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Boaz Area Chamber of Commerce Names New President

The Boaz Area Chamber of Commerce announced today the hiring of Jodi C. Skinner as its new President. The announcement was made by Sheila Sanders, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Chamber.

Jodi Skinner comes to the chamber from Diamond Hawk Unlimited as Client Adventure Coordinator/Trainer. Jodi is a graduate of the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education.

Skinner brings to the chamber 25 years of marketing skills and is recognized for her professionalism, creativity and commitment to excellence, while striving to build long-term collaborative relationships.



The Board of Directors is excited about the fresh ideas Jodi Skinner will bring to the Chamber and City of Boaz. Skinner will assume her duties on January 2, 2018.

The Boaz Area Chamber of Commerce *WORKING TOWARD A GREAT TOMORROW.*

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Shelia Sanders at (256)593-8154 or email at boazchamber@gmail.com.



*Boaz Area
Chamber of Commerce*

January Calendar of Events

January 2nd

- ◆ Boaz Square Dance meets from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Boaz Senior Center
- ◆ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 5:30 p.m. at Boaz First Church of the Nazarene
- ◆ Boaz Basketball Games, Boaz vs Alexandria- Home Game

January 4th

- ◆ Students at Boaz City Schools return to campus

January 5th

- ◆ Boaz Basketball Games, Boaz vs Douglas- Home Game

January 8th

- ◆ Boaz Civitan Club meets at 12pm at the Snead State Community College Cafeteria

January 9th

- ◆ Boaz Square Dance meets from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Boaz Senior Center
- ◆ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 5:30 p.m. at Boaz First Church of the Nazarene
- ◆ Boaz Basketball Games, Boaz vs Etowah- Home Game

January 11th

- ◆ Visually impaired Support Group meets at the Snead State Community College Cafeteria at 10:00 am.
- ◆ Veterans of Foreign War meet at the VFW Fairgrounds at 7:00 pm

January 12th

- ◆ Boaz Basketball Games, Boaz vs Alexandria- @Alexandria

January 16th

- ◆ Students in Boaz City Schools out of School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 16th

- ◆ Boaz Square Dance meets from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Boaz Senior Center
- ◆ Northeast Alabama Gynecological Society, Boaz Chapter meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Boaz Public Library in the Mastin Conference Room
- ◆ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 5:30 p.m. at Boaz First Church of the Nazarene

January 23rd

- ◆ Boaz Square Dance meets from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Boaz Senior Center
- ◆ Boaz Civitan Club meets at 12pm at the Snead State Community College Cafeteria
- ◆ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 5:30 p.m. at Boaz First Church of the Nazarene
- ◆ Boaz Basketball Games, Boaz vs Douglas- @Douglas

January 26th

- ◆ Boaz Basketball Games, Boaz vs Albertville- @Albertville

January 29th

- ◆ Boaz Basketball Games, Boaz vs Hokes Bluff- @Hokes Bluff

January 30th

- ◆ Boaz Square Dance meets from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Boaz Senior Center
- ◆ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 5:30 p.m. at Boaz First Church of the Nazarene
- ◆ Boaz Basketball Games, Boaz vs Brewer- Home Game



Boaz Civic Clubs and Organizations Information

◆ **Altrusa International of Boaz**

Meet the third Monday at 5:00 at the Boaz Chamber of Commerce at 100 East Bartlett Street, Boaz. Altrusa is a civic minded organization with a focus on literacy and other local needs. If interested in becoming a member, please contact: 256-738-4616

◆ **Boaz High School Band Boosters**

Meet the first Monday at 6:00, Boaz High School Band room

◆ **The Boaz City Council**

Meet the 2nd and 4th Monday night each month at 6:00 pm at the Boaz Senior Center, 112 Church Street. For additional information phone 256-593-8105 or e-mail:

cityhall@cityofboaz.org

◆ **Boaz Civitan Club**

Meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 12pm at the Snead State Community College Cafeteria. For more information e-mail:

randallcwhite@gamil.com

◆ **Boaz Masonic Lodge No. 546**

Meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

◆ **Boaz Rotary Club**

Meet on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon at the Snead State Community College Cafeteria

◆ **Friends of the Boaz Public Library**

Meet the second Tuesday at 6:00pm at the Boaz Public Library. For more information call the Boaz Public Library at 256-593-3000

◆ **Northeast Alabama Genealogical Society, Boaz Chapter**

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Mastin Conference Room at the Boaz Public Library, more information at: 256-593-3000

◆ **The Boaz Square Dance Club**

The Boaz Squares meet and dance at the Boaz Senior Center every Tuesday Night at 6:00-8:00 p.m. There is also Round Dancing every Tuesday 5:00-6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come on and dance. Square Dance lessons

start February 21st. The first two lessons will be free; they are on February 21st and February 28th. Beginning March 7th classes will be \$3.00 a lesson or \$12.00 a month. If you have any further questions, please contact Susan Duvall at 256-593-1107

◆ **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**

Meets every Tuesday evening at 5:30 at the Boaz First Church of the Nazarene, 51 Peppers Rd, Boaz. For more information contact Juanita Sonaty: 256-891-3496

◆ **VFW- Veterans of Foreign War**

Meet at the VFW Fairgrounds the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm, for more information call: 256-593-9470

◆ **Visually Impaired Support Group**

Meet every 2nd Thursday of the month (except July and August) at the Snead State Community College Cafeteria at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited and we have guest speakers. For more information, call: Tim Potridge 256-840-1974



Middle School

Academy Exploration classes recently participated in "Shark Tank" Students created an idea or product that would help other students be more successful at school. They had to determine the cost of developing their idea and putting it into production along with deciding who the target audience would be and exactly how much funding they would need from investors. Finally, the students had to present their ideas to the Sharks (Melanie Morrison, Ashley Walls, Jenny Franks, Amy Langley, and Erika Sullivan). This activity gave students a first-hand experience of what it would be like to achieve that dream. The top two groups were recognized at the board meeting. Second place winners were Eveline Pena and Emma Haney with their pocket sock invention and first place went to Emily Grace Jones and Livia Maples for their soap invention.



Students at BMS participated in an "Hour of Code." This program introduced students to computer science and showed students the basics to learning computer coding.



Mrs. Lett, Mrs. Jones, and Coach Brown did an outstanding job with our Jr. Beta Induction. Fifty-two students were inducted into the club. Congratulations to all those

students for promoting academic achievement, character, service, and leadership at Boaz Middle School.



Coach Sanders had a wonderful FCA meeting

Mr. Mann's class used the snow for a lesson on measurements and impact of amount of snow. Great Job, thinking outside the box and taking advantage of the weather.

Art classes recently put on a play called "Penelope Ann Poe's Amazing Cell Phone: The Tell-Tale Heart."; A modernized version of Poe's classic short story. Dhruvi Patel played the lead character Cali and did an amazing job.



Basketball is starting to come to an end. The teams have competed well and represented Boaz with class and good sportsmanship. The County Tournament is scheduled for January 6-13 at Albertville. Come out a support the Pirates.

Junior Civitans recently participated in the can food drive for meals on wheels. Congratulations to Coach Triplett's class for bringing in the most cans. The students along with Mrs. McRae delivered the cans and demonstrated the true meaning of giving. Job well done!!!

Boaz High School

Boaz High School Culinary Program

In the Culinary Program here at Boaz High School, we do many things. We cook competitively in competitions, cater events, and serve the public our wonderful food. In last year's Prostart Competition, our team placed fourth, this was very impressive. One of our dishes was even of our own creation and was the favorite of the judges. We also catered many events like a dinner theater event by our own theater program, Encore. We served snacks at prom, served breakfast for the Christmas Appreciation brunch at the high school, fed 100 people for the Wall of Fame luncheon, and many more events were catered by us.

At the end of last year, we were informed that we would be getting a new teacher. It came as a shock at first, but we love our new teacher, Mrs. Shirey. This year had been full of new and fun experiences so far. We competed in a competition called The Taste of Sand Mountain, and we placed third in the competition, and second in the most unique dish category. We served hundreds of people and it was a wonderful experience. We have continued to serve the public every now and then and will continue to do so. Every day, we continue to grow in our skills and learn. We hope to expand our program and become even better known.

If you'd like to enjoy some of our delicious food, come see us on one of our days we feed the public. Our next date to serve will be January 26th. We'd love to see you there, so come on down and let us serve you our wonderful food!



Snead State Community College

Snead State Holds Induction into the National Society of Leadership and Success

Snead State Community College inducted 172 students into the National Society of Leadership and Success, a leadership program implemented at the College this fall. An induction ceremony was held Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Bevill Center auditorium. Snead State President Dr. Robert Exley spoke to the students regarding leadership during the ceremony.



“Whatever you want to do in life, you can do. Sometimes you don’t know what you’re capable of, but your potential is limitless,” said Dr. Exley. He shared with the students the guiding tenets for leadership and success. “All leadership development is personal development. We are the result of those to whom we grant influence in our lives. We have a moral obligation to serve others first, and this takes precedence over personal achievement. The encouragement of others is a critical skill that comes from a ‘right-heart attitude.’ We must have the courage to engage in ongoing and meaningful reflection on our beliefs, our actions and our emotions.”

During the induction ceremony, Dr. Exley received an honorary membership into the National Society for Leadership and Success. To qualify for induction in the NSLS, students had to complete requirements such as attending a two-hour orientation meeting, attending a four-hour leadership training day, attending at least three speaker broadcasts, meeting regularly with peer groups throughout the semester, and submitting at least three essays detailing goals and their progress. Each student spent a minimum of 15 extracurricular hours working toward leadership development.

One of the inductees shared about her experience in working toward induction into the NSLS. Angela Barajas of Boaz said she never imagined the impact the experience would have on her until she became involved.

“I am shy and not comfortable with large groups, but as soon as we started (our work), it was a great experience. We were able to expand our friendship circle. It was a great experience to talk to people and get their opinions. It allowed me to get out of my comfort zone. I’m really excited to see where it will lead us after this,” she said. NSLS is the nation’s largest leadership honor society. Students are selected by their college for membership based on either academic standing or leadership potential. Candidacy is a nationally recognized achievement of honorable distinction. With 588 chapters, the NSLS currently has more than 800,000 memberships nationwide. Inductees into the National Society of Leadership and Success at Snead State Community College, from our very own Boaz, include:

Yulisa Aragon-Cruz, Robert Avery III, Angela Barajas, Natalie Baugh, Bailey Boman, Jennifer Branam, Taylor Brock, James Brown, Sarah Anne Burns, Anna Corker, Nathan Cornutt, Cecila Cruz, Tyler Dobbins, Veronica Franco Rios, Odalys Franco-Cruz, Charlie Fugate, Ally Gunnels, Kody Hendrix, Ginny Hester, Haley Hulsey, Mary Kathryn Hunt, Ladana Kirkland, Judson Lackey, Stephanie Lara, Hugo Lopez, Shea McNally, Caitlin Morgan, Alexis Parker, Jacob Parker, Makenley Payne, Maria Peralta, Michael Pittman II, Daniela Ramirez, Amber Ramsey, Clay Roberson, Emma Roberts, Anna Rowan, Madison Self, Haley Smith, Harrison Stanley, Ross Strickland, Lexi Tarvin, Layton Thrasher, Bethany Trainor, Ellen Wade, Jacob Walls, Bailey Whtie, Eric Wilborn, Hannah Wilder, Keri Woods, and Jordan Zajac.



Boaz High School
Cordially invites You to its annual
Appreciation Breakfast

Thursday, February 1, 2018

8:00- 9:30 AM

Boaz High School Band Room

In appreciation for your support of our school

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2018 BOAZ AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Citizen of the Year is awarded to an outstanding community member each April by the Boaz Area Chamber of Commerce, to an individual who made an outstanding contribution to the community.

Nominations are required to include a written statement about the nominee's accomplishments and why they should be considered for the award. The nominee should be dedicated to community service role, have achieved an outstanding status in the community and be a resident of the City of Boaz.

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Business (if applicable): _____

Contributions to the Community:

Club & Organization Involvement:

Please attach additional information as desired including but not limited to:

Awards and Recognition Received, Letters of Support (no more than 3)

Letters of Thanks, Newspaper/Magazine Clippings, Photographs

Mail to: Boaz Area Chamber of Commerce (or) Email to: boazchamber@gmail.com

C/o Citizenship Award, P.O. Box 563, Boaz, AL 35957

Nominated by: _____

Nomination Must Be Received No Later Than February 13, 2018