



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. ****

A Message from Your Friends at ServPro of Hiwassee

In standard battery powered smoke alarms, the batteries need to be replaced at least once per year and the whole unit should be replaced every 8-10 years.

Since smoke and many deadly gases rise, installing your smoke alarms at the proper level will provide you with the earliest warning possible. Always follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement.

For extra safety, install smoke alarms both inside and outside sleeping areas.

Contact your local fire department on a non-emergency phone number if you need help or have questions about fire safety in your home.

Habitat for Humanity Needs A Few New Board Members from Towns County

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian Non-Profit Organization that provided affordable housing to those in need. Our affiliate is all volunteers and board members are expected to contribute at least 10 hours per month. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please email us at Habitat@brmcmc.net or call 706-379-2484. We are having a meeting for prospective board members May 18.

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

5/15/2010 Car-Truck-Motorcycle Show

Location: Towns County High School
Hours: 10am-5pm • Phone: 706-781-8763
Sponsor: Towns County Booster Club • Cost: \$5.00

5/18/2010 Mel Tillis

1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734 • Cost: \$15-20
Phone: 866-273-4615 • Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts
Description: Country music legend, Mel Tillis, started performing in the early '50's with a group called "The Westerners" while serving as a baker in the US Air Force, stationed in Okinawa. In 1956, Webb Pierce recorded a song written by Mel entitled "I'm Tired" and it launched Mel's musical career.

5/18/2010 Ernie Haase & Signature Sound

1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734 • Cost: \$18
Phone: 866-273-4615 • 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.

5/20/2010 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

5/22/2010 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.

Golden Dragon Acrobats come to Franklin



The Golden Dragon Acrobats represent the best of a time honored tradition that began more than twenty-five centuries ago. The Golden Dragons are recognized throughout the United States and abroad as the premiere Chinese acrobatic touring company of today.

The company hails from both Hebei and Henan province, in the People's Republic of China, and has toured the United States continuously since 1978. Its 30 members are athletes, actors and artists who have studied and trained for their craft since early childhood. The group has performed in all 50 states and in over 65 countries across the world. The Golden Dragons had their Broadway debut at the New Victory Theater in 2005, and were nominated for two most prestigious Drama Desk Awards for their performance.

The company's founder, producer, and director, Danny Chang, is one of the world's leading promoters of Chinese acrobatics. He began his training at the age of eight with his family's acrobatic school in Taipei, and began touring with its touring wing, the Golden Dragon Acrobats, at age ten. He is the recipient of many awards, including the esteemed Medal for International Faith and Goodwill by the Republic of China's Coordination Council for North American Affairs.

The reputation of the company is solidly rooted in a commitment to the highest of production values and an attention to artistic details that is unparalleled in the art form.

World renowned impresario Danny Chang and choreographer Angela Chang combine award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music and theatrical techniques to present a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty.

Tickets to Golden Dragon Acrobats are \$20 and are available at the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts box office, Dalton's Christian Bookstore in Franklin and Waynesville, NC, by calling 828-524-1598 or 866-273-4615 or online at GreatMountainMusic.com.

Prostate Cancer Support Group

No man needs to face prostate cancer alone. The Man to Man Prostate Cancer Support Group meets on the 3rd Monday of every month from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. in the auditorium of the Cancer Treatment Center in Blairsville.

This is an open discussion, educational, and sharing meeting. There are no dues or fees.

Contact The American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 www.cancer.org, call Steve Sloan at 706-896-1064 or Dick Dillenbeck at 706-745-9767 for additional information.

Men's Morning Coffee Group

Regency Hospice Men's Coffee Group has a new meeting place. Grinds-n-Glazes at 233 Hwy. 515 in Blairsville on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 10 to 11:30 AM.

For more information please call Jan Deveraux, Chaplain at Regency Hospice in Hiwassee at 800-577-8791 or 706-896-1251.

Healthy Nutrition workshop

Good carbs, good fats & good proteins. Learn how to identify the good, the bad and the ugly.

Johanne Kittle, PhD, Holistic Nutritionist, Saturday, May 15 at 2 p.m. at Moss Memorial Library in Hayesville, NC. Funded by the Fred A. Moss Charity Trust.

For more information call 828-389-8401.

Smokie Mountain Melodies Blast From the Past



Bring out your poodle skirts and saddle shoes -- it will be a full evening of barbershop harmony and fun at the Smokie Mountain Melodies Blast from the Past Saturday. Come to the Performing Arts Center at Fannin Co. High School at 7 p.m. May 15 for Front Row Center 10, SMM's 5th annual show, this year featuring a look back at the 50s, 60s, and 70s. (Elvis looks really good as a waiter in the Sweet Shoppe.)

Last Minute, an international award winning young

women's quartet, and Southern Harmony, the Young Harris College women's choral group, will be featured guests. Of course the audience can look forward to songs from our own quartets, Timeless and Steppin' Out, always popular favorites.

A highlight of the evening will be the audience selection of this year's Adeline Idol. Danielle Balsamo (Union Co. HS), Hannah Boone (Murphy HS), and Raven Welch (Fannin Co. HS) will compete

for the title and cash prizes, so come and vote for your favorite singer.

Smokie Mountain Melodies, a chorus of 35 women who love to sing four-part harmony barbershop style, is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for students, and \$12 each for groups of 12 or more. For information contact Anna Stone, (706) 745-5943, ac.stone@gmail.com.

Free safe boating course to be offered again



Assistant Instructor Leslie Moore provides course attendees with hands-on training in recreational boating safety.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 2-3 recently provided a free Safe Boating Course to nine local area recreational boaters at The Ridges Resort in Young Harris, GA. Programs were held on the evenings of April 27 and May 4, with attendance at both sessions to receive course credit.

Many of the attendees were there because this no-cost course meets the new North

Carolina law requiring anyone younger than 26 shall have completed a Boating Safety Course in order to operate a vessel over nine horsepower.

The course included an introduction to boating, boating laws, personal safety equipment, safe boat handling, navigation, boating problems, trailering, storing and protecting your boat, and hunting, fishing, waterskiing and other water sports.

For more information on future course dates or to register, contact James Nolin, USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 2-3 at 706-897-2911 or doorjimmy@brmcmc.net or the Ridges Resort at 706-896-2112. For general information about boating safety courses, vessel safety checks or other Auxiliary activities, visit the Coast Guard Auxiliary website at www.cgaux.org/.

New organization serves North Georgia Mountains

As the Georgia Master Gardeners program celebrated its 30th year, a new local organization was in the making. In the spring of 2009, Mickey Cummings and Robert Brewer, Union and Towns County Cooperative Extension Agents, facilitated a master gardener class with twenty-eight enrolled. According to Mickey Cummings, "The Master Gardeners of Union and Towns Counties are like a springtime rain. They cause good things to grow and I can't wait to see their future."

The efforts of these agents laid the foundation for the newly-formed Towns-Union Master Gardener Association (TUMGA). In March, Jo Anne Allen, President of the North Georgia Master Gardener's Association, brought master gardeners together to form TUMGA. The association was organized to meet gardening-related needs of the communities of Hiwassee, Young Harris, Blairsville, and Suches in the beautiful North

Georgia mountains. Nowhere in Georgia can gardeners share a greater gardening experience than the four seasons of these Appalachian Mountains.

Association leaders are Co-Presidents, JoAnn Allen and Judy Caines; Vice President, Patti Bransford; Treasurer, Marcia Little; and Secretary, Lynn Mosley. Meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month on the campus of Young Harris College.

TUMGA is already involved in several projects: 1) the design and planting of containers around Blairsville's town square; 2) re-planting of flower beds at Towns County jail in Hiwassee; 3) Towns County Demonstration Garden; 4) the Union County Farmer's Market flower show in August; and 5) a winter flower photography exhibition at Union County court house. A website is also in the development.

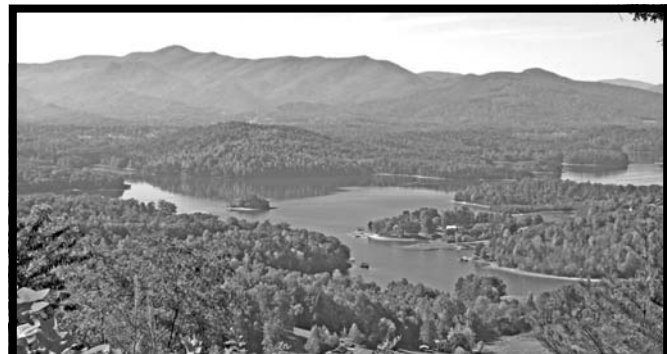
A vital component of the Towns-Union County Master Gardener Association is mem-

bers' affiliation with volunteer and training opportunities of the University of Georgia's Georgia Mountain Education and Research Center in Blairsville.

By Annette Hopgood, Master Gardener

Free food distribution

There will be a free food distribution Tuesday, May 18, 2010. The distribution will be held at The Towns County Food Pantry from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. All that are in need of food assistance are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to pick up your food please contact the pantry at 706-896-4783, prior to distribution day so arrangements can be made to deliver your food. All clients and inquiries are confidential.



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