



Chamber Newsletter

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Thank You Corporate Sponsors!!



The Jed and Harry Clark Band
6:00—7:00 PM

Entertainment Sponsored by:
Celerit
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The Charlie White Band
7:00—9:15 PM

A Salute to Chamber Members



Olmstead Funeral Home has been a family owned and operated funeral home since 1896, serving Cleburne County and surrounding areas for five generations making them one of the oldest family owned funeral homes in the state of Arkansas.

Staff members of Olmstead Funeral Home are caring and experienced professionals who understand that each family is unique and has personal requests and traditions. These requests and traditions are of utmost importance to our staff of licensed funeral directors.

One would have to go back in time more than 100 years to find the name "Olmstead" missing from a storefront in Heber Springs, AR. As a matter of fact, the Olmstead name has been part of Heber Springs longer than the name Heber Springs (the town was still called Sugar Loaf back in 1896). Needless to say, plenty has changed in the past 100 years. The population of Sugarloaf in 1896 was only about 500 with less than 4000 residents in the entire Cleburne County. (Today the town has a population of about 6500 while the county has grown to more than 20,000). The town had yet to see its first bank, hospital, paved road - not to mention its first automobile.

When Thomas Edward "T.E." Olmstead opened a business to provide the community a wide range of services in 1896, little did he know he was creating a business that would be run by his family into the 21st century.

Heber Springs Area Chamber of Commerce "Salutes" this long-time member.

Ribbon Cutting



Elite Gallery of Fine Art, Barry & Darla Niemi, Owners 1001 Hwy. 25B North, Heber Springs—501-362-2000 Featuring Original Oil Paintings by Virgil Johnson. Mr. Johnson paints primarily pliene air. He paints the surrounding areas of Northern Arkansas, seeking out such subject matter as Sylamore Creek, White River, Buffalo River, Calico Rock, Bull Shoals, Norfolk Lake, and village scenes throughout the North Arkansas region. For more information on the Elite Gallery of Fine Art visit their website at <http://elitegalleryoffineart.com/>

Quarterly Luncheon

Wednesday, June 9 - 12:00 PM

Speaker: Stan Lee, Director

Heber Springs Parks & Recreation

**Mack's Fish House
559 Wilburn Road**

Business At Noon

Wednesday, July 14

Suddenlink

903 S. 7th Street

**Join us for refreshments &
great networking opportunities!**

Chamber News

“Taste of Heber” became a fundraiser this year. The First General Baptist Church donated their facilities and volunteers to host the annual event. Despite the heavy rain, the event still drew a large crowd that enjoyed sampling some of the fine cuisine provided by our local restaurants. “Taste of Heber” raised \$815, which was divided between the Christian Health Center and the Heber Springs Area Chamber of Commerce for community improvement projects. Presenting the check for \$407.50 to Dr. Bill Wells of the Christian Health Center is Heber Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Vice-President, Devin McSpadden. Also pictured is Melisa Gardner, Chamber of Commerce Community Relations Director and Dr. Dennis Powell, Pastor of the First General Baptist Church of Heber Springs.



Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

The mission of **ESGR** is to gain and maintain employer support for Guard and Reserve service by recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of the law, and resolving conflicts through informal mediation.

Many employers from the City of Heber Springs signed

a Statement of Support for the National Guard and Reserve on May 13th, 2010. The signing ceremony occurred at a luncheon hosted by ESGR at Hensley’s Catfish Barn. Those participating were Chris Boyett, Vice Chancellor- ASU Heber Springs, Cleburne County Judge Claude Dill, Jim Jackson, Director Cleburne Co. Office of Economic Development, Devin McSpadden, Manager-Defiance Metal Product of Arkansas, Gary Redd, Vice President -First Arkansas Bank & Trust, Brad Ford, District Manager - First Electric Cooperative, Todd Schroeder, First Electric Cooperative, Howard Chapin, President - First Security Bank, Jim Adams, Engineer - Gar-Bro Manufacturing, Inc., Mike Hensley, Owner - Hensley’s Catfish Barn, Kelly Hill, Manager - XTO Energy.

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Upcoming Events

Summer 2010 -ASU-Heber Springs Continuing Education Courses

Children's Fun Art Classes & Special Interest Classes—Painting with Ellen Hobgood—Scrapbooking—
Safety Classes: Boater's Safety, Hunter's Education, AARP Driver Safety Program —
For complete schedule contact Jodi Rath at 501-362-1273—jlath@hebersprngs.asub.edu

July 3 Fireworks Extravaganza - 501-362-2444 One big day to celebrate on Sandy Beach. Food, Fun & Great Entertainment. Then sit back and enjoy one of the largest Fireworks displays in the state on Greers Ferry Lake at 9:30 PM. For more information call 501-362-2444 or email chamber@heber-springs.com .

July 16 - 17 38th Annual Bud Magness Memorial Gospel Quartet Singing -Gospel singing groups from around the state gather to sing southern gospel music in classic four part harmony. Open air. Seating available, but lawn chairs are welcome. Concession stand open. Spring Park Amphitheater- Admission: Freewill offering Contact: Carolyn Magness Cox - 501-362-6200 Email: drcjcox@sbcglobal.net

July 31 - 24th Annual World Championship Cardboard Boat Race - Races begin at 10 AM with youth and adult divisions. Vie for the "Pride of the Fleet" award or the notorious "Titanic Award", battle it out in a Tug of War contest, the kids dig for Treasures, Sandsculpting contest or enter the volleyball tournament. Visitors can stuff themselves in the World Championship Watermelon Eating Contest. However, nothing is over until the Cardboard Boat Demolition Derby. For a boat application visit WCCBBR page on our website www.heber-springs.com or call 501-362-2444.

Aug 5-7 -123rd Old Soldiers Reunion

Reunion of Veterans and their families events include; parade, carnival all weekend. For more information call the American Legion at 501-362-9979

Sept. 2 -6- County Wide Yard Sale –The Sun Times - 501-362-2425.

Sept. 4 - Labor Day Weekend-Art Fair on the Square- For booth info call 501-362-1672

Sept. 7th -11th - 119th Cleburne County Fair

Booths, exhibits, livestock, horticulture, kids events include terrific food and amusements.

For more information contact the Cleburne County Ext. Office-501-362-2524 or Chan Boren, Fair Mgr. at 501-206-6691



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