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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

First off, let me say how thrilled I am to be serving as president of the Greater Mulberry Chamber of Commerce. I have grown up in Polk County, but have only been associated with the Mulberry area for the past two and a half years. It was at that time that I took the job as director of the Mulberry Phosphate Museum. If you haven't been to the museum, I encourage you to go! I do this for obvious reasons, but also because there is so much to learn about how truly great and unique of a place Mulberry is.

Chelsea Young

Now, that used to be my sales pitch to get my museum attendance numbers up (I'm mildly competitive in that sense), but I can honestly say that every word of it is true. Mulberry is a truly great and unique place! I have only been here a short time, but from day one, I have been embraced with open arms and encouraged to succeed. I would like to think this because I am a special, but it is because the community of Mulberry is not only welcom ing but sincere in its support of individuals, businesses, and organizations. With Mulberry, you get what everyone wants from "small town America": a sense of community, genuine connections that matter, and the knowledge that real people care about growth and improvement for local business.

As president, I want to encourage you and your business to take advantage of the offerings of the chamber. Promote your events with us in weekly emails, attend mixers and breakfasts to make connections, and be sure to let us know how we can improve your membership. I welcome all suggestions eagerly and would love to hear from you.

In my job, I get to explain Mulberry's history, the industries and people who shaped the community. As president of the chamber, I am lucky enough to promote and support the industries and people who are impacting Mulberry now and creating the Mulberry of tomorrow.

All about the Bass fishing tournament

The Mulberry Chamber had an early morning out fishing at Camp Mack on February 20th! It was pleasant weather and a great time was had by all. The winners for the day were: Ist - \$500 – (Sponsor Mosaic) = Team Crews with total weight of 26.55lbs

Also the team won Big Bass at 5.60lbs; 2nd - \$250 – (Sponsor D. Wayne Shouppe Construction) -Team Cincotta with total weight of 18.05lbs; 3rd - \$100 – (Sponsor Burks Financial - Noreen Talbott) - Team Jackson with total weight of 13.10lbs. The Chamber raffled off a Yeti Cooler –(sponsored by - Wolseley Industrial). The lucky winner was William Lelindisman!

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Lunch and Learn

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Over 20 individuals learned how to motivate their employees using methods shared by J. Lenora Bresler at the Mulberry Chambers' Lunch and Learn on March 22nd. Many leaders think employees are motivated primarily by financial gain, but research indicates

there are seven major motivators in the workplace -- and only one of them is money. The Mulberry Chamber would like to thank Mrs. Bresler for her time and expertise.

J. Lenora Bresler is an attorney, certified senior human resource professional, and an advanced certified speaker. She owns Bresler Training, LLC - a consulting firm for leadership, motivation, and strategic change. Ms. Bresler is a sought-after keynote speaker, trainer, and executive coach. She co-authored the books Mission Possible with leadership gurus Steven Covey and Brian Tracey and Best of the Best. Her latest book is Instant Insight: 15 Minutes to Terrific Relationships. J. Lenora

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We thank the Mulberry Community for its continued support of the Mulberry FFA Alumni





Our Annual Dinner Meeting was held on January 22, 2016 at the Imperial Swan Hotel. At the meeting, outgoing president, Tanya Tillis, thanked our sponsors and announced our new slate of officers: President - Chelsea Young - City of Mulberry Vice President - Tracie Carley - Mary Kay Treasurer - Jacob Driggers - Crowe Horwath Secretary - Ruthann Stafford - Press Express: New Board Member: Pat Stottlemyer - Doss Flower & Gift Shop

Chelsea Young, our new president, presented the business of the year awards.

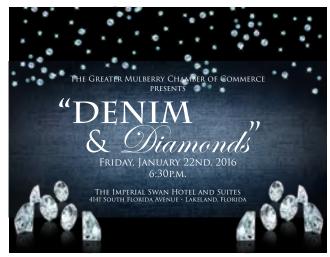
Small Business - Doss Flower & Gift Shop Large Business - A-C-T Environmental & Infrastructure Non-Profit of the Year - Central Florida Healthcare Most Valuable Player - Mosaic New Business of the Year - Hamilton Engineering & Surveying The chamber would like to thank our sponsors who made the evening's event successful! Mosaic - Spath Jewelers - Badcock Home Furniture & more -Southern Graphic Designs - D. Wayne Shouppe Construction -Carla Meeks, Realtor - Certipay PEO Solutions, Inc -State Farm, Michell Githens - Tracie Carley, Mary Kay -ACT Environmental & Infrastructure - Boswell & Dunlap, LLP -Doss Flower & Gift - Tanya Tillis, Salon Settore, Burks Financial -Southside Barbell - CenterState Bank - Alliance for Independence - Debbie Rydberg, Independent insurance Agent - SunTrust Bank - Mulberry Board of Directors. Thank you to our sponsoring tables: Mosaic - Badcock Home Furniture & more - Clark Environmental - City of Mulberry - TECO

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Thank you to the Imperial Swan Hotel for providing the great venue, food and drinks. Thank you Burt Howard for providing the excellent dance "party" music!

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Mulberry Mixer

Mulberry Phosphate Museum

The Mulberry Phosphate Museum hosted a Chamber Mixer on March 4. The eve ning was full of music, food, and fossils! It was great time and a great turnout! The museum is a great spot for these events, full of exhibits to explore and great people to meet.







Mixers are the perfect opportunity to meet other chamber members and learn about their businesses. Mixers are free to members and always prove to be a good time.

Hosting a mixer is a wonderful chance to spotlight your own business. If you are interested in more information on upcoming mixers or hosting one at your own place of work, please contact the chamber office.



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a week, you can distress with some coloring books for adults on your lunch break. Library staff continues to challenge local kids with its "1,000 books before Kindergarten challenge". On April 22nd, the library will be highlighting its Creative Kids Club with an art show! Join the library staff from 6:00p.m. – 7:30p.m. to see these awesome creations.

The city hosted its new annual "Easter Eggstravaganza" on March 27th at Spence Field. There were over 250 attendees, including the Easter Bunny, of course. Children participated in finding candy filled Easter eggs separated by age group.

Speaking of Spence Field ... the city is now hosting a free monthly concert series every fourth Saturday at the month. Summer hours for the concert are





5:00p.m – 7:00p.m. at Spence Field. To make the event

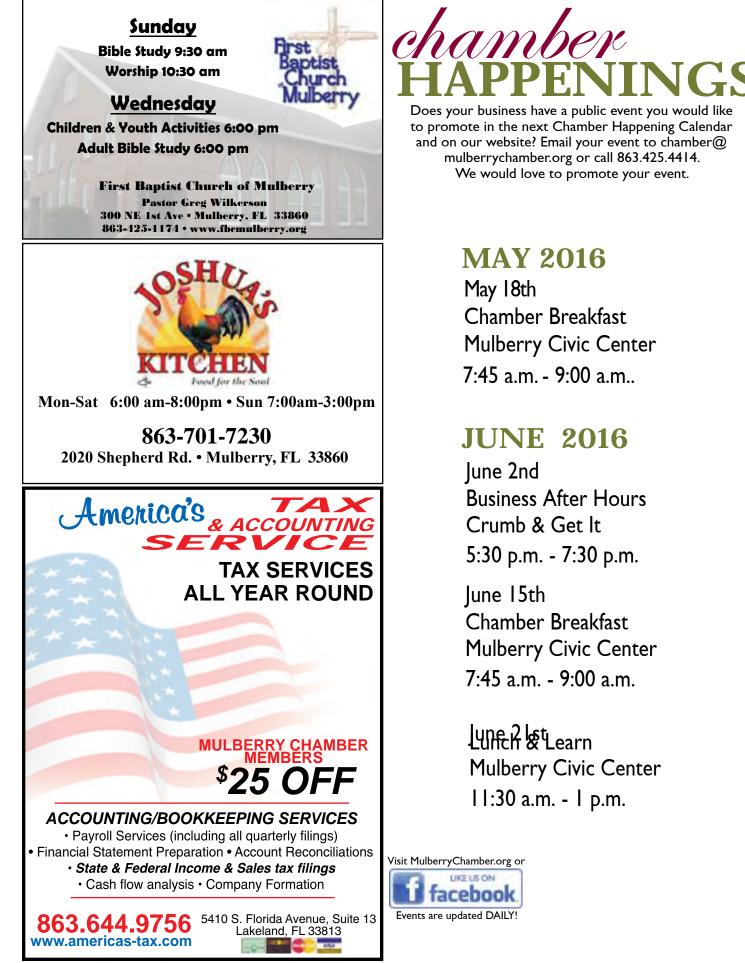
even more exciting, the city is now adding "Market in the Park" from 4:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. on concert days. "Market in the Park" serves as a chance for vendors to participate in a "pop-up Main Street". For April's event, items being sold include jams, jellies, pizza, barbecue, accessories, plants, and more! Join us on April 23rd for all the fun!

For the teens, we are happy to announce that there is now a new a skateboard facility. Complete with ramps and grind boxes, the new venue has already proven a popular spot.



from our members FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Join us for our annual luncheon and general meeting on April 26th at 6:00p.m. at the library. Learn about opportunities to become involved and support the new library.



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MULBERRY CHAMBER New Member Reception

The Mulberry Chamber was delighted to host our semi-annual new members reception at the Mulberry Cultural Center. This is our second time hosting this event, which allows the board members a chance to meet our newest chamber additions in a more intimate setting. It is important to the chamber that each member feel welcome and know who represents members in board decisions. We look forward to meeting even more new faces in the fall!









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