

www.romeqa.com Has New Look

The Chamber website – www.romeqa.com – has taken on a new and improved look. After four years, the site has been overhauled and refreshed to look more contemporary.

“Our website is often the first view a prospective business has of our community. Therefore, it is vitally important to have the most current and accurate information available. This website not only provides information but also acts as a marketing tool to attract new employment and investment. This new design shows the vitality and liveliness of Rome and Floyd County and provides an excellent introduction into many of the factors that make this community great,” said **Mike Pennington**, *Director of Economic Development* at the Chamber.

“We are very excited about the new design of our webpage. It will continue to provide the services that our members have grown to depend on while offering a new updated look and feel,” said **Alison Smith**, *Director of Membership* at the Chamber.

On the new site, one can find snippets from the Rome DVD in each section as well as extraordinary pictures illustrating the landscape and development of the Rome community. With many sections remaining the same, the Chamber has also added a few more attributes to the site, included the *Quality of Life* magazine online and the ability to join the Chamber online.

“We couldn’t have accomplished this task without **Lamante Attaud** and *TENDO Technologies*,” Smith said. “Lamante was an integral part of the design and implementation effort as his team completed the legwork to make this happen.”

You may log onto www.romeqa.com to check out the new site. For information on website advertising, contact the Chamber at 706.291.7663. ■

In Memoriam

George P. Wallis

**A community is blessed when it has
leaders that want to make a
difference.**

**George Wallis was that kind of a
leader for Rome and Floyd County.**

**A Chamber member for more than
50 years, he worked tirelessly with
pride in our community and a love
for its citizens.**

**The Chamber remembers a great
friend, community leader and
Chamber supporter.**

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- National Trade Magazine *Metal Forming Magazine* featured **F & P Georgia** in its recent edition for its air filtration system and how it is effective and efficient, including energy savings. And Rome gets a “twofer” out of it: guess who designed and installed the system? Its neighbor and another good Chamber member **Clean Air America!** Good things come to those who SHOP Rome! You can do that by clicking www.romeqa.com and clicking on the Business Directory.
- **Ford, Gittings and Kane** is going to expand its services and the plans sound exciting so far ... stay tuned! They have a new neighbor – **Private Security and Investigations** is moving to Broad Street and are already converting the former Keown Realty office.
- Floyd County’s unemployment rate declined from 5.4% in May ’05 to 4.6% in May ’06. In the last year, there are 785 net new jobs, according to the Georgia Department of Labor. SPLOST collections are up to \$840,000 per month – not bad ... and to think that at least 1/3 are from folks who travel here for tennis tournaments, graduations and work!
- Congratulations to **VTI** and local *Plant Manager Jack Bartlett* ... their parent company is celebrating 50 years of business! Good news from that operation, which started in **Roger Clausen’s** garage making counter tops!
- Congratulations to the **Rome Area History Museum** who just this April celebrated their 10- year anniversary!
- Watch for WGPB news in the next issue.
- The Chamber regrets the sad news of the passing of Honorary Lifetime Member **Mr. Ed Booth**.