

Chamber Chronicles

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Angel's Chamber Messages



Dear Towns County Chamber of Commerce Members:

Spring is just around the corner and the Towns County Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for the 2010 season! Dates have been set for our annual Golf Classic (June 12th & 13th and Christmas Tour of Homes (December 3rd - 5th). We are also in the process of finalizing our membership development events as well. We have some great ideas, but there is still time to give us your input. Our goal is to help our members survive and thrive as we move forward, so let us know how we can better support you. We have several valuable tools to help our members promote their business and events. We have a weekly radio show on 97.5FM and 95.1FM. We send out email blasts twice weekly in addition to a monthly e-newsletter and of course our weekly column in the Towns County Herald. We have all of this plus a membership directory which is printed and online at www.mountaintopga.com.

Please stay in touch and let us know how we can best serve you.

Thank you,
Angel

We would like to welcome our newest members:

Rivercrest Travel, Young Harris
Steve Keim, 706-379-2467

Complete Home Services, Blairsville
Cindy Cohen & Donald Caraway 678-439-9124

Moss Tree Service, Hiawassee
Licensed and Insured
Daniel Moss, 828-557-1216

For more info about these new members, check them out on our website <http://www.mountaintopga.com>.

Member Calendar of Events

MARCH 12 - Randy Travis will be in Concert at THE SMOKY MOUNTAIN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, FRANKLIN, NC. Contact them at Tickets GreatMountainMusic.com or 866-273-4615.

MARCH 12 - CRANE CREEK VINEYARDS will host an informal memorial celebration of Sally's life at 5:00pm. They will have a tree planting, light snacks and a toast with a glass of "Sweet Sally". contact 706-379-1236

MARCH 13 - Sara Evans & Jimmy Wayne will be in concert in the Anderson Music Hall at the GA Mtn Fairgrounds. Tickets 706-896-4191 or <http://www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com/>

MARCH 13 - The "HIDDEN TREASURES" yard sale at the Fellowship of the Hills Church in Blairsville. The church is located one mile south of the Blairsville Square on Hwy 129. The sale will be inside and outside, food concessions available. You may reserve a table by contacting: Becky @ 706-897-5345. Table space is \$10.00 or if you need to use our table the cost is \$15.00

MARCH 13 - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PRESENTS CARMEN AGRA DEEDY, STORYTELLER & AUTHOR at 4:00 pm Wilson Lecture Hall, Goolsby Building. Tickets are now available at the Chamber office. Donation \$10. for ticket info 706-379-2484 or habitatoffice@windstream.net

MARCH 13 & 14 - The 2ND ANNUAL "SWING INTO SPRING" HOME EXPO will be held from 9-4 on Saturday and 9-11 on Sunday at Brasstown Valley Resort. 45 minute seminars will cover a wide range of topics. For more info contact 706-379-9900

MARCH 16 - The COMMUNITY NIGHT to benefit CAST-AWAY CRITTERS PET RESCUE has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 16th from 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm at BROTHERS RESTAURANT AT WILLOW RANCH located on Hwy 76 in Young Harris.

MARCH 20 - Cooking Class for Gluten Free Meals and More Offered by A Center for Wellness 10:00am-12:00pm 215 Blue Ridge St., Suite E, Blairsville, GA \$20 includes cooking class, recipes, samples RSVP - Space is Limited 706-781-4048

MARCH 24 & 25 Watercolor art class offered by Deb Collins of Deb Collins Signature Gallery. 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. Cost is \$125.00 for the 2-day workshop Location: InsideOut Gallery in Sautee...just outside Helen, GA Contact sheilah@InsideOutSautee.com for information and registration. www.insideoutsautee.com or debcollinsart@windstream.net

MARCH 27TH FREE ADULT CPR TRAINING at Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Young Harris at 10:00a.m. The class will run approximately 3 hours. Call now and sign up by calling 1-800-282-1722, ext. 29, to reserve a seat - don't miss out on this free life saving event.

MARCH 27TH Interested in a Bass Tournament? Contact Clay County Chamber about theirs. Saturday, March 27 828-389-3704 Registration starts March 1st. Cash Prizes.

THROUGH March 30th Young Harris College's Campus Gate Art Gallery will host the "Alice Hirt Memorial Art Exhibition," featuring sculptures by artist Michael McFalls. The exhibit will be on display through Tuesday, March 30 Young Harris College's Campus Gate Art Gallery is located at 5149 College Street on the Young Harris College campus. Regular gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information contact the Campus Gate Art Gallery at (706) 379-5256 or campusgate@yhc.edu.

MARCH 31ST ALOHA WELLNESS is presenting Breath Empowerment Group classes now through March 31.. Cost \$10.00 per session. For more info contact Destini at 706-896-3300 or destine@alohawellness.org

We have tickets at the Chamber for Free Entrance for a child (w/paid Adult Ticket at the gate). For the 68th Annual YAARAB SHRINE CIRCUS/CARNIVAL April 23-Mary 2 at Jim Miller Park in Marietta. Please stop by if you are interested in these free tickets. For more info check www.Circus2010.org

For more information on any of these events, contact us at the Towns County Chamber of Commerce at 896.4966 or visit us online at www.mountaintopga.com

Attention Members

In an effort to better serve the members of the Union/Towns Employer Committee and the members of the Towns County Chamber of Commerce participating in the joint Lunch and Learn meetings throughout the year, our UTEC Executive Officers have authorized a quick survey to gather some needed detail on what "topics" are most important to our members/participants for 2010-2011. You are invited to participate in the on-line survey, using the link provided below, as well as share the link with anyone you believe would benefit from the mission and goals of UTEC and the L&L sessions.

The link for completing this brief 5-7 minute survey is as follows: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Union-TownsEmployerCommitteeSurvey-2010>

All are winners in Towns County 4-H

We are excited about what is happening in Towns Co. 4-H. Donna Young, 4-H Program Assistant, completed (CPA) County Project Achievement with over 75 5th and 6th grade students competing.

Although all did not place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, all that competed are winners. These are the other 4-H'ers who competed: Ashton Spain,

McKenzie Henderson, Ally Settles, Sebrina Blainz, Abi David, Eli Sanford, William Lovelady, Morgan Ditmore, Sierra Oaks, Candy Anderson, Tori Bradshaw, Faith Kinsey, Kenzie Jenkins, Andrew Watson, Erica Kelly.

Students, parents and teachers worked together to make posters and prepare speeches.

In the AIR SCIENCE

project, Marshal Ledford placed First.

In the ARCHAEOLOGY project, Samantha Quijada placed First, Alexis Pettengill placed Second and Cierraah Donnelly placed Third.

In the ARTS project Payton Cagle place First.

In the BETWEEN MEAL SNACKS project, Teria Beasley place First and Sarah Fuhs place Second.

In the CAT CARE project, Angel Thomas place First, Matthew Barrett also placed First.

In the COMPANION ANIMAL SCIENCE project, Andrea Spano place First.

In the CONSERVATION & RECYCLING project, Anna Dayton place First.

In the DAIRY & MILK SCIENCE project, Adam Penland place First.

In the DOG CARE & TRAINING project, Alyssa Chastain placed First, Jessica Evans also place First, Jordyn Gurley place Second, Ciara Martin also placed Second, and Summer Nations placed Third.

In the ENTOMOLOGY project, Dawson Hunter placed First and Owen Bouchard placed Second.

In GENERAL RECREATION project, Jordan Shook placed First.

In the HEALTH project, Madison Stroud placed First.

In the HISTORY project, Major Moss placed First, Breanna Shook also placed First and Will DeVries placed Second.

In the HORSE project, Jordan Gravely placed First, Madison Landress also placed First. Blake Miller placed Second, and Kayla Harris and Amanda Garrett placed Third.

In the HOUSING, EQUIPMENT & ENVIRONMENT project, Brooke Smith placed First.

In the INTERNATIONAL project, Katherine Bryant placed First and Michelle Miller placed Second.

In the MARINE & COASTAL ECOLOGY project, Dale Forrester placed First.

In the OCEAN ECOLOGY project, Colten Shook placed First and Kiera Stacks also place First. Paige Scott placed Second. Barbie Wright placed Third.

In the OUTDOOR SURVIVAL SKILLS project, Jocelyn Byers placed First.

In the PERFORMING ARTS - GENERAL project, Makenzie Carroll placed First, Hannah Green placed Second.

In the PERFORMING ARTS - INSTRUMENTAL project, Andrew Rogers placed First, Chaiz Davenport also place First, Kristen Ledford place Second, Cassie Cooper placed Second, Andrew Watson placed Third.

In the PERFORMING ARTS - VOCAL project, Trent Whidden placed First, Palmer Dernehl placed First, Jessie Tittle place Second, Grace Catherine Wentz placed Second, Kaelyn Smith placed Third and Amaria Barrett placed Third.

In the PHOTOGRAPHY project, Mikayla King placed First and Taylor Underwood placed First, Cadence Nichols placed Second and Megan Corbin placed Second.

In the POULTRY & EGG SCIENCE project, Alex Dayton placed First.

In the SAFETY project, Courtney Giles placed First, LeAnn Dean placed First, Gavin Langelier placed Second., Bailey Chastain placed Second.

In the SPORTS project, Brody Graper placed First, Jared Shook placed First, and Kristen Henson placed Second.

In the TARGET SPORTS project, Noah Sanford placed First.

In the TIME & MONEY MANAGEMENT project, Alyson Nelson placed First.

In the VETERINARY SCIENCE project Nichole Smith placed First.

In the WILDLIFE project, Jacqueline Crisp placed First, Whitney Moss placed First, Jonathan Watson placed Second, Carter Helm placed Second, Jade Ledford placed

Third, Jade Cruz placed Third.

In the WORKFORCE PREPARATION & CAREER project Justin McCay placed First, Bailey Chastain placed First. Walker Ross placed Second.

We especially want to thank our judges that took the time to come and judge CPA.

They were Bill Wendel, with teen leader Bobby Young, Marlene Hays and teen leader Kayla Mullen. Rhonda Williams with teen leaders Gabby Gilley and Jasmine Forrester. Scott Mays and teen leader Elizabeth Chastain. Justin Tyson and teen leader Isaac Williams. Carol Rosenqvist and teen leader Christy Dills. Robert Brewer and teen leader Vanessa Williams. Savannah Pettingill and teen leader Taylor Moats. Marianne Pettingill and teen leaders Jordan Moats, and Nicole Garrett.

On March 27, 2010 Towns and many other counties in Georgia will travel to Union County to compete with other 4-H'ers in (DPA) District Project Achievement.

Good Luck Towns County. TUMar10.A1)SH

Catch 'em being good for February 25, 2010



Back Row: Keaton Helm, Kohl Wade, Carson Williams, Jasmine Miller, Natalie Smith, Hayden McClure. Front Row: Alison Markham, Abbie Duffey, Remington Parker, Dustin Anderson, Kayla Peacock TUMar10.M2)SH

Towns County Middle School update



Seventh grade students studied historical fiction by choosing to write a novella, write and perform a play, or write and perform a RAP. It had to be based on an African time period. Five students wrote and performed a play about Cleopatra and Egypt.

Kayla Davis, who played Cleopatra, wrote, "First we all decided on the characters. We each took a main character from our story and became them. Then we wrote the play. After we showed it to Mrs. Johnson, we practiced. Once we memorized our lines, we showed the class." Boone Moss, who played a slave, and Kevin McConnell, who was a royal guard for Cleopatra, explained the plot, "The play

was about Cleopatra, the evil queen. All of the characters except the princess gotttogether and planned to kill her. We put a snake in a basket and gave it to her. The snake bit her and she died." Danielle Diehl, who played a princess, wrote, "First we had to combine all of my group members' stories into one. Second, we had to add in figurative language. Third, we had to come up with costumes and act out our finished play in front of the class." Taylor McCarter, who played a maid, wrote, "I enjoyed getting the play done, and finally performing in front of the class. After so much work and so much time put into it, we just had fun." Two other groups wrote and performed RAPS. One

group included Anna Sutton, Madison Johnson, Stephanie Patton, and Hannah Garrison. The second included Karlie Albach, Alyssa Pyle, and Sierra Nichols (not pictured).

The purpose of this column is to put into practice what research has found, that there are positive effects on student learning when students are required to communicate effectively to audiences beyond the classroom and school (especially in their own community.)

Suggestions and comments for the column are welcome through calls to Dr. Sumner at (706) 896-4131 ext 1011 or e-mails via the school website at www.towns.k12.ga.us.

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Now's the time to save your hemlocks

The public is invited to a free Hemlock Help Clinic sponsored by the Towns County Extension Service and presented by SAVE GEORGIA'S HEMLOCKS for information on the threat to our hemlocks and how to recognize it, the options for saving these valuable trees, and the help that is available to homeowners. It will be held on Thursday, March 18 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Building next to the Courthouse on River Street in Hiawassee.

The hemlocks in north Georgia are being threatened by a spreading infestation of the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA), an invasive insect native to Asia with no local natural predator, and they are present in Towns County. You can identify these pests by the tiny white woolly egg sacs on the underside of the hemlock branches.

The bad news is that if infested trees are not treated, they will almost certainly die within the next few years. The good news is that homeowners can save their hemlocks easily

and inexpensively, and spring is the best time to do it.

Save Georgia's Hemlocks, a statewide nonprofit organization, has a free Hemlock Help for Homeowners program to raise public awareness of the hemlock problem and enable homeowners to save their trees for the lowest possible cost. For individuals interested in a do-it-yourself option, the Hemlock Help Line (706-429-8010) can provide information on where to borrow a soil injector, advice on purchasing the treatment product economically, and instructions on the treatment procedure. For those who prefer to contract with a licensed professional to treat their trees, the Hemlock Help Line can supply a list of qualified local companies specializing in saving hemlocks.

If you have Hemlocks, they are in danger. For more information, call the Hemlock Help Line 706-429-8010 or visit www.savegeorgiashemlocks.org. TUMar10.M4)SH

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