

Meriden/Ozawkie Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes
April 16th, 2015

Announcements/Projects/Event Updates

Mollee McKinley was noted by President Scott Stanley as the newest member of the Chamber board. Mollee replaces Tyson Schreiner, who had previously expressed to the board his appreciation for the opportunity to serve.

2015 Golf Tournament – Mollee McKinley reminded the chamber that the annual golf tournament is set for Friday, June 19th at Lake Perry Country Club. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM with a shotgun start set for 8:30. This year's participating beneficiary is the Team Tiger Wrestling program in Meriden. Promotional materials available soon.

Meriden Pride Committee – Tim Benyshek relayed to the chamber information about the Movies in the Park event set for May 16th. For this event, the Meriden Pride Committee is joining forces with the Jeff West Ball Association and all activities will be held at Lacey Field.

Tim also mentioned the Meriden Festival and Street Dance set for Sept 12th, 2015.

Interested parties are encouraged to join the Pride Committee for their regular meetings the first Thursday of every month at the Meriden City Hall.

Chamber's Jeff West Booster Club Carnival Basket – Alexa Surritt announced that the basket donated by the chamber brought \$210—the highest auction item!

Community Easter Egg Hunt bicycle – was a strong success. Approximately 450 eggs were hidden, including \$70 worth of "money" eggs. The bicycle, provided by the chamber, was won by Meriden resident Natalie Holguin.

Facebook Page Updates (thank you Heather Williams!)

- The Chamber Facebook page has 153 "likes"!
- Our March meeting reminder post reached 123 people!
- The Pancake Feed Results post reached 526 people!
- The Bike Giveaway/Easter Egg Hunt post reached 548 people!
- At least one new chamber member reached through our FB page!

Special Guest – Sam Henderson

Sam Henderson, Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Director, brought the chamber up to date on proposed changes in Jeff County sign ordinances (see attached for full documentation). Sam also highlight for the chamber a potential "commercial recreation overlay" that would allow for easier re-zoning to commercial/recreation use along key roads with primary or secondary access to Perry Lake (see attached).

Upcoming Meetings

Chamber – Thursday, May 21st – Countryside Square Community Room