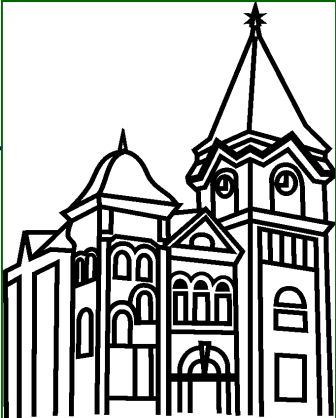


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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Chamber meeting Monday July 21st at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday August 21st Public Meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Chamber, on BRAC related growth
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# TALBOT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FALL LINE NEWSLETTER

## CHAMBER NEWS

On June 17th the Chamber hosted its 15th Annual Chamber Dinner at Straus-LeVert Hall. Over 104 Chamber members and friends attended. President, Susan Schlader welcomed everyone and a delicious dinner of County Captain was served. State Representative, Debbie Buckner introduced Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner, John Oxendine, the guest speaker. President Schlader gave the State of The Chamber Address and then passed the Presidential Gavel to Jeff Ingram, the incoming Chamber President. Jeff presented Susan with a painting by local artist, Mary Miner, for the 4 years of hard work and devotion she has given to the Chamber.

On Friday, July 4th, the Chamber along with the Talbot County Commissioners, the City of Geneva and the City of Woodland, sponsored our 15th Annual Fireworks display at Upton's Lake. Over 700 cars entered the gate, so it was one of our biggest crowds ever. Wonderful music was provided by local musicians, which kept everyone's toes tapping. At 10:00 p.m. everyone was treated to a spectacular fireworks display. It just keeps getting bigger and better. A special thanks to the following people who help make this night so special: June and Leroy Upton and Denise and Rick Brogden for letting us use their property for this event. The musicians who performed: David Barton, Dottie Hodges, Hannah Palmer, Charles Money, Scott Money, Danny Money, Jesse Reynolds and Lee Lucas, and a special thanks to Lee for organizing it. And the stars of the whole night, Billy and Ann Wills, Rick Thompson, Russ Enerheim, Bill Pierce, Rev. Lynn McManious, John Wills, Morton Channel, Rick Harris, Charles Stringfellow, and Will Ragland. These people are the ones that shoot off the fireworks and work (continued next column)

## CHAMBER MEETING

The next meeting of the Chamber will be Monday July 21st at 7:00 p.m. Our Business spotlight for this month will be Polly Gustafson, a real property specialist and Environmental Coordinator with Ft. Benning. She will be presenting a program on Bio-Diesel Fuel. This should be a very interesting program, so make every effort to attend and bring a friend.

## Public Meeting



### Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan

**Help Plan for Growth in Talbot County!**

**Meeting Topic:**  
Fort Benning BRAC-related growth and impacts on Talbot County

**Thursday, August 21, 2008  
6:30 p.m.**

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so hard to make sure that we have a wonderful show to watch. Without their volunteer help we would never be able to afford to bring this to the people of Talbot County.

All of the people I have listed helped to make this possible and the Chamber wants to thank them for all that they do to help make this such a great community event.