

Chamber Members official guide to the: BBQ & BLUES FESTIVAL APRIL 24th-25th

The 2009 BBQ & Blues Festival is smoking up! The sponsors are set, the t-shirts are printed, the bands are practicing and the cook teams are preparing their meat. It's going to be another great year for BBQ and Blues in downtown Barnesville. Be sure to invite all of your friends and family to help make this the biggest ever.

Enclosed you will find loads of information concerning the festival. Also be sure to visit the official BBQ & Blues website, www.bbqandblues.org, for all the latest information every day. The website has been redesigned to ensure the most efficient way for you to stay informed. Event Registration and t-shirts can now be purchased online.



FRIDAY NIGHT COMPETITIONS

The Friday night competitions for the BBQ & Blues Festival is open to the public. Categories include chili, stew, and wings. The prizes are half pot. So, if you have a secret recipe it may be worth throwing those ingredients in a pot and bringing them down town on the 24th of April.

Something new this year is our BBQ Sauce Contest, sponsored by Old Whiskey River which is endorsed by Willie Nelson. This is open to the public and the grand prize is a Willie Nelson autographed guitar. You must use the Old Whiskey River Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey in the sauce and present your proof of purchase when you turn in your sauce to be judged. You can find this product at the Barnesville Bottle Shop located on Main St. in Barnesville.

Reps from the distributor in New York here for the weekend to run the sauce contest. There is a possibility that Willie Nelson will make an appearance but nothing is confirmed. He does not have any tour dates in April, so it is a possibility.

Registration forms and payment can all be completed online at www.bbqandblues.org.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Hosted By:
United Bank
in Downtown Barnesville

When :
April 23rd from 5-7 pm

This is the official kick-off to
the BBQ & Blues Festival.

We are drawing for the
Jackpot!!!!

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*Ribbon Cutting and Open House
April 3rd*

**Ribbon Cutting - 3:00 pm
Open House - 3:30-6:30pm**

Hors D'oeuvres, Beer, Wine & Cocktails will be Served

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Mark Your Calendars

**RELAY FOR LIFE
MAY 1, 2009**

**Lamar Arts Derby Party
May 2, 2009
770-358**



Business After Hours Dates for 2009:

April 23- United Bank

May 14- Heritage House

June 18- Park Services Bottle Water

July- Available

August- Available

September 24- Spring Properties

October- Available

November- Available

December- Empty Stocking Fund

****Call today to reserve your date!!!!
(770)358-5884**

RIBBON CUTTING

HINES PRESCRIPTION SHOP

**New Location:
302 College Dr.**

April 16th at 1:15 pm

Maxi's on Market

Serving lunch daily!

**Be sure to stop by for some hearty
meals and delicious biscuits and corn
bread.**

Dinner: Thurs-Sat Only

**Completely different menu from lunch!
Steak, Pasta, Seafood, and More...**



**EASTER
EGG
HUNTS**

**First Baptist Church
April 10, 2009**

10 am- Walkers- 1st grade

**First Methodist of Barnesville
April 11, 2009**

2 pm

**Spring Fling For Fun Show
Dog Show**

**Sponsored by The Dolly GoodPuppy Society, Inc.
Saturday, April 18, 2009 at Barnesville Civic Center
(Rain Day May 2)**

Registration: 9:30 am-11:00 am Show Begins at 11:00 am

**For More information,
please call (770)567-4772 or (770)468-2626**

JUDGES/SPONSOR/COOK TEAM BAGS

If your business would like to put anything into the welcome bags for the judges, cook teams, and sponsor bags please call Amanda at the Chamber (770) 358-5884.

You can send coupons for your businesses, flyers, or goodies— enough for 150 bags.

Some other suggestions are tooth picks, aluminum foil, rolls of paper towels, hand sanitizer, matches, shout wipes, and non latex gloves.

Anything you can give to market your business and to show these people that we are grateful that they chose to spend the weekend in our community is greatly appreciated!

FARMER'S MARKET

May 7th—October 29th

2:00 pm-6:30 pm

2009 Logo for Plaques

Thank you for renewing!!!!

New Members

Debi Hughes
Lane Farmer
Gutherie and Company
Fitzhugh Tree Service
Edward Jones Investments
Barnesville Motel
Hudson Specialty Group Inc.
Jinlor Services, Inc.
L3 Marketing
Kellet & Sons Roofing, LLC
Maxi's on Market
Pike Lamar Services, Inc.
RC Marketing
Space Walk of Griffin
Wimpy Vaughn
Stacey Ard
Claire Wheeler
Gerald and Hedy Cauthen
Gerald and Margaret Thompson

LAMAR ARTS

Opening Reception
Friday, April 3, 2009 6-8 pm

Gordon College Annual Student/Faculty Art Exhibit



The American Cancer Society Relay for Life 2009 fundraising season has started. Please join us in helping save lives and improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their families.

On May 1st Lamar County will host its Hawaiian themed relay, "Surf's Up! Come Re-lei With Us". Hundreds will gather at the Lamar Recreation Track as we begin the Opening Ceremonies at 7:00 and the Survivor's First Lap of Celebration. Because cancer never sleeps, the track will be lined with teams from our community as members walk the track all night in memory of or honor of our loved ones fighting the battle. Food, games and great entertainment will be on hand for the event. You don't want to miss the "Miss Relay Contest".

For more information on how you can get involved to **Celebrate** the lives of people who have battled cancer, **Remember** loved ones lost to the disease, and **Fight Back** by taking up the fight, call Kelly Hughes 770-358-3270 or Kim Wall 770-358-9347. For more information about Lamar's Relay for Life log onto www.relayforlife.org/LamarGa. Together we can make a difference!

REGISTRATION DATES

Lamar County Primary School
Kindergarten
April 18th and May 16th 8:00-11:00 am
Location— LCPS Cafeteria

Pre-K
May 19th 8:30-11:00 am
Gordon College Gym

THANK YOU!!!

A huge thanks to Antebellum Oaks and Dream Affairs Catering for hosting the March Business After Hours. The food was delicious and the house was beautiful.

You girls sure know how to throw a party!

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Calendar of Events

April 2– Career Fair at LCCHS

April 3– Eyesore, Inc. Ribbon Cutting 3 pm
Griffin, GA

April 9– Leadership Lamar Steering Committee
Meeting 4:30 pm chamber boardroom

April 16- Ribbon Cutting
Hines Prescription Shop 1:15 pm

April 23– Business After Hours
United Bank 5-7 pm

April 24-25-
BBQ & Blues Festival



PRESIDENT'S BOX

I can not believe the BBQ & Blues Festival is already here again. Last year was my first one to help plan and attend. It was amazing. If any of you have not ever been, please make plans to get to downtown Barnesville the last weekend in April. You will be talking about it for weeks after-I promise.

The festival is lots of fun and it is also a time where we honor some great people who have made an impact on music in Georgia. This year our GA Music Legend Award winner will be Mr. Eddie Tigner. He is in his 80's, living in Atlanta, and still playing the blues. He is truly dedicated to his passion. Last year's recipient was Newt Collier and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know him over the past year. Newt loves Barnesville and was just in town for the March Business After Hours. He is one our biggest fans and promoters of the festival. He came up to get flyers to hand out at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon. Newt made a few comments to everyone at the after hours but the one that sticks out in my mind the most is, "you all have a wonderful community and you do it all right!"

I think that is a great impression to leave with people, that we do it right! We work extremely hard to make our events the best they can be, but we can't do it without amazing people like all of you! -AMANDA