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THE MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER OF THE ITAWAMBA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

### ICDC PRESENTS..... "THE NEW WEBSITE REVEALED"



Make Plans to attend the **Premiere of the Year!** ICDC will be presenting its new website for Itawamba County. You must see the eye-catching, easy to use, and informative website. Learn more about Itawamba County from Places to Eat, Places to Visit, and the new Made in Itawamba section featuring our Itawamba Made products. We look forward to serving you cinema snacks and walking you through all the wonderful marketing opportunities geared towards Visitors and Business Development. Please reserve your premiere movie ticket today by contacting our office at 662-862-4571 or by email to <a href="mailto:aizard@itawamba.com">aizard@itawamba.com</a>. Come out and see how "We're Changing Lives One Job at a Time" with our new Website!

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The Niña and the Pinta, the most historically accurate replica ships of Christopher Columbus ever built, docked at the Midway Marina just in time for Thanksgiving! Many visitors from Alabama, Tennessee, and Mississippi came to tour these magnificent boats. Our school children also had special tours with pirates and hunted for hidden treasure chests filled with goodies! Fulton is one of 15 stops made by the crew of these ships. While in Fulton, the crew enjoyed a Thanksgiving Feast and Bon Fire hosted by the staff at the Marina. This stop on their voyage is one of the crews' favorites. Thanks to all who helped ensure a successful tour!

# Christmas in Itawamba County....

The IAHS Chorus gave merchants in Downtown Fulton a surprised treat by serenading them with Christmas Carols. What a wonderful way to celebrate the start of the holiday season!



#### 35 Years of Christmas Cheer



Picture Provided by Adam Armour "The Itawamba Times"

35 Years of Christmas Cheer is the legacy our very own Jerry Stubblefield has provided in the City of Fulton. Adults and children alike have stories of Christmases past that are centered around the amazing technicolor of lights, scenes, music, and lest no one forget the most important figures of all...Mr. and Mrs. Claus greeting each boy and girl as they approached the house. The lights will be missed, but the memories will stay with us forever. Thank you, Jerry, for helping to make so many Christmas memories for us all!

#### Itawamba County Welcome Center Christmas Open House

Ann Miller and the staff at the Itawamba County Welcome Center have hosted approximately 377,000 visitors this year! Our center logs more visitors than in other center in the entire state. There are not enough accolades for this wonderful group, and the work they perform every day ensures all visitors experience a sweet taste of Southern Hospitality. The staff also helps promote all of our Itawamba restaurants, shops, and tourist destinations. Make sure and stop by for a visit. You'll be glad you did!



## **Itawamba County Officials Take Oath of Office**



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Itawamba County Officials were sworn in on Monday, January 4th. As officials raised their right hands to pledge the oath of office, family, friends, and supporters gathered to support them. It was a time of celebration with a reception that followed. In the latter hours of the day, collaboration between all of these new officials began. The first official Board of Supervisors meeting was held at 9:30 a.m. where appointments were unanimously made for county-wide positions. Beginning the year with some fresh faces, steadfast office holders, and staffers full of county knowledge, new hopes and dreams are voiced. Remember to thank those that serve us in these elected positions and provide support to ensure the next four years are filled with growth, positive changes, and a better Itawamba County!

#### Welcome to the Newly Elected Board of Supervisors

Itawamba County Board of Supervisors (2016-2020)

District 1: Charles Horn

District 2: Cecil "Ike" Johnson

District 3: Steve Moore
District 4: Eric Hughes
District 5: Steve Johnson

Chancery Clerk: Michelle Clouse County Administrator: Gary Franks

Board Attorney: Bo Russell

