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THE GREATER MULBERRY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

About the Bass!

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Camp Mack's River Resort Saturday, July 18th, 2

\$75 admission for two participants Registration begins at 6:00 a.m. Fishing - Safe light until 2:00 p.m. Awards - 3:00 p.m.

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SAVE THE DATE

July 21st, 2015 - Lunch and Learn featuring Rich Bishop 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Mulberry Civic Center

July 31st - Ribbon Cutting 7:00 p.m.

Brewlands Bar and Billards

Greater Mulberry Chamber of Commerce

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The purpose of the Chamber is to foster and enhance the economic growth, development, civic and general interest of Mulberry and the surrounding community.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



"If your business is not a brand it is a commodity" - Donald Trump The recent announcement that Donald Trump will be running for President of the United States caused much discussion during a recent "dinner table talk". I do not have any opinion of Mr. Trump's political ventures but I must say I do enjoy watching his Celebrity Apprentice series shown on television. One large component of the competition on the show is branding, which team displays the best brand. The Small Business Encyclopedia has simple yet very resourceful information on the subject of branding that I have included in my article. I hope you will enjoy the read as I did.

Tanya Tillis Definition: The marketing practice of creating a name, symbol or design that identifies and differentiates a product from other products.

An effective brand strategy gives you a major edge in increasingly competitive markets. But what exactly does "branding" mean? Simply put, your brand is your promise to your customer. It tells them what they can expect from your products and services, and it differentiates your offering from that of your competitors. Your brand is derived from who you are, who you want to be and who people perceive you to be.

What is your company's mission?

What are the benefits and features of your products or services?

What do your customers and prospects already think of your company?

What qualities do you want them to associate with your company?

Do your research. Learn the needs, habits and desires of your current and prospective customers. And don't rely on what you think they think. Know what they think.

Once you've defined your brand, how do you get the word out? Here are a few simple, time-tested tips: Get a great logo. Place it everywhere.

Write down your brand messaging. What are the key messages you want to communicate about your brand? Every employee should be aware of your brand attributes.

Integrate your brand. Branding extends to every aspect of your business--how you answer your phones, what you or your salespeople wear on sales calls, your e-mail signature, everything.

Create a "voice" for your company that reflects your brand. This voice should be applied to all written communication and incorporated in the visual imagery of all materials, online and off. Is your brand friendly? Be conversational. Is it ritzy? Be more formal. You get the gist.

Develop a tagline. Write a memorable, meaningful and concise statement that captures the essence of your brand.

Design templates and create brand standards for your marketing materials. Use the same color scheme, logo placement, look and feel throughout. You don't need to be fancy, just consistent.

Be true to your brand. Customers won't return to you--or refer you to someone else--if you don't deliver on your brand promise.

Be consistent. This tip involves all the above and is the most important tip on this list. If you can't do this, your attempts at establishing a brand will fail.

CHAMBER GOLF tournament



On April 24th, the Greater Mulberry Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Chamber Golf Tournament and Scramble. This year the event was held at the Bartow Golf Course. It was a great day with a wonderful turnout. Teams of four players enjoyed the tournament, as

well as a hot dog lunch and barbecue supper. Participants also had the opportunity to try their luck in a 50/50 raffle and door prize drawings. Door prizes included golf accessories, gift cards, and mini grills. The chamber would like to thank our wonderful sponsors: Mosaic New Wales, Mosaic Bartow, Badcock, More Trench, Commanco, Mid-State, Clark Environmental, Friends of the Mulberry Library, Trans-Phos Inc., Custom Drilling Services, Inc., TECO, D. Wayne Shouppe Construction, Southern Salvage, Inc., Pen Pro, DCR, American Legion #72, ibuycardboard.com, Specialty Fence Wholesale, and Pallet One, Inc. We can't wait to see everyone next year!



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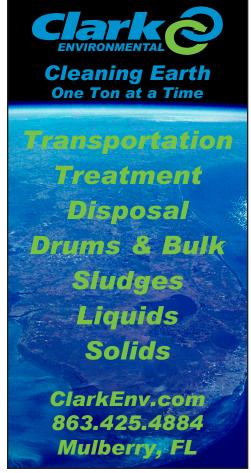
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cutting and open
house.



Congratulations to Trillium CNG for the opening of their new station!







American Legion Post 72



A brief story of who we are: Our Post received its original charter on October 29, 1920 and has served the Mulberry/Lakeland area since that time. Our Post Motto is "We are veterans serving veterans and their families." We are a not-for-profit organization. All members are volunteers and we depend upon our volunteer base to promote our goals.

As members of the Mulberry and south Lakeland communities, we work together with elected and appointed officials, law enforcement officers, as well as teachers, guidance counselors, and administrators from our local schools to promote activities that benefit our communities. We offer our time, labor, experience, and skills, not to receive accolades or formal recognition, but to contribute to our community. Mulberry Post 72 offers college scholarships to graduates of Mulberry High School and to the descendants of Post 72 Family as well as to graduates of the Mulberry High School ROTC program. We provide help for needy families, and veterans where the cause arises. We can provide a benefits advocate for our veterans when they need assistance, and routinely direct those in need to places of help.

There are 4 families that make up Post 72. The Post, the Auxiliary, the SAL (Sons of the American Legion) and the Legion Riders.

The Auxiliary Unit 72 offers nursing scholarships, Girls State, Thanksgiving and Christmas food Baskets, makes donations to Liberty Manor, Mulberry Community Center and the Mulberry Library, and helps with the Christmas gifts to families who have military personal deployed during the holidays.

They also raise funds for Relay for Life.

They also have cut and sent coupons totaling nearly \$500,000 to Troops and their families who are stationed overseas.

The SAL helps with the Christmas gifts to families who have military personal deployed during the holidays and donates money to the other Post families to support their programs.

The Riders support Liberty Manor a nonprofit group that help rehabilitate homeless Veterans The Wreaths Across America.

In order to support our various programs we have many fund raisers on a regular basis. There are bingos every Monday and the first Saturday of every month. We also have dinner - dances every Friday night. On the 4th Saturday of the month we have a rib sale in front of the building. All of fund raisers are open to the public but please call ahead so we can prepare enough food for everybody. We also rent out our banquet hall and our seven acre grounds. There are electrical and water hookups on the grounds.

If you are a member of the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of the American Legion and are in our area, stop by for a visit. Guests are always welcome. We welcome new members and volunteers with open arms. Please contact our Post Adjutant if you would like to join our Post family.

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Chamber members had a great time cheering for the Detroit Flying Tigers Baseball Team on Mulberry Night. Participating business received 100 tickets for \$100 and a chance to promote their services at this fun event.



UPCOMING events

One of our new members have two great opportunites to show your support!

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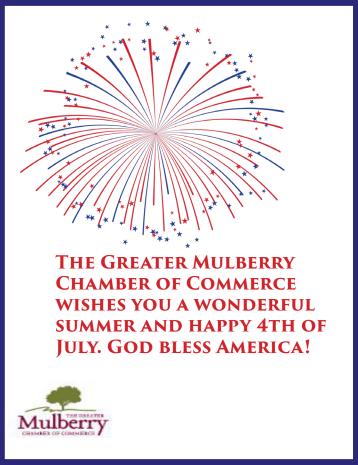
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Come out ot fish on Saturday, July 18th from safe light - 2:00 p.m. at Camp Mack's River Resort in Lake Wales.

Do you have what it takes to claim the top \$500 prize? What about the Biggest Bass Pot? There will be goody bags and T-shirts, plus raffle prize opportunities, for all participants.

All proceeds go to benefit the functioning of the Greater Mulberry Chamber of Commerce, a Not for Profit.







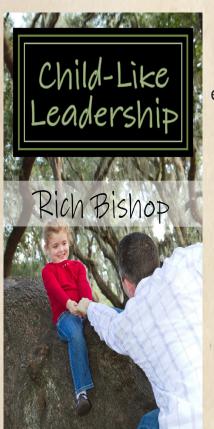
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meanwhile, AT CITY HALL



by Chelsea Young

Summer is a time of busy activities: beach vacations, family road trips, and extra workouts for swimsuit season. Over at City Hall, we have embraced the industrious spirit and are tackling our summer goals with full force.

The library is open and business is booming. Library numbers have already risen as the new location proves to be a perfect spot for students and families. The library's summer theme is all about heroes. Spiderman paid a visit to greet library patrons and show off his "Spidey senses". Summer programs at the library include summer reading challenges for kids, summer reading bingo, and "Escape the Ordinary" - an opportunity to take a library book on your summer vacation to see who traveled the farthest. Check out the library's website at www.mulberrylibrary.com for more information on the summer fun.



Speaking of the library, library's location is undergoing major changes. Soon to be known as the Mulberry Cultural Center, the old library is full of activity. It's very exciting to watch the transformation should be completed

by fall. Be sure to mark your calendars for October 22nd for the arrival of the Smithsonian's traveling exhibit, "The Way We Worked", which will be the first exhibit featured at the new Mulberry Cultural Center.

The Mulberry Phosphate Museum's summer program, "The Magic School Bus at the Museum" features an episode of the popular PBS show and a complimentary hands-on science activity. The sessions are every Tuesday through the summer at 2:00 p.m. Admission is free. The museum will also be bringing back a favorite from last year – "Shark Week Comes Ashore!" For the entire week of Discovery



Channel's Shark Week, the museum will be featuring shark related activities for guests to enjoy. Check out www. mulberryphosphatemuseum.org for more information on this and all museum activities.



The finance department, along with City Manager, Rick Johnson, are working hard on creating the budget for FY 15/16. Although nothing is final yet, expect another of positive economic growth. The city is pleased to announce that after much hard work, the city's CRA master plan passed unanimously by the Board of County Commissioners. This is a wonderful opportunity for Mulberry's growth and potential in the coming years.

As you can see, city staff is hard to work to serve the citizens of Mulberry as best we can. From all of us at City Hall, have an enjoyable and safe summer!



from our members

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Join us for our general meeting on July 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the Mulberry Civic Center. Learn about opportunities to become involved and support the new library.

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am



Wednesday

Children & Youth Activities 6:00 pm
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We would love to promote your event.

JULY 2015

July 15th Chamber Breakfast 7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Mulberry Civic Center

July 18th All About the Bass Fishing Tournament Registration - 6:00 a.m. Camp Mack Resort

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July 31st

Ribbon Cutting

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AUGUST 2015

August 6th Mulberry Mixer 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Brewlands Bar and Billiards

August 19th Chamber Breakfast 7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Mulberry Civic Center

SEPTEMBER 2015

September 16th Chamber Breakfast 7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Mulberry Civic Center

save the date. NEW EVENT

Save the Date! Join the chamber for our first annual "Chasin' Bacon" 5K Run. This event will occur in conjunction with Mulberry's "Fine Swine at the Pit" barbeque competition. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved and promote your business at what will be a great event.



Book mark your calendars!!!

Friends of the Mulberry Library
General Meetings

July 28th, 2015 6:00 p.m. Mulberry Public Library

October 27th, 2015 6:00 p.m. Mulberry Public Library

January 26th, 2016 Friends Annual Luncheon 12:00 p.m. Mulberry Civic Center

April 26th, 2016 6:00 p.m. Mulberry Public Library

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