

# BUSINESS BUILDER

## MAY 2009



### The Stars Shined for the Blues....

The 2009 BBQ & Blues Festival has been receiving rave reviews from media outlets everywhere. Barnesville has been commended by all for throwing one awesome concert while honoring and hosting music legends. If you missed this show, you missed a great one. Featured guests included Sammie Blue, Newt Collier, Alan Walden Harvey Scales, and Eddie Tigner.



### GA Music Legend Award

I had the opportunity to spend time with Eddie Tigner back stage on Saturday night. What a guy! He was so humbled by the outpouring of attention he received by being our Georgia Music Legend Award recipient. The more I spoke with him and watched him listen to the other musicians play, you could see and hear the passion that he had for music. He came alive as he walked onto the stage to perform with his friends.

I kept thinking as the night progressed how great it is to honor special people. It is even greater when the one you are honoring is as humble and deserving as the one who stood before me on stage playing his heart out.

-Amanda Rose

Thanks to Andrew Odom at The Herald Gazette for photographs on this page.

### SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient for the Mayor Bell Scholarship was presented at the concert on Saturday night. Miss Katie Lifsey and her parents were on hand to accept the award and receive \$1000.00 to the college of Katie's choice.

Katie's application was very well presented. She is an outstanding young lady with many accomplishments.

Congratulations!!



## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

May 28, 2009  
5-7pm

Sponsored by :  
Heritage House Floral and Gifts

Location:  
505 Rose Ave.  
The Jackpot will be \$125.00!!

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Chamber will be hosting the Annual Golf Tournament at Morgan Dairy on June 17th. This will be a great day to have fun for a good cause and to entertain clients.

Hole Sponsorships are available for \$100.00.  
Ads for the program are \$50.00

For more information about the Golf Tournament, please call Amanda at (770)358-5884.

## HEALTH FAIR

Sunny Grove Assisted Living will sponsor a Health Fair at the Barnesville Civic Center on Friday, June 5, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. The Health Fair is free and open to the public. Sunny Grove and other organizations plan to offer a variety of health screenings as well as other information pertinent to good health. Following the Health Fair, participants and vendors will receive a voucher for a free BBQ sandwich. The vouchers can be redeemed at Sunny Grove Assisted Living. Drinks and chips will also be available for purchase. For more information about the Health Fair, please contact Jannellen Rigg at (678) 359-1246.

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## 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**

## SWINE FLU: MESSAGE FROM SHERRY FARR

Due to the growing concern of the Swine Flu in Georgia, please be sure to read the information below to be better prepared to handle this epidemic if it comes in direct contact with our community.

Georgia may see cases of swine influenza A (H1N1) disease, given the unfolding circumstances of this epidemic. Lamar County Health Department is working with the county EMA Director and Community Partners to review the current situation and address community concerns.

We do have in place pandemic influenza plans, which were recently updated to address this exact situation. While the news of swine flu may be alarming to the public we would like for you to know that we have been working on response to this situation for years and are prepared to respond.

There is no vaccine available at this time, so it is important to take steps to prevent contracting or spreading the virus to others. If people are ill, they should attempt to stay at home and limit contact with others.

### **Take these everyday steps to protect your health:**

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

Do not go to work or school if you are sick. CDC recommends that you limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

For the most up to date information please go to [www.cdc.gov/swineflu](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu) . You may also find information at

### **REGISTRATION DATES**

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

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



### **FARMER'S MARKET**

May 7th—October  
29th

2:00 pm-6:30 pm

## **THANK YOU.....**

On Behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, we would like to thank everyone who helped to make the 2009 BBQ & Blues Festival the best one yet. We hosted record crowds, and everyone had a great time.

BBQ & Blues is the largest sanctioned cook off in the state and we could not make it happen without the City and County, OMI, volunteers and our sponsors.

-Amanda and T.J.

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### Renewing Members

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Georgia Sprint Karting Association  
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Alan and Sandra Hudson  
Lamar Inn and Suite

Robyn Underwood CPA  
Judy Ann Patton Book Keeping and Tax Prep  
Main Street Advisors  
Thomaston Ford



### New Members

Ace Hardware



### Calendar of Events

May 4th 8th– Teacher’s Appreciation  
Week

May 28th– Business After Hours  
Heritage House Floral and Gifts  
5-7 pm

June 17th-  
Chamber Golf Tournament  
Morgan Dairy Golf Club



### President’s Box

I can not believe it is already May! This year is going by so fast. When I was growing up, I looked forward to the summer because there was no school. Now I feel as though I live event to event. I must say it is a lot of fun.

BBQ & Blues was amazing this year and I can’t wait until Buggy Days. Citizens of Lamar County have it made! We don’t even have to leave home to have fun. Twice a year, the Chamber provides amazing entertainment for the citizens of this community and anyone else who wants to attend. It is so rewarding to see everyone having fun while laughing, eating, dancing and sharing good times with their friends.

Chamber work is tough but it sure does make you feel good. I am so fortunate to have a wonderful Board of Directors and the BEST volunteers. I want to send out a special thanks to everyone who makes our events the best and for all your hard work for the community!

-Amanda Rose