



Hancock County Chamber of Commerce

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**Farm City
Dinner
February 6th
6:00 pm
Immaculate
Conception**

Business of the Month

L.R. Chapman, Inc. was formed in Hancock County in 1946 as a highway construction company that also mined and sold coal. Over time, the business changed to include the mining and marketing of clay and shale products to local face brick and tile companies. Having existed for over sixty years, L.R. Chapman, Inc., which is now part of a larger corporate umbrella, continues as the only bulk producer of clay and shale minerals in the area and markets to many of the local customers that have existed since its inception, as well as new customers that have developed over time.

The larger corporate umbrella referred to would include the related entities that have been

formed as part of the overall Company's expansions. We generally refer to the total corporate structure as "Chapman Industrial Minerals & Services Companies". These combined Companies, in addition to being the only local provider of clay and shale minerals in the area, can also claim to be the only producer of industrial sand in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. With over 50 million tons of clay/shale reserves and over 18 million tons of industrial sand reserves on the Companies combined 1250 acres, we are poised to meet the need of their present and future customers for many years. We also now provide significant services and savings to Hancock County and other area employers to assist them in their effort to remain viable and competi-

Letter from the President

Greetings from the Board! The month of February is upon us already and the Board has chosen L.R. Chapman Industrial Minerals of Lewisport as our Business of the Month. Please see their article below.

Traditionally, February is a month the Chamber doesn't host its monthly breakfast meeting. It's replaced with the Farm City Dinner.

The Farm Bureau Federation also co-hosts this event. The Farm City Dinner will be Monday, February 06, 2012 at the Immaculate Conception Fellowship Hall, Hawesville. Doors open at 6:00 P.M., with a steak dinner being served at 6:30 P.M.. Tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 per ticket at any of our banks in Hawesville or Lewisport. Please plan to attend!

I'm glad to see the new hydroelectric plant at the Cannelton Locks and Dam continue to take shape. Construction at the site continues, with employment at the site expected to increase as well. The Urgent Care Clinic in Lewisport has officially opened its doors.

Your 2012 Chamber Membership Dues have been mailed.

Mark



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Current ownership and management purchased L.R. Chapman, Inc. in July, 2003. At that time the Company had 8 full-time employees. Since then, the Company has diversified and grown to a point whereby now, L.R. Chapman, Inc. and its' related entities currently employ 26 full-time individuals in Hancock County. We continue to seek expansion opportunities and with that comes additional job growth for Hancock County.