



# Business Builder

## Family Fun in Ritz Park: July 15th and 16th

The Chamber of Commerce is planning a weekend full of family fun events in Ritz Park. Why leave Barnesville to have fun, because we are bringing the fun to you!

On July 15th, The Chamber's Merchant Committee will host the third and final Movies In The Park. The featured movie will be Surf's Up and is sponsored by the Lamar County Fire Department and Sheriff's Department.

Concessions and other fun activities will be provided by the sponsors so be

sure to bring your families early to participate. The movie will begin at sun-down.

On July 16th, The Chamber will host the 2nd Annual Summer Sizzle at the Ritz Concert. The gates open at 6 pm, admission is \$10.00 (children 10 and under free), no coolers are permitted and don't forget your id.

Loose Change, a band from Thomas-ton, will open the night for headliners A1A. A1A is the official Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band and will rock downtown

Barnesville in true "margaritaville" style. Shane's Rib Shack will be the official food sponsor for the event, so be sure to stop by and pick a Cheeseburger in Paradise or other delicious items.

Landshark is the official beverage sponsor for the event. They have added Summer Sizzle as one of their Pool Party Tour stops.

Bring your friends and family to enjoy what the Chamber and Barnesville has to offer right in your back yard!



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### Special points of interest:

- ♦ Summer Sizzle is going to be HOTTTT!!!!
- ♦ Shane's Rib Shack: Official Food Sponsor
- ♦ Sponsorships are still available
- ♦ Be sure to invite all of your friends!
- ♦ Landshark prizes will be handed out at the event!
- ♦ A1A will be rocking downtown!!!

## Gordon College Connections

Gordon College students are back on campus for summer courses and it will not be long until the fall semester begins. That means it is time to gear up for marketing about our community to the student body.

The Chamber will send

an email to the student body on the 15th of every month. Be sure to send anything you want included in the email to aman-darose@barnesville.org by the 12th of every month. This a FREE benefit to all members!

The Chamber also

printed 3500 resource guides for the students which included a street map of downtown. Thank you to the City of Barnesville GIS Dept. for providing the map.

School is in so be expecting to see some new faces.

# SUMMER SIZZLE at The Ritz

Saturday, July 16, 2011  
at the Ritz Park Amphitheatre  
Barnesville, Ga. - Next to Post Office  
Gates open at 6 p.m. • Admission \$10

Featuring



No Coolers Allowed  
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Bring Chairs/Blankets  
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Bring I.D.

*The Official Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band*

Margaritaville  
Two margarita glasses filled with a green drink, positioned behind the text. A small white logo, resembling a stylized knot or a cross with rounded ends, is placed between the word 'Margaritaville' and the 'UnitedBank' logo.

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For more information: Call Barnesville-Lamar County Chamber of Commerce 770-358-5884

## Merchant Committee Events

The Chamber's Merchant Committee is very active this year hosting events which features the cruise-ins, movies in the park, local music events, local author visits, and there is more to come as the year progresses.

On June 24th, local favorite, Biscuit, performed at Pastime Grill. Approximately 35 people came out to hear the live music in addition to the regular customers.



On July 14th at Hiroshi's, an author from Meansville, GA will be reading highlighted parts and signing copies of his book from 5:30 pm- 6:30 pm. Hiroshi's is located at 309 College Dr. in Barnesville, GA. More details to come by email and in the Herald Gazette.

Other events to come include the July 23rd Cruise in at Ritz Park. The event will take place from 4-8 pm and be sure to stop by to

vote for your favorite car.

The Buggy Days window decorating contest will be judged on September 10th so be sure to get your creative juices flowing! The 2011 theme will be: Barnesville, GA...Where it all began.

For more information about the Chamber's Merchant Committee or to set up an event, be sure to call the Chamber at 770-358-5884.

## Leadership Lamar

The 2011 Leadership Lamar Steering Committee is in the final stages of preparing for the newest set of emerging leaders to begin their journey through the program.

The official kick off for the class will be held at the Barnesville Civic Center on July 28th at 6 pm. The classes this year will be made up of a unique group of men and women who have a desire to learn and grow professionally.

The class will have fun, face challenges, meet new friends, engage in classes that take a closer look into our community, and most importantly gain skills to become a leader on many levels.

If you are interested in sponsoring the 2011 class, there is still time. Thank you to all of our sponsors for your continued support of the program.

**"Leaders are not born,  
they are made."  
-Vince Lombardi**

## Chamber Golf Tournament

On June 15th, the Chamber hosted the Annual Golf Tournament at Morgan Dairy Golf Course. The day was hot but extremely successful. A special thank you to all of our sponsors and players for participating.

Our sponsors included State Farm, United Bank, Heritage

Inn of Barnesville, Chick-fil-A, Akins Farm and Home, Eyesore, Inc., Upson Regional Medical Center, Thomaston Hospice, Moore Chevrolet and Brightmoor Hospice.

The committee had some special events set up at different

holes. Some events involved golfers wearing skirts, paying \$1.00 a yard for a hole in one, closest to the pin, and longest drive.



Thank you for a great day!



# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



## Lamar County Activity Center

The Lamar Co. Activity Center is a 501c3 organization that will celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> year in 2012. They provide educational and enrichment activities that promote healthy lifestyle changes and behaviors for the youth, adults and families served in Barnesville – Lamar County. They have expanded to serve youth in Pike and Spalding Co. and provide an array of activities through their partnership with Conservatory of the Art which provides ballet and fencing. Axys Recording Studio provides piano, vocal lessons, and studio time for the up and coming artists. Four Corner Boxing provides activities in fitness training, boxing, and recreational activities. Aerobic classes are provided Mondays and Thursdays with instructor Margaret Fluellyn.

The Activity Center was recently awarded a grant, through its partnership with Morehouse School of Medicine, for a Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program. The funding is made possible through the Office of Adolescent Health. The program will target (60) 11 and 12 year olds in Lamar and Spalding County. This program is based on the Carrera Model in New York and provides 7 components for students accepted in the program. (1) Academic (2) Self Expression (3) Mental Health (4) Lifetime Sport (5) Job Club (6) Family Life & Sexuality Education (7) Medical and Dental Services. These services are at no cost to program participants and they will be in the program for 5 years.



**WIN THE NEXT BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT AT THE  
BUSINESS AFTER HOURS!!!**

# Try It Local



The Try It Local campaign will feature  
a Chamber business each day with discounts that are  
available for that day only.



Mention the coupon code when you go to these businesses  
and you will receive the discount. We will put these discounts in the newspaper,  
the Chamber's Facebook page, and on the Chamber's official website.

## July Specials

- Monday:** **Brinkley's Day Care**  
No registration fee!  
New enrollments refer a friend and receive one week free!  
Located at 111 Zebulon St. 770-358-4000  
Coupon Code: Love Kids
- Tuesday:** **Slice's Pizzeria**  
Free dough bites with any large pizza! Dine-In Only  
Located at 216 Main St. 770-358-6737  
Coupon Code: Good Bites
- Wednesday:** **Goggan's Florist**  
Most items 40-50% off! Cash and Carry out Available. Gift Wrap Extra.  
Located at 17 Market St. 770-358-0243  
Coupon Code: Try It Local
- Thursday:** **Hiroshi's Japanese Express**  
Free side salad with all entrees!  
Located at 309 College Dr. 770-358-0593  
Coupon Code: Ginger
- Friday:** **Southdown BBQ & Grills**  
Book & host a ManCAVE event between now and 8/30/2011 and receive  
a free gift. ManCAVE parties include free beer and grilled meat samples.  
Contact John Bittner for more information: 678-603-3287  
Coupon Code: ManCAVE

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## Chamber Calendar of Events

**July 15th**

Movies in the Park: Surf's Up

Begins at dark

**July 16th**

Summer Sizzle at the Ritz

Gates open at 6 pm

**July 23rd**

Cruise-in at Ritz Park

4-8 pm

**July 28th**

Leadership Lamar Kick Off

Barnesville Civic Center

6-8 pm

**July 30th**

Leadership Lamar Retreat

## President's Box

Four years ago I began a program at the University of Georgia sponsored by the US Chamber of Commerce. The program was Institute for Organizational Management (IOM) and it is a certification program for non profit management.

The program is made up of facilitators from all over the

country, who vary in expertise, to share their knowledge on how to be a better leader in non profit management.

The classes consist of people from all over the country who

share a common goal. They love their communities and are passionate about their jobs. By attending the four weeks of grueling schedules and class work, all of us who attend the program are never the same.



When you graduate from IOM, you walk away with more than three letters at

the end of your name. You walk away with an enriched career and friendships that will last a lifetime.

On July 30th, I graduated from the program and now

have my certification in non profit management. I have so many people to thank for the opportunity to attend the program. Southern Rivers Energy Trust sponsored my first-third years of the program. I would also like to thank my chamber Board of Directors for their continual support over the past four years for your dedication to professional development.

Like I said in my box last month, I love my job. I am thankful for every opportunity to learn and grow professionally to enrich my community to the best of my ability.

-Amanda Rose, IOM