

# Southwest Alabama Chamber of Commerce E-Letter

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## Senator John McCain Visits Thomasville, Alabama

On Monday, April 21, 2008, Thomasville woke to live a day to be long remembered in the history of this community! The weather was beautiful, just perfect for a historical visit from Republican Senator John McCain. McCain started the day off in Selma at the Edmund Pettus Bridge. He then traveled south to Gees Bend where, after a visit with the Gees Bend Quilters Group, he rode the Gees Bend Ferry. The ferry was met by members of the Southwest Alabama Chamber of Commerce who fed the McCain group a southern meal of BBQ, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, banana pudding and pecan bars. The meal was catered by Adrian Drinkard of Creative Catering and drinks were donated by the Coca Cola Bottling Company. After lunch McCain arrived in Thomasville where he visited Thomasville Elementary School, Thomasville High School and ended his whirlwind tour at Alabama Southern Community College where he spoke to the public briefly. Afterwards, he listened to comments and answered questions from the audience.

The day ended for Thomasville, almost as quick as it started, when McCain's Tour Bus pulled out from the College to continue onto Birmingham for McCain's next appearance. Monday was the kick off for McCain's national "Time for Action Tour." After Monday night's high dollar fundraiser, McCain will be visiting Youngstown, Ohio, on Tuesday, Kentucky on Wednesday, Ninth Ward in New Orleans on Thursday and Little Rock, Arkansas on Friday.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all who helped us make this event one we will always remember! A special thanks goes to our businesses who supported the Chamber VIP bags. The following businesses contributed to the VIP BAGS: The City of Thomasville, Southwest Alabama Medical Center, Tim Watts Jewelers, Merchants Bank, State Farm-Chris McCants, State Farm-Larry Jones, Wal Mart, Family Security Credit Union, Wilcox Printing, ALFA Insurance, Collins & Collins Tax Accounting, Collins & Collins Insurance, Regions Bank, First United Security Bank, Rite Aid, Family Medicine Pharmacy, Edward Jones, Dozier Gift Shop, Super Foods and Ala Tom. Also, a very special **THANK YOU** to First United Security Bank and Thomasville Lumber Company for sponsoring the luncheon served at Gees Bend and to the ladies that donated homemade goodies to delight our guests!



Senator John McCain speaking at Alabama Southern Community College.  
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