



# CHAMBER NEWS

## MARCH/APRIL 2010 ISSUE



### A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE...

The Chamber newsletters purpose is to provide our members and the community with regular updates, information on new and existing members, and get everyone up to date on what the Chamber and its Committees has been working on.

Our first year with "Market on the Square" was a great success and we expect it will continue to grow. The Market will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. By popular demand our first Market will be in March instead of June and again continue through October. Applications have already gone out to previous vendors and can be found on the website for those who are interested in setting up for the first time at our Market.

The new permanent sign to replace the portable sign at the entrance to Bosque Bottoms and the Civic Center will soon be completed; thanks to the hard work of the Civic Improvement Committee. This is only one of many items the Committee has on their list of things they want to accomplish. With Madelyn Rieke of Rare Motorsports as the Chair; this chamber committee is working diligently to improve and instill civic pride in Meridian and make it a more attractive place to live and work.

We welcome your input; call, email or drop by the office anytime. Your idea may be just what is needed to make this an even better year for our businesses, community and the chamber.

*Kay Duke: Office Manager*

Newsletters can also be found on the Chamber website  
[www.meridian-chamber.com](http://www.meridian-chamber.com)

## 2010 Chamber Board

### Officers:

**President: Dan Markman**  
Markman Insurance

**Vice President: Evan McKibben**  
Red Caboose Winery

**Treasurer: Janice Merchant**  
Avirett Agency

**Secretary: Linda Calhoun**  
Main Street Antiques

### Directors:

**Cindy Barker**  
Barker's Pharmacy

**Rick Borden**  
Double B Foods

**Ted Gebhardt**  
United Cooperative Services

**Kerry Hicks**

**Rick Goon**  
Past President

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NEW MEMBERS: 9  
RENEWED MEMBERS: 73  
2010 MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 82

### CHAMBER INQUIRIES:

OFFICE VISITORS: 8  
MEMBER REFERRALS: 18  
RELOCATION PACKET: 1  
TOURISM PACKET: 1



## Spotlight on Business:

**Bosque Pest & Termite Services** has been in business since 1990 in Bosque County and they feel very fortunate to be able to serve the folks in the surrounding counties as well.

Joe and Anne came to the Bosque County area 23 years ago. They bought Bosque Pest & Termite in 2006 and are grateful to all the customers that have been loyal as well as all of their new customers they are now serving.

They provide pest control services for residences, business and commercial establishments, schools, hospitals, nursing homes and governmental facilities. They provide termite treatments for existing structures for all of the above as well as pre-construction termite treatment for any building or addition. They are authorized Termidor Applicators. They can be reached at (254)597-2221. For more information you can also go to their website [www.bosqueservices.com](http://www.bosqueservices.com)

**Meridian Abstract & Title Co.** has been serving Bosque County with land and home title insurance since 1895.

Sonja Word explained about her business at the February membership meeting: "With all the varieties of insurance available in the world today, it can be very confusing to understand the different types. Title Insurance is an insurance policy, issued by a title insurance agent, which protects you and your lender if someone challenges title to your property because of title defects that were unknown when you bought the policy. Before issuing a policy, the title company checks for defects in your title by examining public records, including deeds, mortgages, wills, divorce decrees, court judgments, tax records, liens, encumbrances, and maps. The title search determines who owns the property, what outstanding debts are against it, and the condition of the title. Before closing the transaction, the title company works hard to fix and eliminate title defects that have been found. The title company also handles the property closing and holds earnest money in a trust account until the transaction is complete.

Even the most meticulous title search can miss defects in title. Your title insurance policy defends you in a lawsuit attacking your title. It either corrects the title problem, or pays the losses incurred by the insured, up to the amount of the policy, including attorney and court expenses, subject to the terms and exceptions set out in your policy."

"When choosing your title insurance agent, there are many reasons to use Meridian Abstract & Title Company! Just to name a few:

First, we try to make the transaction easy - the closing process can be daunting! We are happy to explain the normal order of things and to answer any questions you might have. Next, the services offered in our title company are second to none; our service doesn't stop just because the transaction is closed. We keep on giving wonderful customer service even after everything is completed! Third, we realize that you have the right to choose your title company - you are not required to use one chosen by your lender or anyone else. We understand the privilege that being chosen by a customer represents and we strive to make your closing experience a pleasant (and accurate!) one. Thank you in advance for the opportunity to earn your business!" Call **435-2359** [www.meridianabstractandtitle.com](http://www.meridianabstractandtitle.com)

**A Special Thank You to these Members for their special investment in the Meridian Chamber of Commerce for 2010!**

**GOLD MEMBER**



**Business Partner Members**

Double B Foods

First Community Bank

Meridian Tribune

Texas/New Mexico Power

United Cooperative Services

**Luncheon Market Tables**

Do you have business literature or a product that you would like to display to promote your business? Market Table's are available at the Chamber Monthly Luncheons; this is a wonderful opportunity to promote your business and products.

\$15 for Members  
\$30 for Non Member

Price includes one lunch, a table and 2 chairs close to registration.

**Chamber Monthly Membership Meeting & Luncheon Second Thursday of each month Informative Speakers Good Community Fellowship Great Meal Call 435-2966 for**

## Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Meridian Chamber of Commerce is to promote expansion and growth of our businesses through commerce and tourism and to partner with other local organizations to promote civic programs designed to increase civic pride in our community to make Meridian a great place to live, work and play.



## Bosque County Celebrates Texas Independence Day

**Monday, March 1, Meridian:** Mike Cox will be speaking on Texas Rangers and signing copies of his book in the District Courtroom out the Bosque County Courthouse. 6:30pm. Afterwards, there will be a reception and book signing at Bosque County Collections.

**Valley Mills:** DRT Members Jo Meyer and Ronita Miller will present the history of early pioneers that built our churches in the Valley Mills area. 6:30 pm at the Depot.

**Tuesday, March 2, Clifton:** Rev. Cleon Flanagan will present a memorial tribute to a Bosque County family at Heritage Plaza at 4:00pm.

**Kopperl:** Will celebrate Texas Independence Day with a re-enactment in period dress and a birthday cake at the school cafeteria at 11:00am.

**Wednesday, March 3, Clifton:** Judge Robert Stem, of the 82<sup>nd</sup> District Court, Marlin, Texas, will present the significance in history of the "Mier Expedition".

**Thursday, March 4, Walnut Springs:** Brian Sowell, Walnut Springs Historian, will present a program on James Buckner "Buck" Barry and JJ Cureton, early Texas pioneers, ranchers, and Texas Rangers. Walnut Springs Historical Association Museum at 6:30 pm.

**Friday, March 5, Valley Mills:** Jo Meyer and Ronita Miller, Bosque Valley Heritage Society and DRT, will present programs on early pioneers that built churches in the Valley Mills area. 8:30 am at the Valley Mills Elementary and 10:00 am at the Junior High.

**Friday, March 5, Meridian:** Memorial Service at the Old Cemetery @ 10:00am. Program by Judge Cole Word to honor McCurry family and special marker ceremony.

**Cranfills Gap:** Memorial Service at the Civic Center 12:30pm. Program presented by Rev. C.A. Mangum

Many THANKS  
to These Members for Donating  
Door Prizes for Our Luncheons

Avirett Insurance Agency  
Janice Merchant

Bosque Insurance Agency  
Sonia Monrreal

Brookshire's Grocery  
Jose Ritz

Carlisle-York Real Estate  
Sidney Carlisle

Coyote Corner Imports  
Becki Brinkley

Jackie's Antiques  
Garvis Ross

James & Wanda Hardin

Main Street Antiques &  
Interiors  
Linda Calhoun

Meridian Abstract & Title Co.  
Sonja Word

Meridian Ace Hardware  
Dennis Clark

Mustang Dental Care  
Jason & Kristen Hurley

Sandy Leatherwood

Teddi Marks Antiques  
Teddi Marks

Texas Music Festival  
Christina Slagle

Fuzz & Bobbye Spitzer

United Cooperative Services  
Patti Wagner

Have an item you want to Donate?

The Chamber welcomes door  
prize donations for all events.

# United States<sup>™</sup> Census 2010



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Be Counted  
in 2010...

Census Day  
April 1, 2010

As part of the Complete Count Committee the Meridian Chamber of Commerce is helping get the word out that everyone needs to be counted. Please join us in spreading the word to your customers and employees that the Census is easy, important & safe!

Let's make certain  
everyone is counted in  
Bosque County.



## Market on the Square

Bosque County Courthouse

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday

MARCH thru OCTOBER...9AM TO 2PM

Meridian, Texas

"Top of the Hill Country"

Now registering Vendors – (254)435-2966  
Fresh Produce, Baked Goods and Homemade Items

The Internal Revenue Service Small Business Self-Employed Division is reaching out to provide the information to small businesses:

- Small Business/Self-Employed Virtual Small Business Tax Workshop
- **IRS News Release IR-2009-114** "IRS Offers Tips for Year-End Donations".
- **English & Spanish - IRS News Release IR-2009-110** "IRS Extends Food Industry Tip Reporting Program".
- **IRS News Release IR-2009-106** "IRS Issues Proposed Regulations on Reporting Requirement for Payment Card and Third-Party Payment Transactions".
- **IRS News Release IR-2009-112** "New Tax Guide Features Recovery Tax Breaks; Helps People Save on their 2009 Taxes".
- **IRS News Release IR-2009-108** "First-Time Homebuyer Credit Extended to April 30, 2010; Some Current Homeowners Now Also qualify".
- **IRS News Release IR-2009-111** "IRS Announces 2010 Standard Mileage Rates".
- **H.R. 3548** "Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009".
- "10 Important Facts about the Extended First-Time Homebuyer Credit".

Go to [www.irs.gov/businesses](http://www.irs.gov/businesses) to learn more on these and other tax issues or [www.irs.gov/newsroom](http://www.irs.gov/newsroom) for the latest IRS news.

## New Members

A Plus Loan Service, LLC  
Bosque Resort  
CASA of Bosque County  
CTWP  
H & R Block - Hillsboro & Clifton  
Lutheran Sunset Ministries  
Mr. Ed's Country Feed Store  
Texas Rural Living, Inc.  
Old Towne Electric

## Renewed Business Members

Avirett Agency, Inc.  
Best Western-Velkommen  
Bosque CenTex Title Inc.  
Bosque Insurance Agency  
Bosque Pest & Termite  
Bowman Tire & Wheel  
Boyd Plumbing  
Briley Auto Supply  
Brookshire's Grocery  
Carlisle Real Estate  
City of Meridian  
Cooler Center  
Cut-N-Up  
Double R Ranch  
Double W Service, LLC  
Edward Jones Investments  
Edwin S Nichols Exploration, Inc.  
Eric "Slim" Evans Investments

First National Bank of Bosque Co.  
First Security State Bank  
Jackie's Antiques  
Main Street Antiques & Interiors  
Markman Insurance  
Meridian Ace Hardware  
Meridian ISD  
Meridian Manor  
Meridi-Inn  
Meridian Medical Clinic  
Mustang Dental Care  
Myers Cedar Yard  
Rare Motorsports  
Rountree Appliance  
Rowland Realty  
Teddi Marks Antiques  
The Rivers Bend Doggie DropInn  
United Country Bosque County  
Properties  
Wallace Controls' & Electric  
Yellow Book USA  
Your Community Phonebook

## Renewed Churches/Non-Profits

Carter Blood Care  
First United Pentecostal Church  
Lake Whitney Chamber  
Meridian Church of Christ



Meridian Lions Club  
National Championship  
Barbecue Cookoff

## New Associate Members

Elsie Moews

## Renewed Individual Members

Buddy & Peggy Brantley  
C.K.Jr. & JoAnn Word  
David & Kay Duke  
Don & Mary Beth McMahon  
Don Patton  
Fuzz & Bobbie Spitzer  
Gene & Aline Harville  
James & Paulette McGlamery  
Jeff & Kerry Hicks  
Jim & Patricia Cole  
Jimmie & Karen Hughes  
John Fulton  
Johnnie Hauerland  
Kenn & Karen Cornett  
Mary Jones  
Mike & Jo Beth Vanecsek  
Peggy Burrow  
Richard & Jane Creech  
Rick & Jan Goon  
Sandra Woosley  
Sue Kerley  
Weldon Hamilton

Thank You!!! For Your Support of the Meridian Chamber of Commerce!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- *Texas Independence Day Celebrations – March 1-6*
- *Meridian Library Jewels & Jeans Gala – March 6*
- *Chamber Luncheon – March 11*
- *Ribbon Cutting (Mr. Ed's Country Feed Store) - March 13*
- *Market on the Square – March 27*
- *Chamber Luncheon – April 8*
- *County Wide Garage Sale - April 9 & 10*
- *Chamber Banquet – April 17*
- *Market on the Square – April 24*



*Please mark your calendars & plan to attend and support these events*

