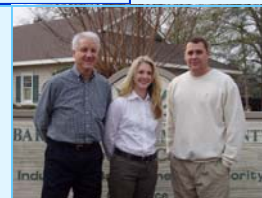


Business Builder 2008

Happy New Year from the Chamber of Commerce



A New Year...A New Chair...

Jan Hatten passed the gavel to Scott Leverett on December 20th. As of January 1, 2008, Scott Leverett will be the Chair of the Barnesville-Lamar County Chamber of Commerce. Scott is excited about serving his community and looks forward to a great year as Chair. When you all see Scott, be sure to congratulate him!

Scott has named his new Executive Committee, Rick Klepper (Vice-Chair), Chad Thompson (Secretary/Treasurer), and Jan Hatten.



Special Thanks!!!

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, we would like to all say Thank You to Jan Hatten for her service to the Chamber in 2007. Jan's energy, passion, and loyalty to this office helped to make this year one of the most successful in Chamber history. Thank You, Jan!!

**Ag After Hours
January 17th
5-7pm
Hudgin's Farm**

**Sponsored by: Farm Bureau and Lamar County Soil and Water
Conservation District**

**Directions: Take 341 South and turn left onto Brent Rd. Follow Brent Rd. and
Hudgin's Farm will be on the right.**

**This is an amazing facility! So make plans to attend!
This will also be a great networking opportunity!**

Ribbon Cuttings!!

**We have two ribbon cuttings scheduled for
January!**

**Jan. 22nd- Cherry Creek II Preschool
Academy at 11:45am. They are located at
148 Silver Dollar Rd.**

**Jan 23rd- Railroad Station at 11:45am. This
new subdivision, developed by Keith Martin, is
located at the corner of Ice and Railroad St.**

****Tours will be available at both locations.**

LUNCH & LEARN DATES SET FOR 2008!!

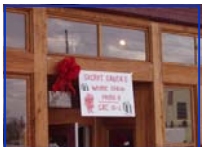
**We have set the dates for 2008!
Mark your calendars because these events are
great networking and
learning opportunities!**

**March 13th
July 24th
November 13th**

STRATEGIC PLANNING!

**The strategic planning session for the Board of
Directors is set for January 17th! If you have
an issue you think the Chamber should address,
please let a board member know.**

REMINDER: Membership Directories are in...Pick yours up at the Chamber!!



Merchant's Committee Information

***Thank you to all the merchants who attended the committee meeting on Tuesday, De-
cember 11th and everyone who participated in the Santa's Secret Shop on Saturday, De-
cember 15th. Your dedication to making your business grow and helping to make chamber events a
success is greatly appreciated.**

**** January 8th , at 6:30pm, will be the next Merchant's Committee Meeting! It will be held at Step-N-
Style on Zebulon St. Step-N-Style along with Janice's Finer Things will be in charge of hosting the
meeting. Please make plans to attend. For more information call Amanda at 770-358-5884.**

EMPTY STOCKING FUND AFTER HOURS!

Thank you for making the ESF After Hours a HUGE success! We have definitely raised the standard for this after hours! \$2460 was the total amount of cash, and two SUVs full of toys made this year the best ever! Glen and Vickie Forsyth, who work with the ESF, were amazed and overjoyed at the abundance everyone gave. Thank you for being so charitable this holiday season! You will be blessed in return!



Thank you to First National Bank and Williams Funeral Home for sponsoring this event and Dream Affairs Catering for a wonderful job with the food and beverages!

Thank you to everyone who gave door prizes for the ESF After Hours! We had over 30 door prizes to give away that night!

THANK YOU!

The Chamber would like to thank Tom and Laverne Aiken, at Circle A Christmas Tree Farm, for donating two Christmas trees this year. One of the trees adorned the chamber office and the other was located downtown for the entire community to enjoy!

Thank you both for all you do for this community and the chamber!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TIRE MART OF BARNESVILLE!

On December 7th, Tire Mart of Barnesville cut the ribbon to officially open their new business. Owner Marcus Snead talked about the services they perform at the establishment and about future plans that he has for growth. He spoke highly of the former business that filled the location, Corley's Tire, and how he hoped his business would flourish like theirs did for so long.

Stop by and say hello and get a rotation while you wait. You will be impressed at how quickly and efficiently this operation works.



Thanks For Service

The Chamber of Commerce and Board of Directors would like to thank Laura Geiger, Sammie Shropshire, Sandra Hudson, and Gregg Martin for their service to the chamber board and the community. Even though your time on the board has expired, we all look forward to you continuing to be actively involved.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work!

Membership Surveys!!

You will find enclosed your membership survey for the 2007 year. Please fill them out and return them to the office. You may mail the surveys to P.O. Box 506 or fax them to 770-358-5886. Please take the time to fill out the survey. I want to meet the needs of the membership and this will give me the insight I need to do so.

The deadline to have all surveys returned is January 15th. Thank you!

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Calendar of Events

January 8th- Merchant's Committee Meeting at
Step-N-Style 6:30pm

January 14th- BBQ & Blues Meeting 6pm in
the Chamber Board Room

January 17th- Strategic Planning Session

January 17th- Ag After Hours at Hudgins Farm
5-7 pm

January 22nd- Ribbon Cutting at Cherry Creek
II Preschool Academy at 11:45

January 23rd- Ribbon Cutting for
Railroad Station at 11:45



Director's Box

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to an exciting New Year!

Your membership invoices are in the mail and I look forward to working with you all again in 2008! I have many plans for change and growth to benefit you in making your businesses thrive. You all are what makes this chamber the success it is year after year and I am so thankful to have the opportunity to serve as your director in 2008!

If any of you ever need anything, do not hesitate to call or email me!

Happy New Year!
Amanda Rose

New Members

Buffalo Rock/Pepsi Cola

**Kristen Roney with
RE/MAX Traditions**

**Dolly Goodpuppy
Society, Inc**

