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HANCOCK COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

March 2009

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NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday
March 10th**

7:30 AM

Career Center

Speaker:

**Rick Lazarou,
Lazar Anode Technologies, LLC on
the establishment
of the Lazar Continuous Carbon
Baking Furnace in
Hancock County.**

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FROM THE PEN OF THE PRESIDENT

Welcome, from the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce President. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the opportunity to serve the businesses of Hancock County by working with the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. Our goal as a chamber is to promote businesses in Hancock County and provide opportunities to communicate the various

services available from our local business partners. We are very blessed to reside in a county that has a wide variety of businesses that provide employment, products, and services to our community. Thank you for being a part of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce.

**Steve Smith,
Chamber President**

**CHAMBER
LEND S A HAND**

Our local chamber participated in gathering info on business ice storm damage for The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and Kentucky Emergency Management. This was for possible help for businesses who had uninsured damage. Contact the chamber if your business had uninsured damage.

NEW BUSINESS MEMBER



An Island, LLC is our newest Hancock County Chamber of Commerce business member, offering services in designing, implementation, service and support of informational systems and technologies. They offer free technology

assessments, hosting, secure data storage, backup, disaster recovery of data, plus other technology services. For more information you can visit their website at www.anisland.com or contact Todd Self, Business Development Manager, (800)906-2076 x102, todd.self@anisland.com

WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOUR BUSINESS

Every business and industry in Hancock County is very important to the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. We want to encourage new development and encourage growth of already established companies. The Chamber offers Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies and free announcements in the newsletter and on the website to its members for promoting new and

improved businesses. If your company enhances its services, adds to its site or any type of improvement, let the Chamber of Commerce know so that we can schedule a ribbon cutting and make an announcement in the newsletter and on our website. Free advertising is always a benefit to any business and we are happy to help!



Steve Smith, Chamber President presenting an appreciation award to John Brown, founder of the Farm City Dinners.

2009 FARM CITY DINNER

Despite everything the Ice Storm 2009 threw at us, the Farm City Dinner, held on February 9th, was a big success with almost full capacity. The guest speaker, Ron Crouch, director of the Kentucky State Data Center at the University of Kentucky provided us with statistical data on the area that was fascinating and sometimes overwhelming, but definitely was informative.

A special appreciation award was given to John Brown on the 20th anniversary of the Farm City Dinner. John started the dinner with the purpose of promoting agriculture and to show our appreciation of the cities and county joining with the farmers within

the community in fellowship, unity and peace.

Thank you to everyone who helped organize and put together this year's Farm City Dinner. Especially those who helped with the preparation and serving of the dinner, Hancock County Homemakers, Hancock County Cattleman's Association, Hancock County FFA and the ladies of the Hancock County Farm Bureau Association and the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. A special thank you to Dr. Walt Allen for providing the lovely music during our meal.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



The Chamber will be sending out second notices for 2009 membership dues. If you have not paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible. The Chamber website pages will be updated soon and we want to include all of our business members as a resource to the public. For renewal information contact us at 927-8223 or email erice@hancockky.us

HANCOCK COUNTY MUSEUM OPENING APRIL 1ST

The Hancock County Museum will begin its 2009 season on Sunday afternoon, April 5th. Many area artifacts are located in the museum including steamboat and other river traffic history plus antiques and informa-

tion on farm life from the past. Hours of operation are every Sunday afternoon from 2-4 pm April thru October.



CHAMBER MAPS

The Chamber of Commerce has run out of the latest printing of maps. We hope to have a reprint and be able to fill orders at that time.

NEW LOOK FOR THE NEWSLETTER

We are upgrading our Hancock County Chamber of Commerce newsletter with a new look and more information for our members. Laine Nunn, owner of Unique Art and Jewelry in Hawesville and the webmaster of the Hancock county website, has volunteered to help Edna Rice, Executive Director in exploring new ideas and sources for expanding the newsletter. In the future we hope to have more columns on New Businesses, Business of the Month, and other Chamber News. Please

let us know if you have information or ideas to contribute by emailing LaineNunn@aol.com. Be sure to let us know your current email address so that we can send the newsletter in all its glory (color wise) to you. Also thank you to Edna Rice, Executive Director and Connie Wheatley for all their hard work on the newsletters in the past.

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