

Dadeville Area Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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Letter from the President

The Dadeville area is one of my favorite places to be. There has been a lot of change, growth & development over the years and we still have a good sense of community. This has been witnessed at recent events like the Alabama Bicentennial travelling display (brought to you by the Dadeville Area Chamber of Commerce who co-hosted with the Tallapoosa County Tourism Bureau); participating in the Celebration in Keebler Park/Creation Plantation; participating in and hosting local clean-up days; and so forth. So many people have been volunteering their time to make each event special for the community. The success of everything we do in this community demands that we all work together for the greater good. Knowing that we can count on each other (when the need may arise) gives us each strength in what we are all striving for .. success. I would like to thank each and every one of you that have put your own issues and hardships aside to help out when asked upon. This selflessness is how we all become a stronger commerce. We, at the Chamber, are looking at innovative ways we can help our Chamber Members grow. We are here to help boost your local events and activities, put a spotlight on your business and help the “word of mouth” spread out to a larger demographic in an effort to bring in people to the area. By design, we want our fellow business people to thrive. It is with a united and joint effort that we will thrive and succeed beyond our own dreams.



Feel free to reach out to the Chamber. We are here to help you in any way we can.

-Michael

Welcome!

New Chamber Members

- ◇ East Alabama Exterior Solutions
- ◇ Gus’s Hot Dogs
- ◇ Horizon Realty, LLC
- ◇ Lake Martin Cabinetry
- ◇ Professional Plumbing Service, LLC
- ◇ Scarlett Gorham, Realtor
- ◇ South First Mortgage
- ◇ Three Sixty Real Estate, Dadeville office



Please be sure to check out our newest Dadeville Area Chamber of Commerce members. Each brings a unique product and service to the community that can help make our lives a bit better!

Business Spotlight



444 E South Street,
Dadeville, AL 36853
(256) 373-2020

Come in to this friendly local shop and see treasures. From chalk painted/distressed furniture, to artwork from local Artists that you like, to Lake Martin merchandise. They also have infant/toddler clothing, toys, etc. As if that weren't special enough, they can also redo your own furniture. Stop in and see what they are up to.

Board of Directors: President-Michael Carter, VP-Jim Cahoon, Treasurer-Carol Sellers, Presidential Advisor-Karen White;
Board Members: Ashley Benton, Phil Blasigame, Peggy Bullard, John Buono, Sandra Carlisle, Sharon Fuller, Augie Latorre, Randall McClendon, Tina Parker, Janice Roe, Ed Shikoski, Gary “GW” Warren; Executive Administrator-Molly Parker

Community Business and Organization Moments

March

Dadeville Area Chamber of Commerce raised money for the campaign being held by the Dadeville Friends of the Library's for the "Raise The Roof" fund to replace the roof of the library.



April

Dadeville Area Chamber of Commerce donated to the Dadeville Elementary School for 25 Chromebooks for its library.



Sejin America announced that it will be spending \$15 million on an expansion of its Dadeville facility. They will be purchasing new machinery which will be creating 36 jobs with an average pay of around \$14 per hour.



Annual Celebration in Keebler Park - Dadeville Area Chamber of Commerce provided balloon creations and drawing on rocks with children free of charge.



Dadeville Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Alabama Tourism Bureau bringing the 200 Year Bicentennial Celebration and traveling exhibit to the Dadeville Recreation Center.



May



Hellas Fiber has expanded its facility in Dadeville. They kicked off this new addition with a Ribbon cutting ceremony and plant tour. This expansion is bringing 60 new jobs with a starting pay of \$12 per hour. Since

they hire directly they plan on being able to provide their new employees with benefits after just 2 months of employment.

Three Sixty Real Estate & Resort Living kicked off the Grand Opening of their new location with a Ribbon cutting ceremony, a low boil and live music.

it's party time!

JOIN US TODAY! 12-4PM

Today is the big day! Come by car or boat and join us for the GRAND OPENING of our brand new Lake Martin office. We'll have a Low Country Boil, live music with River Dan and prize drawings!



7674 HIGHWAY 49 S

At the intersection of Highway 49 and Ponder Camp Road, just down from Blue Creek Marina and Niffer's Place

May 18, 2019



1st Place Winners
Chase Morgan
Dale Harris

2nd Place Winners
Randy Winters
Red Suggs



Thank you Ed Shikoski for holding this event at the Rodeo Club & Lake Martin Events Center.

Dadeville Area Chamber of Commerce held its 4th Annual Cornhole Tournament at the Rodeo Club and Lake Martin Event Center. Competitors came from our area and as far as Georgia and Florida to compete in this tournament. Congratulations to the winners. A big thank you to our sponsors:

Ernie's Hot Dogs for the good food, Lake Martin Realtors for the gift basket Farmers Ins. for the Cornhole board set Dye Pirates for door prizes Wellness Center for gift certificates Rodeo Club for their door prizes Red Suggs for his help Mickey Tarpley for managing the tournament Matthew Hageman of the Alabama Cornhole Club for his help

TOP 10

Reasons to Support Locally Owned Businesses

1. Local Character and Prosperity In an increasingly homogenized world, communities that preserve their one--of--a--kind businesses and distinctive character have an economic advantage.
2. Community Well--Being Locally owned businesses build strong communities by sustaining vibrant town centers, linking neighbors in a web of economic and social relationships, and contributing to local causes.
3. Local Decision--Making Local ownership ensures that important decisions are made locally by people who live in the community and who will feel the impacts of those decisions.
4. Keeping Dollars in the Local Economy Compared to chain stores, locally owned businesses recycle a much larger share of their revenue back into the local economy, enriching the whole community.
5. Job and Wages Locally owned businesses create more jobs locally and, in some sectors, provide better wages and benefits than chains do.
6. Entrepreneurship Entrepreneurship fuels America's economic innovation and prosperity, and serves as a key means for families to move out of low--wage jobs and into the middle class.
7. Public Benefits and Costs Local stores in town centers require comparatively little infrastructure and make more efficient use of public services relative to big box stores and strip shopping malls.
8. Environmental Sustainability Local stores help to sustain vibrant, compact, walkable town centers--which in turn are essential to reducing sprawl, automobile use, habitat loss, and air and water pollution.
9. Competition A marketplace of tens of thousands of small businesses is the best way to ensure innovation and low prices over the long--term.
10. Product Diversity A multitude of small businesses, each selecting products based, not on a national sales plan, but on their own interests and the needs of their local customers, guarantees a much broader range of product choices.

Congratulations:

All graduates of all local schools for your hard work.
Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch for your new Sabel Learning and Recreation Center
Dadeville boys track team for making it to the state championships and coming in 3rd place.
Jim's Pharmacy for their new photo printing machine.
Table 34 for their new "Hangout."
Horseshoe Bend Athletics for becoming regional champions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1 LMRA meeting. Catch up on LMRA programs, marine safety and the latest on Lake Martin news and summer events.

June 3 Art Workshop. Held at Raining Dogs Gallery at 129 N. Tallassee St, Dadeville. Fundamentals of drawing taught by Margee Bright Ragland \$65 includes art supplies. To sign up, call Will 205-616-6684 or hotnbama@gmail.com.

June 3 6 The Public Library will be CLOSED for a full inventory. If you need Passport, please go to HPRL entrance or call 256-825-9232.

June 3 - 28 Summer Feeding Program. Tallapoosa County Schools is holding a summer feeding program. Breakfast 7:30am - 8:30am. Lunch 11am - noon in the lunchrooms at Reel-town High School Horseshoe Bend School and Dadeville Elementary School. Meals served to children at no charge.

June 8 Lil' Calypso Art Festival. This art festival is being held right by the water's edge at Chuck's Marina—237 Marina Rd., Dadeville. It features more than 90 regional artists that include quality crafts, jewelry, pottery, paintings, photography, metal work, furniture and more. 10am - 4pm.

June 8 Free Fishing Day. Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources designates this day for the public to fish recreationally in public waters without a fishing license. Check with local lakes for any local fees or permits.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS ...

June 10 - July 30 Dadeville 3rd Annual Free Sports Camp at Dadeville Elementary School Playground from 5pm until dusk. All ages welcome.

Monthly FERST Readers. The Dadeville Public Library hosts the FERST Readers program every first Thursday at 1pm for Children up to the age of 5. These children who live in Tallapoosa County are eligible for free books.

Weekends The Chamber web page www.dadevillechamber.com has a listing of the weekend activities and live music which is updated weekly.

\$20 on the 20th The Dadeville Area Chamber of Commerce encourages the community to spend \$20 on the 20th of each month to help the local economy.

Mix It Up sadly closed it's doors after 8 years of bringing smiles and creativity to Dadeville. This one-of-a-kind business will truly be missed. Below is a special note from them ...

We Filled Up 8 Years With Memories - That My Mind May Forget But My Heart Will Not



Thank You All For Supporting Me And My Heart With Mix It Up! At Lake Martin For The Last 8 Years. We Did Some Awesome Things Together As A Community- And I Know That Great & Mighty Things Are In Our Tomorrows Too! ★ I Am Looking Forward To The Next Beautiful Creation -I Get To Assist The Lord In ★

**After His ♥
Wendy**

**Mix it up! At Lake Martin closing
May 2019**

TOP 10

Small Town Business Ideas

1. Neighborhood Coffee Shop - You could potentially fill a gap in the market with your own small town coffee shop with flavored coffees, iced coffees, lattes, pastries, fruits, nuts, etc.
2. Farmers' Market Vendor - Farmers' markets are popular in cities and towns of all sizes. But especially if you have enough space to grow food on your property, you can build a lucrative business by selling those items at your own stand.
3. Specialty Restaurant - Your town might not have quite as much variety in the way of restaurants. You could start your own restaurant in that niche that you feel is missing. Or combine cultural foods in one restaurant.
4. Food Delivery Service - Start your own delivery service to bring meals to those who don't want to or can't make the trip to buy food on their own.
5. Ice Cream Shop - Ice cream is another food niche that could be popular in many small towns. If you don't already have a ton of dessert options in your area, an ice cream shop can be a great place to start.
6. Roadside Food Stand - Sell products or homemade food items at your own roadside stand on a main road.
7. Flea Market Seller - You can make your own handmade items or even resell products at your own flea market stand.
8. Handmade Artisan - You could also set up your own shop for handmade goods on a site like Etsy. And living in a rural area or small town could potentially give you access to some really unique supplies.
9. Clothing Alterations - If you have the ability to sew and alter clothing, you could start your own clothing alterations business and have people send or bring you their items for alteration.
10. Firewood Seller - Collect and sell firewood to nearby customers for fire-pits, fireplaces, etc.

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