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Hardin County Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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Whatever Floats Your Boat : Membership Banquet and Awards Ceremony

The Chamber set sail on 2015 with a

"Whatever Floats Your Boat" themed banquet at

Pickwick Inn on January 29.

All chamber member's membership names were in for a chance to win a pair of

kayaks given away by the Chamber as a thank you for supporting

the Chamber this year...the lucky winner was ROCK 100 / MD Broadcasting, shown here is account executive Matt Lott holding up one of the orange 8ft Aruba kayaks. Congrats Matt! THANK YOU !

Also at the banquet was the annual membership board election. Rotating off the board this year were Kyle Etheridge of PCA, Diane Bellis of Auto Tech and Paula Woodruff of The UPS Store. Coming onto the board for 3 year terms will be Regena Bullington of Wal-Mart, Mike Patel of 64 Liquors, and Garry Welch of the City of Savannah.

The evening began with the Business Showcase Reception sponsored by SunTrust that included booths from

Savannah HealthCare, Liquid Grafix, Southgate Cinema, The Juice Company (sponsored by F&M Consulting) , and The UPS Store.

The 420+ guests cruised the showcase, enjoyed the selfie station and the annual photo contest entries before hearing from special guest speaker Congressman Marsha Blackburn.

The dinner was a catfish and beef brisket buffet with traditional ice cream floats for dessert.

President Kyle Etheridge gave the state of the chamber address and emceed the Leadership Hardin County graduation. The awards ceremony was lead by Chamber Director Beth Pippin. All honorees and photos are inside this edition plus on the Chamber Facebook page.

Big Chamber congrats to all the nominees and winners! Big Chamber thanks to all sponsors and attendees!



Congressman Marsha Blackburn speaks to the crowd at the annual banquet.



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Volunteer Staff
Join us!

Thank You for your renewals!

The Chamber is funded through the dues investments of our members. We sincerely thank these –and all members– for their continued support of this organization!

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| Blackwelder Chiropractic Clinic | Bruce Jacobs Insurance |
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| Quinco Mental Health Center | Team Hardin County |
| Main Street Gift Gallery | Security Finance |
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| Grand Harbor Marina LLC | 64 Liquors |
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| Hardin County High School | NEW NAME: |
| Raceway Auto & Truck Parts, LLC | All-American Millwork & Fabrication |
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Chamber hosted a ribbon cutting at the Grand Opening Reception of The Savanna located inside Hardin County High School, room T-12. The business class is raising money plus learning how to run a success business. Students are selling Tiger Fan Gear, such as t-shirts, license plates, picture frames, and vinyl clings.

Ceremonial photo opp included teachers Susan McAfee and Lori Harris with Hardin County Mayor Kevin Davis, Director of Schools Michael Davis, student Timothy Taylor, HCHS principal William McAdams, vo-tech instructor Donald Williams, Chamber Board /TCAT Director Arrita Summers, and Chamber Director Beth Pippin.

Silent Auction Artwork Sealed Bids:

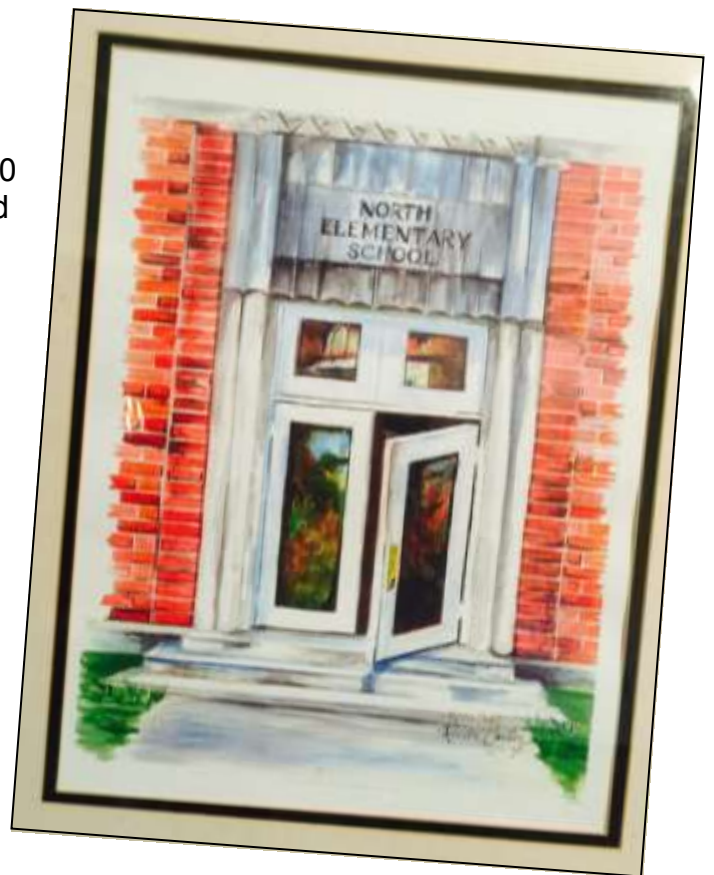
Sealed bids will be accepted now through March 10 4pm CST for this framed original artwork of the old North Elementary School entrance by local artist Rebecca Carter.

The piece was donated by Jeff Wilkes, broker with Weichert Realtors/Crunk Realty.

To place a sealed bid, come by the Hardin County Chamber
320 Main Street, Savannah
or email your bid to:
info@hardincountychamber.com

Proceeds will benefit Hardin County Chamber

Stop by the Chamber office to view this painting of the historic school, that once stood where our new Tennessee Street Park is today!





Congratulations! 2014 Community Service Award Recipients



Shawn Duren of Hardin County Farm Bureau presented the Chamber Service Award to Jim Burcham.



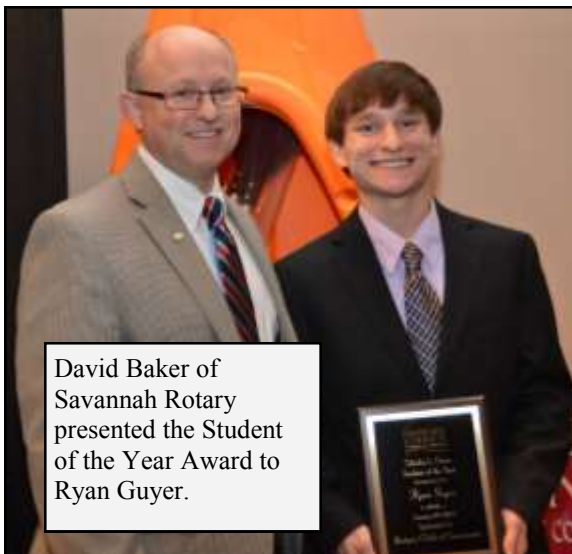
Dr. Arrita Summers accepts the Community Service Award for SkillsUSA TCAT from Bob Adkisson of Central Bank.



GEM Award went to Kristie and Chris Bell. Presented by David Vaughn of The Hardin County Bank,



Richard Childers is the Public Servant of the Year presented by Larry Harrell of the Darryl Worley Foundation



David Baker of Savannah Rotary presented the Student of the Year Award to Ryan Guyer.



Teresa Carothers is the Educator to the Year presented by Calvin Hinton of the Hardin County Education Foundation.



Shelby Vaughn is the Volunteer of the Year presented by Nick Lewis of Hardin Medical Center.



Rachel Baker of Hardin County CVB presented the Friend of Tourism Award to Jim Parris *posthumously*. Accepting was Ruth Parris.



Rick Sample of Team Hardin County presented the Industry of the Year Award to Praxis. Accepting was Rick Stonecipher.



Pat Williams, Woman of the Year was presented by Jim Burcham of River-Wick Assisted Living.



Joe Hurd received the Man of the Year Award presented by Tony Alcott of United Country Realty.

Mary Katherine Cole received the Pinnacle Award from Clark Jones of Jones Motor Company.





Annual Hardin County Photo Contest Winners

~All Water Themed~

1st Place
Reflections by Norma Boyd



2nd Place
TSP Amenities
C Seth Sumner



3rd Place *Sunset* by Corene Salama



People's Choice
Dewdrops on a Rose
Brian Vaughan

Thank you to our
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Leadership Hardin County

Grads!

- Whit Ashe
- Rachel Bailey
- Bethany Brown
- Kristi Combs
- Christa Creasy
- Laura Galbraith
- Kim Gobie
- Nick Lewis
- Jeff Montgomery
- Jennifer Perryman
- Brian Riley
- Eric Smith



The 2014 Leadership Hardin County class graduated at the annual Chamber Banquet on January 29, 2015. Check out the Chamber website www.hardincountychamber.com to learn about their class project now in the works....benefiting the Hardin County Senior Center.



Does your organization/event need volunteers!

REDI is the partnering organization for TN Promise for Hardin County High School. This organization works with our students to get them college and career ready! Students are required by TN Promise to complete 8 hours of community service per semester. The Chamber wishes to compile a list of Hardin County organizations to post on REDI's website of volunteer opportunities along with a contact. Please send us any Hardin County organizations/events through out the year that need volunteers. Send to info@hardincountychamber.com

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Hardin County Happenings!

- Feb 7 Dancing With the Hardin County Stars
- Mar 6-8 Dreamweavers presents Cinderella
- Mar 19 Chamber Workshop—Community Three Star
- Mar 20-22 Hee Haw benefiting Hardin County Cancer Asc
- Mar 20-21 SPA presents Afflicted: Daughters of Salem
- Mar 27 Parris South Leader in Me Leadership Day
- Mar 27-29 Hunting for Cure
- Mar 30-Apr 6 Spring Break
- Apr 4 General's Breakfast
Cherry Mansion
- Apr 11 Rotary Run in the Park
- Apr 18 Boat Show
Aqua Yacht
- Apr 22 Annual Admin Luncheon

