Upcoming Events:

**Minority Business Summit - Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.**
Via Zoom

Register Now!

**Technology SquareTable - Friday, June 26, 2020 at noon**
At the Rome Floyd Chamber

Topic: Shop Chamber (Website)
Guest Speaker: Sarah Tebo, Romega Digital

Register Now!

**Young Professionals... Movie Night - Friday, June 26, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m.**
at the Rome Floyd Chamber

Please follow CDC’s Social Distancing guidelines while attending this event.

Register Now!

**Small Business Action Council- Tuesday, July 14, 2020 @ 8:30 a.m.**
at the Rome Floyd Chamber & Via Zoom

Please follow CDC's Social Distancing guidelines while attending this event.
Want to sell your goods, services or experiences on the new Shop Chamber Website?

The Rome Floyd Chamber has partnered with RÖMEGA Digital to help Chamber Members sell their products online. Visit the website below to see how the website works! If you are interested in getting your business involved in the Shop Chamber page, please contact Thomas Kislat.
We are here to be a resource and a connection point for you and your business during the COVID-19 pandemic. We will update with additional resources and information as we have them. Visit https://www.rome Ga.com/business-triage to learn more. Call us at 706.291.7663 to assist you.

**Ribbon Cutting**
The Finishing Touch Salon, 1306 Maple Ave, celebrated with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.
RIBBON TYING
Tying the Community Back Together

1 CONTACT US
Call (706-291-7663) or email the Chamber (tkislat@romea.com) and say, "We're Back!"

2 WE'LL STOP BY
A Chamber staff member or an Ambassador will drop off a yard sign to display outside of your business and two pieces of ribbon. We'll take a photo of your sign and post it to social media.

3 TYING IT ALL TOGETHER
When ready, you will record OR take a picture of yourself/your staff tying the two pieces of ribbon together and post to social media tagging @RomeFloydChamber, and we will share!

4 LET'S CUT A RIBBON
The Chamber will then contact you to schedule a ribbon cutting! We will share this in Business Brief!

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
Your business gets exposure not once, not twice, but THREE times! So, what are you waiting for? Let's tie the community back together! Contact the Chamber at tkiislat@romea.com or call (706) 291-7663 to get set up.

Contact Thomas Kislat to learn more!
Collins Auto Clean-Up - 15 W 10th St NW

YMCA - 810 E 2nd Ave

Ag Pro Companies- 867 Cedar Ave SW

The Finishing Touch Salon- 1306 Maple Ave

Lavender Mountain Hardware - 4065 Martha Berry Hwy NW

Riverside Gourmet- 250 Broad St
PPE/Cleaning Services Available at:
Click each business for more information.

Armuchee Pharmacy
Merry Maids
Paperpack
Pro Systems Clean Care
ServiceMaster by Twins
Sheffield Office Products

If you offer PPE or cleaning related services for COVID and would like to be included on our list, please send an email to Awest@romea.com.
LOOKING FOR A JOB?

WWW.ROMEGA.COM/JOBS

Visit www.romea.com!
Member of the Week
Camp Industries

Camp Industries, established in 2000, offers janitorial supplies, skin & personal care, food service supplies, facilities and ground supplies, office supplies and packaging products.

https://campindustriesinc.com/catalog/

Nonprofit of the Week
Visiting Nurse Health System

For more than 70 years, the name Visiting Nurse Health System has been synonymous with quality home care. Visiting Nurse | Hospice Atlanta offers a
full continuum of home healthcare, aging services and hospice care to adult and pediatric patients. Their team of nurses, therapists, social workers, home health aides, chaplains and volunteers provides the best care possible to every patient. Visiting Nurse, accredited by the Joint Commission and is Medicare and Medicaid certified, is the largest nonprofit home healthcare and hospice provider in Georgia, serving more than 6,000 patients and their families each day.

https://vnhs.org/#

Small Business of the Week
Carver & Carver Plumbing, Inc.

Carver & Carver Plumbing, Inc. has been in business since 1971 helping the people of NW Georgia with all of their plumbing and utility service needs.

http://carverandcarver.com/

Chamber Advantage Deal

Motivations Wellness & Aesthetics- $10 off Lipo Lean Injections

Would you like to offer a discount? Email Thomas Kislat at kislat@omega.com for details. For a full list of Chamber Advantage discounts, click here.

Check out the most recent podcasts on Business Radio X.

Rome-Floyd Chamber Small Business Spotlight – Elaine Abercrombie of Greene’s Jewelers and Steve Dennis of Motivation Unlimited

https://businessradiox.com/podcast/romebusinessradio/romefloydchambergreenesjewelersmotivationunlimited/

Rome Floyd Chamber Small Business Spotlight – Lamante Attaud of Tendo Technologies
WASHINGTON – To further meet the needs of U.S. small businesses and non-profits, the U.S. Small Business Administration reopened the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance program portal to all eligible applicants experiencing economic impacts due to COVID-19 today.

“The SBA is strongly committed to working around the clock, providing dedicated emergency assistance to the small businesses and non-profits that are facing economic disruption due to the COVID-19 impact. With the reopening of the EIDL assistance and EIDL Advance application portal to all new applicants, additional small businesses and non-profits will be able to receive these long-term, low interest loans and emergency grants – reducing the economic impacts for their businesses, employees and communities they support,” said SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza. “Since EIDL assistance due to the pandemic first became available to small businesses located in every state and territory, SBA has worked to provide the greatest amount of emergency economic relief possible. To meet the unprecedented need, the SBA has made numerous improvements to the application and loan closing process, including deploying new technology and automated tools.”

SBA’s EIDL program offers long-term, low interest assistance for a small business or non-profit. These loans can provide vital economic support to help alleviate temporary loss of revenue. EIDL assistance can be used to cover
SBA’s COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance
- The SBA is offering low interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses and non-profit organizations that are suffering substantial economic injury as a result of COVID-19 in all U.S. states, Washington D.C., and territories.
- These loans may be used to pay debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can’t be paid because of the disaster’s impact, and that are not already covered by a Paycheck Protection Program loan. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%.
- To keep payments affordable for small businesses, SBA offers loans with long repayment terms, up to a maximum of 30 years. Plus, the first payment is deferred for one year.
- In addition, small businesses and non-profits may request, as part of their loan application, an EIDL Advance of up to $10,000. The EIDL Advance is designed to provide emergency economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. This advance will not have to be repaid, and small businesses may receive an advance even if they are not approved for a loan.
- SBA’s EIDL and EIDL Advance are just one piece of the expanded focus of the federal government’s coordinated response.
- The SBA is also assisting small businesses and non-profits with access to the federal forgivable loan program, the Paycheck Protection Program, which is currently accepting applications until June 30, 2020.

For additional information, please visit the SBA disaster assistance website at SBA.gov/Disaster.

About the U.S. Small Business Administration
The U.S. Small Business Administration makes the American dream of business ownership a reality. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow or expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.

Paycheck Protection Program Loan Forgiveness Application

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Small Business Administration in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, posted a revised, borrower-friendly Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness application implementing the PPP Flexibility Act of 2020, signed into law by President Trump on June 5, 2020. In addition to revising the full forgiveness application, SBA also published a new EZ version of the forgiveness application that applies to borrowers that:
Are self-employed and have no employees; OR

Did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%, and did not reduce the number or hours of their employees; OR

Experienced reductions in business activity as a result of health directives related to COVID-19, and did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%.

The EZ application requires fewer calculations and less documentation for eligible borrowers. Details regarding the applicability of these provisions are available in the instructions to the new EZ application form.

Both applications give borrowers the option of using the original 8-week covered period (if their loan was made before June 5, 2020) or an extended 24-week covered period. These changes will result in a more efficient process and make it easier for businesses to realize full forgiveness of their PPP loan.

Click here to view the EZ Forgiveness Application.

Click here to view the Full Forgiveness Application.

Medical College of Georgia - Augusta University students and pre-med students meet with Dr. Robersteen Howard & Dr. Todd Kelley, Harbin Clinic Pediatrics.
ALUMINUM CUP MANUFACTURING PLANT COMING IN EARLY 2021
Cave Spring submits application for Fairview School tourism grant

Rome News-Tribune: The Cave Spring City Council approved an application for a tourism grant for a historic black school at a called meeting Thursday. If awarded, the Georgia Department of Economic Development Tourism Product Development grant will go toward the visitor accessibility requirements at Fairview School’s first grade building, according to Mayor Rob Ware.

The planned improvements include building porches at the north and south entrances, installing ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements and constructing a walkway to connect the porches, ramps and entrances.

If the $10,000 grant is awarded, the Fairview E.S. Brown Heritage Corp. will provide a cash match of 40% — $4,000 — Ware said.
It will also match 60% in the form of in-kind labor.

The project will cost a total of $44,000 and the nonprofit is continuing to seek sources of funding.

“This corporation has led a successful movement to raise awareness about the rich history of African American education, locally and throughout Northwest Georgia,” Ware said.

The Fairview School dates back to the 1920s, when it was constructed for the education of black children. It operated from 1925 until 1954 and, following its shutdown, the campus suffered from years of neglect. It is one of the few surviving Rosenwald Schools built for rural African Americans in Georgia.

The first grade classroom building was placed on the Georgia Trust Places in Peril list in 2011 and has since gone under numerous renovation and preservation efforts.

Back in April, the school was one of 24 recipients to receive a 2020 Excellence in Restoration Award from the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation.

“The research surrounding these efforts has yielded a preservation story that further documents our community’s rich diverse history and heritage, including that of African Americans,” Ware said.

We are placing a new order for t-shirts!
We've teamed up with Studio Siri and High Voltage Prints to help promote shopping local! Help us spread the Shop Rome/Shop Floyd message by sporting your new shirt at your favorite Rome/Floyd County Small Business and tag us on social media. T-shirts can be purchased by calling 706-291-7663 or emailing awest@romega.com! Sizes: Small-3X/ Youth sizes: Small- Large (Limited quantities) $10 each