



# Chamber Chronicles

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## Angel's Chamber Messages



## Towns County Tourism Association Sponsors the 2nd Annual Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruiz-In

The 2nd Annual Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruiz-In will be held August 12, 13 & 14 from 8am – 5pm daily at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. Guests will enjoy strolling the pioneer setting, live mountain music, folk exhibits, local crafts, and of course hundreds of hot classic cars. There will also be plenty of automotive vendors on display to help with a hard to find part for your classic car or street rod. The shade trees, lake-side breeze and a cold glass of lemonade will cool participants and guests alike. Thanks to the Towns County Tourism Association, the City of Hiwassee, Towns County Commissioner's Office and the kind people of the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, there will be some good ole mountain music shows on Friday and Saturday night at the Anderson Music Hall located on the grounds. There will also be a Hot Rod Parade on Friday, August 13th beginning at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds at 7pm and will end with live music on the Square in Hiwassee. The nominal admission charge of \$10/day or three days for \$20 will prove to be one of the best deals of the summer. There is no charge for parking and shuttle service will be available. Registered vehicles will receive a discount. Make plans now for the best Classic Automotive Fest you have ever attended! For more information, call 706.896.4191.

## Season's 4 Designs is Now Open!

Season's 4 Designs provides shoppers with exquisite table linens and fine gifts for the home. They are located on 132 N. Main Street in Hiwassee. Contact Anne at 706-435-0620.



## The Towns County Chamber of Commerce Welcomes our Newest Member

Please join us in welcoming our newest member, Charlie Russell of Cartridge Exchange. Charlie and his team offer re-filled inkjet cartridges, compatible toners and makes signs, banners, magnetic signs and window lettering. Cartridge Exchange is located at 1489 Blue Ridge Highway in Blairsville and can be reached at 706.745.5829. They also deliver locally to most locations.

## VFW youth essay competitions announced

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States conducts two Youth Essay Competitions annually to help promote Patriotic thinking and essay writing skills. These Programs are the Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Competition and the Voice of Democracy Oratory Essay Competition.

The Patriot's Pen is a written essay competition that is open nationally to all students in grades 6, 7 & 8, whereby the students are given a patriotic theme that is chosen annually by the outgoing VFW National Commander-in-Chief and the students have to develop and write a 300- 400 word essay built around that theme. The essays then start a process of judging at the school or home school level, where the essays are judged based on three criteria (Theme Knowledge, Theme Development & Clarity of Ideas). The school or home school association will then forward to the local VFW Post that is in charge for that county one entry for every fifteen entries (or partial). The Post will then likewise have a judging panel judge the entries from all the schools in the county and then likewise forward the same ratio of entries (per county) to the District. The District will also have a judging panel and likewise will do the same thing for the entries for the counties, forwarding the same ratio to the State. The state then judges the essays and selects the best essay in the state to be entered into the National Judging, where the essay has a chance to win the writer a \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond and a chance to win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the writer and his/her parent or guardian. The 20 10-11 Patriot's Pen Theme is "Does Patriotism Still Matter?"

The Voice of Democracy is an oratorical essay competition that is open nationally to all students in grades 9, 10, 11 & 12, whereby the Students are given a patriotic theme that is chosen annually by the outgoing VFW National Commander-in-Chief, and the students have to develop, write and then record (on CD or Cassette) a three to five minute essay built around that theme. The Judging of the Voice of Democracy is based on these three criteria (Originality, Content & Delivery). The Entries are judged in the same manner as the Patriot's Pen through the State Level, but the State Winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. from March 6-10, to compete live in the National Judging, where the Winner will receive a \$30,000 Scholarship that is paid directly to the recipient's American University, College or Vocational/Technical School. The 20 10-11 Voice of Democracy Theme is "Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future?"

The deadline for submission of entries from the school level to the Post is November 1 and the entry forms should be distributed to the Schools by the local VFW Post before the beginning of the school year or you can contact the local post or its Program Chairman at the contact information below, or you can contact me at district\_2@mcmahon-ga.net and please indicate in the subject line which program you are needing info for.

The post that covers Towns County is VFW Post #7807 and its mailing address is: 1329 Sunnyside Rd., Hiwassee, GA 30546-3944 and their program contact is Glen G. Greenwald and may be contacted at gggreen@windstream.net. T01028,H2)SH

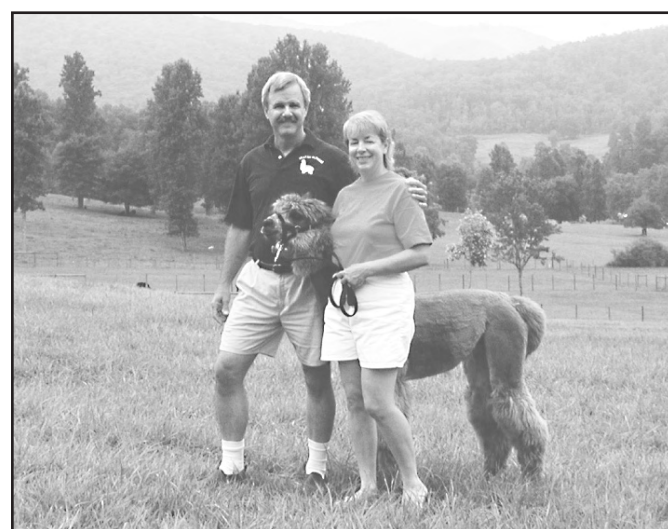
## Williams attends Governor's Valedictorians Day



Governor Sonny Perdue (left), Coley Williams, and Mary Perdue

Governor Sonny Perdue and wife Mary hosted the High School Valedictorians from the state of Georgia on June 5. Coley Williams represented the entire Mountain Education Center which was 5 of those counties in Georgia and 7 campuses comprised of over 2000 students. The event was held at the Governor's mansion in Atlanta on a beautiful summer

## Member Spotlight on Destiny Alpacas, Inc.



A visit to Destiny Alpacas is a treat in itself. Located at 1952 Gibson Road in Young Harris, Georgia, the panoramic view of the enchanted valleys and mountains is a showplace to discover alpacas. Owners Larry and Cathi Dietsch will welcome you to the farm where you'll see their colorful herd of Huacaya alpacas grazing nearby. It's a peaceful environment, where alpacas seem like family. They are introduced by name and pictures of their antics fill the family album. Alpacas are gentle, hardy and easy to care for. They require simple shelters, secure fencing and are environmentally friendly.

Destiny Alpacas was created in the year 2000. Since then Larry has devoted a great deal of time to the alpaca industry as demonstrated through his leadership as President and member of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Alpaca Association from 2002 through 2008. He also continues to serve on various AOA National Committees. Larry & Cathi have been active in the alpaca industry volunteer-

ing and as active members of SeAA, AOBA, SSLA, SAFF, SFN, ASFN, GAA and ARI. Destiny was featured in an article in the October 2005 SOUTHERN LIVING magazine - Georgia Edition!

The alpacas provide a real treasure in their luxurious fleece and fiber products, which you will want to touch and take home. The Barn Boutique offers everything alpaca from hand-knitted hats, scarves, socks and felted purses made from the fiber of their own alpacas! T shirts and children's toys are also available. Destiny Alpacas will celebrate National Alpaca Farm Day September 25 at the Square in Hiwassee at Summer's Last Kiss Art Festival. There you will have an opportunity to see a few alpacas and purchase wonderful handmade alpaca products.

Farm visits are welcome by appointment only please. Contact Destiny Alpacas at 706-379-2361 or email Larry@destinyalpacas.com. Further information is available on their web site at www.destinyalpacas.com.

## Member Calendar of Events

### 7/29/2010 - 8/1/2010 Fiddler on the Roof

301 Church Street • Hayesville, NC 28904  
Location: Peacock Playhouse  
Hours: Thurs, Fri & Sat 8pm Sun 2:30pm  
Phone: 877-691-9906 • Email: licklog@verizon.net  
Website: www.licklogplayers.org • Sponsor: Licklog Players  
Description: Set in Tsarist Russia in 1905. It is based on Tevye and his Daughters (or Tevye the Milkman) and other tales by Sholem Aleichem. The story centers on Tevye, the father of five daughters, and his attempts to maintain his family and religious traditions while outside influences encroach upon their lives. He must cope with both the strong-willed actions of his three older daughters—each one's choice of husband moves further away from the customs of her faith—and with the edict of the Tsar that evicts the Jews from their village.

### 7/30/2010 Point of Grace/Laura Story

1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734  
Phone: 866-273-4615 • Cost: \$15.00  
Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com  
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts  
Description: Come be a part of a wonderful night of worship with award winning christian artists/songwriters Point of Grace and Laura Story.

### 8/4/2010 Back to School Concert

1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734  
Phone: 866-273-4615 • Cost: \$12.00  
Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com  
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts  
Description: Featuring Shane and Shane and guest speaker Mark Cahill. (Groups greater than 10 people receive discount tickets at \$10 a piece)

### 8/5/2010 - 8/8/2010 Fiddler on the Roof

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### 8/6/2010 Ms. Patty's Entertainment Tonight II

1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734  
Phone: 866-273-4615  
Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com  
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts  
Cost: \$8-\$10.

Description: A fantastic, fun-filled evening for the entire family presented by a host of talented singers, dancers and musicians. You do not want to miss spectacular performance! All proceeds go to Franklin First United Methodist Church missions.

### 8/7/2010 Ronnie McDowell - The Elvis Presley Story

1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734  
Phone: 866-273-4615  
Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com  
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts  
Cost: \$20-\$30

Description: THE ELVIS PRESLEY STORY. Starring Ronnie McDowell and featuring memories of Elvis by his former back-up singers and band members: The Jordanares \* The Stamps Quartet D.J. Fontana \* Millie Kirkham

### 8/9/2010 - 8/10/2010 Blue Moon Musical Revue

1028 Georgia Road  
Franklin, NC 28734  
Phone: 866-273-4615  
Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com  
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts  
Cost: \$8-12

Description: Blue Moon Musical Revue, A Fun-Filled Doo-Wop Ride through the music of the 1950's & '60's.

### 8/12/2010 - 8/14/2010 2nd Annual Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruiz-In

1311 Music Hall Rd.  
Hiwassee, GA 30546  
Location: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds  
Hours: 8am-5pm Sorry no pets due to Fairgrounds regulations. Handicap mobile devices permitted. Electric scooter rental will also be available.

Contact: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds  
Phone: 706-896-4191  
Email: gamtfair@windstream.net  
Website: www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com  
Sponsor: Towns County Tourism Association  
Cost: \$10.00 per day, 3 day pass \$20. children 12 and under free

Description: Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruiz-In, is held in Hiwassee at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. The car show will be open from 8am-5pm daily on August 12, 13 & 14.

## Blairsville School of Dance competes in Gatlinburg and Charleston

The BSoD Force clogging teams at Blairsville School of Dance have enjoyed many competition successes this summer. The teams are made up of students from ages 6-36 from Union, Towns, Fannin, Cherokee and Clay counties.

On May 15, four of the groups competed at the Dance Maytrix clogging competition in Gatlinburg, TN. The 7-9 year-old team competed in the Standing Line category and earned a third place trophy. This was the fourth competition for the team, which started as beginning cloggers last August. BSoD Junior Force, which competes in the 12-14 year-old age division, won first place in their age division with their Traditional Line routine and Grand Champion over all the age divisions beating out 15 teams for the win. This was the second Grand Champion trophy for the team, which has been dancing together since last fall. The Young Adult team placed first for their Standing Line routine in their age division and placed second overall. They also received first place trophies for their Hoedown routine and a second place for their brand new Small Team routine. The Adult team also earned a first place trophy in their age division. The group placed an impressive third overall in the Standing Line category. The group began competing in March of this year.

On June 26-27, several dancers from the Junior, Young Adult and Adult teams traveled to Charleston, SC to compete in two competitions. The groups won two first and three second place trophies and qualified all three of the competing routines for national events.

BSoD Force is now preparing for their Free Clogging Clinic which begins on July 29 at the studio and for their per-



Kameron Odom, Mary Mauney, Shelby Poling, Emi Galpin, Hannah-Grace Casey, Hailey Cheves, Kaitlyn Odom



Amy Pollin, Kelci Jones, Angela Puleo, Brett Taylor, Andee Casey

formance on July 31 at 11:00 a.m. at the Green Bean Festival in downtown Blairsville. When not working on future performances, the groups are focused on the upcoming USA National Clogging Championships, which will be held Labor Day weekend in Nashville.

## Free diabetes workshop

Dealing with diabetes? Head in the right direction. Being told that you have diabetes can leave you with questions. Where can you get information? What should you look for? What changes should you make to your diet? Get some answers.

Call now about this free workshop. Find out how to manage your diabetes and plan

meals better. Have your questions answered by a diabetes expert. Work in groups for a fun, interactive learning experience. Learn the importance of checking your blood sugar and what the results mean.

The workshop will take place at Chatuge Regional Hospital on Thursday, July 29 at 6 PM. Call 877-532-4545 to sign up. Space is limited! T01028,F1)SH