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HEARD COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES NEW FESTIVAL

Old Town Chattahoochee



CHAMBER CALENDAR

- Old Town
 Chattahoochee
 Festival
 May 17
- Educator's &
 Public Safety
 Appreciation
 May 27 & 28
- Chattahoochee
 Independence
 Day Celebra-
 tion July 5

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The Heard County Chamber of Commerce is proud to introduce the new Old Town Chattahoochee Festival to celebrate the area's unique mix of rich Native American and artisan heritage. . The festival will be held May 17, 2008 at Brush Creek Park from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and will be free to the public. Events for the day will include a display of Native American artifacts, storytelling and a children's fishing tournament for those 12 and under. The Chamber is hoping to offer arts and crafts booths as well as incorporate demonstrations. Woodcarvers, leather smiths, knife makers, bead workers, weaving, candle makers, basket weaving and soap makers are just a few of the craftsmen we would like to invite. The Chamber would also like to highlight old fashioned foods that are authentic to the Native American and pioneer era. Menus of that time revolved around wild game, beans, squash and corn. If you offer any of these or other specialty crafts, old fashioned demonstrations or foods please contact the Heard County Chamber of Commerce at (706) 675-0560 or by email at heard@heardgeorgia.org for more information about obtaining a free booth for the event.

CHAMBER EVENTS

CHATTAHOOCHEE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The 2008 Chattahoochee Independence Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, July 5th from 4:00 p.m. until on the Franklin Downtown Square. This year's festival will feature many booths that will include arts and crafts, games, food and local entertainment followed by the biggest fire-

works show over the Chattahoochee under the direction of Mr. V.D. Massey. Thanks to our local sponsors, the 2008 fireworks display will be larger than ever. We will be highlighting our local talent so those interested in performing on the downtown square

should contact the Chamber office.

We hope to have many returning vendors this year. If you are interested in obtaining a booth for the celebration please contact the Heard County Chamber of Commerce at (706) 675-0560 or email heard@heardgeorgia.org

2008 Business of the Year

TENASKA GEORGIA PARTNERS, L.P.

The Chamber of Commerce was also proud to announce the 2008 Business of the Year, Tenaska Georgia Partners, L.P. Tenaska is very active within our community with many financial donations along with participation in many Community functions. Some of the events they have participated in and given time and/or donations have been Chamber Youth & Adult Leadership Programs, multiple annual scholarships for high school graduates, Fall Festivals at all schools, reading programs at the elementary schools, new band instruments at the middle school, donations to emergency services for equipment & supplies, the Veteran's Memorial Project on the Square, the Sheriff's Christmas, Easter & Halloween Programs. The Employees of this outstanding business have also performed much community service by coaching recreation football, basketball, & softball teams, mentor programs at elementary & middle schools, 100% participation in donations for the sheriff's Christmas Project since the business opened, Chattahoochee River Clean Up Project, March of Dimes Annual Walk, and service with the Heard County Chamber Board of Directors. They are also an outstanding Millennium Member of our Chamber.

Heard County Chamber Spring Luncheon



The Heard County Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated education and small business at the Chamber's Annual Spring Membership Luncheon held at

Captain Billy's Fish House on March 25, 2008. The luncheon was a great success, hosting over 100 Chamber members who were there to support education and small business.

The Chamber of Commerce

would like to thank all who helped with and attended the 2008 Annual Spring Luncheon.



Student and Teacher

This year was the 50th anniversary of the Star Student & Teacher recognition of the State of Georgia. The Chamber was recognized at the State STAR Banquet in Rome, Georgia in March for 50 years of loyal service to the STAR Program. This year's STAR Student is Davey Hunt and he chose Mr. Paul Mixon as his STAR Teacher.

Davey started out young working his way to many accomplishments during his high school years including:

2008 Heard High School Valedictorian

2008 Homecoming King

Georgia Certificate of Merit Winner

Voted Mr. Heard High by his peers

Editor of the WARCRY (High School Newspaper)

Davey participated for six years to raise money for Cancer Research through the annual relay for life marathon.

He lettered in Football, Track, and Wrestling

2007 Track Teams MVP

2007 All-Region Football Team

2007 All-State Academic Football Team

Mr. Paul Mixon has been teaching for 11 years, 8 of which were at Heard High School. This year makes him a six time recipient of the STAR Teacher award. He works very hard helping his students excel in all they want to accomplish. He teaches Economics and Journalism and is known to push his students forward in both subjects. He has taught Davey since his freshman year and made the comment that Davey actually pushes his teachers. Congratulations to the 2008 STAR Student and Teacher.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

SILVER

Kid's First Learning Center, Inc.
Tracey Hunt
74 Young's Mill Rd.
LaGrange, GA 30241
706-883-6262

BRONZE

Caldwell Construction Company, Inc
Ralph Caldwell
707 Lower Caldwell Rd.
Bowdon, GA 30108
770-854-4306

Enviro Recyclers
Kelly Neace
610 Bohannon Rd.
Fairburn, GA 30213
770-774-0420

PATRON

Tri-State Data, LLC
Brian Wheeler
P.O. Box 531
Bremen, GA 30110
678-890-1725

McCollum's Fish Farm
Mac McCollum
2120 South Bridge Rd.
Franklin, GA 30217
770-854-8000

Franklin Family Fitness
John Henry
208 Davis Rd.
Franklin, GA 30217
770-253-4663

Business.gov Unveils State and Local Search Features

Business.gov, the official business link to the U.S. government, has launched new search features and expanded content that make it easier for small business owners to find essential information they need to run their operations, including forms, licenses, permits and regulatory information from federal, state and local governments.

In addition to federal government resources, business owners now have access to over 9,000 state, territory, county, and city government Web sites providing information on starting and managing a business while complying with regulations from all levels of government.

Business.gov's new search service is a "mashup" – a unique service created by combining content from separate Web applications – of Google-based services that include Google's Custom Search Business Edition, Google Maps, the Google Search Appliance and publicly available compliance information culled from federal, state and local government Web sites.

The new service improves upon general search services by delivering results directly aligned with doing business in a specific geographic area, saving business owners time by getting to the right information more quickly. For example, if a user types in "business license Richmond, VA" the relevant results on licenses will be returned from the City of Richmond and State of Virginia Web site.

"The inclusion of state and local content on Business.gov means that small business owners can go to one website to find what they need to successfully manage their operations," said Nancy Sternberg, program manager of the Business Gateway Initiative. "Business.gov helps give small business owners a complete understanding of what's needed to comply with government regulations."

Business.gov has also expanded the content of its Small Business Guides which help business owners understand what regulations and programs apply to them, how to comply, and how to stay in compliance while growing and managing their operations. For example, if a retail business is interested in expanding its business online, the Small Business Guide to E-Commerce will provide guidance on legal and regulatory requirements the business owner must meet before opening an online store.

Business.gov's expansion follows the recent addition of a new "Permit Me" feature, providing a single source for information on obtaining federal, state, and local permits, business licenses, and registrations for types of businesses most popular with Business.gov users.

About Business.gov

Business.gov is the official business link to the U.S. Government. Business.gov is managed by the [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) in a [partnership with 21 other federal agencies](#). This partnership, known as Business Gateway, is a [Presidential E-government initiative](#) that provides a single access point to government services and information to help the nation's businesses with their operations. Originally launched in 2004, the Web site provides information that helps businesses comply with government regulations.

2008 Membership Directory

If you have not received your directory, feel free to stop by the Chamber office and pick one up.