

BUSINESS BUILDER

MARCH 2009



BBQ & BLUES: BIG NAMES COMING TO BARNESVILLE

The BBQ & Blues Festival is in its final planning stages. Sponsorships are being finalized and we are attracting some big names. Clausen Pickles will be kicking off their national pickle challenge at our festival, Firefly Vodka will showcase four new flavors of their vodka, and Willie Nelson's Old Whiskey River Bourbon will be sponsoring a sauce contest on Friday night. The grand prize of the sauce contest is an autographed Willie Nelson guitar. Those are just a few of the major sponsors that will be featured this year.

Be sure to check out the insert for the Friday night events at the 2009 BBQ & Blues Festival. The Friday night cook and sauce competitions are opened to the public which means you do not have to be a pro cook team to participate. You can pick one category or do them all.

For more information on the 2009 festival, please visit our website at www.bbqandblues.org.



OPEN HOUSE

The Lamar County Board of Education would like to invite you to come see their new office building.

The Open House will be held on March 26, 2009 from 10 am until 6 pm. The address of the office is 100 Victory Lane.

For more information please call Sherrelle Ogletree at 770-358-5891.

If you have not seen the construction going on at the Lamar County School sites, please take the time to ride by. The crews have been working hard and the progress is amazing. The new stadium is almost complete and the auditorium will be built before we know it. Our schools are something to be proud of!

LUNCH & LEARN: Strategic Planning

Donald Rhodes of the UGA Small Business Development Center joins us for a session on Strategic Planning. The strategic planning process helps businesses adapt to environment changes. By creating a series of tools such as an overview and analysis of the business and its relevant environment, a current condition report, a list of factors affecting success and an action plan, a business can find ways to capitalize on its strengths and to minimize its weaknesses and threats.

March 26, 2009

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Gordon College Foundation Room

Cost: \$17 (Chamber members receive a \$2 discount)

Advance registration and payment is required.

Please register before **March 18th**.

To reserve your seat please call **(678) 359-5123**.

MARCH BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

March 19th 5-7 pm

Hosted By: Antebellum Oaks and Dream Affairs Catering

Located at: 643 Greenwood St.

Please join us for the Chamber Business After Hours on March 19, 2009, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. which is co-sponsored by Dream Affairs Catering (Julie Knott) and Antebellum Oaks (Dolie McCarthy). Dream Affairs Catering has been serving Middle Georgia for over 5 years hosting such events from Governor Sonny Perdue's Fund Raiser, and the Griffin Wine Society Champagne Gala, to anniversaries and weddings.

Julie and her team will be preparing and serving new and exciting menu items as well as some local favorites. She will also be taking reservations for her newest offering - Wine Tastings.

One of Julie's favorite venues is the Antebellum Oaks (formerly known as Tarleton Oaks) located on 643 Greenwood Street in Barnesville. This exclusive architecturally styled plantation home offers a spacious and special atmosphere for any sized event. From ample parking to spacious common rooms and porches, Dolie's Antebellum Oaks provides a superb southern atmosphere for any gathering.

Thank you!

Thank you to Goggan's Florist and Maxi's on Market for hosting the February Business After Hours. The food was delicious and a good time was had by all.

If you have not had a chance to eat at Maxi's, please stop by for lunch Mon-Sat or dinner Thurs-Sat. The food is delicious!



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.

RENEWALS

The FINAL invoices for renewals were mailed February 20th 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!!!

2009 New & Renewed Members

1st Franklin Financial Corp.
 AFLAC
 Akins Feed and Seed Company
 Antebellum Oaks
 Awards and Graphics Unlimited
 Badcock Home Furniture
 Balamo Building Supply
 Bankston Lumber Company
 Barnesville Bottle Shop
 Barnesville Eye Clinic
 Barnesville Marble and Granite Company
 Barnesville Motel
 Barnesville Rotary Club
 BesTech Computer Solutions
 Big Chic
 Bottoms Associates, Inc.
 Brinkley's Day Care Center
 Buffalo Rock
 Buggy Town Auction
 Burnette Painting Company
 Bush Farms
 Carter's Drug Store
 Chappell Mill Trees, LLC
 Circle A Christmas Tree Farms
 Continental Tire North America- Aldora Plant
 County Line Farm
 Davis Cooper Ford
 Dewaine T. Bell Difference Makers
 Directory South
 Dora Cox Realty, Inc
 Dream Affairs Catering
 Enercon Enpower LLC
 Evans Timber Co. Inc.
 Eyesore, Inc
 Federalgraphics, LLC
 First National Bank
 First United Methodist Church
 Fitzhugh Tree Service
 Flint River Technical College
 G & R Rock Climbing Adventures
 GA South BBQ
 Georgia Department of Labor
 Georgia Rural Water Association
 Giant Mart
 Goggans Florist
 Gordon College
 Griffin RESA
 Hensley Office City and Design
 Heritage Homebuilders Inc.
 Heritage Homebuilders Inc.
 Heritage House Floral and Garden Center
 Herritage Inn of Barnesville
 Hines Prescription Shop
 Honeywood Farms

Hudson Specialty Group, Inc
 IDA
 Ingles
 Iris City Chiropractic Center, PC
 Jim Cole, State Representative
 Jinlor Services, LLC
 JoBest Mortgage Co LLC
 Jonny on the Spot
 Jordan Forest Products, LLC
 K&M Construction
 Keadle Lumber Enterprises, Inc.
 Ken's Cleaners
 Kiwanis Club of Barnesville
 L3 Marketing
 Lamar Arts
 Lamar Co. Farm Bureau, Inc.
 Lamar Co. Primary School
 Lamar County Cooperative Extension Office/4-H
 Lamar County Middle School
 Lamar County Schools BOE
 Lamar County Soil and Water Conservation District
 Lamar County Soil and Water Conservation District
 Lamar County Volunteer Fire Department
 Lamar County Water and Sewer Authority
 Lamar Tire
 Little Children of the World
 Loan South Finance and Tax Service
 Martin & Martin Attorneys
 Maxi's on Market
 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
 Ozier Studio of Dance
 Palmetto Camp WOW No199
 Parks Services Bottled Water
 Pastime Grill
 Pathways Center
 Pike Lamar Services, Inc.
 Pine Lumber Trucking, INC.
 Purchasing Alliance Solutions
 Ranew's Truck and Equipment
 Rayonier Wood Products
 RC Marketing
 RE/MAX Southern
 RE/MAX Traditions
 Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine of Barnesville
 SAE Parts Warehouse Inc.
 Salon NV
 Smith, Welch & Brittain

Southdown BBQ & Grills
 Southern Rivers Energy
 Southland Construction Group
 Space Walk of Griffin
 Spalding Regional
 St. George Episcopal School
 State Farm Insurance
 Stepping Stones ETC
 Sugar Hill Nurseries, LLC
 Sunny Grove Assisted Living
 The City of Milner
 The Gathering Place
 The Herald Gazette
 The Jewelry Store
 The Master Blasters/Hortons' Rondevvous
 The Movie Star
 The Rock Ranch, LLC
 Thomaston Ear, Nose, & Throat, Inc.
 Tire Mart of Barnesville
 Tommy's Sportswear
 Town of Aldora
 United Bank
 Upson Regional Medical Center
 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6542
 Waller Transport
 Walters Farm
 Ware Drilling Inc.
 WBAF 1090 AM
 West Central Georgia Workforce Department
 William Carter Company
 William Lindsey, Attorney
 Williams Funeral Home of Barnesville
 Woodall, Wilson, and Manley, M.D.
 WTGA/Fun 101 FM
 Your Choice Windows
 Alan and Elanor Steckor
 Anne Claxton
 Billy F. & Jan Williams
 Bob Bankston
 Charles and Jean Dukes
 Cheryl Idol
 Claire Wheeler
 Doug Wilkins
 Dr. E.H. Harris
 Edwin and Sharon Greer
 Fred Morris
 Gene Hardwick
 Gerald and Hedy Cauthen
 Greg Williams
 Gregory and Laura Simmons
 Hayward and Karen Cox
 Jo Klepper
 Joe and Pat Edwards
 Mark and Jan Hatten
 Mark Farmer
 Mark Stone
 Mary Kelly Coleman
 Michael J. Brutz
 Mike and Kathy Oxford
 Peter Banks
 Richard Milam, District Attorney
 Roger Hollandsworth
 Ryan Rogers
 Sara and Ed Williams
 Scott Leverett
 Shawn Tuggle
 Stacey Ard
 Susan Byars
 T.J. Imberger
 Timothy T. Turner
 William Berner
 William S. Cherry Jr.
 Wimpy Vaughn



BARNESVILLE BBQ & BLUES SAUCE CONTEST April 24, 2009



ENTRY FORM

ENTRY DEADLINE: APRIL 22, 2009

**Barnesville BBQ & Blues Festival & The Triple
Crown Series Professional BBQ Competition**

TEAM NAME- _____

HEAD COOK- _____

ADDRESS- _____

CITY- _____ STATE- _____ ZIP- _____

DAY PHONE- _____ EVENING PHONE- _____

FAX- _____ EMAIL- _____

SAUCE COMPETITION \$20.00 PER SAUCE:

NUMBER OF SAUCES ENTERED X \$20.00= _____

(ALL PRO TEAMS, AMATEUR SAUCE TEAMS, INDIVIDUALS, AND TRIPLE CROWN
CONTESTANTS MAY ENTER.)

**RULES: You must use Old Whiskey River Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey as an
ingredient in the sauce. Provide one 8 oz cup of your sauce at the judging site at 7:30 pm
on Friday, April 24, 2009. MUST BRING PROOF OF PURCHASE OF THE WHISKEY!**

Mail your check and completed form to:

Barnesville Lamar County
Chamber of Commerce
Attn: BBQ & Blues
P.O. Box 506
Barnesville, GA 30204



Sauce Competition Fee: \$	_____
Total Enclosed: \$	_____
Paid by Check: _____	Cash: _____

**Each Participant Gets A FREE
Whiskey River T-Shirt!!**

Waiver of liability: In consideration in your accepting this entry, I the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive any and all right and claims for damages I may have against the Barnesville BBQ & Blues Festival, the Barnesville Lamar County Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Barnesville for any and all injuries suffered by myself or my team in the event. Further, I hereby grant full permission to the event organizers and/or other agents authorized by them to use photographs, video tapes, recording, or other records of this event for legitimate reasons. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Barnesville BBQ & Blues Sauce Contest.

Sign: _____ Date: _____

1st PLACE PRIZE!!!



**WINS A GUITAR
SIGNED BY
WILLIE
NELSON!!!!**

**2ND & 3RD PLACE
WINS A TROPHY,
CONCERT TICK-
ETS & BRAGGING
RIGHTS!!!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.bbqandblues.org



FRIDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY COOK-OFF

April 24, 2009

Instructions:

Turn In Location: First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
375 Thomaston St.

Turn in Time and Amount:

Stew and Chili- 6:30 pm- 16 oz Cup

Wings- 7:00 pm- Styrofoam container that closes- 8 wings

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND RETURN IT
TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BY APRIL 17, 2009.

P.O. Box 506 Barnesville, GA 30204

	<u>Categories:</u>		<u>Prizes:</u>
_____	Wings	\$15.00	1/2 Pot
_____	Chili	\$15.00	1/2 Pot
_____	Stew	\$15.00	1/2 Pot
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____			

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE#: _____

EMAIL: _____

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Nominations have been mailed out to alumni and the chamber membership. Be sure to take some time and make a few recommendations of potential candidates for the 2009 class. This program is a tremendous benefit to our community's continued success.

Calendar of Events

March 5
Community Awards Banquet
Barnesville Civic Center
7 pm

March 19
BAH:Antebellum Oaks
5-7 pm

March 26
Lunch and Learn: Gordon College
11:30 am– 1:00 pm



President's Box

As I write this note to you all, I can see snow out of my office window. It is beautiful as it blankets the trees, ground, and cars that pass by. Only Saturday I was wearing a t-shirt and saying just how I couldn't believe it was so warm. Change happens so quickly and so many times it is out of our control. I have never really liked change but as I have gotten older I guess I understand it more and more. People come in and out of lives, businesses open and close, officials change, and the cycle goes on and on in every facet of our life. One lesson I have learned out of all the changes in my life is that we have to learn from all of our experiences. Everything happens for a reason and someday soon we will know why.

Change in our community has been a good experience. We are a beautiful, growing, thriving community with so much to be thankful for. Keep up the good work!

-Amanda Rose