



Chamber Chronicles

The official source of Towns County Chamber News

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April Business After Hours

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-



Angel Long, Chamber President

7:00pm and plan to have a great time and network with other businesses as well.

Georgia Department of Human Services Teen Summer Work Program

The Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) will sponsor a summer work program for eligible teenagers from June 1 to July 30, 2010. DHS will subsidize 100% of the wages of these TeenWork participants.

Employers in need of teen workers and teens interested in working can now apply.

To enroll in this program, a teen must be age 14 to 18 and meet one of the following criteria:

Participate in the Independent Living Foster Care program

Participate in the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program

Be diagnosed as developmentally disabled

Be a member of a family on TANF or that has a gross household income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level (approximately \$65,000/year for family of four).

To get more information or to express an interest in participation, potential employers and teens may contact our office at 1-888-884-4712 or go to the website at www.georgia-teenwork.org.

Watch For Bears On The Move!

Bearwasse Cabin Furniture & Décor of Hiwassee is moving from 3294 Hwy 76 E, to 2068 Hwy 76 W. From the old store, head west through Hiwassee, and the new store is located on the left approximately 1 mi west of the Ga Mountain Fairgrounds at the 7 mi marker (next to Bill's Barber Shop). From Young Harris, go past Fieldstone Marina and the store is approximately 1 mile on the right - look for the chainsaw carved bears. Due to the growing interest in local handcrafted furniture, and the increase of bears in the store, it became time to "move on down the road" to a bigger and better location. Bearwasse's owner & operator, "DJ" David Jones, specializes in custom handcrafted log and rustic furniture. DJ is able to create a piece of furniture designed

specifically for you, or you may choose from many one of a kind pieces he has already created with the use of his on-site sawmill. David (DJ) & Connie Jones would like to thank all their loyal friends and customers for their support & interest and for making it possible for Bearwasse to grow & expand. Bearwasse values its' customers and will continue to provide quality care and products. The new Bearwasse will open on Saturday 4/10/10 at 10 a.m. As a special highlight, The Malhatter Mal McEven, one of north Georgia's premier chainsaw artist, will be carving. Come by for a visit and see what Bearwasse has to offer. If additional info is needed before opening, please call DJ at (706) 896-6912.

Member Calendar of Events

4/8/2010 - Retired U.S. Navy Capt. Jay Hyland will Give Lecture at Young Harris College at 7pm in the Wilson Lecture Hall of the Goolsby Center. The title of his lecture is "Life in a U.N. Organization: Cultural and Organizational Differences". Capt. Hyland will compare the organizational cultures found in American government bureaucracies and in the United Nations' bureaucracies. Capt. Hyland's lecture will place an emphasis on the bureaucratic structures and powers found in an international agency. The event is free and open to the public.

4/9/2010 - 4/18/2010 The Mousetrapp
301 Church Street • Hayesville, NC 28904
Location: Peacock Playhouse
Hours: Fri & Sat 8pm Sun 2:30
Phone: 877-691-9906 Email: licklog@verizon.net
Website: www.licklogplayers.org • Sponsor: Licklog Players
Description: The story is about a young couple who have started up a hotel in a converted manor house. They are snowed in with five guests. One of the guests is killed. Everyone is a suspect, but who really "did in" the most critical woman in town? This play is known for its twist ending, which at the end of every performance the audience is implored not to reveal. Shhhhhh!

4/10/2010 Jackrabbit Mountandu Off Road Duathlon
Hayesville, NC 28904 • Hours: 10:00 AM
Contact: Joanna Atkisson • Phone: 828-389-8085
Email: president@sabacycling.com
Website: www.sabacycling.com
Sponsor: Southern Appalachian Bicycle Association
Cost: visit the website for additional information
More Info: <http://sabacycling.com> Additional information and registration form

Description: SABA is collaborating with the Great Smoky Mountain Triathlon Club to hold the Jackrabbit Mountandu Off Road Duathlon. This is a new race for 2010 in which the GSMTC will get use of the newly completed mountain bike trail system at Jackrabbit, just 5 miles from the McDonalds in Hiwassee Ga. Proceeds from this event will go to SABA and help with trail maintenance and club functions. There will be a 2.2 mile trail run, 14 mile mountain biking then 2.2 mile trail run. This race is a must do if you are one of the many racers that love to do Off Road Racing.

4/10/2010 Mark Shultz
1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734
Phone: 866-273-4615
Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts
Cost: \$17-25
Description: Singer/songwriter Mark Schultz invites all to "Come Alive" with his latest collection of songs that explore life's greatest joys and toughest challenges, while celebrating God's presence in every moment.

4/13/2010 Taste of Home Cooking Show

Art Works Artisan Centre Artist of the Month

706.896.0932
www.mtnregartscraftsguild.org

Art Works Artisan Centre is proud to present Ann Thompson of Hiwassee as April's Artist of the Month. Ann began oil painting over 45 years ago while living in Germany. After traveling the world with her Air Force husband and raising a family, Ann, who was born in Hendersonville, NC, returned to her mountain roots where she now focuses on her painting and

growing as an artist. In 1993, she began working in watercolors and experimenting with new styles of painting.

Ann shares her philosophy of painting. "In my paintings, the process and artistic growth are just as important to me as the finished piece. Each time I begin painting, I hope to create a 'memorable' one that touches the viewer for more than a fleeting moment. For me, there are no limitations except for self."

Ann is a signature mem-

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: Get ready. It's coming soon. It's new and fresh. It will tantalize your senses with a smorgabord of mouthwatering sights and fresh picked flavors. What you ask? The Taste of Home Cooking School, the #1 culinary demonstration in the country, presented live at the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts.

4/13/2010 Location: Brothers at Willow Ranch
Hours: 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Phone: 706.379.1272
Description: Your enjoyment of a Delicious Meal benefits Habitat for Humanity, Towns/Unions Counties.

4/15/2010 Towns County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours
Highway 17 N • Young Harris, GA 30582
Location: Tower Place Shopping Plaza
Hours: 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Contact: Towns County Chamber of Commerce
Phone: 706-896-4966
Email: info@mountaintopga.com
Website: www.mountaintopga.com
Sponsor: Towns County Chamber of Commerce
Description: Please plan to attend the first 2010 "Business After Hours". It will be held at the Tower Place Shopping Plaza. The following members will be participating - Heavenly Bake Shop, Pro Therapy, Verizon Wireless, Mary's Southern Grill and Adrianna's Wine Cottage. Come out for an evening of fun and networking and help support our local businesses.

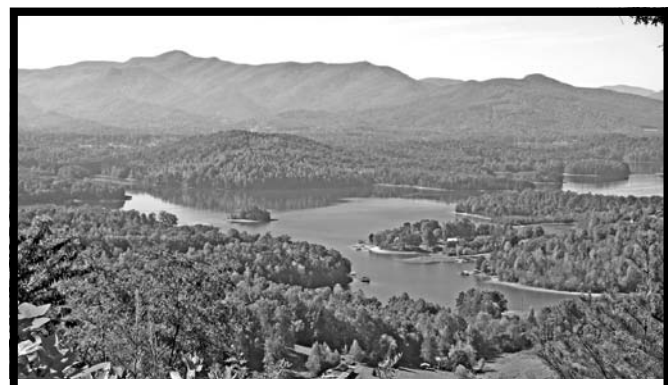
4/16/2010 James Gregory
1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734
Phone: 866-273-4615
Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts
Cost: \$18
Description: For over two decades, the unforgettable caricature of veteran comedian James Gregory has stood grinning; his shirt un-tucked, his arms outstretched, a carefree welcome to a down-home, hilarious comedy experience. It's storytelling at its best. The trademark caricature is the essence of James Gregory's comedy: rib-tickling, reflections on the life from the front porch.

4/16/2010 Travis Tritt in Concert
1311 Music Hall Rd. • Hiwassee, GA 30546
Location: Anderson Music Hall • Hours: To be announced
Contact: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds
Phone: 706-896-4191
Email: gamtfair@windstream.net
Website: www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com
Sponsor: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds
Cost: To be announced

ber of the Georgia Watercolor Society. Her award-winning paintings have been included in national exhibits sponsored by the Louisiana, Georgia, and Rhode Island Watercolor Societies. She has been published in an International Artist series of "how to" books, the Georgia Heritage Center's Experience Art, and was the cover artist for the March 2006 Laurel. Her work is presently available at Turning Creek Artisans in Clayton, the Sautee-Nacoochee Center Gallery in

Sautee, and Art Works Artisan Centre in Hiwassee.

Ann's work will be featured throughout the month of April at Art Works, located behind the Holiday Inn Express on Big Sky Drive. Hours are from Monday through Saturday from 10 - 5. On the first Saturday of the month, April 3rd, there will be a demonstrating artist at work, so come by and visit! For more information, call 706-896-0932.



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Sons of the American Legion donate



Towns County Parks & Recreation Director Wes Hooper (center) accepts checks from Sons of the American Legion Chaplin Gary Kuchinski (left) and Commander Bobby Jarrard. The donations are for a Boy's Baseball team and a Girl's Softball team. It's the fifth year in a row that Sons of the American Legion has sponsored youth sports for boys and girls. Photo/Lowell Nicholson T(Apr7,11)SH

Local authors to read at new Writers' Night Out



Glenda Beall

Photo by Valorie Luhr
Come hear local authors read at the new Writers' Night Out at Mountain Perk Coffee House in Hiwassee, GA. The monthly event begins April 9 and will take place the second Friday of each month from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The evening will feature a reading by a poet or fiction writer, followed by an Open Microphone for those who'd like to read their own work.
Glenda Beall of Hayesville, NC, will be the featured writer on April 9. Glenda's work has been published since 1996 in literary journals, magazines and anthologies. Of her new poetry chapbook Now

Might as Well be Then, one reviewer said her poems "sing to the reader again and again." Many of Glenda's pieces have been drawn from her formative years in south Georgia.

She teaches writing at Tri County Community College and John C. Campbell Folk School.

Those interested in participating in the open mic will have a chance to sign up at the event. Each writer will have three minutes to read fiction or poetry. The event is free and open to the public.

Mountain Perk is located at 195 Main Street, next to Mull's Motel. The café features espresso, and other coffee drinks, sandwiches and sweets. Owner Mary Lawrence comments, "I want to show my support for the arts in North Georgia, and the Writer's Night Out provides an ideal opportunity for authors, the local community and tourists to share their passion for the written word."

For more information, please contact Mary Lawrence at (706) 896-9385, or Karen Holmes at (404) 316-8466 or simplycommunicated@gmail.com. NT(Apr7,11)SH

Lake Hogsed is retiring



Lake Hogsed is headed to retirement. The longtime local businessman recently closed the doors on Hogsed's Used Cars, a fixture on the Downtown Square for almost 60 years. The business was a huge part of Lake's life and an integral part of the Towns County/Hiwassee community. Photo/Lowell Nicholson T(Apr7,11)SH

Grand opening at Murphy Tractor Supply

The new Murphy, NC, Tractor Supply Company store will hold its grand opening on Saturday, April 10, with specially priced merchandise April 8-11, according to Store Manager Shane Bradford.

The Murphy location is Tractor Supply Company's 40th store in North Carolina. It employs 14 team members. The facility has 19,097 square feet, including sales floor and support service space.

Tractor Supply Company is the largest retail farm and ranch supply store chain in the United States and has been operating in North Carolina since 1994.

"The wide array of agricultural products we carry at Tractor Supply Company are a perfect fit for the local community's 'out here' lifestyle," said

Bradford. "Customers have already visited from all over to purchase everything from animal feed to log splitters."

From April 8-11 customers will receive 10 percent off their first purchase, up to \$100, and can enter to win prizes, including a year's supply of dog food or a 42-inch riding lawn mower. For the grand opening Saturday, the local antique tractor club will bring 12 tractors to display and the Valley River Humane Society will bring dogs available for adoption. A local 4-H and various vendors will also be on hand.

Regular operating hours for the store, located at 3340 W. U.S. Highway 64, are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. NT(Apr7,11)SH

Computer group to discuss Snagit

On April 12 at 7 PM there will be a presentation of Snagit by MCUG Secretary/Treasurer George Donegan. George, a founding member of the club, will present and demonstrate Snagit, a Windows based screen capture program. A Q&A session will begin at 6 PM (prior to the presentation) so bring your questions and we will try to find you an answer. Join us

for an interesting evening discussing home computer stuff. The meeting will be held in the Goolsby Center, Young Harris College. All the Mountain Computer User Group meetings are open to the public the 2nd Monday of each month. Great door prizes are awarded to members present. For more information please go to www.mcug.org. NT(Apr7,11)SH