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## *BB in the News!*

The November [Food & Wine](#) magazine didn't just call us one of the 'new generation' of Butchers in America - they wrote about our excellent sausages and mouth-watering charcuterie program!

## *Don't Forget...*

Holiday orders have to be in by December 20 (and December 16 for geese!).

## *Holiday Hours*

Tuesday, Dec. 23:  
9:30 - 7:00

Wednesday, Dec.  
24:  
9:30 - 3:00

# December 2008 Newsletter

Dear Dana,

## Where Did The Year Go?!

I just bought a 2009 calendar to figure out vacation schedules after the holidays. Where did this year go? And how did Christmas sneak up on us? Rather than bore you with my litany, I'll just cut to the meat of the matter!

## What's On Your Plate This Season?

Christmas is in just over two weeks! Do you know what you are feeding your family?

We have lots of options and ideas - some budget conscious, some a bit more extravagant. I've attached a Holiday offerings list to help narrow the field and when you call to order we can answer any questions that you might have. Please call to order - 422-8519. Please, do not email - I'm not set up that way - yet!

What am I serving my family? The Cauthens are having a Prime Standing Rib Roast, Yorkshire Pudding and Brussel Sprouts. Belmont Butchery just sells the meat (ready for you to season and roast) but I'll get my Mom's recipe for Yorkshire Pudding for y'all. Chris is out of town this year (spending Christmas with his wife's family) but he would **brine a ham from one of our Ossabaw hogs.**

Whether your family tradition calls for Beef Tenderloin, Rib Roast, Pork Rib Roast, Ham, Leg or Rack of Lamb; we can take care of you. Just call.

[Click here to download the 2008 holiday offerings sheet.](#) Be sure to bring it in before the 20th so we can ensure your order is ready and waiting for you!

## They're Back: Ossabaw Hogs, In This Week!

So, what's an Ossabaw Hog? If you haven't been lucky enough to

Thursday, Dec 25:  
Closed

Friday, Dec 26:  
Closed

Saturday, Dec 27:  
9:30 - 6:00

Sunday, Dec 28:  
Closed

try this pork from seasons past, Belmont Butchery offers a very special treat this holiday season!

Each fall and spring, we are lucky to procure a few rare breed Ossabaw hogs. These hogs are descendents of Spanish hogs that were left on Ossabaw Island, Georgia over 400 years ago. There are only 200 or so breeding stock in the country, and the only way to encourage continued breeding of these pigs is to eat them!

Ours have been foraging in a forest in West Virginia eating acorns and chestnuts, and have been fattened on barley. You can taste the terroir in the flavour of the meat, and the complexity and quality of the pork is incredible.

Are you hungry yet?

Since we are getting 3 whole hogs - 2 large and 1 small - we will have a full range of cuts available this week. Call or come in and we can help select the right cut for you.

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## Become The Envy Of The Office Party

In the spirit of keeping this simple - don't forget that we can help you with your holiday party or office potluck; holiday gifts for your favorite cook; and New Year's Eve or Day menus.

For that office potluck - how about cheese & pate? Or a selection of salame? A gift for your favorite cook - Chris' Wild Boar Ragu, Ossabaw Pork Rilette, and other cured goodies! New Year's Eve - Rack of Lamb, Prime NY Strips, or maybe a little Wagyu. New Year's Day - smoked ham hocks, Andouille sausage, or Chris's Cotechino sausage.

As always, we stock a little of a lot - so, if you know what you need - call and reserve so that we have enough for everyone!

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## Support Sustainability

In the coming weeks, President-Elect Obama will name his selection for the next Secretary of Agriculture. Belmont Butchery, along with many others, has encouraged our President-Elect to nominate a Secretary who will bring sustainable change to the United States Department of Agriculture.

We now offer you the chance to [add your voice to ours](#).

This is important to us, and we feel it is important to you, because the new Secretary of Agriculture will play in **revitalizing our rural economies, protecting our nation's food supply and our environment, improving human health and well-being, rescuing the independent family farmer, and creating a sustainable renewable energy future.**

Current signers to this letter include Rick Bayless, Michael Pollan, Tanya Caughen, Wendell Berry, Marion Nestle, Bill McKibben, Wes Jackson, Catherine Sneed and Alice Waters, among many others.

**Won't you add your voice to theirs?**

Visit <http://www.fooddemocracynow.org> for complete details of the effort.