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CHAMBER CALENDAR

- Educators & Public Safety Appreciation May 26th & 27th
- Chattahoochee Independence Day Celebration Saturday July 4th
- Heard County Comprehensive High School Graduation May 22nd @ 8:00 pm

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Chattahoochee Independence Day Celebration Scheduled for Saturday July 4th, 2009

The Heard County Chamber of Commerce along with the City of Franklin and the Heard County Commissioners office proudly announces this years Independence Day Celebration. This years event will take place on Saturday July 4th, 2009 and will begin at 4:00 pm. This years show will prove to be even more fantastic than years past. It will feature food, fun, games, rides and local entertainment. And at approximately 9:30 the Ultimate Fireworks Show will begin under the direction of Mr. V.D. Massey, Heard Counties very own Pyrotechnical Advisor.

If you wish to participate or volunteer for this wonderful event please contact the Heard County Chamber of Commerce. If you would like to be a vendor for this years event please contact the Chamber office. The fees for this years event are as follows: For profit vendor booth \$75.00, Non -Profit \$35.00. There is a duplicity rule in effect, only two vendors may sell the same food items so please get your registration contract & fees in as soon as possible.

Flag Retirement Ceremony Saturday July 4th

A Flag Retirement Ceremony will take place at the "old" Heard County Recreation Department on Saturday July 4th, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. We need at least 30 flags to be donated in order to have this ceremony. Please if you or someone you know has a flag that is ready to be retired let's properly dispose of our old flags. You may drop your old flags off at the **Chamber of Commerce office Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**. If you have any question, please call the Chamber of Commerce at (706) 675-0560 or you mail email us at heard@heardgeorgia.org

CHAMBER EVENTS

SPRING LUNCHEON

The "2009 Business of The Year" was announced at the Spring Luncheon on March 17th. The business awarded with this honor was Piggly Wiggly now owned by Rockdale Grocery, an 11 store operation located in Conyers Georgia, our home town store still retains its home town spirit with Mr. Scott

Lewis working as supervisor. Mr. Russell Smith, the current store manager feels right at home and has become a new fixture at the Franklin Piggly Wiggly. Always striving to take care of the customers, Russell can always be found in the store ready to listen and ready to serve.



CHATTAHOOCHEE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



This year our Independence Day Celebration will be held on Saturday July 4th, on the Franklin Downtown Square from 4:00 p.m. until... You are invited to join us for all the fun, food, games, entertainment and around 9:30 p.m. one of our biggest fireworks displays ever.

We are looking for local entertainers to perform on the square. If you are interested please contact Mr. Greg Holcomb at Blue Light Entertainment for scheduling. Mr. Holcomb may be contacted at: 706-675-6225.

If you would like to volunteer or help sponsor this or any other Chamber event please contact the Chamber office at 706-675-0560.



Student and Teacher

This year was the 51st anniversary of the Star Student & Teacher recognition of the State of Georgia. This years STAR Student is Mr. Justin Mantle. Mr. Mantle is the son of Ron and Kelly Mantle. Justin has chosen Heard High School Educator, Mr. Paul Mixon as his STAR teacher. Mr. Mixon serves as advisor of the High School Newspaper and teaches economics and journalism at Heard County High School. They were honored at our Chamber STAR luncheon on March 17, 2009. Mr. Mixon and Justin were both honored at the Regional STAR Banquet held in Rome Georgia on the evening of March 17th. After graduating from the University of Georgia where he has already been accepted, he plans to receive a degree in Business Management. After that he will be using this knowledge to run his own small business one day.

Mr. Mixon has been an economics teacher at Heard County Comprehensive High School for the past nine years, where he also serves as chair of the social studies department. Prior to coming to Heard County, Mixon served as the A.P. United States History teacher and social studies department chair at Northgate High School. Besides holding a bachelor degree, Mixon has attained both Masters and Specialist degrees, and is currently a doctoral fellow at Georgia State University. This is Mixon's sixth time being named STAR Teacher and Mixon was also recently honored by the Georgia School Superintendent Kathy Cox and the Heard County School Board for his student's achievement in Economics.



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 17, 2009. 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 2009 Annual Spring Luncheon.



W E L C O M E N E W M E M B E R S

SILVER

**Connie's Little Loves
Connie Whitaker
15102 US HWY 27
Franklin, GA. 30217
770-854-5666**

BRONZE

**Cheap Shotz Paint Ball
Doug Holdridge
5460 Roosterville Rd.
Franklin, GA. 30217
770-316-1536**

**George Grading & Hauling,
Inc.
Rick George
21020 Hwy. 100
Franklin, GA. 30217
770-301-1662**

**Quality Inn & Suites
Haresh Patel
160 Centennial Drive
Carrollton, GA. 30117
770-832-2611**

PATRON

**Real Estate West, Inc.
Tena Wainwright
850 Cedar Street
Carrollton, GA. 30117
770-630-3258**

**Special Design Masonry
John Smith
511 Woodbine Circle
Franklin, GA. 30217
706-675-0033**

**Commercial Refrigeration &
Air
Ed Abel
170 Sheppard Road
Franklin, GA. 30217
706-957-5216**

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

**The Princess Pointe School of
Dance
Whitney Cothran
2885 Franklin Parkway
Franklin, GA. 30217
706-302-1933**

**Gum Creek Aviation
Tim Rowley
647 Gum Creek Road
Roopville, GA. 30170
770-301-1573**

Volunteer of the Year Award

**Heard County Chamber of Commerce Recognizes
Volunteer of the year "2008"**

At the 2009 Spring Luncheon, The Heard County Chamber of Commerce was pleased to announce Mrs. Karen Rogers as the 2008 Volunteer of the Year. Karen and her husband Denney Rogers are owners of L.L. Rogers & Son, Inc. Mrs. Rogers served on the Heard County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She is active in many community organizations including but not limited to The Heard County Pilot Club, Inc., Where she has served in every position. Mrs. Rogers has also served on the Regional District International Committee for the Heard County Pilot Club, Inc. as well as the Workshop for Pilots. She is a member of Carroll/Heard Retired Educators Association, Troup County Retired Educators Association and the Georgia Retired Educators Association.

Karen has been a resident of Heard County since 1991 when she married her husband Denney. At present Mrs. Rogers is very active in starting the Friends of the Library in Ephesus where the new public library will be opening very soon.

Karen worked tirelessly at many Chamber of Commerce events as well as manned the office whenever the staff was away from the office. She volunteers weeks before any event and works for hours to help the staff prepare for all events. Karen's hard work, dedication, persistence and congenial manner will always be greatly appreciated by all who have had the pleasure of working with her.



**The Heard County Chamber of Commerce
is proud to announce they
will be hosting the 2009 Millennium Club Golf Tournament.
Date, Place & Time to be announced at a later date.**

2009 Heard Youth Leadership Kicks-off

On March 5th, 2009 the Heard County Chamber of Commerce held their Youth Leadership Academy Kick off orientation/reception for sixteen deserving Juniors & Seniors of Heard County. These participants will be attending a variety of leadership skills training during the next couple of months to learn more about their personal leadership styles and opportunities for community leadership in Heard County. On March 19th, the class traveled to our state capitol and had the pleasure of being photographed with Governor Sonny Perdue and Representative Lynne Smith. The group also visited Georgia Power where they were treated to a tour and lunch after that it was off to the CNN Center for a tour. It was a full day for the class. Then on Saturday March 21st, the class went to Historic Banning Mills for the Team Building Leadership Skills project. The class worked very hard and put in a full day at Banning Mills, where they also zipped through the sky on the Ropes course. All in all they had a great day and did a fantastic job.

Class Graduation for Youth Leadership is scheduled for Monday April 27th, at First Georgia Banking Company at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to our volunteers and staff. And we would also like to thank all of our 2009 Youth Leadership Sponsors: Hayes Computer Service, Inc. Jaxon Filtration, Tenaska Partners, Georgia Power, Carroll EMC, Heard County Extension Services, Heard County Board of Education, First Georgia Banking Company, CPF Dulman USA.

CNN Center



Trip To Banning Mills



State Capitol Trip Photo with Gov. Sonny Perdue



Banning Mills Ropes Course



Note From 2009 Chamber of Commerce Chair - Keri Denney

Dear Chamber Members,

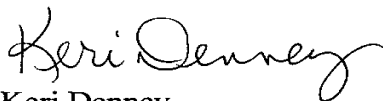
I would like to begin by thanking the membership for allowing me the honor of being your 2009 Chairman. So far it has been quite a learning experience. I thank God everyday for the opportunity to live and work in this fine community. However, to maintain a fine community we must draw new businesses to our area, and support our current ones.

The Board of Directors and Staff are looking for ways to better serve our membership. Please feel free to share any ideas or comments. You may contact us a number of ways, on the web @ www.heardgeorgia.org, email to heard@heardgeorgia.org, or the traditional way by phone @ 706-675-0560.

Now more than ever we need to support each other through these tough economic times. So from your Chairman.....BUY LOCAL and help keep Heard County businesses strong.

Don't forget to join us on the square July 4th for a Chattahoochee Independence Day Celebration 4pm-until. We would love to see you there.

Sincerely,



Keri Denney