



Chamber Chronicles

The official source of Towns County Chamber News

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Angel's Chamber Messages



New Chamber Member

The Towns County Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome The Hiwassee Health Hut as our newest member. Kara Mejia, owner of the Hiwassee Health Hut is a natural & whole foods grocer. She is located on 3243 Dogwood Lane, just off Highway 76.

Mountaintop GA Yard Sale

It's that time of year again for the Mountaintop GA Yard Sale. As always, the sale will be along highway 76 from the Rabun County Line to the Union County line, June 4, 5 & 6. Join the residents of Hiwassee and Young Harris from sun up to sun down during this three day sale extravaganza! Yard sales will be road side as well as retail sidewalk sales.

****Please Obtain Permission from a Property Owner if Setting Up in Front of a Business or Home. ****

Annual Golf Tournament

The Towns County Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual Lake Chatuge Scholarship Golf Tournament June 12 & 13 at Chatuge Shores Golf Course and Brasstown Valley Resort. For information on how you can participate as a sponsor or player, contact the Towns County Chamber of Commerce at 896.4966.

Member Calendar of Events

5/20/2010 Spring Lakes Celebration
Location: Crane Creek Vineyards • Hours: 5:30pm
Phone: 828-837-5414 • Website: www.hrwc.net
Sponsor: Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition, Inc
Cost: \$15.00 admission
Description: Wine Tasting, music & light hors d'oeuvres
5/21/2010 Ernie Haase & Signature Sound
1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734
Phone: 866-273-4615 • Cost: \$18
Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts
Description: Combining 21st century ideas with the timeless

quality of great quartets from the 1950s, Ernie Haase & Signature Sound have obliterated the traditional mold of gospel quartets. Their unconventional approach to communicating the Good News with ground-breaking originality has blazed a trail that will go down in gospel music history as no other group before them.

5/22/2010 Miss Kitty's Birthday Party
Location: Shiloh Stables Bunkhouse
Hours: 6:30- 9:00 pm • Phone: 706-896-1260
Sponsor: Castaway Critters • Cost: \$25.00 per person
Description: Western Night - Put on your hat and boots and come join us at the Shiloh "Saloon" to celebrate Miss Kitty's Birthday. We'll be servin' up some tasty grub and pouring' brew to wash down the trail dust. There'll be live music and line dancin' with a bona fide instructor. Come see "Cisco" the dancing horse perform. (weather permitting) All proceeds go to Castaway Critters Pet Rescue, Inc.

5/25/2010 Small Business Workshop
Hwy 515 • Blairsville, GA 30512
Location: Blairsville Campus Conference Center
Hours: 8:00am-9:30am • Contact: Joy Smith
Phone: 706-754-7737 • Email: jsmith@northgatech.edu
Sponsor: North Georgia Technical School
Description: Breakfast session for networking opportunities and round table discussions with local chamber presidents and NGTC staff.

5/26/2010 Regional Existing Industry Meeting
Hwy 515 • Blairsville, GA 30512
Location: Blairsville Campus Conference Center
Hours: 8:00- 9:00 am • Contact: Joy Smith
Phone: 706-754-7737 • Email: jsmith@northgatech.edu
Sponsor: North Georgia Technical College
Description: Topics to be discussed: Retraining Tax Credits QuickStart Training Safety Training Breakfast will be served! RSVP to Joy Smith by Wednesday, May 19

5/28/2010 An Evening with Compassion International
1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734 • Cost: \$15
Phone: 866-273-4615 • Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts
Description: Steve Fee, Addison Road and Shaun Groves headline this concert night. Experience Christ through worship and Compassion International

5/28/2010 - 5/30/2010 Southern Hospitality
301 Church Street • Hayesville, NC 28904
Location: Peacock Playhouse • Sponsor: Licklog Players
Hours: Fri & Sat 8pm Sun 2:30 pm • Phone: 877-691-9906
Email: licklog@verizon.net • Website: www.licklogplayers.org
Description: The Futrelle Sisters - Frankie, Twink, Honey Raye and Rhonda Lynn - are in trouble again. This time, the problem is bigger than ever: their beloved hometown, Fayro, Texas, is in danger of disappearing and it's up to the sisters to save it from extinction.

5/29/2010 Annual Vineyard Road Ride
Hayesville, NC 28902 • Hours: To be announced
Contact: Joanna Atkisson • Phone: 828-389-8085
Email: president@sabacycling.com
Website: www.sabacycling.com
Sponsor: Southern Appalachian Bicycling Association
Description: Annual Vineyard Road Ride, beginning and ending at Crane Creek Vineyards. This ride takes you on very scenic back roads in NC and GA. For more info check their website www.sabacycling.com

5/29/2010 Branson on the Road
1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734 • Cost: \$10
Phone: 866-273-4615 • Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts
Description: What do you get when you bring together a fiddle, mandolin, banjo, guitar, upright slap bass, rhinestone costumes, hilarious comedy and great classic country, bluegrass, rockabilly

and gospel music....Branson on the Road! Branson on the Road has over 20 years of experience performing at the top theatres.

5/29/2010 Fire in the Mountains Chili Cookoff & 5K run
Hwy. 76 • iawassee, GA 30546 • Location: City Square
Hours: 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM • Contact: Joan Crothers
Phone: 706-896-6240 • Email: global101@windstream.net
Website: www.townscountyfirecorps.org
Sponsor: The Towns County Fire Corps
Description: The Towns County Fire Corps will be sponsoring the second annual chili cookoff on Memorial Day. The Chili Cookoff is open to the public. This is a family event with chili samples, hot dogs, drinks and ice cream all for a nominal price. If you are interested in cooking call 706-896-6240 and we will send you an application. Register on our website for the 5k Run

5/29/2010 Annual Spring Festival at Crane Creek Vineyard
916 Crane Creek Road • Young Harris, GA 30582
Hours: 11:00 am to 6:00 pm • Contact: Crane Creek Vineyard
Phone: 706-379-9900 • Email: info@cranecreekvineyards.com
Website: www.cranecreekvineyards.com
Sponsor: Crane Creek Vineyard • Cost: 21 and over \$20, under 21 \$10
Description: Celebrate the welcoming of Spring by spending your afternoon with the Crane Creek Family! Local artists will be featuring their work and we will be serving lunch and having wine tastings. Bring the whole family and let the kids enjoy the Kiddie Craft Tent and take their chance trying to catch a fish from the pond! Tickets will be sold at the door: 21 & over - \$20, under 21 - \$10. Call the tasting room for more details.

5/29/2010 - 5/30/2010 North Georgia Mountain's Horsin' Around BBQ Showdown at Brasstown Valley Resort
6321 US Highway 76 • Young Harris, GA 30582
Location: at the Stables •Hours: Saturday 10:30 am- 5:30 pm Sunday 11:00 am - 5:30 pm • Contact: Brasstown Valley Resort
Phone: 706-379-9900 • Website: www.brasstownvalley.com
Sponsor: Brasstown Valley Resort • Parking is free.
Cost: Gate Admission \$5.00 per person/valid for both days.
Description: Brasstown Valley Resort is proud to present their annual Horsin' Around Barbeque Showdown in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains on Memorial Day Weekend. This contest is operated under sanction of the Kansas City Barbeque Society. (KCBS) In addition, there will be the All American Arts & Crafts Festival, Kid's Fun Zone, Live Entertainment, Blacksmithing, Soap Making, Pottery Demonstrations and More. Cruisers Car Show, Pony Rides, Southeastern Reptile Rescue exhibit, Great Food and Fun for the Entire Family!

5/29/2010 Young Harris Memorial Day Parade
Young Harris, GA 30582 • Location: Main Street
Hours: 9:00 a.m. • Contact: Parade Committee
Phone: 706-379-4606 • Cost: Free
Sponsor: The City of Young Harris & Brasstown Valley Resort
Description: If your organization, church, business or other category wishes to participate in the Parade, please contact the Parade Committee for an entry form.

5/29/2010 Horsin' Around Family Cook Out and Magical Mystery Theater (to be enjoyed by the guests during dinner)
Young Harris, GA 30582 • Hours: 6:30 - 9:30 PM Location: Brasstown Stables at Brasstown Valley Resort
Contact: Amy Gibby Rosser (706) 896-4131x 1233
Phone: or Karen Rogers (706) 379-460
Email: argibby@towns.k12.ga.us
Sponsor: Towns County Family Connection
Cost: \$14 Adults, \$7 Kids, 5/Under Free
Description: There will be a kids fun zone with activities, bouncey slides at no additional cost * A portion of the proceeds benefits Towns County Family Connection

5/29/2010 OTM Music on the Square
Hiwassee, GA 30546 • Location: on the Square in Downtown Hiwassee • Hours: 6-8pm • Sponsor: OTM • Cost: Free
Description: First concert of the year. Bring your own chair or blanket

CITY OF YOUNG HARRIS NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING JUNE 1, 2010

The Young Harris City Council will meet Tuesday, June 1, 2010 for a Called Meeting. The meeting is being called to discuss the possible expansion of the Young Harris Wastewater Plant, and other projects, with the City's Engineers. The Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Room of Young Harris City Hall located at 5187 Maple Street. The Regular Meeting will follow at 7 P.M.

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Free Flowers In Your Garden seminar



Marta Mead, speaker for Flowers In Your Garden seminar

Georgia O'Keeffe painted them. Claude Monet said that he owed becoming a painter to flowers. Humans have long been drawn to the beauty and fragrance of flowers. But are you growing enough of your own blooms? In this session, our speaker, Marta Mead, will discuss growing annual and perennial flowers, and will provide instruction on which species will grow better in shade or sun, and what types prefer wet or dry sites. Information on the latest flower cultivar releases will be presented.

Marta Mead received her degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. She has worked at the Georgia Mountain Research & Education Center since it was called the Georgia Mountain Branch Station. She has worked on countless research projects both in the field and in the greenhouse, including perennial evaluations and Georgia Gold Medal evaluations. Her expertise and knowledge make her an invaluable source of information for the GMRE Center. Ms. Mead is an active member of the Blairsville Garden Club, where her duties have included supervising their annual plant sale.

This seminar is the 73rd in a series of seminars sponsored by the Outreach Committee of the Community Council. The Community Council was formed in 2003 to expand the outreach and service of the Georgia Mountain Research & Education Center to the mountain region. To fulfill this purpose, volunteers work through three program committees - Preservation, Education and Outreach. The Outreach Committee began offering free seminars in 2004. Since that first seminar, more than 5,200 adults have benefited from these seminars. The operating budget of the Community Council is funded by gifts from friends through an annual campaign.

If you would like to receive seminar notices by email, send your online request, name and phone number to: gmrec@uga.edu.

Program Details DATE: Friday, May 21, 2010. TIME: Doors open at 9 a.m. Program 10 to 11:45 a.m. PLACE: Auditorium, GMRE Center. NO Pre-registration required!

Seating is limited to the first 100 in attendance.
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The Community Council of the Georgia Mountain Research & Education Center invites you to a free seminar on caring for flowers in your garden, on Friday, May 21, at 10 AM, in the auditorium of the Georgia Mountain Research & Education Center. The GMRE Center is located three miles south of Blairsville, on Hwy 19/129. There is no cost for this seminar and no pre-registration is necessary. However, seating is limited to the first 100 in attendance.

Ralph Waldo Emerson and Walt Whitman wrote about them. Vincent Van Gough and

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rest is history. Frizzell fell in love with teaching and realized that was her life's calling.

"I knew that's what I was supposed to do," she said. "It's a blessing; it's what God chose me to be."

Thomas Boyd also has the gift of gab and his sense of humor that rubs off on his students and keeps them interested in Georgia History.

"I feel humbled, honored, and a little embarrassed," Boyd said. "I was surprised, for sure."

Boyd's secret to success is that he loves what he does, teaching is his career.

"To be a teacher you have to love what you do," he said. "You also have to care about the people you work with. You have to know your content. It is necessary to explain things to students. And it helps to try to make learning fun."

Boyd's principal, Dr.

Marian Sumner, believes that Boyd's calm demeanor creates an atmosphere conducive to learning. In essence, Boyd brings Georgia History to life.

Boyd's peers say he demonstrates fairness and concern for his students in the classroom. He's a leader outside the classroom as well, especially with his leadership in Fellowship of Christian Athletes and coaching a variety of sports throughout the school system.

Don Dermody, principal at Towns County Elementary, said that second grade teacher Kay Dyer has an unmatched rapport with her students and professional colleagues.

"Kay is the kind of teacher every parent wants for their child and every student wants to have," Dermody said. "Students know she genuinely cares about them and what's happening in their life. She finds a way to connect with

each student by finding out what they care about, and what interests them.

"She's a compassionate, nurturing and creative person," he said. "Kay makes learning come alive by getting students continuously involved in the lesson, providing them with challenges that are still within their ability level, and motivating them to do their best."

"She has strong instructional skills, and is always willing to share her ideas and materials and is respected by both her colleagues and the parents of her students," he said.

Dyer is retiring at the end of the current school year.

"They're all treasures in the classroom," said Towns County Schools Superintendent Richard Behrens. "We're going to miss Kay Dyer. We're proud of Kay, Alecia and Thomas for everything they've bring to the classroom experience."