

Downtown Chatter



The JJ Weeks Band at the Lion Chasers Coffee Café Excitement on Second Street Friday, May 29—and It Is Free!! 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 pm

The Lion Chasers will open Friday @ 7:30am. The Coffee Cafe' will close @ 2pm and reopen at 6:30 until 9pm that night. The bookstore will remain open until 9pm.

Robby and Keri invites everyone to come out and help celebrate the grand opening of the Lion Chasers Coffee Café. As you may know the Lion Chasers is our new Christian Book Store with so much more to offer. As part of the Coffee Café opening, the talented JJ Weeks Band, a Contemporary Christian/Pop band will perform. Enjoy a variety of coffee drinks, smoothies, cappuccinos, pastries and cakes.

About the Band

JJ Weeks Band, a Contemporary Christian / Pop band from Macon, Georgia travels the nation ministering through encouraging contemporary tunes. Their melodies range from stirring, up-tempo tunes to deeply reflective songs. His producer, Skip Slaughter, states, "*JJ's songs are inspired and his performance is nothing short of inspirational. His powerful and expressive voice lends a compelling contemporary interpretation to a timeless message.*"

JJ comments, "*Some people ask 'Has it been easy?' all I can say is it has most certainly been God! I don't know what God has planned for the JJ Weeks Band but I do know that we are open and willing to go wherever He leads.*"

Think Downtown Tifton for your shopping, dining, salon, and service needs. Our Merchants stand ready to help!

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Save the Dates Upcoming Events

September 18 and 19
BBQ festival of the year in
Downtown Tifton

- Sanctioned BBQ competition
- Backyard BBQ Competition
- People's Choice
- Prizes
- Arts and Crafts Festival...and much, much more

This is a MBN (Memphis Barbecue Network) sanctioned event...



October 9-11

BRAG (Bicycle Ride Across Georgia)
The Georgia Bikefest is coming to Tifton for a three-day weekend of bicycling through the Tifton area.

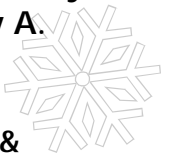


Welcome New Business

Help us welcome to Downtown Tifton the below new business.



- To The Moon – Home Décor and Furnishing – Retail
309 S. Main Street – Leanne Ball, owner
- City Hair Salon (was Beauty villa) 227 Love Avenue –
Elizabeth Gill, owner
- True Identity Salon & Spa – 364 S. Main Street-Shelby
Hogan, owner
- Chronicles of Beauty Salon – 211 E. 3rd Street -Lawonda
Baker, owner
- Love Believe and Dream Boutique 136 E. 3rd Street. Retail
Sales (Clothing & skin Care Products) Felisa Clark, owner
- CST Account Services, Inc.—“we don’t get paid until you
do!” A Collection Service 213 E. 3rd Street. Cathy A.
Paliotta, VP
- The Mower Clinic 509 S. Main Street. Retail Sales &
Service of Small Engines – Chris Hudgins, owner
- We’ve Moved: High Falutin is now located at 308 Main
Street. Apparel and Accessories. Jarrett Haswell, owner



New Business-Special Events

*Are you interested in opening a
new business downtown?*

*Are you interested in hosting a
special event that will draw
crowds to downtown?*

*If so, we can help—call
Lequrica Gaskins
@ 229-397-3977 Or
Fran Kinchen
@ 229-556-7439*

Save the Date!

July 11, 2009

Tifton Terminal Railway Museum

*The Smithsonian is coming to
Tifton!*

*The Smithsonian Institute: Key
Ingredient’s Diner Experience and
Benefit dinner.*

*Smithsonian Event
4:00 – 7:30 p.m.*

*Tift Museum Benefit Dinner
7:30 p.m.
\$25 Single - \$40 Couple*

“Save Our Steam Train”



Look what’s Happening at the Downtown Tift Theatre

- June 11-13 and 18-20: An Evening of One Acts (Three
One Act Plays) – 7p.m. All seats \$10
- June 15 – Camp registration deadline has been extended!
- June 16 – First Day of 5th Annual Kidz Theatre Camp
- June 30 – The Band, BLEND, a 50’s Rock Band; 7p.m.
Ticket \$10.00—A Pre-Independence Downtown Event
- July 23, 24, 25 – The be4verly Hillbillies (Kidz Theatre
Camp Production) 7p.m. Tickets \$10.00



See You at the Tift Theatre

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MERCHANTS**

**City of Tifton—Main Street
Program—We are here to HELP!**

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Downtown Development
Authority meets each third
Tuesday at 12:00 noon

Think Downtown for Lunch and Dinner—Visit our Local Restaurants

Three Graces at the Lankford Manor—Serving Specialty Lunches. Available for Weddings, Receptions, Banquets, Dinners, Tea Parties, Family Reunions, etc Located at 401 Love Ave. Call: 229-238-2534

Giggles Café—Serving Fresh Roasted Coffee, specialty drinks and fresh baked goodies, Soups, Salads, Desserts, & Sandwiches: Located @ 219 Main Street-229-382-7997

Mi-Lady Bakery—“Old Fashioned Scratch Bakery” delicious donuts, Breakfast Rolls, Sandwiches & Soups: Located @ 275 Brumby Way-229-382-1955

Harper’s In the Myon—For Fine Dining—Pasta Salad, Soup & Quiche, Specialty Sandwiches, Express Lunches, Sunday Brunch—Private parties, etc. Located @ 128 First Street Myon Complex-229-386-4853

LaCabana Mexican Restaurant—For Authentic Mexican Food Prepared Fresh Daily—Margaritas, Cold Beer, & Wine: Located @ 211 Main Street —229-382-1011

Shady Lane Drive Inn -For the best Chili Dogs in Town: Located @ 522 Main St: Call 382-7811

The Atlantic
Coastline Artists
Guild will be open
during the
summer.

**Have you Been to the Downtown
Farmer's Market?**

Hours: Every Saturday from 8-11am
Each First Thursday of the Month 4-7pm

Fresh home-grown vegetables, crafts, cakes, etc.



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Chatter” Events, news,
what’s happening
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Vision Statement:

To development Downtown Tifton into a regional destination point. Downtown Tifton should be so compellingly unique that people will go out of their way and pass by other towns just to visit Historic Downtown Tifton.

Mission Statement:

The Main Street Program focuses on revitalization of the downtown area by restructuring our economy in order to restore, rehabilitate and use our historic resources.

Special Events such as holiday parades, festivals, exhibits improve community attitudes and promote downtown as a friendly place to return.

Business Development encourages revitalization through reinvestment and participation in the process of community redevelopment.

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**HANDS ON GEORGIA WORKING FOR THE
COMMUNITY**



Main Street Program and volunteers from Keep Tifton Beautiful—even the youngest joined forces to plant a community garden at Brother’s Charlie.

Main Street also tapped in on the skills, talents, and experience of **32 Foster Grandparents** who serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to young people with special needs. These Foster Grandparents will also serve as volunteers with downtown Main Street events throughout the year.