

Chamber Chatter

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Upcoming Chamber Meetings:

- Chamber Board Meeting, January 16, 12:00pm, at the First United Methodist Church (small fellowship hall).

Important Updates:

- The Chamber Annual Meeting will be held on January 25, 6:30pm, at the Town and Country Club. Tickets to the event are \$30 and can be purchased from the Chamber. Chicken Alfredo will be served for dinner and a live band will provide entertainment throughout the night.
- The Chamber (and the Alexander Building renovation) were recently featured on the front page of the January 11 edition of the Albany Herald.
- The Alexander Building renovation is progressing on schedule. Workers recently poured the concrete foundation for the first floor and are currently working on the second floor and the roof.
- As of January 1, 2013, the Chamber of Commerce had 141 members throughout 20 cities and 4 states.

The Blakely-Early County Chamber of Commerce thanks you for being a valued Chamber member. If we can ever be of service to you please do not hesitate to let us know.

Early County Makes Regional News with Exciting Discovery



When renovations on the Alexander Building, located at 214 Court Square, began in November 2012, no one expected that a time capsule spanning five decades would be found.

When workers removed the floorboards from the building, they unearthed numerous medicine bottles, turn of the century coins, and various

other historical artifacts important in preserving the historical significance of the Alexander Building.

Some of the items have been dated while others remain a mystery. Those dated include a 1900 Liberty V nickel, a 1903 Indian Head Cent, a (c. 1915) antiseptic

bottle, a (c. 1925) Nehi soda bottle, and a (c. 1946) aspirin bottle with the tablets and cotton still inside.

One of the more unique items, a bone fragment, was sent to the University of Georgia whereby an anthropologist dated it to the early 1900s. It was concluded to have been from the modern day rump roast portion of a

cow, however the bone was cut in a way that pre-dated USDA regulations and was likely part of a small steak.

All artifacts that were found are available for viewing at the Chamber of Commerce located at 182 Court Square.

Did you know...

Many different flags have flown over Blakely. Among them: Spain, France, England, The Confederate States of America, and the United States.

Source: <http://www.usgenet.org/usa/ga/county/fulton/early/history.htm>

December/January Businesses of the Week

Since last month's newsletter, the Chamber has awarded four businesses with the Business of the Week Award. Congratulations to the following Businesses:

- Dec. 17-23: Village Pizza
- Dec. 24-30: (NONE)

- Dec. 31-Jan. 6: BackLight
- Jan. 7-13: Pioneer Community Hospital of Early
- Jan. 14-20: Brooks Dental Associates

Each week, the Chamber selects a member business who they feel has done exceptional work and presents

them with a certificate and media exposure through Facebook and the Chamber website.

If you would like to nominate a business for this award, please e-mail the Chamber at earlychamberdirector@gmail.com or call (229) 723-3742.