

Business Builder

February 2009



Who will the Grand Marshall be in the 2009 Buggy Days parade?

COMMUNITY AWARDS BANQUET

The 26th Annual Community Awards Banquet will be held at the Barnesville Civic Center on March 5, 2009 beginning at 7 pm. This is an important event for our community because it is a time where many of Barnesville's most valuable citizens are recognized. Tickets for this catered event will be \$25.00 and will be available at the Chamber of Commerce until February 20, 2009.

The Chamber of Commerce will be giving two awards, the Outstanding Citizen and Business Person of the Year. Last year's recipient of the Outstanding Citizen was Charles and Jean Dukes. The recipient for Business Person of the Year was George, Janice, and Rip Moore celebrating their 50 years of service to our community. The deadline for nominations will be February 13, 2009 at 5:00 pm. Forms are available online at www.barnesville.org or you may pick them up at the Chamber of Commerce office located at 100 Commerce Place.

The Lion's Club will be giving the Volunteer of the Year Award. The deadline for nominations is February 12, 2009 at 5:00 pm.

The Law Enforcement Officer of the Year will be awarded by the Dewaine T. Bell Difference Maker Organization. Nominations should be submitted by February 13, 2009 to P.O. Box 123 Barnesville, GA 30204 marked Attention: April Smith.

Other awards that will be given will be the Farmer of the Year Award given by the Barnesville-Lamar County Farm Bureau, the Career Woman of the Year Award given by the Barnesville Rotary Club, and the Brittain Cauthen Firefighter of the Year Award given by the Barnesville-Lamar County Fire Department.



PRESENTING SPONSOR ANNOUNCED

The 2009 BBQ & Blues Committee is proud to announce that Monroe Academy will be returning as the presenting sponsor for the BBQ & Blues Festival. Monroe will have booths in various locations around the festival site and will be presenting all of the awards.

For more information about Monroe Academy, please visit their website at www.monroeacademy.com.

BBQ & Blues Sponsorships

For more information on how your company can be involved with BBQ & Blues, please call Amanda at (770)358-5884.

Business After Hours

Goggan's Florist and Maxi's

21 Market St.

February 19th

5-7 pm

You don't want to miss this After Hours! Maxine is proud to announce the opening of her new restaurant Maxi's. We will be doing a Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting at 5:30 pm.

We will be playing our networking games, trivia, and drawing for the Jackpot!



Congratulations to Virginia Carter for winning the \$300.00 Jackpot at the January Business After Hours!

Thank You!

Thank you to One touch Wireless for hosting the January Business After Hours. It was a huge hit!

RENEWALS

The second invoice for renewals were mailed Jan. 15th so be sure to get those in as soon as possible. We are going to have a great year at the Chamber and you do not want to miss it!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Lunch and Learn
March 26th**

Details to come!!!

JOB POSTING

Please email Amanda at the Chamber if you have jobs available. They can be listed on the Chamber website at no charge to members.

Calendar

Please email any event that you want to appear on the community calendar on the chamber website.

Middle School Career Fair

Lamar County Middle School will be hosting a career fair on Thursday, March 12 from 8:00-12:00. Any businesses interested in participating can contact Kim Coursey at 770 358 8652 or Kcoursey@lamar.k12.ga.us

AFTER HOURS

If you are interested in booking a Business After Hours for 2009, please call the Chamber office **ASAP!**

The dates fill up fast.

HIGH SCHOOL CAREER DAY: GOT SKILLS?

The Chamber of Commerce Education Committee is organizing the 2009 Career Fair at Lamar County High School. If you are interested in participating in this community event on April 2, 2009, please call Amanda at the Chamber of Commerce at (770)358-5884.

There is no fee to register and lunch will be provided to participating businesses.

Renewing and New Members 2009

1st Franklin Financial Corp.
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Georgia Department of Labor
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Gordon College
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Heritage Homebuilders Inc.
Heritage House Floral and Garden Center
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JoBest Mortgage Co LLC
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Jordan Forest Products, LLC
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Keadle Lumber Enterprises, Inc.
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Kiwanis Club of Barnesville
L3 Marketing
Lamar Co. Farm Bureau, Inc.
Lamar County Cooperative Extension Office/4-H
Lamar County Middle School
Lamar County Schools BOE
Lamar County Soil and Water Conservation District
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Lamar County Water and Sewer Authority

Lamar Tire
Little Children of the World
Loan South Finance and Tax Service
Martin & Martin Attorneys
McDonald's
McIntosh Trail Regional Development Center
McLaurin Graphics
Mid Georgia Ambulance
Mitch's Automotive & Towing Inc.
Monroe Academy
Moore Chevrolet-Buick Inc.
One Touch Wireless
Palmetto Camp WOW No199
Parks Services Bottled Water
Pathways Center
Pine Lumber Trucking, INC.
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Rayonier Wood Products
Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine of Barnesville
Southern Rivers Energy
St. George Episcopal School
State Farm Insurance
Stepping Stones ETC
Sugar Hill Nurseries, LLC
The City of Milner
The Gathering Place
The Herald Gazette
The Master Blasters/Hortons' Rendezvous
The Rock Ranch, LLC
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Mark and Jan Hatten
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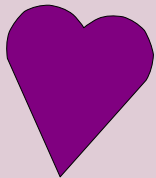
THANK YOU

Thank you to Southern Rivers
energy for providing lunch
for the Chamber of
Commerce Board at their
Strategic Planning Session on
January 15th.

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Happy Valentine's Day
BE SURE TO SHOP LOCAL!!!!

Calendar of Events

**February 2nd– BBQ & Blues
Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom 6:30 pm**

**February 19th– Business After Hours
Goggan's Florist
5-7 pm**

**March 5th
Community Awards Banquet
Barnesville Civic Center 7 pm**



President's Box

Life is tough and sometimes things just don't work out the way we want them to. Do we fight for what seems lost or do we walk away and start something new. I guess these questions can be asked about all of our lives personally and professionally. My instinct is to fight because if it's not worth fighting for then why have we allowed ourselves to be so involved.

Everything around us seems to be so uncertain right now. Where is our economy heading, how secure are small businesses and economic development, etc...The list could go on and on. We have to keep fighting for what our passions are and I know that each of us love our community and our investments with family, relationships, spirituality, and financial matters.

I encourage you to fight for what you want out of life and never loose sight of your goals. Our community is not what it is today because people passively worked to build it and we will never attain anything in life with a passive attitude. Set your sights and GO FOR IT!
-Amanda Rose