

## 2009 - 2010 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

### ■ Aviaries

Bird's Eye View Inc.

### ■ Automotive Sales

Withers Used Cars

### ■ Automotive

Moore Equipment Company  
Carthage Auto Parts

### ■ Building Supplies & Construction

Joiner's Building Supply  
N. L. Carson Construction Co.  
Bobo's Floor Covering  
Thomas Drilling & Supply, Inc  
King Poultry Equipment, LLC

### ■ Catering

Wanda Joiner Catering

### ■ Churches

Greater Love & Liberty

### ■ Civic Clubs

Leake County Republican Party  
Boys & Girls Club Carthage-Leake

### ■ Clothing, Cosmetics, Gifts

Evon's Jewelry  
Merle Norman Cosmetics & Gifts  
Walmart  
The Factory Connection  
Sam's Club #4871 of Meridian  
The Men's Store  
MirBo's

### ■ Counseling

Bowen Counseling Services  
Weems Community Mental Health  
Carthage Behavioral Health

### ■ Communications

AT&T

### ■ Education

Leake Academy

### ■ Farm Supplies and Organizations

Leake County Co-Op  
Leake Co Farm Bureau  
Malone Tractor & Equipment Co.

### ■ Financial Services & Banking

Atco Company  
Bank of Walnut Grove  
Heritage Banking Group  
The Citizens Bank  
Citizens National Bank  
First Financial Bank  
Wheel-In Finance  
Walnut Grove Finance & Insurance  
Retirement Solutions

### ■ Florists

The Briar Patch

### ■ Funeral Services

Milling Funeral Home  
Wilcox Funeral Home

### ■ Gas-Propane

Fair Propane Gas Systems, Inc.

### ■ Government

Town of Walnut Grove  
City of Carthage  
Carthage WIN Job Center

### ■ Grocery & Convenience Stores

Piggly Wiggly

### ■ Health & Fitness

The Health Club

### ■ Heating & Cooling

Carthage Heating & Cooling

### ■ Insurance & Related Services

State Farm Insurance  
Cox & Associates  
Ed Sanford Insurance

### ■ Lumber & Wood

Resource Management Services

### ■ Manufacturers and Processing

American Apparel Knits  
Central Snacks, Inc.  
H & H Chief Sales  
MMC Materials, Inc.  
Spring Water Distributing Co  
Tyson Foods  
Applied Geo Technologies, Inc.

### ■ Manufactured Homes

Central MS Manufactured Homes

### ■ Media

*The Carthaginian, Inc.*  
Boswell Media, LLC - Kicks98 Radio  
Names & Numbers

### ■ Medical & Related Services

Golden Living Center of Carthage  
Carthage Ambulance Service  
Leake Memorial Hospital  
Sta-Home Health Agency  
Performance Therapy, LLC  
Madden Medical Clinic  
Hospice In His Hands  
Bee Hives Homes of Carthage

### ■ Medical Supplies

Central Medical Equipment, Inc.

### ■ Monuments

Central Mississippi Monument Co.

### ■ Office Supply

Central MS Office Supply -Carthage  
Central MS Office Supply-Kosciusko

### ■ Pest Controls Services

Paul Frasier Pest Control

### ■ Pharmacy

Carthage Discount Drugs

### ■ Professional: Accountants

David Howell, CPA, PA  
Susan L. Kinton CPA  
June McGivney dba H & R Block  
Thornton's Tax Service  
Billy Gene McNeel CPA

### ■ Professional: Attorneys

Webb Law Firm

### ■ Professional: Dentists

Dr. Tommy Jones  
Hall Family Dentistry

### ■ Professional: Engineers

Mendrop-Wages, LLC

### ■ Professional: Optometrists

Carthage Eye Clinic  
Simmons Eye Clinic

### ■ Professional: Physicians

Carthage Family Medicine

### ■ Public Library

Carthage-Leake County Library

### ■ Real Estate

Britt Barnes Realty Group, LLC  
Phillips Appraisal & Real Estate  
Dale Edgar, Mossy Oak Properties  
Land Investments, LLC  
Howell & Howell Estates & Land  
Coleman Enterprises

### ■ Recycling Center

Monarch Metal Recovery Inc.

### ■ Restaurants

Kentucky Fried Chicken & Taco Bell  
Sonic Drive-In  
Ward's Fast Foods of Carthage  
Wendy's  
Walnut Grove Fish House

### ■ Transportation

Barnes Brothers Trucking

### ■ Utilities & Services

Central Electric Power Association  
Entergy Mississippi  
Mississippi Power Company  
Metrocast  
Comcast Spotlight  
Trophy Petroleum Corp.

### ■ Veterinarians - DVM

Central Mississippi Animal Clinic

### ■ Individuals

M.G. Bond  
Leake Superintendent of Education Monte Ladner  
Circuit Judge Vernon R. Cotton  
Kenneth Walker  
Nancy Gomillion  
Melanie Hartley  
Leake Co. Tax Collector/Assessor Kim Withers  
Sheila Johnson  
Bobbie Henderson  
Chancery Judge Cynthia Brewer  
Leake Co. Chancery Clerk Dot Merchant  
Leake Co. Sheriff Greg Waggoner  
J.C. Mills  
H.V. Neal, Jr.  
Carlton Brock  
Wayne Brantley  
Tommye Rosenbaum  
Leake Co. Circuit Clerk Kathy Henderson  
Mala Burns  
State Senator Giles Ward  
Walnut Grove Alderman Brian Gomillion  
Willie C Anderson  
Jack Ware  
Glenda Holleyman  
Dan Battle-Griffin  
Western District Justice Court Judge Ruby Graham  
Lacey Green

## ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Barbara Bowen, *Vice-President*

### Membership Committee

David Weber, *Chair*

- Welcomed twelve new members to the Chamber for a total membership of **136**.

### Annual Membership Meeting Committee

Mala Burns, *Chair*

- Coordinated the 57th Annual Membership Meeting of the Leake County Chamber of Commerce and Leake Development Association and hosted a reception honoring "A Toast to the Leadership of Leake."

### Nominating Committee

Jay Mathis, *Chair*

- Sought nominations for new directors and submitted 10 nominees to the membership for election of five new board members of the Chamber.
- Submitted slate of officers for 2010-2011 year to Board of Directors.
- Requested chamber members to serve as chairs for various chamber committees.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mandy Faucette, *Vice-President*

### Agri-Business Committee

Linda Terrell & Dott G. Arthur, *Co-Chairs*

- Held the 8th Annual Safety Expo for all Leake County 5<sup>th</sup> graders with 321 students participating. Tee shirts and goody bags were given to each student. There were 13 safety demonstration booths and several group-wide demonstrations. There were fourteen financial supporters of the event and numerous volunteers.
- The first Garden Expo will be held on Saturday April 10 on the Square in partnership with Carthage Main Street.

### The Square Affair

Mala Burns, *Chair*

- The date is for the Square Affair will be May 15th in Downtown Carthage with the Heart of MS 5K Walk & Run and a fishing rodeo at McMillan Park beginning the day. Other activities are arts and craft vendors, food vendors, Club 66 Car Show, Central MS Antique Tractor Show, an arm wrestling event, hot dog eating contest, Henry's Mule Pull, motorcycle parade and show, Leake's Got Talent Contest, "Leake Idol" competition, Chillin' & Grillin' with Main Street Cook-Off, a pet parade and numerous demonstrations. To end the day, The Sasser Park will be the site for the announcement of the winners of all contest and entertainment.

### Octoberfest Committee

Ed Heidorn, *Chair*

- The 37th Annual Octoberfest Arts & Crafts Festival was moved to the Square of Downtown Carthage with 116 arts and crafts exhibitors, food vendors, and several information and service exhibitors. Over 1500 visitors attended the one day event.

### Business Development Committee

- Hosted a workshop "First Steps to Starting Your Business" in coordination with East Central Community College's Small Business Development Director, Ronnie Westbrook at City Hall in Walnut Grove.
- Decorated City of Carthage with 36 scarecrows and held "Find the Best Leake Scarecrow" contest with winner receiving \$100 in Chamber Cash. There were 40 entries.
- Participated in the Sippin' Cider event held by Carthage Main Street in December
- Sponsored sixth Annual "Shop Leake First" event with registration at twenty-seven participating Chamber of Commerce businesses. A total of \$1000 in Chamber Cash was distributed to 6 winners to be spent at participating Chamber members.
- Sponsored Wake-Up Santa Art Coloring Contest with over 1700 entries received. Sixty-four winners were announced at the Wake-Up Santa Event in The Sasser Park on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Pictures with Santa were made by Nobles Photography.
- Christmas Open House with twelve businesses participating and around 150 visitors to the businesses registering for \$100 in Chamber Cash.
- Assisted new and existing businesses with requested demographic and related information.
- Assisted The Development Association with "Picnic in the Park" for existing business and industries



## Governmental Affairs and Infrastructure

### Brian Gomillion, *Chair*

- Held “Coffee with your Legislators” in March with Sen. Giles Ward participating. The Leake County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee furnished the refreshments.
- Provided land ownership maps and city-county maps
- Updated and distributed Government Guide following 2009 Municipal General Elections



## Health and Human Services Committee

### Dan Young, *Chair*

- Partnered with St. Dominic's in holding a Health Fair in October at The Health Club. Dr. Reid Cotton, a cardiologist and native of Leake County, presented to Board of Supervisors President Tony Smith an AED for the Leake County Courthouse. Over 100 attend.
- Updated “Resource Guide for Senior Adults in Leake County” and distributed 100 copies to the Senior Citizens attending the TRIAD event in March
- Leake Memorial Rural Health Clinic conducted four workshops addressing Diabetes every Friday in January with 35 in attendance.



Dr. Cotten presenting to Tony Smith

## Education Committee

- Coordinated with Ward’s Fast Foods of Carthage in presenting 678 coupons for a free sausage & biscuit or a breakfast wrap to the Education Workforce in Leake County for the great job they do in the education of our school children.

## Career-for-a-Day Committee

### Dawn Barnes, *Chair*

- Held the 21st Annual Career-for-a-Day for 48 high school seniors in February with guest speaker, Kristy Mayo, Mississippi State FFA Events Coordinator. There were thirty hosts and sponsors.

## Keep Leake County Beautiful Committee

### Gwen Hoffman & Teresa Withers, *Co-Chairs*

- Partnered with Carthage Rotary Club in a Litter Awareness program.
- Instrumental with MDOT in erecting 8 “Pick It Up Mississippi” Signs in Leake County
- Handed out pocket ashtrays from Keep America Beautiful, Inc. at events held throughout the county.

## Christmas Parade Committee

### Shawn Hoffman, *Chair*

- Coordinated the Annual Christmas Parade with 70 entries in the parade. Judging was held before the Parade and winners announced as entries entered the Courtsquare. The theme was “A County Christmas-Back to the Basics”.

## Patriotic Committee

### Mitchell Sprayberry, *Chair*

- Held a county wide worship service at the Carthage Coliseum on Sunday April 26 at 6:00 pm for Leake’s National Guard Unit who left for their second tour in Iraq.
- Assisted several families with help during time of deployment

## Public Relations Committee

- Conducted 5 ribbon cutting ceremonies for new businesses and relocations..
- Conducted 2 ground breaking ceremonies for new business sites.
- Honored Man and Woman of the Year for 2008
- Referred products and services of Chamber members on a daily basis
- Provided over 100 new resident packages
- Opened The Chamber Center for use for meetings and seminars.
- Prepared Gift Baskets featuring Leake County produced items for Conventions and workshops.
- Kept leakems.com website updated with assistance of chamber member Brian Gomillion
- Provided tee shirts from The Square Affair and Octoberfest for several conferences and meetings.
- Setup a Welcome To Leake tent at the Dixie League Girls Softball Tournament held at McMillan Park. Gave out goody bags with information about Leake, lemonade and ice.
- Chamber and Development Association were “co-convenors” of the MS Economic Council’s 8th Hobnob MS.
- Attended the ceremony dedicating a section of MS Highway 16 as The Van T. Barfoot Medal of Honor Highway. Signs were erected at the intersection of Hwy 16 & 35 and the county line near Edinburg.
- Attended the MEDC Winter Conference where Linda Shepard was honored with an Honorary Lifetime Membership to MEDC for her years of service.
- Informed the membership of news items through email called “What’s Happening in Leake”
- “Breakfast before Business” networking event began March 31 at 7:00 am.



# LEAKE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Leadership

### Class of 2010 - Thank you for your service!

- **Teresa Withers** Bank of Walnut Grove
- **Mandy Faucette** Citizens National Bank
- **Jay Mathis** Wheel In Finance
- **David Weber** State Farm Insurance
- **Dan Young** Performance Therapy

### Class of 2011

- **Barbara Bowen** Bowen Counseling Services
- **Carlton Brock** Retired
- **Shawn Hoffman** Ed Sanford Insurance
- **Mala Burns** Burns Poultry Farms
- **Kenneth Walker** Longwind Construction

### Class of 2012

- **Britt Barnes** The Health Club / Britt Barnes Realty Group
- **Brian Gomillion** Central Electric Power Assoc.
- **Dr. Doug Perry, MD** Leake Memorial Clinic
- **Dr. Amye S. Hall, DMD** Hall Family Dentistry
- **Kim Withers** Tax Assessor/Collector, Leake Co.

### Class of 2013 - Welcome New Directors!

- **Debbie Blocker** The Briar Patch
- **Ed Heidorn** Bird's Eye View, Inc.
- **Jeffrey Jones** Carthage Discount Drugs
- **Tammy Leitaker** MirBo's
- **Linda Terrell** Leake County Farm Bureau

### Ex-Officio Members

- **Mayor Jimmy Wallace** City of Carthage
- **Mayor Kenneth Thames** Town of Lena
- **Mayor Grady Sims** Town of Walnut Grove
- **Tony Smith** Leake Co. Board of Supervisors
- **Myrtle Ben** Council Member, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
- **Monte Ladner** *President, Leake Co. Development Association*

### 2009-2010 Executive Committee

- Britt Barnes** *President*
- Barbara Bowen** *Vice-President*
- Mandy Faucette** *Vice President*
- Ken Walker** *Vice-President*
- Courtney Kelly** *Secretary-Treasurer*
- Jay Mathis** *Past President*

### 2010-2011 Executive Committee

- Shawn Hoffman** *President*
- Barbara Bowen** *Vice-President*
- Brian Gomillion** *Vice President*
- Ken Walker** *Vice-President*
- Kim Withers** *Secretary-Treasurer*
- Britt Barnes** *Past-President*

### Executive Director

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*Executive Director*

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