



Chamber Chronicles

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Angel's Chamber Messages



August Business After Hours

Season's 4 Designs, Sunflower Interiors and Michaelees Chocolate Café will be hosting our August Business After Hours on Tuesday, August 31st from 5pm - 7pm. Season's 4 Designs, Sunflower Interiors and Michaelee's are located in the Timberlake Village on Main Street in Hiawassee. Contact the Towns County Chamber of Commerce at 706.896.4966 with any questions.

Radio Shack Has Moved to a New Location!

Eller Electronics - Radio Shack has moved to 563 North Main Street in Hiawassee (where Movie Gallery was). They sell Sirius & XM Radio, AT&T, Dish & Direct TV as well as a wide variety of home electronics. Their new store is open now and will soon have a Grand Re-Opening Sale. They will also be opening Collage very soon, which will be a new store featuring ladies clothing and accessories. Contact Crystal and Ashley at Radio Shack at 706.896.1900.

Member Calendar of Events

8/19/2010 Steven Curtis Chapman
1028 Georgia Road, Franklin, NC 28734, Phone: 866-273-4615
Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts. Cost: \$30. Description: Steven Curtis Chapman is a name that anyone and everyone who listens to Christian music knows.
8/21/2010 Tim Hawkins (Tunafish Comedy)
1028 Georgia Road, Franklin, NC 28734, Phone: 866-273-4615
Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts. Cost:

\$15-20. Description: Want clean comedy with an edge? Tim Hawkins brings the funny. Hawkins has been accused of being equally gifted and twisted. Whatever your take, he has indeed become one of the most in-demand comics in the country. His arsenal is unique: high energy stand-up, physical comedy, slick guitar skills, a thousand faces and voices, improvisational chops. "

8/21/2010 Tomato Festival at Crane Creek Vineyards
916 Crane Creek Rd, Young Harris, GA 30582. Location: Crane Creek Vineyards. Hours: 11am-6pm. Phone: 706-379-1236
Website: www.cranecreekvineyards.com

Description: Come celebrate the "other" vine. Wine, food and music featuring Cornbread Ted & the Butterbeans

8/21/2010 10th Annual Harley Give-A-Way
400 Ponce DeLeon Ave, Atlanta, GA, Location: Yaarab Shrine Center, Hours: doors open at 6pm, Contact: Danny Huggins, Phone: 678-296-4024. Sponsor: Potentate Escort Unit. Cost: \$100. Includes Prime Rib Dinner for two, Open Bar, Live Music & Dancing. Chance to win a brand new 2010 Harley Davison Heritage Softail Motorcycle.

8/21/2010 Pet Adoption
Hwy 76 (next to Ware Chevrolet), Blairsville, GA 30512. Location: Main Street USA Shops. Hours: 10am-2pm. Contact: Adeana Ruback. Phone: 706-835-7535. Sponsor: Castaway Critters

8/26/2010 Peter Noone's Herman's Hermits
1028 Georgia Road, Franklin, NC 28734. Phone: 866-273-4615. Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com

Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts. Description: Peter Blair Denis Bernard Noone is a multi-talented entertainer, who has been delighting audiences nearly all his life. He was born in Manchester, England, where he studied voice and acting at St. Bede's College and the Manchester School of Music and Drama.

8/27/2010 Protecting Your Streambank
195 Georgia Mountain Experiment Station Rd., Blairsville, GA 30512. Location: The Georgia Mountain Research & Education Center. Hours: Doors open at 9:00 AM - Program 10:00-11:45 AM. Contact: Clare Johnston. Phone: 706-745-2655. Email: gmrec@uga.edu. Website: www.gmrec.uga.edu

Sponsor: The Outreach Committee of the Community Council. Description: HRWC staff members, Callie Moore & Tony Ward will speak about the most threatening non-native, invasive plants found in riparian areas throughout the upper Hiwassee River watershed, as well as watershed-friendly bank stabilization techniques.

8/28/2010 - 8/29/2010 2010 Lake Chatuge Tour of Homes
US Hwy 76, Young Harris, GA 30582. Location: The Ridges Resort Marina. Hours: Boat leaves from the Ridges Resort 11am, 2pm, & 5pm. Phone: 706-781-3030. Sponsor: The Northeast Georgia Board of Realtors. Cost: \$35.00 Reservations required. Guided Tour of the most beautiful homes on Lake Chatuge by boat. Description: Tickets may be purchased from the Towns County Chamber of Commerce 706-896-4966 - The Ridges Resort 706-896-2262 or The Northeast Georgia Board of Realtors 706-781-3030. Special room rates available at the Ridges Resort in Hiawassee for tour guests. Ask for the "Lake Tour" special

when making your reservation.

8/28/2010 - 8/29/2010 Young Harris Art Festival
Highway 76 and Maple Street, Young Harris, GA 30582. Location: Mayor's Park - Young Harris, GA. Hours: 10 AM - 5 PM. Phone: 706-897-6179. Description: Arts & Crafts Festival, great food, entertainment, music & dancers, arts & crafts, children's crafts & clown, pottery & soap making, blacksmith demo and chain saw art. Food preservation and baking competition judged by the Towns and Union County Extension Agents - ribbons to be awarded.

8/28/2010 Diamond Rio
1028 Georgia Road, Franklin, NC 28734. Phone: 866-273-4615. Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com

Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts. Cost: \$25-35. Description: Diamond Rio has long been one of country music's most successful groups. The band released its platinum-selling debut disc in 1991. The following year, Diamond Rio won the Country Music Association's Vocal Group of the Year award for the first time. They've scored nine No. 1 hits and placed 15 singles in the Top Five.

8/31/2010 YHC Music Performance Event
Young Harris, GA 30582. Location: Glenn Auditorium. Hours: 7:00pm. Contact: H. Denise Murphy, Asst to Division of Fine Arts. Phone: 706-379-5182

Website: www.yhc.edu
Sponsor: Young Harris College. Description: Charles Calloway, trumpet James Land, tuba Anita Guss, piano

Ribbon Cutting



The Towns County Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting at Season's 4 Designs. Season's 4 Designs is located at 132 North Main Street in Hiawassee at the Timberlake Village. Anne & Guy Leucke, owners offer fine linens, unique gifts and seasonal items for the home and can be reached at 706.435.0620.

Patriots go to Washington for Restore America



L-R--Gary Lee, Charlotte Ledford, Nighta Davis, Perry Bush, Terry Haney Back: Many Patriots from Georgia and Cherokee and Clay County, North Carolina

Four full bus loads of American USA Patriots are going to Washington, D.C. on August 27th-29th to participate in the Restore America Event sponsored by Glenn Beck. Nighta Davis, Founder of the groups, organized the four buses for the August event and is organizing 4 buses plus for the 9/12 September massive march that will pick up patriots from many cities in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Georgia counties for passenger pick up: Towns, Union, Pickens, Gwinnett, White, Hall, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall. North Carolina cities for passenger pick up: Murphy, NC; Greenville, SC; Charlotte, NC; and Durham, NC. Approximately 2.2 million Patriots traveled to Washington to express their concern on 9/11 of 2009. I never really advertised the trip and could have filled up ten buses with

just the Patriots members that number over 5000 and growing. We offer the trip at cost so patriots can afford to go. We have seats available for the September 9/12 trip, however they want last long," said Davis. The Patriots are a group of concerned Americans who feel our freedom and liberties are in jeopardy. They are an educational civic organization that alerts the public to legislation that would infringe upon their liberty, freedoms and constitutional rights. The Patriots are non partisan and welcome everyone. They offer educational meetings and seminars regarding the constitution, upcoming legislation, etc. If you are interested in participating in a Patriots group, becoming a volunteer or going to Washington for the rallies, call founder Nighta Davis at 706-896-9021. NT(Aug18,X2)SH

S.A.F.E. used cell phone campaign

Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, Inc. (SAFE) would like to recognize the following businesses/organizations that are actively collecting old cell phones or have placed S.A.F.E. cell phone collection bins in their businesses. The cell phones that are in good working condition are used as 911 cell phones for survivors and extra ones are sent to Shelter Alliance, a company dedicated exclusively to socially responsible cell phone recycling. Collected cell phones: Arne's Auto Service, Ingles Blairsville, Logan Turnpike Mill, Pack and Ship, The Bead Shop, Radio Shack, St. Francis of Assisi. Bins and collections: Blairsville Reality, Comfort Café, CVS, Galaxy Bowling Alley, Glow Salon, Hootin Owl Music Hall, Lovely Nails Hiawassee, Rite Aid, Sunrise Grocery, The Hair Shoppe, The New You Fitness for Women, United Community Bank, Blairsville, United

County Pet Hospital, Union Powersports, Verizon.

Please help us assist these wonderful organizations collect even more phones! Bring in your old cell phones and drop them in any of the listed locations! Shelter Alliance offers collection programs for organizations, cell phone donation programs for businesses and individuals, and a unique community service program for students. To learn more, please call them at 866-744-1003 or at www.shelteralliance.net.

Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides support, advocacy and emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence, child abuse and sexual assault serving Towns and Union Counties. For more information call 706-379-1901 or to talk to an advocate, please call our 24 hour crisis line at 706-379-3000. NT(Aug18,A4)SH

Free reactive emotion workshop

How to transform reactive emotions when you get upset. Join us for this Free monthly public workshop.

Thursday, August 26, 2010 7:15-9 p.m. Location: United Community Bank, corner of Hwy. 64 & 69, Hayesville, NC.

Pre-registration preferred. Email Benita@EspositoInstitute.com. Call first and show up at the door: 770-998-6642. Visit www.EspositoInstitute.com to read articles to improve relationships.

Who's invited? Adults: Married Couples, Engaged, Dating, Divorced and Singles.

Description: Imagine this scene: You're at home or at work, you want to have a harmonious conversation with your spouse, your child, your parent or your co-worker. Out of the blue, they say or do something unexpected, and faster than the blink an eye, you feel hurt or angry. Your

desire for a peaceful interaction just went south. Tension builds within you and between you. You emotionally withdraw, or you get angry, or you argue, none of which helps. But that's your automatic response to protect yourself.

How can you go from a reactive conversation to a productive conversation that opens your hearts?

In this workshop, you'll learn how to:

Manage your own reactions when you get upset.

Stay centered when someone else is upset with you.

Lead a conversation so there is more likelihood of opening your hearts.

Set boundaries to take care of your self instead of allowing abuse.

To register: Call 770-998-6642 or email Benita@EspositoInstitute.com. NT(Aug18,W2)SH

Asbestos management plan notification for Towns County Schools

The Towns County Schools AHERA Management Plan is available for public inspection upon request at the Towns County Board of Education Office, 67 Lakeview Circle, Suite C, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546. This notification is provided to fulfill the requirement of section 763.93(4) of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, 40 CFR Part 763, October 30, 1987. All interested parents, teachers, employees or other persons are invited to review the plan which includes the following items:

types of asbestos-contained materials in all schools and support buildings.

2. Response actions to the asbestos-contained materials, selected by the Towns County Board of Education.

3. Plans for reinspection, periodic surveillance and operation and maintenance programs.

4. Public Notification procedures.

Anyone interested in reviewing this plan should contact the Towns County Board of Education at (706) 896-2279. T(Aug18,F5)SH

STAGE YOUR HOME

FOR SALE

By Jeanne Mills, Realtor



Get it right the first time!

In home sales we're not given a second chance in today's world without significant reason. Usually, the only opportunity we will have to "play it again" will be based on a substantial benefit to the customer the second time around. This usually equates into a substantially lower price. For the seller, this should mean careful preparation before listing your home, and continual upkeep because your buyer may come through your front door any day.

For example, I have a favorite client, with whom I have worked to find a home. An easy going person, with some general needs for himself and his wife, I proceeded to show him the finest homes in two Counties, only to find the issues really critical to him. His observations were eye-openers! How clean are your rugs, light fixtures, walls, and switch plates? Is there poor quality remodeling; loose or missing hardware? Do you

have wallpaper peeling? Are there overgrown or dead bushes out front instead of nicely trimmed, small shrubs? Are the windows still dirty or paint splattered? Are your closets bursting with stuff? I don't have an OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder), but buyers may! If the buyer sees incomplete, sloppy workmanship, regardless of all the good intentions, no amount of "We're getting to that next week," will satisfy the buyer standing in front of you. Sorry, you've lost them for your price and maybe for good.

Discipline yourself to complete the job. Objectively, what's on your list that must be done to make a difference when that buyer comes around? Don't wait, get to it. Be disciplined and be successful.

Next time: how to stage your home if you decide to lease. If you need some help or have a question call me at 706-745-3500. 'Til next time, stay cool! N(Aug18,G2)gg

Open house at Development Center

The Development Center for Families and Children at the Young Harris Community Center Tuesdays, 3-7.

We offer: free tutoring, parenting classes, wellness counseling, food, structured games and activities.

Open House September 7, 2010 from 4-8 PM. For more information, contact (706) 896-4131 x 1235.

*Made possible through a grant from the Governor's Office of Children and Families. T(Aug18,H1)SH

Farmer's Market Flower Show

Saturday, August 21st is the date! The Civic Center in Blairsville is the Place! Residents from Union, Fannin, Towns, White and Lumpkin counties in Georgia and Clay and Cherokee counties in North Carolina are invited to come and display your plants and floral designs.

Categories include flowers - cut specimens, trees and shrubs, container plants, hanging containers, native plants, bonsai, herbs, bud vase, centerpiece, vase arrangement and presentation bouquet.

The show is open to the public and there is no admission charge and no charge to display your plants and floral designs. Plant identification assistance will be available at registration.

Registration will take place on Friday, August 20th beginning at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Judging will take place on Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. There are no cash prizes but

there will be first place, second place and third place winners in all classes. On Saturday August 21st, the show will be open to the public from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. for all to admire the beautiful exhibits.

The Union County Farmer's Market Community Flower Show is sponsored by the Farmer's Market Committee, the Union County Commissioner's Office, the Union County Extension Office, local garden clubs and the Towns - Union Master Gardener Group. Please consider entering one or more exhibits at your second annual Union County Farmer's Market Community Flower Show. For more information and a complete list of the Flower Show rules and divisions, you may contact Jo Anne Allen at (706) 400-8139 or Barbara Baumgardner at (706) 835-2812 or email your questions to UCFlowerShow2010@aol.com. NT(Aug18,X2)SH

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