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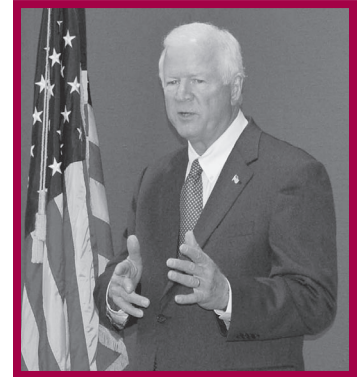
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U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss Visits Chamber

The Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce welcomed **Senator Saxby Chambliss** for a special opportunity meeting with many of Rome's business leaders and government officials. He discussed several issues including the upcoming passage of the Farm Bill, transportation and the economy.

With gas prices the highest in history for the U.S. and 62 % of our fuel needs being imported, Senator Chambliss expressed his support for the Farm Bill. "I am in favor of the bill," he stated. "We need to be able to manufacture ethanol from Georgia's natural resources such as pine trees." Senator Chambliss emphasized that Georgia does not need to incentivize for corn growth. "Corn does not grow in Georgia like it does in the Midwest so we need to utilize the available resources that we have." The University of Georgia and The Georgia Institute of Technology studies show that when an enzyme they are developing is placed with the pulp from pine trees in a test tube, the

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only thing that is emitted is ethanol. "This is what we are seeking to incentivize in Georgia," he said.

Senator Chambliss touched on transportation and said that we must support exports. Bringing this to a local level, were it not for exportation the cut backs at Suzuki would

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Chamber Hosts Expanding Employers and Economic Developers at Steeplechase



Nick Fuhrman (far left), Georgia Department of Economic Development, and Heidi Green, Georgia Department of Economic Development, with husband Reuben (middle), greet Heather Seckman (right), Chamber Economic Development Director, at Steeplechase.

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Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneur Friendly Designation



The Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Floyd County is now designated Entrepreneur Friendly. Pictured left to right: Caroline McWhorter, Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Assistant; Small Business Action Council Chairman Rob Harbison, Peachtree Planning; Heather Seckman, Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Director; and Dawn Townsend, Georgia Department of Economic Development.

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