

NEWSLETTER

Claiborne Chamber of Commerce

Claiborne Electric Co-Op, Inc. provides the space and food for the Chamber's 2nd Annual Pizza Luncheon.

The Claiborne Chamber of Commerce is very fortunate to have members such as Claiborne Electric that are not only able but willing to provide their facility for such community functions. Not only that, but they also provided the pizza. Many thanks to the Claiborne Electric staff for being involved citizens of Claiborne Parish. Chamber members and guests were welcomed by Chamber Board Member Gurvis Vines. Also, Mr. John D. Caruthers, Jr. spoke to the group about the history and progress of the I-69 project. Dr. Alice Stewart (Water Shed Comm.), Dennis Butcher (OEP), J.T. Taylor (Chamber), Dora Ann Hatch (LSU Ag Center), Jim Presnell (Entergy), Buck Trussel (CDC), Annette Albritton (HealthSouth), Doug Efferson (Homer Memorial Hospital), Christi Wilson (URS-I69 Program Office), Ann Burton (Taste of Homer), and John Watson (Butterfly Festival & Bus Tours) also provided information to the lunch group of about 50 people. Jess Robertson provided the cokes and Gurvis Vines the provided the tea. All extra food & drinks were taken to the Katrina evacuees at Camp Harris. **Thanks to everyone who participated!**



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Advertise on the Web

By John Watson

We now have 22 Chamber members that have signed up to advertise on our claiborneone.org web site. There is a \$35.00 setup fee for attaching 3 pictures to your membership listing.

What are you waiting on?



R & V Works/Cajun Fryer



Dimex Sales



A Steel Magnolia

Haynesville Butterfly Festival-2005



The Butterfly Festival gets better & better each year. There is always something for the young & old alike. At right, John Wesley Cooper & John Watson work the gate. Left, J.T. Taylor catches an excited shopper. Festival goers came from as far away as California.



Ribbon Cuttings in 2005

Edward Jones Investments

The Corner Cross

Claiborne Country, Inc.

Tidy Bubbles LLC

Homer Seafood

Citizens Bank & Trust





NEW PROJECT: Claiborne Chamber is working to organize bus tours of Claiborne Parish with the ultimate goal of bringing shoppers to our local stores. The first tour will take advantage of the "Taste of Homer" and will target organizations that have bus transportation already such as churches & civic clubs. This group package will feature a visit to the Ford Museum, Historic Homer town square/Court House, Claiborne Parish's finest home cooking for lunch, and plenty of time to shop stores in Homer and Haynesville. Participating businesses will have registration for a \$250.00 shopping spree. Groups of ten or more that purchase tickets in advance will receive a ticket discount and gift bag. Future tour dates will focus on other Parish events such as the Christmas Festival, Claiborne Jubilee, and Butterfly Festival.

Message to Chamber Members: This is your Newsletter! Please fill free to contribute content. We are on the 2nd year of publication, issue #6 and there has only been a couple of contributed articles. Again, it is for you and your use.

Claiborne Chamber of Commerce **Mission Statement:**

The object and purpose of this non-profit Corporation shall be to promote, assist, and encourage the advancement of the material prosperity and commercial, industrial, and civic progress of Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

UP COMING EVENTS

Claiborne Parish Fair - Sept. 27-Oct. 1
St. Jude Car & Bike Show - October 1st
Chamber Pancake Breakfast - (fundraiser)
 October 13th - Homer City Hall
Taste of Homer & Merchant's Holiday
Open House - November 12th
Talent Show - November 25th
Christmas Festival & Parade -
 November 26th
Chamber Pancake Breakfast - (fundraiser)
 December 1st - Haynesville Fair Barn

Taste of Homer

The date for this years Taste of Homer has been set for Saturday, November 12th. I can not say enough about how much I enjoyed last year's event. Never have I seen such an assortment of good food in one place, and it is all you can eat for \$10.00. Spread the word around to everyone about this day. It is just too good to pass up. Deer hunters and other campers in the Parish, this is a great place to eat. Remember, participating merchants in Homer & Haynesville will have Holiday Open House from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Take advantage of this to get an early start on your Christmas Shopping. Be sure to sign up for the drawing of the \$250.00 Shopping Spree.

M T Wet Yard, LLC taking shape and looking good!



^Site Prep. for a truck shop. ^



(Above)Karl Malone's new office overlooking yard operations. (At right) Thayne Fisher, Karl Malone, & J.T. Taylor inspect the new storage and accumulation reservoir for the water used to spray wood fiber stored or banked at the facility.>>>>

New Chamber Members in 2005

- 1) Shaffer, Branch, & McDaniel, C.P.A. in Minden.
- 2) The Corner Cross in Homer.
- 3) A Steel Magnolia in Homer.
- 4) Tidy Bubbles, LLC in Homer.
- 5) David Newell Law Firm in Homer.
- 6) Claiborne Country, Inc. in Homer.
- 7) Citizens Bank & Trust in Haynesville
- 8) Audio-Video Services in Homer
- 9) R & V Works in Homer
- 10) O'Neal Gas, Inc. in Homer
- 11) Lisa Ellen's Cakes & Catering in Minden.
- 12) Heritage Nursing Center in Haynesville.
- 13) Homer Seafood in Homer.
- 14) Port-Au-Prince on Lake Claiborne
- 15) Carla's Cut & Curl in Haynesville
- 16) Small Business On-Line, LLC in Homer
- 17) M T Wet Yard, LLC in Haynesville.

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Encourage and invite your friends and business associates to join the Claiborne Chamber of Commerce.

Individual Membership: \$35.00
(Retired persons, educators, employees of regular members, Government personnel.)

Professionals: \$85.00
(Doctors, Dentists, Optometrists, Lawyers)

Business Establishments based on the number of employees:
1 - 10 - \$100.00
11- 35 - \$150.00
36 -50 - \$200.00

Motels: \$2.50 per room with \$100.00 Minimum

Wholesalers: \$125.00

Manufacturers: (based on number of employees)

1-25— \$100.00

26-50 \$175.00

51-100 \$250.00

101-175 \$350.00

176-250 \$500.00

Public Utilities: \$250.00

Banks-Savings & Loans (per million in assets)

\$10.00 per million up to 60 million

\$20.00 per million over 60 million

Business Name: _____

Owner's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Business Physical Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

email: _____

Number of Employees: _____

Nature of Business: _____

Date: _____

Please return this information with yearly dues payable to: **Claiborne Chamber of Commerce**

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