

The Baker Bulletin

September/October 2009 (904) 259-6433 www.bakerchamberfl.com

The invitations for the 29th Annual Banquet have been mailed. Hurry and get your ticket orders in before September 18th. The banquet is Tuesday, September 29 beginning at 6:30 pm at First Baptist Church FLC. \$25 per person or \$225 for a corporate table of eight. After the 18th, the price will increase to \$35 per person. Call us at 259-6433 or e-mail bblackshear@bakerchamberfl.com to order your tickets. We can invoice you or you can pay by credit card. Our speaker this year will be Ryan Houck, Floridians for Smarter Growth. Get your reservations in as soon as possible.

Northeast Florida State Hospital

will be celebrating their

50th Anniversary

Friday, September 18, 2009

11:00 am-2:00 pm

Make plans to attend and support this event

New members

Aaron's
1160 South Sixth Street
Macclenny, FL 32063
(904) 259-5671

Advantage Tax & Business Service
1191 South Sixth Street
Macclenny, FL 32063
(904) 259-8322

Duval Jewelry, Gun and Pawn
6924 East Mt. Vernon Avenue
Suite 102
Glen St. Mary, FL 32040
(904) 259-9455

Fat Jacks Smokestack BBQ
659 US Highway 301
Baldwin, FL 32234
(904) 266-4999

North Florida Antique Power Assoc.
P.O. Box 1023
Macclenny, FL 32063
904-424-8760

Paychex
5022 Gate Parkway, Suite 504
Jacksonville, FL 32256
(904) 403-5436

Pit Stop Portable Restrooms
7441 Blair Circle
Glen St. Mary, FL 32040
(904) 838-6580

Prestige Kitchens and Baths
12 West Macclenny Avenue
Macclenny, FL 32063
(904) 397-0135

Southern Fumigation & Pest Cont.
784 South Sixth Street
Macclenny, FL 32073
(904) 259-9811

Wings Galore
1441 South Sixth Street
Macclenny, FL 32063
(904) 259-3200

Recognizing your Customers

Why not encourage your employees to pick out one customer each day to send a personal note expressing their appreciation for the customers' business and encouraging them if they are going through a challenging time. Also, encourage your employees to learn the names of their customers.

Taken from an article about Baya Pharmacy in the LC/CC Chamber of Commerce *Crossroads*. June 2009 edition.

Business Profile

Tracy Riley Wilds, the owner of New Hope Family Services, has helped hundreds of people overcome their challenges, achieve goals and obtain personal fulfillment. Tracy has an obvious passion for helping others. With Tracy's insight and creative approach, she can help you make positive and profound life changes. Tracy has a master's degree in social work and is a licensed clinical social worker in the state of Florida. See enclosed brochure.

Things we can do for our members:

- ♦ Free notary service
- ♦ Advertise your events in our newsletter for free
- ♦ Copy service
- ♦ Free fax service
- ♦ Low costs for inserts in the newsletter
- ♦ Use of Chamber facilities for meetings relating to your business
- ♦ Discounted rates on Pre-Paid Legal Services

ChamberPerks

We have a new program called ChamberPerks up and running! Log on to our website at www.bakerchamberfl.com, click on ChamberPerks and sign up for any or all of the benefits. You can get a substantial discount on supplies at Office Depot, FedEx discounts, a library of human resource material, payroll services, spam & virus protection, online compliance training, insurance and ebusiness solutions. These benefits can save you time and money. Signing up does not cost you anything. It is a member benefit. So get started!!!

Member Network

-  Check out Mixon Tire & Lube's website @ www.mixontire.com.
-  Davis Golf Cart and Small Engine Repair has a new shop open at 126 South Fifth Street.
-  The Chamber can now take credit cards for payment.
-  Gear & Wheel Mobile Repair is an authorized Good-year tire center. They also sell hydraulic hoses & automotive parts and work on all gas & diesel cars & trucks.

Upcoming Events



**Business Social
"Tailgate Party"
Thursday,
September 24
Macclenny Nursing &
Rehab**

**Pumpkin Patch
Month of October
First United Methodist
Church**



THANKS FOR RENEWING

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| Baker County Rotary Club | Hanson Roof |
| Baker County Standard | Hardees |
| Beltone Hearing Care Resources | Haven Hospice of N. Central |
| Brent E. Baris, P.A. | Florida |
| Children's Elite | Larry Payne |
| Comprehensive Community | Manniko & Baris |
| Services | Mitch Canaday Construction |
| Designers' Daughters | Northeast FL. Community Action |
| R.H. Davis Oil Company | Agency |
| Ferreira Funeral Services | Pappas Metcalf Jenks & Miller, |
| Gear & Wheel | P.A. |
| Glen St. Mary Post Office | Phantom Fireworks |
| Grace Technologies | Rodeffer, Garner & Minor |
| greatwide dedicated transport | Southeast RealtyGroup |



**It's time once again to get your ad
for the 2010 Chamber Directory**

3 1/2" x 2" - \$95

3 3/4" x 5" - \$135

7" x 5" - \$210

Full page—\$360

You should be receiving the information in the mail soon. If you don't receive anything regarding the directory, call Diane at 259-6433 or dsharpe@bakerchamberfl.com and chat with her about the directory ads. The deadline for the directory ads are November 6, 2009. The directories are sent to all members and are given out at the Chamber office as well.



On Tuesday, July 21, the chamber hosted a Lunch & Learn with Lewis Longman & Walker, P.A. providing speakers from their Tallahassee office who gave a legislative update from the past legislative session to a crowd of about 30.



Aaron's, Inc. held their grand opening/ribbon cutting Friday, August 14 at their new store located at 1160 South Sixth Street. Make sure you stop in for a visit.

Lunch and Learn

On Tuesday, August 18, we enjoyed a presentation by Andrea Giggetts of Giggetts and Associates. She shared with us Andrea Giggetts' WOW Factors! and what makes her successful with her business. Some interesting facts that we learned are that our name tags should always be worn on the right, you must have business cards with you at all times and it should tell what you are.

Some additional facts that Andrea shared with us are: 48% of your business will come from networking with people and 16% from advertising; you should always send thank you cards; you should be an "irresistible client magnet" and you should LOVE your chamber!

Andrea's theme is "If you don't like your harvest, change your seed". She changed her seed, and she demonstrated to us how she did that. Andrea is a motivational speaker and a member of the Baker County Chamber of Commerce. Call us for additional information on Giggetts and Associates.

Member-to-Member Discount Program

Are you interested in **receiving** a discount from other chamber members? Are you interested in **giving** a discount to other chamber members? A member-to-member discount program is a simple way for chamber members to offer special, exclusive benefits to other chamber members. The benefit can be in the form of a discount for goods or services or a free item or service. This program is an excellent way to encourage chamber members to patronize our member businesses while creating new relationships within the community. This program will encourage non-members to join the chamber in order to receive the discounts.

In the near future, you will receive a letter from the chamber inviting and encouraging you to participate in this program. Begin thinking about what type of discount or free item or service that you can give to other chamber members. If you have any comments or suggestions for us regarding this program, please send us an e-mail and let us know your thoughts.

The stronger we make our chamber, the stronger we make our community.

BREAKFAST BUZZ

Our first Breakfast Buzz was early, but successful. The University of North Florida and ACT presented “WorkKeys: How to Hire the Right Person”. The crowd of 26 enjoyed hash rounds and biscuits from Hardees and started the day off with some insight into hiring their next employees. There is information available to all employers at www.ACT.org and www.UNF.edu. You can contact the Chamber office and we will give you names of people to contact if you are interested in these learning keys.



THE CHAMBER NOW ACCEPTS CREDIT CARDS



Davis Golf Cart and Small Engine Repair recently opened a shop at 126 South Fifth Street (the old Baker Saw Shop) with a ribbon cutting Thursday, August 20 from 5:00-6:30 pm and a grand opening all day Saturday, August 22 with catering by C'untry Boyz Rub.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| Joel Barber | Gibson McDonald Furniture | 259-5655 |
| Frank Brown | Mercantile Bank | 259-1628 |
| Dr. James Cardozo | BC Chiropractic Center | 259-2999 |
| Elco Carrasco | greatwide dedicated transportation | 259-3179 |
| Patricia Conner | BC Health Department | 259-6291 |
| Tippy Conner | NEFCOM | 259-2261 |
| Joyce Davis | Insteel Wire Products | 259-2101 |
| Melba Dedmon | Margaret Romeo DMD, PA | 259-5007 |
| Peggy Driggers | Westside Nursery/Preschool | 259-4899 |
| V. Todd Ferreira | V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services | 259-5700 |
| Jamey Hodges | American Enterprise Bank | 259-6003 |
| Sam Kitching | Sheriff's Department | 259-2231 |
| Clay Lyons | Lyons and Lyons, CPAs | 259-4307 |
| Sherrie Raulerson | BC School Board | 259-6251 |
| Cyndi Ray | FSI Mortgage | 259-9600 |
| Jackie Robinson | VyStar Credit Union | 259-6203 |
| Dr. Margaret Romeo | Margaret Romeo DMD, PA | 259-5007 |
| Gary Rosenstone | Banc of America | 716-4780 |
| Bobby Steele | Wal-Mart DC #6099 | 653-4000 |
| Dana Wood | First Federal Bank of Florida | 653-5400 |
| Brian Yarbrough | Country Federal Credit Union | 259-6702 |



Baker County Chamber of Commerce
20 East Macclenny Avenue
Macclenny, FL 32063



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PERMIT #92

Services

Individual Therapy

50 minute sessions, focused on you and your personal challenges. Sessions can be done weekly, biweekly, or monthly

Couples Counseling

Strengthen your bond, communicate more effectively, and improve the overall satisfaction with your relationship

Parenting Plan

Focused on your many strengths as a parent, I can put together a parenting plan, custody evaluation and/or home study for time sharing situations

Corporate Training

Increase productivity, job satisfaction and employee morale with our team building activities and training

Payment Options

We accept checks, cash, and credit cards. We also accept Victims of Crime Compensation claims. If you prefer to use your health insurance, we are glad to assist you with reimbursement by providing written receipts for service. In some instances, we can provide services

Tracy Riley, LCSW

I have helped hundreds of people overcome their challenges, achieve goals, and obtain personal fulfillment. I can help you to live the life you desire and deserve. I have a passion for helping others. Let my insight and creative approach help you to make positive and profound life changes.

Having successfully obtained my Bachelor's Degree from Auburn University, I went on to Florida State University to obtain my Master's Degree in Social Work. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the state of Florida.



New Hope Family Services

527 W Macclenny Street
Macclenny, Florida 32063

Appointment Line:
904.704.2527

Fax: 866.384.3669

E-mail: tracymw@gmail.com

New Hope Family Services

*Giving Hope and
Help to Families*



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Individuals

Are you struggling with your daily tasks? Sad, can't sleep, sleeping more? Are you finding it hard to know which way to turn? Whatever issues you are facing in your life, I can help. With my wide range of experience and education, I can help you to identify your challenges, overcome them, and be on the path to living a healthier and happier life.

Couples

With the economic downturn, are you finding your marital peace being challenged? Are the usually manageable disconnects and frustrations on the rise? If disagreements are increasing, let me teach you how to communicate more effectively with your spouse and improve your relationships.

Families

Many families today are struggling to find a healthy balance in their lives. The stresses of raising children, work, and maintaining a household can be overwhelming. Single parent families are at an all time high, and step or blended families are now the majority. These are difficult issues and it's important to seek help now.

Divorce

Divorce is an unfortunate reality for many of today's families. If you have been through a divorce, or are considering one, the future can seem uncertain. It may be time to determine a path and a direction and to make some big decisions. I can help you find the strength and clarity to make healthy resolutions for yourself.

Parenting Plans are often court ordered when parents cannot agree on custody arrangements. I can help you create a plan that focuses on your strengths as a parent.

Parenting

Do you sometimes look at your teen and wonder where the happy, carefree youngster went? It is normal to worry about your teen and about his/her future. Do you struggle to make decisions about discipline and rules? It is natural to feel frustrated, overwhelmed, and anxious. At times, you may even feel like a failure as a parent. You are not alone! Parenting a teen today is not like parenting in the past. I can support, encourage, and empower you.

Corporate Training

As consumers we know how great it is to walk into a business and feel the positive energy of team work, commitment, purpose, and confidence.... this is the result of staff working together. I can help you achieve this with your staff. I have a variety of topics and presentations that will enable your staff to perform as a team and increase cohesiveness and productivity.

Victim's Compensation

Are you the victim of a violent crime or a family member that has been affected by a violent crime? I understand what crime victims and their families go through. I also know that you need justice and closure as well as the opportunity to heal. Violent crimes affect the entire family and in some cases the journey to recovery is long.

If you are the victim of a documented crime, you may be entitled to access the Victim's Compensation Fund to pay for your counseling. Call me for details.

Call today for your
confidential consultation

Start making profound
and positive changes
today!

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