



# Chamber Chronicles

The official source of Towns County Chamber News

Wednesday June 16, 2010

## Angel's Chamber Messages



### Member Spotlight

Please join us in welcoming two of our newest members: Chip Rainwater of Century 21 Scenic Realty in Hiwassee and the Mountain Valley Country Store "Home of Sweet Lorraine's Homemade Fudge" in Hayesville.

Mountain Valley Country Store is not like any feed store you have ever been in before. Owners, Chip and Lorraine Rainwater, realized a need, for a place that not only dealt with the needs of pets, and companion and farm animals, but a place that offered the owners of these animals a place to shop for men and women's clothing, gifts, wild bird feeds and supplies, lawn and garden, farm supplies, and more. Working with Purina Mills, the Rainwaters spent three years planning and building this new and exciting shopping destination.

Mountain Valley opened in February, 2005 in their new, state of the art, facility that features over 14,000 square feet under one roof. They have gained a reputation for having the friendliest and most knowledgeable staff in the area. With over 25 years of breeding and showing World Class Quarter Horses and Champion Great Dane Dogs, the Rainwaters offer a wealth of experience and knowledge dealing with horses, pets and other companion animals.

The ladies clothing department is one of the store's largest departments and offers ladies a most unique shopping experience. Customers drive from as far away as Asheville and Atlanta just to shop here. Their buyers travel to places like Denver and Las Vegas to bring our customers products that you will not find in other area stores. Although our product line-up is constantly changing, some of our main clothing lines include Carhart, Petrol, Wrangler, Christine Alexander, Not Your Daughter's Jeans, Scully, Cripple Creek, Spanner, Christine Phillippe, and more.

### Member Calendar of Events

**6/17/2010 - 6/19/2010 Gold Wing Rally**  
1311 Music Hall Rd. • Hiwassee, GA 30546  
Location: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds • Contact: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds • Phone: 706-896-4191  
Email: gamtfair@windstream.net  
Website: www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com  
Sponsor: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds

**6/19/2010 Bark-e-Q**  
Raindate: 6/20/2010 noon-5pm • Location: Hiwassee Town Square  
Hours: 10am-3pm • Sponsor: Operation PUP  
Contact: Marsha Grogan Phone: (706) 897-2270  
Enjoy a day out at the Square. Bring your family, friends, dog & smiles. Bring your chair and get comfortable-our local vets will be speaking at the Gazebo and its your chance to "Ask a Vet." Everything pet related: speakers, demos, pet vendors, food, and lots of fun! Meet and support your local rescue groups. 50/50 raffle. Event is free but

please bring a pet food donation for the Towns County Food Pantry. (In case of inclement weather, event will be Sunday and you can bring Dad out for Father's Day).

**6/22/2010 5th Annual Taste of the Southern Highlands**  
1311 Music Hall Rd. • Hiwassee, GA 30546  
Location: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds  
Hours: 6:00 - 8:00 PM • Contact: Amy Gibby Rosser  
Phone: (706) 896-4131 x 1233 • Sponsor: Family Connection  
Website: www.gafcp.org/fcnetwork.towns  
Description: Experience the culinary treats of our local area, featuring an exciting list of Restaurants, Wineries, and Resorts. Proceeds benefit Towns County Family Connection.

**6/24/2010 - 6/27/2011 Disney's Beauty and the Beast**  
1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734  
Phone: 866-273-4615 • Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com  
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts

Cost: \$12.00 • More Info: For additional information  
Description: Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice, Book by Linda Woolverton: Based on Disney's animated feature, this modern Broadway classic centers around a beautiful young girl named Belle and her attempts to tame a monstrous beast who has condemned her to be his prisoner for life.

**7/1/2010 - 7/4/2010 The Inspirations Independence Weekend Concerts**

1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734 • Phone: 866-273-4615  
Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com

Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts  
Cost: \$9-18 • More Info: For additional information

Description: Their record speaks for itself. Forty-seven years on the road, numerous awards and accolades, more than 65 recordings with more than 700 songs, millions of road miles, the successful Singing In The Smokies annual concerts, television appearances, consistently packed concert halls, and a reputation without blemish... there's no other like them. The Inspirations truly are an American treasure.

**7/3/2010 Free Concert featuring Bullet Proof**

916 Crane Creek Road • Young Harris, GA 30582

Hours: 7-11pm • Contact: Crane Creek Vineyard  
Phone: 706-379-1236 • Email: info@cranecreekvineyards.com

Website: www.cranecreekvineyards.com • Sponsor: Crane Creek Vineyard • More Info: For additional information

Description: Celebrate Independence weekend at Crane Creek Vineyard.

**7/3/2010 Ray Stevens in Concert at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds**

1311 Music Hall Rd. • Hiwassee, GA 30546  
Location: Anderson Music Hall • Hours: 7:00 PM

Contact: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds • Phone: 706-896-4191  
Email: gamtfair@windstream.net

Website: www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com  
Sponsor: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds

Cost: \$40.00 and \$30.00 plus \$2.00 handling fee. Tickets go on sale May 21 • More Info: http://www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com/

Description: Tickets go on sale May 21. Call 706-896-4191 for reservation.

**7/4/2010 2010 4th of July Independence Day Fireworks Celebration**

1311 Music Hall Rd. • Hiwassee, GA 30546  
Location: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds • Hours: 9:45 P.M.

Contact: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds • Phone: 706-896-4191  
Email: gamtfair@windstream.net

Website: www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com  
Sponsor: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds

More Info: For additional information  
Description: Gather your friends and family this summer and celebrate Independence Day at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds with a Fireworks Extravaganza! This is sure to be a show that will light up the mountain sky and end your 4th of July with a bang.

**7/4/2010 4th of July Boat Parade**

Hiwassee, GA 30546 • Location: Lake Chatuge  
Hours: 5:00 PM • Contact: Towns County Chamber of Commerce  
Phone: 706-896-4191 • Fax: 706-896-5441

Email: info@mountaintopga.com • Website: www.mountaintopga.com • Sponsor: Towns County Chamber of Commerce

Description: Line up for start at 5:00 PM Nantahala Bay. Parade will end at Ridges Resort And they will provide a cook-out for \$5.00 Enjoy the parade from the following points Towns County Recreation Center Anderson Bridge Georgia Mountain Fair Campgrounds. Boats must be 16' or longer, Meet GA safe boating requirements, Line up behind the Grand Marshall. No wake, Must fly a U.S. Flag, Additional Patriotic Decorations are encouraged, Must have a number issued by the Grand Marshall to be considered for judging.

**7/4/2010 The All American Cookout & Fireworks at Brasstown Valley Resort**

6321 US Highway 76 • Young Harris, GA 30582  
Location: Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa  
Contact: Brasstown Valley Resort • Phone: 706-379-9900

Website: www.brasstownvalley.com • Cost: To be determined  
Description: Our annual cookout will include live music and for the second year, the Young Harris fireworks show! Make plans to bring the family out as we will be having activities for the kids as well as the adults.

**7/5/2010 Independence Day - The Movie**

1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734  
Hours: 7:00pm Tickets will be available the night of the movie  
Phone: 866-273-4615 • Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com

Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts  
Cost: \$3.00 • More Info: For additional information

Description: "The ultimate encounter when mysterious and powerful aliens launch an all out invasion against the human race. The spectacle begins when massive spaceships appear in Earth's skies. But wonder turns to terror as the ships blast destructive beams of fire down on cities all over the planet. Now the world's only hope lies with a determined band of survivors, uniting for one last strike against the invaders - before it's the end of mankind."

## Towns County Chamber Golf Tournament winners

The Towns County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all of our participants & sponsors for a wonderful Golf Tournament this weekend. Thank you also to our Gold Sponsors, North GA Technical College, WNGM Radio, Brasstown Valley Resort, Chatuge Shores Golf Course, Mountain Valley Country Store - Home of Sweet Lorraine's Homemade Fudge & Jacky Jones Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep. Because of all who participated, we will again be able to award \$1,000 in scholarships to graduating student athletes in the coming year just as we did this year.



Overall Gross Winner: Windstream Team



Overall Net Winner: Kimsey Team



Chipping Contest Winner: Mike Anderson



Big Green Egg Winner: Linda McDonald



Closest to the Pin Winner: Chris Henson



Closest to the Pin Winner: Mike Speed



Winner of 1st Flight: Willams Team



Winner of 2nd Flight: Anderson Team

### List of sponsors and contributors:

#### Gold Sponsors

Brasstown Valley Resort, WNGM Radio, Mountain Valley Country Store "Home of Sweet Lorraine's Homemade Fudge", North Georgia Technical College, Chatuge Shores Golf Course, Jacky Jones Chrysler Dodge Jeep

#### Silver Sponsors

Blue Ridge Mountain EMC, North Georgia Stone, United Community Bank

#### Bronze Sponsors

Massell Commercial Real Estate, Bank of Hiwassee, Mountain Realty, SERVPRO of Union, Towns, Fannin & Gilmer, Ramada Inn at Lake Chatuge, Asiano Restaurant, Law Office of Stephanie McConnell, Holiday Inn Express, Raymond James Financial, Re/Max of Hiwassee, Monte Albon Restaurant, Grahl Gallery, Boundary Waters Resort & Marina, Take-A-Break Portables, Belgard Hardscapes, Tim McOwen & Associates, Jimmy's Carpet Cleaning, Door Prize Sponsors, Signs Fast, Brasstown Valley Resort, Georgia Mountain Fair, Mary's Southern Grill, The Ridges Resort, Simply Wireless, Adrianna's Wine Cottage, Struts Family Shoe Store, Cabin Fever Furniture, Gifts & Accessories, Hiwassee Hardware & Building Supply, Buckhead House, E-Kife Supply, The Chop-house of Hiwassee, David Goldhagen Studios, Deb Collins Signature Gallery & The Tangerine Frog, Young Harris Watersports, Something Special Furniture & Accessories

## "ALL THAT GLITTERS"

(Located inside Here's To Your Health Vitamin Store)

195B Main Street - Hiwassee - 706-781-7173

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M-F 10AM-5PM • SAT. 10AM-2PM



**Strawberries**  
WHILE THEY LAST!

Coming this Summer...

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- Sweet Corn
- Squash
- Okra
- Potatoes
- Tomatoes
- Cabbage
- Peppers

828-736-0420

Located on Tusquittee Road, Hayesville  
Across from the Old Boice Supply Building

COME SEE US IN HAYESVILLE!

## Hungry bears can ruin a camping trip

Deter bears from taking up residence at campsites

Whether it is a "roughing it" summer tent camping trip or a comfy stay at a cabin in the woods, there's always a possibility for a black bear sighting or encounter in North Georgia. With more than 75 established campgrounds and an estimated 4,000 black bears in this part of the State, campers should always be aware and prepared for a black bear encounter. The key to preventing an unfavorable experience is to properly store food and garbage.

"Bears can become habituated to people when they are fed - whether intentional or not. When a bear knows it can get a 'free meal,' it will return again and again until eventually it loses its natural fear of humans. This is when the majority of human-bear conflicts occur and the bear is labeled a nuisance," explains Adam Hammond, wildlife biologist with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division.

Proper food storage while camping means that no food, drinks, coolers or garbage should be left out in the open. Even non-food items with strong odors, such as toothpaste, deodorant and soap should be secured.

All food and scented items should be secured either inside a vehicle or cabin - not in a tent. If back country camping, place items inside a knapsack and hoist it out of reach

of bears and other wildlife (at least 10 feet off the ground and 6 feet from tree trunk).

Bears in Georgia: Black bears commonly are found in three areas of the state - the north Georgia mountains, the Ocmulgee River drainage system in central Georgia and the Okefenokee Swamp in the southeastern part of the state. However, black bears can and do range over larger areas; especially in early spring and late summer, when natural food sources are scarce. Young male bears are also known to disperse in an effort to establish their own territory.

Though the American black bear (*Ursus americanus*) is now considered the most common bear in North America and the only native bear found in Georgia, at one point the species was nearly eradicated from the state due to poaching and habitat loss. Yet, because of sound wildlife management practices Georgia's current black bear population is healthy and thriving and estimated at approximately 5,100 bears statewide.

For more information regarding black bears, visit www.georgiawildlife.com, contact a WRD Game Management office or call (770) 918-6416. The public also can visit their local library to check out a copy of an informational DVD entitled, "Where Bears Belong: Black Bears in Georgia." NTJun16-G5jgg

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