

BUSINESS BUILDER

BARNESVILLE-LAMAR COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber's New Leadership Announced

The Chamber of Commerce has been very fortunate to have some remarkable leadership over the years. This year will be no different. A team of dynamic leaders have been put together to help lead the organization. On December 16th, 2010 Chair Mark Farmer passed the gavel to Amberly Ferris to serve as Chair for 2011. Amberly is the director of the Lamar County Water Authority. Julia Ann Ridgeway will

serve as Vice Chair, Ernie Neubauer as Treasurer, and Mark Farmer will remain on the Executive Committee as past Chair.

Thank you to Rick Klepper and Erin Cook, for your time serving on the Chamber board. Erin and Rick have been serving on the executive committee as Chair, Past Chair, and Treasurer for the past three years. Your dedication is very much appreciated.



2011 Chair
Amberly Ferris



2011 Executive Committee

Special points of interest:

- **Amberly Ferris, 2011 Chair**
- **Julia Ann Ridgeway, Vice Chair**
- **Ernie Neubauer, Treasurer**
- **Mark Farmer, Past Chair**
- **ESF \$5115.00**
- **United Bank Always Terrific Host**

Empty Stocking Fund After Hours **HUGE** Success!

On December 9th, United Bank hosted the Annual Empty Stocking Fund After Hours. The night was kicked off by Robbie Tenney, President of United Bank, thanking everyone for coming and for the commu-

nity's support with the banks' transition over the past few months. The night ended with two car loads of toys and \$5115.00 to ensure children of Lamar County would receive presents for

Christmas.

Thank you so much to everyone for making this night a HUGE success. It was a festive evening of appreciation, celebration, and networking.

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Business After Hours:



The January Business After Hours will be hosted by **Slice's Pizzeria, located at 216 Main St. in Barnesville, GA.** The event will take place on January 27th from 5-7 pm.

Debbie and Bill, owners of Slice's,

would love to host you for an evening of networking, trivia, and a jackpot drawing.

The Chamber will have some new incentives for Business After Hour attendees. So you do not want to miss out

on the fun!

Be sure to bring your business cards and a potential new member.

If you would like to donate door prizes, please feel free to bring them to the event.

BBQ & Blues Video and 2011 Sponsor Package Released



The sponsor package and new promotional dvd for BBQ & Blues is online at www.bbqandblues.org. The video has a special song featured which was written by Roger McLeod and performed by Mary Jane Williamson. Thank you Roger for creating this awe-

some marketing piece for the festival and for the community.

The sponsor package lists any and all areas of available sponsorship for the festival. Any and all ideas concerning sponsorship will be reviewed. So, if you have an idea of any way your

business can get involved in the festival, do not hesitate to call Amanda (770-358-5884) or T.J. (770-584-3448) at the Chamber to discuss.

BBQ & Blues is growing tremendously and it is a great advertising and networking opportunity for any business.

Facebook



The Chamber has a new Facebook page and will be using that as a way to communicate with its members with all of the latest information. If you have a Facebook account, just search Barnesville-Lamar County Chamber of Commerce and "Like" the page. You will in-

stantly be connected to the Chamber.

Facebook is growing and has over 5 million followers. What better way to get the word out to people about our Chamber and events to people who may otherwise never know we exist.

The social media world is huge right now in the lives of people all over the world. It is one of the best forms of free advertising on the market.

Be sure to check it out and stay connected to your Chamber!

2011 New and Renewed Members

1st Franklin Financial Corp.
 341 Quick Lube
 Ag South Farm Credit, ACA
 Antebellum Oaks
 August Moon Tearoom
 Barnesville Animal Clinic PC
 Barnesville Eye Clinic
 Barnesville Grocery
 Barnesville Lamar Office Park
 Barnesville Motel
 Barnesville Rotary Club
 Barnesville-Lamar County IDA
 Bottoms Associates, Inc.
 Brenda's Pet Services
 Bush Farms, LLC
 CareSouth Homecare
 Chappell Mill Trees, LLC
 China House II
 Circle A Christmas Tree Farms
 City of Barnesville
 City of Milner
 Continental Tire North America- Aldora Plant
 Dender Distributing
 Dora Cox Realty, Inc
 Edward Jones Investments
 Eternal Hope Hospice
 Federalgraphics, LLC

 G&M Enterprise
 Gordon College
 Griffin RESA
 Heritage Homebuilders Inc.
 Herritage Inn of Barnesville
 Impact Christian Ministries, Inc
 Lamar Co. Farm Bureau, Inc.
 Lamar Co. Primary School
 Lamar County Activity Center
 Lamar County Cooperative Extention Office/4-H
 Lamar County Health Dept. & Dental Clinic
 Lamar County Schools BOE
 Lamar County Water and Sewer Authority
 LC Soil and Water Conservation District

Liberty Technology
 Loan South Finance and Tax Service
 Loving Hands Community Development Corp.
 Martin & Martin Attorneys
 Mid State Mortgage Co.
 Mitch's Automotive & Towing Inc.
 Open Box Overstocks, Inc.
 Pasley & Nuce, LLC
 Purchasing Alliance Solutions
 Rayonier Wood Products
 Richard Milam, District Attorney
 Salon on Main
 Smith, Welch & Brittain
 Southern Crecent Technical College
 Southern Tactical Enterprises
 Spalding Regional
 Sweet Bros. Graphix
 The Spot Illustrator
 Three Rivers Regional Commission
 Town of Aldora
 Turf Maintenance, Inc.
 United Bank
 Upson Regional Medical Center
 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6542
 Walters Farm
 Ware Drilling Inc.
 West Central Georgia Workforce Department
 WOE's Treasure Chest

 Chris McLemore
 Shannon Reeder
 Roger McLeod
 Edwin and Sharon Greer
 Anne Claxton
 Charles and Jean Dukes
 Dr. E.H. Harris
 Hayward and Karen Cox
 Joe and Pat Edwards
 Lane Farmer

To be on this list....Renew your dues
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Happy New Year!

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President's Box

Happy New Year!

2010 flew by and I am sure the same will be said about 2011. Last year, we all faced many difficult times in our businesses. I have always had a strong belief in prayer and hard work and I know one day they will pay off.

I like having the opportunity to speak positively in this box each month because we are

faced with so much negativity each day. I have never been one to do yoga or have a zen garden, but I do believe that having a positive attitude can go far in our personal lives as well as our professional lives.

This year, be positive and spread your good nature to one another. Be conscious of speaking positive, because people are listening and you may be able to

impact someone's life without ever knowing it.

I discussed paying it forward in my December newsletter and I think we should have that attitude each and everyday of the new year.

I wish you all a Happy New Year with blessings daily!

-Amanda Rose

Calendar of Events:

January 17th:

Chamber Closed: MLK Day

January 20th:

Board of Director's Strategic Planning Retreat

January 27th:

Business After Hours@ Slice's 5-7 pm

Book your Business After Hours Today!

Jan: Slice's Pizzeria	July:
Feb:	Aug.:
Mar.: Butler's Catering	Sept.: Slice's Pizzeria
Apr.: United Bank	Oct.: Membership BBQ
May: Ag After Hours	Nov.:
June: Gordon College	Dec.: United Bank-ESF
Please contact Amanda today to book your date. 770-358-5884 or amandarose@barnesville.org	