YES – businesses that have a much worse reputation but more online reviews often show up higher on the searches.

Ask your customers to leave reviews for you – **a great way to do this is to send a follow-up email or a postcard a few days after their last visit.** You and your team will feel great about hearing positive reviews, and negative reviews can be valuable learning tools to improve your customer service or product offerings.

Send comments to <u>charlene@seamlesscoach.com</u>

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE
ACS
Real-Life Solutions for Successful Army Living

Fort Stewart Army Community Service
Employment Readiness Program
Savannah, GA 31409
Office (912) 767-1518 Fax (912) 767-1417

Good Day!

The Employment Readiness Program at Fort Stewart, GA is proud to inform you we are preparing for our semi-annual **Hiring Fair**, which will take place **April 19, 2017 at Club Stewart.**

We would greatly appreciate your participation in providing our/your military Family members, recent Retirees, and Veterans the opportunity to become knowledgeable of career opportunities with your company/firm/agency.

The Team Stewart Community has a diverse pool of candidates with a wide range of educational levels and experiences. Whatever your needs, chances are there is a military Family member, recent Retiree, or Veteran who will be a perfect match!

- Over half of all Family members, Retirees ad Veterans have some college training
- More than one-fifth has earned a baccalaureate degree
- One in twenty holds one or more graduate or professional degrees.
- Many are licensed or certified in skilled trades or professional fields, with experience in a variety of different types and sizes of organizations.

This event will be at NO COST to your company/firm/agency.

The suspense date to register for this event is March 24, 2017.

Please complete the information below if you would like to participate

Location: Club Stewart, 1020 Hero Rd, bldg. 405, Fort Stewart, GA 31315

Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Dining Facility and Food Vendors nearby)

Employer/company/organization name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Please communicate additional requirements or accommodations (electrical outlet, space for oversize display, etc). Thank you.

Send reply via email to Thomas.w.barnard.civ@mail.mil or Fax, Attn: Thomas Barnard, 912-767-1417

Coffee & Conversation, all about ART!
Every Wednesday at 10am, come join in!
Several artists gather to enjoy some coffee, some sweets and chat "all about art"!
All are welcome!
Hosted by
Southern Sweets Café & Bakery
located at
112 Commerce Street in downtown Hinesville

Chamber Website Advertising

We have advertising space available on our website!!

This is a great way to promote your business, as Liberty County residents, visitors and Chamber members access our site daily for information about Liberty County, Chamber membership, Tourism and more.

If you would like to place an ad on the website, please contact Victoria by calling 368.4445 or emailing sales@libertycounty.org

Project Reach G.A.N.G. Inc.
PO Box 465
Riceboro, Georgia 31323
(912) 977-3951
projectreach_gang@yahoo.com
Website: www.projectreachgang.com

Dear Community Outreach Program, Businesses, Community Health Programs, Churches, and Interested Citizens:

Project Reach G.A.N.G. Inc. "God's Anointed Now Generation" is a non-profit community youth outreach program. We will be hosting the 7th Annual Community Health Fair in Riceboro on February 25, 2017 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the Riceboro Youth Center 5649 South Coastal Highway (Hwy 17). The event is free to the public. Please share this information with your friends and family members. No Cost!

We are seeking support from you to set up a station or stations to provide screenings, resource information (insurance), nutrition advice, public safety relation resources, or whatever would be benefiting to the public concerning their wellbeing.

Please contact us if this is an event you will take part of: Lavonia LeCounte – Executive Director Email:projectreach_gang@yahoo.com (912)977-3951. I am attaching a registration form to be submitted by February 11, 2017. There is no charge to registrant. You will need a table and chairs. We are limited with tables so we ask that you supply your own table. Chairs will be supplied for you. Setup time is from 7:30 A.M – 8:45 A.M. Light refreshments will be served.

Motto: HEALTHY ME – HEALTHY YOU!

Thank you for your consideration with this matter.

Lavonia LeCounte – Executive Director
Project Reach G.A.N.G. Inc. "God's Anointed Now Generation"

Project Reach G.A.N.G.Inc

Presents

7TH Annual Community HEALTH and WELLNESS Fair

RICEBORO YOUTH CENTER

February 25, 2017 9:00 am to 12:30 pm
5649 South Coastal Highway Hwy 17

Sponsors: City of Riceboro
SNF Holding Company, LCRD
Booth spaces are available.
Deadline to sign up is
February 11, 2017

Project Reach 912-977-3951
Email: projectreach_gang@yahoo.com
Call or email for more information POC: Lavonia LeCounte

Register to win a gift certificate to Farmer's Natural Foods and more!!

Health Screenings
Resource Information
Zumba, Exercise Routines,
Nutrition Consultant,
Diabetes, HBP Check, On-site
Mammogram screening ,
Vision, and much more.
For all ages!
FREE! FREE! FREE!

Hearts for Heroes

"Thank you to ALL that serve"

Please help us help the Corporal John Stalvey Foundation from Brunswick, Georgia wish a very happy Valentine's Day to those who serve and those who have been wounded while serving our great country!

We are collecting HOMEMADE valentines, wrapped chocolate candy and NEW stuffed animals. These items will be distributed to military personnel undergoing long-term rehabilitation at the Warrior's Transition Battalion at Ft. Stewart, GA and in Tampa Bay, Florida; along with military personnel throughout Ft. Stewart and military personnel currently serving overseas.

This is great project for families, civic groups, businesses, office staffs, day care centers/schools/after-school programs, churches and a great reason for friends and neighbors to get together! PLEASE spread the word far and wide to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, churches, school groups, etc.

Monetary donations are NOT accepted – ONLY donations of HOMEMADE valentines, wrapped chocolate candy and new stuffed animals are accepted. If you are interested in donating any of these items from out of town OR if you are interested in assisting with the Valentines party being held at the Warrior's Transition Battalion at Ft. Stewart, please contact COL (R) Buck Bennett or Joni Bennett.

DONATED ITEMS ARE NEEDED BY SATURDAY, 11 FEBRUARY AT THE VERY LATEST!

Hearts 4 Heroes 2017 homemade valentines, stuffed animals & chocolate candy drop off locations

Brunswick:	COLOR ME HAPPY POTTERY STUDIO on Newcastle Street
	ESPN COASTAL GA RADIO in Glynn Place Mall
	TWICE LOVED KID'S STUFF on Commerce Drive, Suite 101
	EXPRESS LUBE on Community Road
	COASTAL LANDSCAPE & DESIGN on Hwy 341
SSI:	BRAND MORTGAGE on Ocean Boulevard
	COASTAL COMPUTER CONSULTING on Sylvan Boulevard
Hinesville:	IMPRINT WAREHOUSE located at 101 Ryon Avenue

CPL JOHN STALVEY FOUNDATION

Free Dance Day!

with Inspirations Performance Studio

Saturday, February 4th

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Classes in Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Lyrical, Zumba, Acrobatics/Gymnastics, & more!

Registration required for each class to reserve your spot!

***Contact* Juanita@inspirationsperformance.com**

Farmhouse Style Sign Painting Class

Hosted by Westside Baptist Church

108 N Welborn St in Hinesville

Monday, February 6th

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Free Childcare Available for infants to age 12. Please pre-register by phone/text 912-532-9516 or by email darea26@yahoo.com

Relay For Life of Liberty Co. Important Dates

Team Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of every month

***Feb 28th-** Bark For Life Sponsorship & T-Shirt Deadline

***March 31st-** Relay Sponsorship Deadline

***April 8th-** Bark For Life Event

***April 13th-** T-Shirt Deadline

***May 6th-** Survivor & Caregiver Luncheon

***May 15th to May 21st-** Paint the Town Purple Week

***May 16th-** Relay Bank Night at The Heritage Bank

***May 17th-** Wear Purple on "Paint Liberty Purple Day"

***May 19th to 20th-** Relay Day at the LCRD

Believing In The NuYu

We are looking for Male/Female mentors and volunteers, you must be 21 or older and willing to get a background check done.
We want motivating passionate individuals, who truly enjoy working with teens between the ages of 12-18.

Contact:

Eugene Johnson for application

@ 912 320 4397
or
Nuyubelievers@gmail.com

MEDICAID & PEACHCARE FOR KIDS FREE ENROLLMENT & RENEWAL ASSISTANCE

Assistance available by walk in or by appointment!

DAY: Every Tuesday
TIME: 9:00am-4:00pm
LOCATION: UWCE - Hinesville, 135 E M L King Jr Dr, Hinesville

Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids are no-cost or low-cost public health insurance programs for children 0-19. Children can get regular check-ups, immunizations, doctor and dentist visits, hospital stays, mental health services, prescriptions and more. Children in a family of four earning up to $59,904 may qualify.

Please bring photo ID, Social Security #s for the entire household & most recent income documents.

For more information, call **912.661.1272**

Campaign for Coastal Healthy Kids

www.coastalcampaign.org

Chatham County SafetyNet Planning Council

Remember to Shop Local!

There are plenty of businesses that can service your needs right here in the Liberty County Community.

Check out our membership directory and start shopping local today!

Use #ShopLocal & #ShopLiberty the next time you make a local purchase & share it on social media.

Thank you for your continued support!

Yoga & Wine

First Friday of each month

Pre-Register by calling
912-439-1182 or email
babyreed2011@hotmail.com
Classes are $10
*bring your own beverage
**yoga mats available for
use up to 15 people
102 Commerce Street, Hinesville

HINESVILLE AREA ARTS COUNCIL

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Wine & Canvas

Friday, January 20th
6:30-8:00pm
$30 per person
$50 for couple
$5 Registration fee required

(Fee includes all materials and refreshments, not wine.
You are responsible for your beverage of choice.)

102 Commerce Street, downtown Hinesville

Register by going to www.splashofpaintstudios.com
(under the events tab) or call 601-405-6227

HINESVILLE AREA ARTS COUNCIL

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M 2M Discount Spotlight

This year, each of our businesses that purchased a premium spot on the back of the M2M card will be highlighted in our E-News, social media and Chamber events. The Pour House Bar & Grill and McDonalds are both in the Spotlight for January. Take a look at the flyers for each business on this page and your M2M card to take advantage of the savings! Thank you to **The Pour House Bar & Grill and McDonalds** for offering these discounts and participating in our M2M program! **Remember to Shop Local, Shop Liberty!**

The Liberty County Chamber of Commerce is entering the 7th year of our successful **Member to Member Discount Program**. With over 90 members participating, business to business relationships are at the core of our mission. With this program, members can provide special offers and discounts directly to other members and their employees.

All members of the Chamber receive a membership card when they join, as well as one for each employee. Members also have access to a full list of discounts on the Chamber's website www.libertycounty.org.

The discount cards, when flashed at participating member businesses, save money instantly on purchases. The main purpose of the card is to verify membership in order to receive discounts. Participating businesses this year will also be given a plaquard to display as a way to prompt people to remember their discounts.

We encourage you to choose a discount or offer that is appropriate to your business, 10% off any item or a specialty item in your shop; 10% off of services for a first-time customer; 15% off a first contract for services; a free visit for consultation; or a discounted rate for monthly services. These are just some examples of what you can do. To join the M2M Program please contact the Chamber office today at 368.4445 or email sales@libertycounty.org.

Our goal is to keep more of Liberty County dollars in Liberty County, so Shop Local, Shop Liberty!

Discover a new way to shop, support and save by taking advantage of this awesome program!

Liberty County Recreation Department UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE FOLLOWING:

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: Starts the first day of school and continues throughout the school year. Provides transportation from school to the Shuman Center where participants have activities, snack, and study time. For children in Kindergarten through 5th grade, the cost is $45 per week. A limited number of slots are available.

LCRD DANCE PROGRAM

Registration is now underway at the Liberty County Recreation Department for a new Dance Program. This program will be conducted at the Liberty County Community Complex in Midway each Tuesday starting January 5. Ages and class times are as follows: 2 year olds- 4:30-5:15pm; 3 & 4 year olds- 5:15-6:15pm; 5-7 year olds- 6:15-7:15pm; and 7-10 year olds- 7:15-8:15pm. Instruction in ballet & tap dancing and gymnastics/tumbling will be provided. The fee is $50 per month per child. The program will conclude with a recital in May. The instructor is Cheryl Brett, who has over 40 years of experience as a dance instructor.

LCRD INSANITTY LIVE:

INSANITY Live is a High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) class that focuses on strength and endurance. The class is taught at a mild, moderate speed and intensity so that you can pick the speed and variation of the exercise that will give you the most of your hour. This class is for everyone. No matter your age or fitness level, come spend an hour with us and find out how much fun you can have!
Classes are held each Monday and Wednesday from 10 to 11am, beginning April 6th at the Liberty County Community Complex in Midway. The cost is $5 per class, paid at each class attended. For additional information call 396-1414.

JU-JITSU CLASSES:

Sensei John Glimmerveen and his staff conduct classes each Monday & Wednesday at the Liberty County Community Complex in Midway and the Shuman Center in Hinesville. The times for classes are 4:00-5:00pm at the Shuman Center and 6:00-7:00pm at the Liberty County Community Complex. There is a $30 monthly fee for this program.

For additional information call 876-5359 or go to

www.lcrd.net.

Hinesville Area Arts Council Art Classes

Oil Painting Class

Teaching Bob Ross Technique Oil Painting. Everything is included, just bring yourself. You make it and take it! Landscapes, seascapes, floral or wildlife. $35 per class and pre-registration is required. Classes are held on the 4th Saturday and Sunday of each month. Contact Nancy Melchor for more information, 912-335-6655 or 954-494-6192 or email **nancymelchor@bellsouth.net**

Art Classes for All Ages
Every Third
Saturday of the Month

Ages 3-6 with an adult 10:30-11:30am. Let's Create Session
Ages 7-11 from 12:00-1:30pm. Let Your Paintbrush Groove Session
Ages 12-17 from 2:00-3 :30pm. Crea-TEEN-ing Art Session
Contact Splash of Paint Studios for more information, (601) 405-6227 or register at **www.splashofpaintstudios.com** (under the events tab). All classes $10.

Wine & Canvas
Every Third Friday of the Month

6:30 to 8 p.m. $30 per person or $50 for couple
Contact Splash of Paint Studios for more information, (601) 405-6227 or register at **www.splashofpaintstudios.com**.

Check out what all the HAAC has to offer at
www.hinesvillearts.com

You can mail your tax deductible donation to:
United Military Care
1220 Old Canton Road
Marietta, GA 30062

Show them you care

Donate Today

The family sacrifices and serves too. The Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Coastie or Marine who serves doesn't do so alone-beside him is a loving family that have needs that you can help with! United Military Care is here for them but we need your help. It takes money to have an office for them to come too, a food pantry to give supplies from and more. Your gift will make a huge difference and bring about a lot of smiles.

Help Today!

Upcoming Chamber Events

January

26th Progress Through People Luncheon featuring The Liberty County Development Authority: Year in Review, 12pm, Connection Church, 116 Patriot's Trail in Flemington

February

16th Business After Hours hosted by Ameris Bank, 5pm – 7pm, at their main branch located at 101 W. Hendry St. in Hinesville

23rd STAR Student/Teacher Luncheon, 12 noon, at the Liberty County Performing Arts Center in Flemington, RSVP by Tuesday, Feb 21st