

## Letter from the Chamber Chairman

By now, many of you have hopefully noticed the beautifully planted pots located throughout downtown Napoleon. This has been made possible by joint efforts of the Napoleon/Henry County Chamber Downtown Committee, along with funds made available from the City through the hotel/motel taxes. A huge thank you goes out to Cheryl Ramsey, Lois Hanna, and Stephanie Jaqua for all the time they spent selecting the pots and plants. Also, a special thank to Cheryl & Lois for all their hard labor in potting the plants along with the assistance of the Master Gardeners. Many of these pots have been adopted by local businesses throughout the downtown, to make sure they are watered and cared for daily. Many hands have been involved to make this project a success and we would like to say a big Thank You for all of you that have contributed to this project. Your hard work is going to be enjoyed by many as they travel through Napoleon this summer.

Also added to the downtown are the new banners that were just recently put up by the city workers. The banners display the new downtown logo along with our new tag line that recently were selected by the Chamber. The winning logo was designed by John Shafer and our tag line was created by Tyler Kleck. We at the Chamber office would like to say thank you to the city workers for helping us out by putting the banners up for us. With all of us working together over the

past few months we have accomplished quite a lot.

Napoleon isn't the only place where changes are taking place. If you haven't recently, I'd encourage you to take a drive to Ridgeville Corners and check out the changes that are taking place. The Ann's Furniture building was purchased last year and is in the process of being renovated and part of it will soon be turned into offices for Alex Products. What a wonderful change to Ridgeville this has made. Dave VonDeylen and his group have made a positive impact on this small community.

Something new for the Chamber this year was our scholarship program. We received 16 applications for our scholarship program and were very pleased to be able to offer four \$400.00 scholarships to the following individuals:

Skylar Rohrs	Patrick Henry High School
Brooke Miller	Liberty Center High School
Ryan Lauf	Napoleon High School
Hannah Heaston	Napoleon High School

Our hopes are that our scholarship program will continue to grow so that in years to come more will be able to benefit from this program. We would like to congratulate each of the winners and wish you much success in your college endeavors.

**- Chair Cheryl Bostelman**