

Chamber Chronicles

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Wednesday March 24, 2010

Towns County Chamber Calendar of Events

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 Satee...just outside Helen, GA

March 26 - Mountain Arts Association Presents "Colors of Spring". Location: Brasstown Valley Resort Art Gallery. There is no charge to attend the reception. The exhibit will be on display in the gallery until July 12, 2010.

March 27 - Beer School at Brasstown Valley Resort at 1:00 PM. Sponsored by Terrapin Beer Co. - Athens, GA. Cost: \$20.00 per person and includes (5) tastings
Description: You will learn the art of brewing beer and discover the ingredients needed. After school has been dismissed use your tasting tickets to try one of the (5) distinct beers presented in the class.

March 27th - BATTLE OF THE BANDS will be hosted by the Drug Free Towns County Coalition in the Glenn Auditorium at Young Harris College from 4:00 - 8:00 PM. All Bands are welcome.

March 27th - Poets and Writers Reading Poems and Stories: March Meeting at the John C. Campbell Folk School in the Keith House. Reading begins at 7:00 p.m.

March 27th - Stars Shine for Cancer - Relay for Life Variety Show will be held at the Anderson Music Hall - Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. Hours: To be announced

MARCH 27TH FREE ADULT CPR TRAINING AT Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Young Har-

ris 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 The Licklog Players will hold their second free seminar from 10:00am-1:00pm at The Peacock Playhouse in Hayesville. This will be a free acting workshop which will include stage blocking, voice projection, movement, etc and will be taught by Director Laurel Adams.

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

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

The Towns County Chamber of Commerce welcomes new members

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Brown Haven Building & Construction
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President's Message

The Towns County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce our first Business After Hours for the Spring 2010 quarter. This will be a fun and new event because it will be a little different than traditional After Hours events we've previously held. Adrianna's Wine Cottage, Pro Therapy, Heavenly Bake Shop, Verizon Wireless and Mary's Southern Grill located in the Tower Place Shopping Plaza have graciously agreed to be hosts to our membership. We thought April 15th (TAX DAY!) would be a fun day to hold this event. Please mark your calendars for April 15th from 5:00pm-7:00pm and plan to have a great time and network with other businesses as well.

Member Spotlight

We are so excited to be starting our 25th year of operation! This year promises to be one of our most exciting. From familiar favorites to new classes and instructors, we are proud to be presenting one of the most extensive class selections in our history. Check out our new classes in Baskets, Beading, Glass Fusing, Polymer Clay, Stained Glass, Stone Setting, Silver, and Wire. You will find many new class descriptions from instructors you know and love.

We are happy to be welcoming back most of our instructors and to be adding new instructors and staff to our family. Staff and Board Members of William Holland School Welcome You

Trackrock Hammer-In is all about knives



Local artist Dennis Bradley, organizer Carl Rechsteiner, and event host Frank Alexander with junior knife makers Easton, Harry, and Skyler

By Janice Boling
NGN Reporter

The 8th Bi-Annual Trackrock Hammer-In is a fun and informative event where knife makers gather to show their wares and demonstrate knife making techniques. Young people get a chance to make their very own knives and visitors enjoy the music, interesting displays, shopping, and beautiful scenery.

The event is held every spring and fall at Trackrock Campground in Union County. Host Frank Alexander works closely with organizer Carl Rechsteiner and local knife maker Dennis Bradley to ensure a safe and exciting show.

Demonstrations include everything from forging and file work techniques to scrimshaw and leather work. The knife exhibits include miniature knives, hunting knives, daggers, bowies, folders, and many other examples of fine metal working.

The next Trackrock Hammer-In is scheduled for fall of 2010. For more information, please call Frank Alexander at Trackrock Campground.

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Local knife maker and scrimshaw artist Dennis Bradley



Eddie Holsombach and Mike Brown demonstrate forging techniques

Local hikers receive trail maintenance award



Left to right: Mark Shelley, Director, Southern Appalachian Forest Coalition; Richard Sullivan, Trail Maintenance Coordinator, Mountain High Hikers; John Quinlan, Trail Maintenance Coordinator, Mountain High Hikers; Sue Sorice, President, Mountain High Hikers

The Mountain High Hikers have received an award from the Southern Appalachian Forest Coalition for their hiking trail maintenance efforts. The local hiking club maintains close to 100 miles of hiking trails in our Southern Appalachian area.

A check for one thousand dollars was presented to Richard Sullivan and John Quinlan

Bereavement support group

Welcome to a community bereavement support group. A place to share your thoughts and feelings and grow together with others who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

We will meet the first Thursday of every month in the small Community Room of United Community Bank of Blairsville from 4 - 5:30 PM.

The group is presented by Regency Hospice and will be facilitated by Suzanne Repp, LCSW. There is no charge to join this group. Please call 800-577-8791 or 706-896-1251 for more information. NT(Mar24-A1)gg

who head up the club's trail maintenance program, and to club president Sue Sorice. Mark Shelley, Director of the Southern Appalachian Forest Coalition, presented the check and said the award is in recognition of the club's longstanding trail maintenance service in this area.

The money will be used to purchase tools and equipment for the club's continuing trail maintenance projects. The local hiking club is responsible for maintaining 33 miles of trails in North Georgia, including the Helton Creek Falls, Raven Cliffs, High Shoals Falls and Cooper Creek Trails.

They also maintain another 64 miles of trails in North Carolina, including the Fires Creek trail system and the Chunky Gal Trail.

Lockheed-Martin Retirees breakfast

The Lockheed-Martin Retirees breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. the first Monday of every month at Blairsville Restaurant. NT(Mar24-A1)gg

The Mountain High Hikers club has over 185 members, dedicated to the enjoyment of hiking and outdoor recreation, maintenance and improvement of area trails and conservation of our Southern forests.

The Mountain High Hikers offer several hikes every week, and new hikers are always welcome. Check out the website for information on upcoming hikes, club activities and membership: www.mountainhighhikers.org. NT(Mar24,A2)SH

Appalachian Duplicate Bridge Club news

Eight and one half tables played a Mitchell movement at All Saints Lutheran Church in Blairsville, GA on Monday, March 15, with the following results: North-South, first, Jim Bell and Gwen Weaver; second, Susan Palmich and Chris Thompson; third, Ray Berry and Harry Reynolds; and fourth, Joe and Joan Lane.

East-West, first, Richard King and Ned Cahill; second, Jean Pittman and Jean Myers; third, Mike Davis and Sue Wall; and fourth, Pat Mosteller and Joyce Geiger.

Only six full tables were in play on Thursday, March 18. The Howell movement was used to get the following results: First, Joe and Joan Lane; second, Chris Thompson and Myrna Ponkauskas; third, Ned Cahill and Richard King; fourth, Gwen Weaver and Jim Bell; and fifth, Dee Short and Dorothy Smith.

We play on Mondays and Thursdays and would welcome any interested bridge players to join us. For partners or information, please call 828-389-3330. NT(Mar24,C1)bc

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Kristi Leigh Cornwell

ABDUCTED: 8-11-09
Jones Creek Rd., Blairsville, Georgia

VEHICLES OF INTEREST:
White Suburban-like SUV
Gold compact car: such as a Nissan or Toyota



In order to assist in the search for Kristi Cornwell, the following information is provided:

Report activity such as observance of a vehicle being cleaned more than typical, especially one being cleaned with strong chemicals. Pay particular attention to vehicles fitting the description of vehicles of interest identified by investigators. Companies involved in auto upholstery should pay particular attention to unusual requests for rush reupholstery jobs, especially for vehicles matching the descriptions above.

Special attention should be paid to purchases of large amounts of cleaning supplies.

Look for recently burned vehicles, recently sunken vehicles, recently wrecked vehicles being disposed of, someone trying to sell or trade a suspicious vehicle, especially one matching the descriptions of the vehicles of interest indicated above.

Report persons who have not been accounted for or have been missing without explanation from work or home since Tuesday August 11, 2009. Report persons who have changed their normal work or other normal routines since Tuesday August 11, 2009.

Call: 800-597-8477 or visit kristicornwell.com

Lotus Gynecology
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Happy 58th anniversary Forrest & Burma!
Forrest and Burma Chapman celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on March 17, 2010 with an anniversary breakfast at a local restaurant and a romantic dinner out. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Chapman and we wish you all the best! T(Mar24,F)SH
WOMEN'S WELLNESS SERIES (free informative talks)
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