

# *itawamba* Trends

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THE MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER OF THE ITAWAMBA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

## *27 Graduate from 1<sup>st</sup> year Junior Leadership Program*



*Pictured above are the graduates from ICDC Junior Leadership.  
From top to bottom: Fulton, Mantachie, and Tremont.*



### **Itawamba Jr. Leadership**

Investing in Itawamba's future one Jr. Leader at a time. The aim of the eight-month course is to engage Itawamba County's younger demographic, emphasize the importance of community involvement, and help transform them into individuals who will support the county in the coming years. By investing in the county's youth, we want them to feel a sense of pride and accomplishment. We encourage them to give back to the community that has given so much to them. The program is open to junior and senior high school students aspiring to be leaders. With the assistance of high school counselors, the Itawamba Jr. Leadership committee selected the first class of Itawamba Jr. Leadership candidates. We want the program to be open to a variety of students. The types of characteristics we consider are those students with good grades, displaying leadership skills, and those with the potential to lead others. Each month the students participate in a session led by experts in each subject area. Plans are underway for the 2018 Itawamba Jr. Leadership! If you would like to be a part of this wonderful program please give us a call 662-862-4571.

## *Senior Citizen Day at ICC*



Over 200 senior citizens attended Senior Citizen Day led by Itawamba MSU Extension Service's Romona Edge and staff.

## **KEEP ITAWAMBA BEAUTIFUL** **GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP**

Thanks to our wonderful participants, we had another successful cleanup event! We picked up nearly a half-ton more trash than last year. In total, participants picked up and bagged more than four-and-a-half-tons of roadside trash. Just about every community in the county was represented, including but not limited to Tremont, Dorsey, Houston, Carolina, Pine Grove and Pleasant Grove. The cleanup crews were treated to lunch by their fellow community members. Keep Itawamba Beautiful is a localized version of the Great American Cleanup, and is important step in economic development. Mild temperatures and sunny skies helped make a would-be chore a pleasant experience. It was a beautiful day and it was made more beautiful about four-and-a-half tons more beautiful. Thank you for helping Keep Itawamba Beautiful!



## **NATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM WEEK** MAY 7-13, 2017

Itawamba Welcome Center hosted 800 visitors to showcase Itawamba County's amenities in May. As part of its annual celebration of National Travel and Tourism Week, the Tremont Welcome Center hosted a week of programs intended to spotlight area businesses, organizations, and attractions. Representatives of several prominent Itawamba County organizations greeted visitors with a warm welcome. The Itawamba County Development Council, MSU-Itawamba Extension Service, Itawamba County Master Gardeners, and the Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition of Itawamba and Monroe counties also gave away favors so that visitors took a piece of Itawamba County with them on their travels. We had the pleasure of meeting tourists traveling from the UK, Alabama, Tennessee, Missouri, Colorado, Florida and so many other places. Our welcome center is the first welcome to our visitors not just to Itawamba County but also to the State of Mississippi. Our visitors said over and over that the Itawamba Welcome Center was by far the most beautiful and most welcoming one the tourists had ever visited. First impressions cannot be overestimated. Our visitors will go back home and share this with all their friends and family, giving us the opportunity for more visitors coming to Itawamba County. Tourists bring opportunities for our county with increased revenue for businesses. Extra revenue means increases in budgets for infrastructure and schools. It's a win-win for tourists and our community





ICDC hosted the first ICDC B.A.S.H (Business Associates Social Hour) at Sheffield Manor with more than fifty ICDC Members in attendance. We would like to thank Kevin Knight- TM Realtors for hosting and sponsoring our first event.



If you or your organization would like to sponsor our next event, contact us at 662-862-4571.



## RCDC Annual Banquet

Rural Community Development Council Annual Banquet held on March 23, 2017 at Carolina RCDC. Mr. Hall and his wife were recognized during the event and presented with plaques commemorating their indelible contributions to the small, close-knit community. In addition to food and fellowship, members of each of the county's five RCDCs were recognized with a series of awards. The annual banquet is both a celebration of each RCDC's successes from the past year, as well as a chance for the groups to come together in fellowship. The following are the award recipients: Carolina RCDC- Award of Excellence, Houston RCDC- Merit Award, Pleasant Grove- Recognition Award, Ryans Well- Secretary's Award, and Carolina RCDC- Publicity Award. Congratulations on all our RCDC's work to make Itawamba county a wonderful place to live.

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FULTON

Blue Boutique

"right place, right time"

The Cabin

Carl's Cleaners

Food Giant

"plus lunch only"

Days Inn

Dorsey Food Mart

"plus lunch only"

Emi Sue's Boutique

Food Giant

"plus lunch only"

Midway Marina

Millie's Boutique

Plemons

Pro Image Barber Shop

Sheila's Flowers

Smith Furniture

The Square Gift Company

MANTACHIE

Centerville Fish & Steak

"one entree only"

Crossfit White Horse

Dixie Country Store

"Ice Cream and Mean Pie T-shirts only"

Tah Boren Pottery

The Chicken Store

"two piece tenders steak only"

Check-out the new  
*This is Itawamba Magazine*  
with the ICDC Coupon featuring  
ICDC Members on Page 29

# Ribbon Cuttings

Help us welcome: ProImage Barber Shop, Just the Crumbs, Deep South Precision (Expansion), Two Stephanie's, Carol's Antiques and More, and East Fulton Wine and Spirits. Come out and support these businesses to ensure they stay and grow in Itawamba County!



New ICDC Members: Pro Image Barber Shop, Carol's Antiques & More, and Just The Crumbs



Pictured Left to Right: DSP & Two Stephanie's and East Fulton Wine and Spirit

## UPCOMING EVENTS!!!



Thank you to Carrie Buse for organizing the 1<sup>st</sup> Mantachie Spring Market and for raising **\$1,000.00** for Mantachie Park!

