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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2009

From the Director's Chair by Sonny Simmons

September is one of two times a year we visit our Congressional Delegation in Washington D.C. to discuss funding opportunities and other matters being deliberated that affect the citizens of Panola County. This week we returned from a very productive trip. Batesville Mayor Jerry Autrey, Sardis Mayor Rusty Dye, Panola County Supervisor James



Birge, Dr. Steven Shideler and Rep. Joe Gardner both of Panola Partnership's Executive Board, and I attended. At times, we have only been able to meet with staff members due to committee meetings and other scheduled meetings with our members of Congress, but this trip we had the opportunity to meet personally with Senator Roger Wicker, Senator Thad Cochran, and with Congressman Travis Childers along with key members of their staff to discuss our county's needs. A formal proposal was presented outlining our funding needs for several projects we are currently working on: the Airport Industrial Park, sewer projects for

Batesville and Sardis, drainage projects for the City of Batesville and road projects in several parts of the County. Many of these projects meet the qualifications and regulations under various federal funding guidelines which are available and some have already been approved from our requests on previous visits. We requested our other funding

needs be incorporated in the 2011 budget which will begin construction in early April of 2010. These trips to Washington are very important in securing revenue to help supplement local monies. The chances of getting federal support are very limited if a community is not aggressive, doesn't make the extra effort to visit Washington and does not show a unified front when soliciting assistance. Thus far, we have been successful with our strategies and will continue to aggressively pursue our fair share of the monies available. Our next trip to Washington is planned for late February, prior to the next round of funding.

Sponsor Spotlight

In 1876, BancorpSouth was founded in the back of a hardware store in Verona, MS. In the 133 years that have followed, we have continuously served our customers and communities, through changing times and the economy's ups and downs. While BancorpSouth has grown to be a large regional bank with over 300 locations in eight states, we are comprised of community banks close to our customers and the towns we serve. Our local bank presidents have an entrepreneurial spirit and have the autonomy to make decisions locally.

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Sardis Downtown Daze & Open Car Show



The City of Sardis will host its First Annual Downtown Daze and Open Car Show on Saturday, October 3. A Pancake Breakfast at the Methodist Church on Main Street will be held from 7:00-9:00 a.m.

Registration for the Street Rod Show begins at 8:00 a.m. The Car Show is open to all street rods, street machines, hot rod

trucks, 50's cruisers, rat rods, retro rods, muscle cars and motorcycles. Judging will be held at 1:00 p.m. with trophies awarded at 3:00 p.m.

In addition to the Car Show, the Sardis Chamber of Commerce is planning a cake sale, good food, 50s & 60s music, arts & crafts booths, t-shirt sales, 50/50 pot cash giveaway and tours of the

Historic Heflin House on Main Street.

For more information, please call:

Arts/Crafts Vendors: 662.487.3451 or 662.609.2159

Car Show: Ronnie or Angie Hinton at 662.934.6189.

Come out to Downtown Sardis for a day of family fun!

Census 2010 Corner



THANK YOU!

...for your interest in a 2010 Census Job! Our recruiting efforts for 2009 census taker jobs has ended. However, our peak recruitment effort begins in the fall of 2009, with the majority of hiring taking place in the spring of 2010. If you would like to prepare for the upcoming recruitment effort, you may download and print the [Census Practice Test](#). The practice test is similar to the

actual test, which measures basic skills, abilities, and knowledge required to perform a variety of census jobs.

If you have already applied for a census taker job, your application will remain active and you do not need to reapply. However, if you need to update your contact information provided on your application, you may do so by calling our toll-free Jobs Line

at 1-866-861-2010 where you will be routed to your Local Census Office.

To learn about other census jobs in your area, please visit the [2010 Census Regional Offices](#) Web site, select your state on the map provided, and then select the "Regional Employment" option.

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Café Ole hosts September Mixer

Asa Tucker of Tucker Manufacturing & Batesville Alderman Teddy Morrow enjoy some good eats at Café Ole.



Café Ole's After Hours Business Mixer was a huge hit! With approximately 75 members and friends in attendance, it was the largest crowd of the year. We appreciate Stan Harrison and his staff for their

hospitality. The refreshments and door prizes were graciously accepted as well. Thanks to Springs Industries, Café Ole and Sears for donating this month's door prizes. We encourage all of you to join us each month on the 3rd Tuesday for our Monthly Mixers.

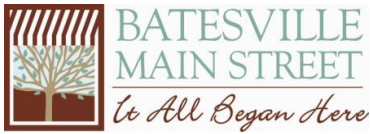
Upcoming Mixers:

October 20: Como Inn on Oak and Como Inn on Main

November 17: Covenant Bank

December: Partnership's Annual Open House

Main Street gears up with Halloween & Holiday events



Let's Go Walkin' & Trick or Trunk

On Saturday, October 31, 2009 the Batesville Main Street Program will be participating in the Let's Go Walkin' Down Main Street Event. This statewide event is being sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Mississippi Main Street Association and is promoting the healthy benefits of walking. The walk will take place from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the downtown area and the finish line for the walk will be the Batesville Memorial Park.

Since the walk will be on Halloween, we are going to encourage walkers to wear costumes. Batesville Main Street will be sponsoring a costume contest. We would like for area businesses, churches and civic organizations to consider participating in a Trick or Trunk by handing out healthy treats or non-food items to costumed walkers ages 10 and under. This is a great, safe way for children to celebrate Halloween.

In addition, we hope you will consider participating in the walk and encouraging others to do the same.

Holiday Open House

Citywide Holiday Open House for Batesville has been scheduled for Sunday, November 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. There will be carriage rides, Santa's workshop and of course, great shopping. The Batesville Main Street Program will be handing out a limited number of reusable shopping bags to attendees. Attached to the bag's handle will be business card sized coupons for shoppers. If your business is member of the Panola Partnership and will be open during Holiday Open House, please contact Colleen Clark if you would like to include a coupon for the shopping bags. We are looking forward to a fun-filled, festive event.

Batesville Main Street needs YOU! We have an exciting plan of work, and we are looking for volunteers for all of our committees. Please call Colleen Clark if you are interested.

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Holiday Shopping Guide coming next month

Retail and service businesses are invited to include gift ideas and special offers in our first edition of the Panola County Holiday Shopping Guide. Here are a few ideas:

- Gift ideas featuring items unique to your business
- Special offers or discounts for mentioning this advertisement
- Printable coupons to be featured in the Shopping Guide

Industry Golf Scramble Follow-up

We are all grateful that the rain held off for at least one afternoon for our industry leaders and sponsors to enjoy a nice day of golf at Mallard Pointe in Sardis. Many thanks to our volunteers and sponsors for making this day happen. We would also like to thank the staff of Mallard Pointe and John Kyle State Park for accommodating us on the course

and during our post-tournament celebration at John Kyle's Lodge.

Congratulations to our 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners, as well as our Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin winners.

Check out our website for complete coverage of the day's events.



First Place Winners: Steve Jergens, Mickey Milligan, Chandler Russ & Sonny Thomas



Second Place Winners: Chip Camire, Jared Vowell & Drew Baker. Not pictured Brett Lawson

Third Place Winners: (Not pictured) David Ruff, Kenny Roper, Brett Rivers & Niles Norris

New Members and Coming Events

Welcome to our Coming Events

New Members

Franklin & Associates

Frank & Rena Bates
P.O. Box 1636
Batesville, MS 38606
601.209.6241

Parker Hannifin

Lisa Chism, Plant Manager
1620 Highway 6 East
Batesville, MS 38606
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www.parker.com

October 3: Sardis Downtown Daze & Open Car Show

October 12 (Columbus Day): OFFICES OPEN

October 13: Main Street Board Meeting

October 15: Ambassadors Meeting (revised date)

October 20 (10:00 a.m.): Zaxby's Chicken Ribbon Cutting, Batesville

October 20 (5-7pm): After Hours Business Mixer & Ribbon Cutting @
Como Inn on Oak and Como Inn on Main

October 31 (9am): Batesville Main Street's "Let's Go Walkin' and Trick
or Trunk" Halloween Festivities (article inside)

**"SAVE THE DATE" FOR OUR ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE OPEN
HOUSE AT THE MISSISSIPPI TRADE MART BUILDING IN
JACKSON ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2010 !**

**Member Businesses and Individuals should keep their membership info up-to-date.
Please verify your information at www.panolacounty.com and email
any changes to partnership@cablone.net !**



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