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United Community Bank to Sponsor Fall Leaf Agri-Fest & Country Market

Cleveland, Georgia (August 25, 2008) – The September 20th Fall Leaf Festival has picked up another major sponsor. United Community Bank has announced that it will be sponsoring the **Agri-Fest and Country Market** which will be located on the parking lot behind the White County Courthouse. Gene White, President of United Community Bank and Julie Poulson, Assistant Vice President of Marketing made the presentation to Susan Baker, Chair of the Agri Fest & Country Market and Maria Jurado-Flynn, Director of Cleveland Better Home Town.

“United Community Bank is committed to serving the citizens of Cleveland and White County. The Fall Leaf Festival embodies the spirit of community,” said Gene White. “It not only brings the community together to celebrate its heritage, but the Agri-Fest and Country Market celebrates our important local agriculture industry which we proudly sponsor.”

The Agri-Fest & Country Market is being coordinated by Susan Baker and the White County Chamber’s Agri-Business Committee. The committee is working on a number of hands-on activities and demonstrations that include pumpkin painting, electrical safety demonstrations by Habersham EMC, a cider press, live stock and other animals on display like lizards, mice and snakes. Kids will be able to handle some of the animals. There will be “how to” mini classes all day long, how to can, how to garden, how to grow certain vegetables and more. You can even stop by our “Country Market” and purchase flowers and vegetables grown right here in our own backyard. The Agri-Fest and Country Market truly reflects what Cleveland Better Home Town is committed to, said Maria Jurado-Flynn, Director of Cleveland Better Home Town. “It brings people together to celebrate who we are and to share time with family and friends, while at the same time helping our local business economy grow.”

Organizers of the Fall Leaf Festival have partnered with Babyland in honor of their 25th birthday and are calling the event “**Cabbage Patch Kids & Babyland General Hospital’s 25th Birthday Party and Fall Leaf Festival.**”

On September 20th from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM, downtown Cleveland and Babyland General Hospital will showcase a number of events. In honor of its birthday, Babyland is hosting Birthday cupcakes, punch, carnival rides and Cabbage Patch Kids Costume Characters from 10:00am – 4:00pm. The White County Chamber is hosting the Fall Leaf Parade at 10:00am. Mountain Valley Community Bank is hosting a Vintage Car Show, United Community Bank is sponsoring the Agri-Fest and Country Market, Universal Chevrolet is sponsoring the Old Fashioned Bake-off Competition on the Square, Senator Zell Miller will be signing books in the Historic Courthouse and the Old Timer’s Beard Contest is back by popular demand. Community Bank & Trust, the grand benefactor of the event, is sponsoring the music stage which will be located on the White County Courthouse parking lot. Make plans to join your friends and neighbors for a celebration of what makes Cleveland and White County a special place to live and play. For more information call Cleveland Better Home Town at (706) 969-3336. Download an arts & crafts or parade application on our website: www.clevelandbetterhometown.org,

Cleveland Better Home Town, Inc. is a non-profit 501 (C) 3 charitable organization and is one of Georgia’s Nationally Accredited Main Street Programs. Donations to the Fall Leaf Festival are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law and assist with Cleveland Better Home Town’s Historic Preservation and downtown revitalization projects.

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