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Angel's Chamber Messages



Member Spotlight on Chip Rainwater, Century 21 Scenic Realty of Hiwassee

Chip Rainwater of Century 21 Scenic Realty of Hiwassee was raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and graduated Sewanee Military Academy in Sewanee, Tennessee in 1969. He then graduated from Louisiana State University in 1975 with a B.S. degree. He worked in the banking industry while attending LSU, then moved to Ruston, Louisiana to work as a Vice President with Lincoln Bank & Trust. In 1977 Chip left the banking industry to go in business for himself and was the youngest General Dealer in the U.S. He was an Oldsmobile, Buick and GMC Truck dealer until 1985 when he sold his dealership.

He raised registered Red Brahman cattle, bred and raised registered American Quarter Horses and registered Great Dane dogs since 1984. Chip has won numerous national awards, including 5-American Quarter Horse Association World Championships.

In 1995 he sold out the cattle and horses and developed the ranch into a residential subdivision, then moved to Hayesville, NC in 1996. In 1998, he bought 68 acres in the Tusquitee Valley and built VZTOP Farm, and again began breeding and showing registered quarter horses. In 2002, he bought Anderson's Feed Store in Hayesville and in 2004 built the new home of Mountain Val-

ley Country Store on Hwy 69 in Hayesville. His store in Hayesville is a state of the art, 14,000 sq. ft Purina Mills concept store, offering a full line of Purina Mills feed products, men's and ladies clothing, lawn and garden products, gifts, "Sweet Lorraine's Homemade Fudge", and this area's largest selection of pet foods and supplies. In 2004 he earned his Real Estate Broker's license and is currently affiliated with Century 21, Scenic Realty in Hiwassee/Young Harris, GA. Chip deals primarily with special and unique properties including waterfront, lakefront and acreage. In 2006 he purchased 22 acres on Lake Chatuge and in 2007 developed Lake Chatuge's newest gated community, "CYPRESS POINTE AT LAKE CHATUGE" featuring 22-exclusive lots with both lakefront and lake access. This private, gated community offers lakefront living at its best with 20' wide paved roads, access entrance through the US Forest Service, private, gated entrance with water feature and lush landscaping, city water, underground utilities, fiber optics for hi-speed internet, phone and TV. Cypress Pointe is located just 4 miles north of Hiwassee, off of Jack Rabbit road in North Carolina and is a short walk to the new hiking/biking trails at Jackrabbit Mountain.

Grand Opening Celebration at Beading Bee Creations



Last week Betsy and Gary Tull of Beading Bee Creations held a Grand Opening Celebration at their new beading store. Betsy and Gary have thousands of beads, beading and jewelry making materials and even handmade jewelry on sale. Beading Bee Creations is located at 355 N. Main Street #2 in Hiwassee (across the road from Bodysense). Their number is 706.896.0880.

Grand Re-Opening at Crossroads Restaurant in Young Harris



A few weeks ago, Crossroads Restaurant underwent some very nice renovations. The resulting atmosphere is a fresh, comfortable and relaxing environment for dining at lunch or dinner. They have kept their signature menu items that we all know and love so much, but they've added some new, lighter items including vegetarian options. Something else they kept is their trademark friendly service. Crossroads restaurant is located in Young Harris near the traffic light at the Junction. Their number is 706.896.1786. They are open for lunch and dinner Tuesday - Saturday 11am - 9pm and Sunday 11am - 3pm.

Member Calendar of Events

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 • Cost: \$12.00

Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts
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: 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
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.

7/4/2010 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

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

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."

7/7/2010 David Crowder Band

1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734
Phone: 866-273-4615 • Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com • Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts • Cost: \$25.00

Description: Dove Award-winning six-piece, compelling, imitatively progressive electronic rock. Think Radiohead meets Linkin Park. Compare that description with the fact that some even call them a worship band.

7/9/2010 Little River Band

1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734
Phone: 866-273-4615 • Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com • Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts • Cost: \$20-25

Description: Little River Band was formed in Melbourne, Australia in 1975. The original members came from other successful Australian acts from the '60s and '70s...Glenn Shorrock from The Twilights and Axiom, Beeb Birtles from Zoot (with Rick Springfield) and Mississippi, Graham Goble and Derek Pellicci (also from the band Mississippi), Ric Formosa, and Roger McLachlan

Working together in the community



Ready to plant some new cannas at the east side of Towns County are Sam Fullerton, Diane Henry, holding a rare white canna, and Chris Cooney. Joan Crothers is taking the photo.

The flower bed in front of the Welcome Sign at the junction of Hwy. 76 East and 75/17 South (going to Helen) got more cannas planted to replace those that died because of this past winter's harsh cold. Sam Fullerton with the Republican Party of Towns

County has been helping the Hiwassee Garden Club maintain this pretty area by keeping it mowed and buying the cannas. Garden Club members helped with planting some red and some white cannas in the flower bed this June. NTJun23.G1JSH

ICL kicks off summer term with ice cream social

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The Institute for Continuing Learning at Young Harris College will sponsor an Ice Cream Social on Saturday, June 26, at 6:30 PM at the Grace Rollins Campus Restaurant. Plan to arrive early for dinner - the social is free, but dinner is \$8.50 per person. YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER AND FOR THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL by calling the ICL office and leaving a voice mail message (706-379-5194) or e-mailing icl@yhc.edu.

Course previews for the summer term will follow the social. Another group of all-star faculty will be present to preview their summer "lite" course offerings. Classes are open to non-members simply by registering and paying the

required course fees. Tell your friends and y'all come. You can obtain more detail on the classes and download a registration form at www.iclyhc.org. The summer courses include:

YHC Pres. Cathy Cox's The F-Word: Feminism - Have Women "Made It" In The 21st Century?

Dr. Lee March's Democracy American Style: Not For The Faint Hearted.

Jennifer Cordier's The Medicinal Garden: Growing, Harvesting And Making Medicine With The Healing Herbs.

Dr. Natalia Starostina's La Belle France: Great Moments In French History.

Pat Mahon's Islam: Can We Live With It?

Danny Brown's B Western Movies Of The 30s, 40s & 50s.

Louisa Franklin's English Wasn't My Favorite Subject - learn why our language is so wacky.

Steve Morgan's Learning The Constellations.

Dr. Sandy Calloway's That Nut's A Genius - Unusual Personalities In Music History.

Rosemary Royston's The Many Faces Of Tone - an examination of the many facets of tone in poetry.

Dr. Nick & Jennifer Bowman's Blogging, Twitting And Facebooking: An Introduction To Social Media.

Brenda Hull's Taking The Brunt: Barrier Islands.

Dr. Bettie Sellers' Honey, Is That Yo Momma In There? - hear about Mad Dog, Dreamer and other truckers during a 15-day odyssey.

Dr. David Franklin's The Age Of Reformation - The Emergence Of Protestantism And Its Impact Upon The Politics Of The 16th Century.

Dr. Benny Ferguson's The Bands & Musicians Of The American Civil War.

Contact Bob Langenbacher in Young Harris (706-379-2660) or e-mail icl@yhc.edu for additional information. ICL is a not-for-profit organization with excess operating moneys going toward scholarships for students at YHC. In its 20th year of operation, the Institute offers a wide range of educational opportunities for adults of all ages. NTJun23.A2JSH

Gala benefit for Lilith Lidseen Performing Arts



Jane Hindsman, President, LLPAA and Harry Buagh, MC

The third annual Gala benefit to support Lilith Lidseen Performing Arts Association's Peacock Playhouse was a great success, thanks to dedicated volunteers and the support of the community. LLPAA's Gala Chair, Barbara Brewton, says "I've never chaired an event like this and am so pleased it went so well. No complaints; just a terrific evening." The benefit, held Saturday, June 12 at the playhouse, began with a buffet donated by local restaurants including Chevelle's, Cottage Deli, The Copper Door, and Subway, all in Hayesville. Enrico's, Brasstown Valley

Resort, and Brothers of Young Harris, GA also participated. Committee members' contributions rounded out a mouth-watering spread that disappeared by curtain call.

A wonderful variety show was presented on the Peacock stage, featuring local talent and providing a glimpse of the different types of performances that are possible in this facility. A crisp one-act play was presented by Licklog Players Julia Lindsey and Ryan Gerard, and the Fuzion Dancers from Brasstown Dance Academy performed four exciting numbers. Suzy Christensen and Janice Mi-

nette sang Broadway show tunes accompanied by pianist Carol Smucker.

Cody Riffle shared his experiences as a student at the selective NY Theater Conservancy, and spoke of how the theater and his involvement with Licklog Players and its Peacock Pride program helped mold his aspirations to become an actor.

Musical groups rounded out the evening, from Cornbread Ted and the Butter Beans, on washboard, bass and fiddle, to S'Mores, a group made up of David Brose, Ann Merkel and Martin Sachs, who played an eclectic mix of songs. Keeping things moving was Harry Buagh, the charming MC.

In addition to these and other volunteers who made this event possible, special recognition goes to Pam Roman, Carolyn Barton, Jerome Laux, Kathy Wright and Bonny Herman for their work on this fundraiser.

The Lilith Lidseen Performing Arts Association is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit association whose purpose is to renovate and maintain the Peacock Playhouse and provide a home for the Licklog Players. For more information visit www.peacockplayhouse.org or call the office at 828-389-2787. NTJun23.X2JSH

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