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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE BARNESVILLE-LAMAR COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE!!

THIS YEAR'S ILLUMINATION CEREMONY... A NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS PERFECTION!!

The Christmas carols were a refreshing sound on Main St. the night before Thanksgiving. Hundreds of men, women, and children gathered to shop, sing carols, see the lighting of the trees, and of course get to see the guest of honor Santa Claus. The First Baptist Church Choir, under the direction of Greg Burrell, did a wonderful job singing special carols. They were all so cheerful and excited to be spreading the holiday cheer. Kenny Roberts, Barnesville City Manager, read the Christmas story and Tonya Walker, 2008 Leadership Lamar class president, sang "Oh Holy Night" to ring in the lighting of the trees. Santa came into town on the fire truck and was available for wishes and photographs at Al Adamson's Main St. Advisors. This was the perfect place for Santa and the photo line of approximately seventy children was completely finished in an hour and ten minutes. Greg Burrell stated, "This was the perfect illumination! The lights came on when they were supposed to and Santa came to town on the first chorus of Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone who had any part with making the Illumination Ceremony the success it was!



EMPTY STOCKING FUND BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

DECEMBER 5th

Location: The Gathering Place

SPONSORED BY FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME

Time: 5-9 pm

Please bring unwrapped toys or monetary donations for this community effort!

This is the last After Hours of 2008, So let's make it the BEST!!

DOOR PRIZES NEEDED!

We need door prizes for the Empty Stocking Fund After Hours. If you are interested in donating something, please call Amanda at the Chamber of Commerce (770)358-5884.

Special Thanks...

The Chamber of Commerce would love to extend a special thanks to the Azalea Garden Club for hanging the garland and bows downtown. Each year this club takes time out of their busy schedule to make downtown festive for the holiday season.

Chamber of Commerce/Lamar County Schools

Beginning Adobe PhotoShop Class

Instructors:

Dale Royal – Retired Educator – Certified Web Page Developer

David Niblett – Network Manager – Lamar Co. Schools

Objective:

All participants in this class will learn how to use Adobe PhotoShop to capture images, enhance and improve photos, create graphic designs and elements, save files in proper formats and sizes for the web or other purposes, and create special interesting effects in design or on web pages. The scanner and digital camera will be used intensively in the lessons on Adobe PhotoShop.

Specific Content Areas To Be Covered

This class will cover beginning PhotoShop concepts, scanners and digital cameras, and some advanced concepts.

PhotoShop tool bars and options.

File formats file sizes.

Acquiring images, scanners, cameras, and files.

Colors and backgrounds.

Enhancing photos and cleaning up bad areas.

Good design and bad design.

PhotoShop filters and special effects.

Requirements For The Class

Working knowledge of Windows XP including navigating, opening programs, windows, and folders, saving, printing, etc.

Working knowledge of Internet, browsing and email.

Some knowledge of HTML and making web pages by code will be helpful.

Must agree to LCS Acceptable Use Policy and sign a contract.

Age of 12 years or more.

Must bring 3-ring notebook to class for the class handouts and a usb key to exchange files.

Class Credit and Certificate

Participants who complete all work will be given a certificate for this Beginning PhotoShop class.

Who Can Take This Class? – Most Anyone Can!

This class is specifically designed for anyone who is interested in learning more about Adobe Photoshop.

When and Where and How?

Register by emailing or calling Amanda Rose at the Barnesville/Lamar County Chamber of Commerce.

Class is anticipated to be offered at the LCMS Computer Lab the following dates:

January 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27th from 5PM until 8PM each evening.

Cost for the class will be \$45 per person if you are a Chamber member and \$60.00 for non members.

Leadership Lamar

LEADERSHIP LAMAR GRADUATES

Lamar County has a new set of graduates who are full of ambition and spirit geared toward making Barnesville-Lamar County a better place. As the graduate's names were called on November 20th, you could see the joy and pride on each of their faces. This group of men and women had spent sixteen weeks of their lives learning the ins and outs of our community, learning how to be better business professionals, but best of all making friendships that would last a lifetime. This class bonded into a family that just thrived off of one another and had so much fun!

If this class is any indication of the leaders that are rising up in our community, we have nothing but GREAT days ahead for Barnesville. Tim Turner and Missy Kendrick could not say enough about how wonderful this group is and how well they performed every task given. Class President, Tonya Walker, made a special presentation to the class. She sang the "Wind Beneath My Wings". Out of the 125 people in attendance, I don't think there was a dry eye. It was simply beautiful and very thoughtful.



Thank you to Representatives David Knight and Tony Sellier for delivering the keynote address to the 2008 Leadership Lamar class.



The 2008 Leadership Lamar Class project was the Trojan Learning Center. The class raised \$2160.00 to provide books for the Trojan Learning Center library. Tonya Walker presented Dr. Walker, director of the center, and Susan Byars, from the Lamar County School Board, with the check the night of graduation.



PIN IT ON A MAN

The Jewelry Store and Carter's Drug will be participating in the Annual Pin it On A Man night. The festivities will take place from 6-9 pm on December 19th. Mike Aiken will be cooking BBQ snacks and serving drinks while you shop for amazing deals just days before Christmas.

You don't want to miss it!

Thank You!



Thank you to Circle A Christmas Tree Farm for donating the beautiful trees for the Chamber of Commerce office and for our downtown tree. They are very beautiful.

Circle A is now open for the 2008 holiday season. They are located at 390 Freeman Rd.



TOUR of HOMES

The Women's League annual tour of Homes is set for December 6th from 3-7 pm. Tickets are on sale at the Chamber office for \$8.00. They will be \$10.00 if you choose to wait until the day of the tour to purchase them.

Many merchants will be open late that night so be sure to do a little holiday shopping while your out and about.

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New Members

Johnny on the Spot, Gregory and Laura Simmons, K & M Construction, Mary Kelly Coleman, Stepping Stones ETC, Shawn Tuggle, Buggy Town Auction

Calendar of Events

Dec. 5th- Empty Stocking Fund Business After Hours
5-9pm

Dec. 15th- BBQ & Blues Meeting @ Chamber 6:30 pm

Dec. 18th- Board Meeting 12pm

Dec. 19th- Pin It On A Man 6-9 pm
Downtown Merchants Participating

Dec. 24th - 26th- Chamber will be Closed for the
Christmas Holiday

Dec. 31st - Jan. 2nd - Chamber will be closed for
New Years



President's Box

Christmas is such a special time of year. It is a season of love, family, friendship, and generosity.

In this season of giving let's don't forget those who are less fortunate. Donate to Toys for Tots and the Empty Stocking Fund. Every time you hear the bells outside of stores ringing, just drop in a little something. Every little bit matters to those less fortunate.

I pray this holiday season that we all have giving and caring hearts to make someone else's Christmas extra special.

Merry Christmas,
Amanda Rose