

# Chamber Chatter

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June 2013

### Upcoming Chamber Meetings:

- Chamber Board Meeting, July 17, 12:00pm, at the First United Methodist Church (small fellowship hall).

### Important Updates:

- There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony/open house on Thursday, June 20 at Pioneer Community Hospital from 10:00am-11:30am. The ribbon cutting will be held at 11:00am.
- There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony/open house on Thursday, June 20 at The Hub from 4:30pm-6:30pm. The Hub is located at 17588 North Highland Avenue in Arlington.
- This week, June 17-21, is National Small Business Appreciation Week!
- As of June 18, 2013, the Chamber of Commerce had 146 members\* throughout 20 cities and 4 states.

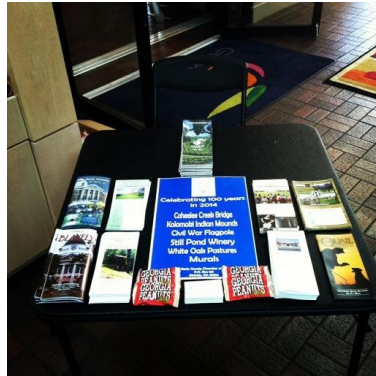
\*Previous month(s) should have read 146 and not 148. Please accept our apologies for this error.

### \*May/June Businesses of the Week:

Still Pond Winery  
Nita's Antiques  
Harvey's Supermarkets

\*Since last newsletter

## Georgia on My Mind Tourism Day



On Friday, June 14, the Chamber had the opportunity to attend the Georgia on My Mind Tourism Day held at the welcome center in West Point, GA.

The Chamber's table, lined with brochures and bags of peanuts, drew in a large number of tourists from many different states and countries.

One family who stopped at our table was originally from Ireland and were on their way to Savannah. They had never heard of Blakely or Early

County before, but after hearing about the Kolomoki Mounds Historic Park and the Coheelee Creek Bridge they were amazed at the historical attractions our area had to offer and stated they would make plans to visit in the near future.

In fact, 97% of the tourists who stopped by the Chamber's table had either never been to Early County before or could not point to it on a map when asked.

This opportunity proved to be an effective and cost efficient way to promote tourism in our area while networking with other cities, counties, and businesses.

Overall, the Georgia on My Mind Tourism Day was a huge success and we plan to attend several more of these events this year.

### Holidays on the Square Festival

The Holidays on the Square Festival has been moved from the first Saturday in December to the second Saturday in December. This year the festival will be held on December 14. Moonlight Madness will be held on December 13.

The festival was moved as a result of many other festivals being held throughout the region on the same day and it will also give vendors an extra week to prepare after Christmas at the Fort in Ft. Gaines.

### Recent Visitors

The Chamber recently received a visitor from Australia.

## 4-H Summer Activities for Children

June 26: Kids in the Kitchen—Beginners cooking class at the Early County Extension Office  
10:00am-1:00pm  
Cost: \$5.00

July 11: Water World in Dothan, AL  
10:00am-3:00pm  
Cost: \$9.00 (3-12yo)

\$12.00 (13 yrs & up)

If you are interested in registering your child/children for any of these classes please contact Stephanie or Paige at the Early County Extension Office at (229) 723-3072.

### New Member

We would like to extend a sincere welcome to Charline Parts and Repair in Arlington for recently placing membership with the Chamber. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with you.