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Hardin County Chamber of Commerce

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December 2013

Christmas in the Park is Dec 13-14

It's that time of the year again and Pickwick Landing State Park is gearing up for the 9th Annual Christmas in the Park Celebration.

The Park will kick off the celebration Dec. 13-14 as the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce hosts the Holiday Mart inside the conference center at Pickwick Inn. Holiday Mart hours are Friday noon-9pm and Saturday 10 am until 9pm. Santa Claus from the North Pole will be there through out the weekend, along with the elves. Both nights from 6-9pm, sight-seers may drive-thru or take a horse drawn wagon or carriage ride thru the park viewing the many dazzling holiday light displays.

The weekend will include family-friendly activities and treats that celebrate the warmth of the holiday season through a celebration that is sure to warm the hearts of all. "Christmas in the Park has been one of the most anticipated and well-received events of the year" shared Chamber Director Beth Pippin. "Geared towards families, this event will definitely be a perfect way to ring in the holidays with the beauty of the lake and the

awe of the season". Other activities include kiddie train ride to see Santa, bedtime story reading with the elves, Breakfast with Santa, children's crafts, face painting, the Jingle Bell Trail, outdoor Christmas karaoke, local dining and shopping, great festival foods and so much more.



For more information about the celebration, call the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce at 731-925-2363, or for Inn accommodations or to sponsor a display call 731-689-3135.

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Christmas in the Park & Holiday Mart

December
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2014: Picture the Possibilities

Annual Chamber Banquet: January 23

The annual Chamber banquet will be Thursday, January 23, 2014 with a theme of “*picture the possibilities*”. The banquet committee has begun the plans and criteria for the upcoming Distinguished Service Awards. So be thinking about all those community awards to honor our own leaders and servants. Who will be up for Man of the Year? Woman of the Year? Volunteer of the Year? Student of the Year? Educator of the Year? Gem? Community Service?

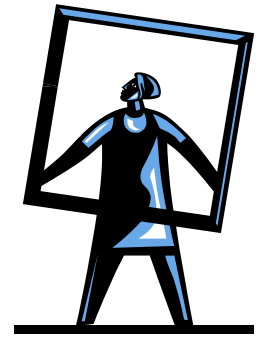
The annual banquet is also the annual board meeting of your Chamber of Commerce. New Board members will be elected to serve three terms. Rotating off this year will be David Vaughn of The Hardin County Bank and Pam Wolfe of WayPoint Wireless. Event Sponsorships are available for the awards and the nights activities.

Again this year, the banquet will begin with the Business Showcase Reception sponsored by SunTrust and will be located in the convention lobby area at Pickwick Inn followed by the silent auction, dinner, Leadership graduation and the awards banquet. New this year is the Photo Contest also being sponsored by SunTrust.

Banquet invitations will be mailed in early January and details

of the sponsorship packages will be announced.

If you have any questions about the award nominations, the photo contest or the banquet please call the office at 925-2363.



Community Service Awards

To nominate Distinguished Community Leaders and Volunteers, please use the nomination form on page 4 of this newsletter or go to www.hardincountychamber.com and print the form .

Showcase Your Business at the Annual Banquet

Businesses and Organizations are invited to showcase their products and services at the Banquet on January 23. The booths are displayed at the pre banquet reception and through out the evening for attendees to learn of your services and accomplishments. To reserve your space call the Chamber at 925-2363.



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18th Annual Community Distinguished Service Awards

Nomination Form

Complete and return this form by January 6, 2014

Citizens of Hardin County and members of the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce are invited to nominate businesses, non-profit organizations, and individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Hardin County community. Nominations will then be considered for recognition.

The Community Distinguished Service Awards will be presented at the 18th Annual Hardin County Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Awards Banquet on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at Pickwick Inn.

Select a category: _____ **Student of the Year**-nominations limited to Education Committee
_____ **Man of the Year** _____ **Woman of the Year**
_____ **Volunteer of the Year** _____ **Educator of the Year** _____ **Darryl Worley Public Servant**

_____ **Chamber Service Award:** this award is given by the Hardin County Chamber Board of Directors to a Chamber volunteer or board member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment, dedication and care to the Chamber throughout the year.

_____ **GEM (Going the Extra Mile) Award:** this award is for an individual or group in our county who has made an outstanding contribution and is easily recognized as having gone "the extra mile". The award may be based upon a community, civic, business or professional endeavor.

_____ **Noel Freeman Community Service Award:** this award is chosen by the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and given to an individual or group that has made an outstanding contribution to Hardin County.

Name of Nominee _____

Address _____

Representative Name (if nominee name is a business or non-profit) _____

Reason why you feel nominee should receive this award _____

(Attach additional information if necessary)

Your Name _____ Phone _____

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For questions please call the Chamber at 731-925-2363

SAVANNAH ARTS COMMISSION HOSTS 2013 CHRISTMAS BY THE RIVER



On Saturday, December 7, the Savannah Arts Commission will once again host Christmas by the River for the community.

"The Savannah Arts Commission is pleased to once again present this annual holiday event," said Joseph Thomas, president of Savannah Arts Commission. "Christmas by the River incorporates the arts, as well as many other Hardin County holiday events that day."

The day's activities in downtown Savannah include:

Holiday Café presented by Savannah First United Methodist Church from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Savannah First United Methodist Church with live Christmas entertainment.

Meet Santa Claus and children's activities from noon to 2 p.m. at Hardin County Courthouse hosted by the Savannah Art Guild.

Horse-drawn carriage rides through Savannah Historic District from 2 to 9 p.m. with pick-up and drop-off at Savannah First United Methodist Church Main Street lawn.

Luminary-lit Savannah Historic District from dusk to 9 p.m.

Other Hardin County holiday events of the day include:

- Friends of the Library to host Santa Claus from 10 a.m. to noon.

2013 Christmas Tour of Homes presented by Hardin County Community & Healthcare Foundation from 1 to 4 p.m. with tickets for sale now at Hardin County Chamber, and for sale day-of-event at the shuttle service at First United Methodist Church. Homes on the tour are Mayor Bob and Janie Shutt, Lois Ann Barker Pierce, David and Anna Carroll, and First Presbyterian Church.

Tours of Historic Savannah Theater from 3-5 p.m. hosted by Savannah Performing Arts Company. Free hot chocolate and apple cider.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 4:45 p.m. on Savannah Court Square hosted by Savannah Main Street. Drawing for the Merry Little Shopping Spree.

Lights on the Lake boat parade sponsored by Captain's Choice, VIP Pickwick Lake

Magazine, and Freddy T's. This on-water parade will begin at Circle Beach at Pickwick Landing State Park at 5:30 p.m., and end at Grand Harbor for judging and prizes.

Christmas cantata presented by Savannah First Baptist Church Choir at 7 p.m. at Savannah First Baptist Church.

Country Christmas entertainment event benefiting area children at 7 p.m. at Hardin County High School.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" presented by the Savannah Performing Arts Company beginning at 7 p.m. at the Historic Savannah Theater.

For more information on activities, please call 731-925-8181 or visit Savannah Arts Commission on Facebook at www.facebook.com/savannahartscommission

SAC members will be selling ornaments during the Home Tour at the First Presbyterian Church including the Church, Cherry Mansion, Ross House and the Savannah ornaments.



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Hardin County receives Seal of Approval



Ramay Winchester, Retiree Tennessee Director and Chair of AARC, awarded Savannah Hardin County the Seal of Approval as a Retirement Community. On hand at the

recent annual conference to receive were Chamber Director Beth Pippin, Tourism / Retiree Hardin County Director Rachel Baker and Tourism Assistant Katherine Johnson.

The American Association of Retirement Communities is a not-for-profit professional association, established in 1994 for the purpose of promoting the economic enhancement of communities through the promotion of retiree attraction strategy.

Attendees from 10 states and Canada experienced an amazing AARC Conference this year at Hilton Head Island, SC. Hearing from experts who have been successful at positioning their niche to best attract retirees and from communities and developments that are on the ground making it happen. Rachel Baker served on a panel discussing Cultural & Heritage Tourism and how it is important to the Baby Boomer travelers.

Team Hardin County conducts various programs that attract retirees to our area and utilizes the Chamber for relocation packets and services.

CAPTAIN'S CHOICE 2ND ANNUAL LIGHTS ON THE LAKE BOAT PARADE

CAPTAIN'S CHOICE
VIP Pickwick Lake
FREDDY'S RESTAURANT AT BEACH CLUB
SERRA at JACKSON
Savannah, Georgia

December 7th, 2013
Rain Date: December 14th
5:00pm: Boats gather at The Circle.
5:30pm: Parade Begins. Captains & Crew Party at Freddy T's following the parade.

Parade starts at Pickwick Landing State Park and ends at Grand Harbor. Judges will be located on K Dock at Grand Harbor. The Captain's Choice award for Best in Show is \$500. **RSVP boat name and size to captainschoiceofpickwick@gmail.com.**

New Year's Eve 2013

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Leadership Hardin County 2013 INDUSTRY DAY

November had the group touring area industries and more!

We began at Savannah Food company for a tour and breakfast ...yes, including hushpuppies!

There we also heard from Steve Bunnell, CEO Team Hardin County / SIDC.

We then traveled to Pickwick for a stop at Tri State Gun and Archery Club and checked out the new firing range.

For lunch we were treated to BBQ and ribs from the Rib Cage at Packaging Corporation of America. We toured the mill grounds and inside the plant.



*December will be
HEALTHCARE DAY.*





Picture the Possibilities

Hardin County 2013 Photo Contest



Sponsored by SunTrust

Winners will be announced to the annual Chamber Banquet on January 23, 2014

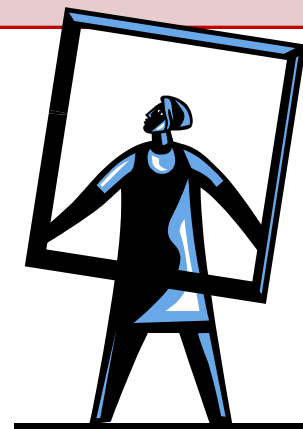


Photo Contest Rules:

- ◆ Pictures must have been taken in Hardin County, Tennessee within the past year. Contest is open to entrants of all ages who have connection to Hardin County; those who reside or whose family have resided in Hardin County at some point, as well as those who work in Hardin County.
- ◆ Photographers who earn a significant portion of their income through photography are considered "Professionals" and will be in one separate category.

Guidelines, Fees, and Requirements:

- ◆ Photos may be color, black & white, film or digital.
- ◆ Entry fee is \$10 each for entries up to three, and \$5 each for additional entries.
- ◆ Entry format is a print 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 unframed, matted or unmatted. Completed entry form must be affixed to the reverse along with confirmation of payment to Hardin County Chamber. HCCC has the right to reproduce photos in any format including print and social media.

Categories:

- ◆ People
- ◆ Nature and Animals
- ◆ Buildings and Structures
- ◆ Fun on the Water
- ◆ Shiloh/Civil War
- ◆ Events
- ◆ Artistry (Photo Manipulation)

All entries will be displayed at the Annual Chamber Banquet on January 23, 2014. Deadline to enter is January 15, 2014. Please submit your entries now through the January 15 deadline at the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce, 320 Main Street, Savannah, TN.
 AWARDS: Best of Show will be chosen at the Banquet and will receive a Hardin County Basket filled with gift certificates from area businesses. 1st and 2nd place awards will be presented in each category. Professional category will consist of one winner.



2013 Picture the Possibilities Hardin County Photo Contest

Title: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Category: _____

Email: _____
