



# Chamber Chronicles

The official source of Towns County Chamber News

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## Angel's Chamber Messages



### Chamber News

The Towns County Chamber of Commerce recently hosted freelance travel writer, John Nash who writes articles for Florida area travel publications. During his visit, Mr. Nash enjoyed comfortable accommodations at the Ramada Lake Chatuge Lodge and dined at the Chophouse of Hiwassee. We only had one day with Mr. Nash, but we were still able to take him on a tour of several local attractions. We would like to thank The Ridges Resort for taking us on a guided tour of Lake Chatuge. We would also like to thank Eric and the staff of Crane Creek Vineyards for their hospitality as well. We also toured other attractions such as Brasstown Valley Resort and the Pioneer Village at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds and visited with Pia Johansson's beautiful Clydesdale's at the Hightower Creek Clydesdale Farm.



Pictured are Pia Johansson with her 3 1/2 month old foal, Major. Major is the first Clydesdale foal to be bred and born on the farm in Georgia. Major had a rough start and he and his mother were almost lost shortly after his arrival. After a month at the University of GA and the Ocoee Animal Hospital, Major has made a full recovery and spends his days on the farm with his mother.

## Spotlight on Misty Mountain

Misty Mountain is a fish farm & Aquacultural Products provider. Roy Underwood and his team breed and raise a wide variety of Koi and Goldfish. They also offer a variety of water lilies and water loving plants as well. They recently held a Grand Opening Celebration to showcase their full line of Aquacultural Products, fish and plants. Misty Mountain is located at 4705 Upper Plott Town Road in Young Harris, GA. They can be reached at (706) 379-2671.



## Member Calendar of Events

**7/16/2010 Doc Watson & David Holt**  
1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734  
Phone: 866-273-4615

Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com  
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts  
Cost: \$15-20

Description: Recipient of the National Medal of Arts, National Heritage Fellowship, and five Grammy Awards, Doc Watson is one of our nation's musical treasures. Grammy Award-winner David Holt is an acclaimed multi-instrumentalist, storyteller, historian, and television host.

**7/16/2010 Blake Shelton in Concert**  
1411 Music Hall Road • Hiwassee, GA 30546  
Phone: 706-896-4191

Website: www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com  
Sponsor: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds  
Cost: \$45 & \$35 plus a \$2 handling fee.  
Description: Don't miss country superstar, Blake Shelton as he takes the stage on July 16, 2010. The concert will be held in a 2900 seat, Air Condition hall at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds located in the beautiful mountains of Hiwassee, Georgia. Tickets go on sale June 4, 2010 and prices are \$45 & \$35 plus a \$2 handling fee.

**7/16/2010 - 11/8/2010 Mountain Arts Association - Summer Fun**

Location: Brasstown Valley Resort  
Contact: Mary Taylor • Phone: 706-896-9739  
Email: maa2004@windstream.net  
Website: www.hiwasseefestivalofarts.org  
Sponsor: Mountain Arts Association  
Cost: Free

Description: You are cordially invited to view the work of MAA member artists at the BVR Art Gallery.

**7/21/2010 - 7/31/2010 Georgia Mountain Fair**  
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: Towns County Lions Club  
Cost: \$9.00 Per Person (+\$2 parking) Children under 9 free  
Description: Look forward to the 60th annual Georgia Mountain Fair, held at the historic Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds this summer. Thousands of visitors from across the region have experienced the excitement and nostalgia that the event has to offer. With first class musical performances, fun carnival rides, unique attractions and a glimpse into North Georgia's rich history and culture, the Fair provides something for every member of the family. For daily events visit www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com

**7/24/2010 The Return (Beatles Tribute) with the Sock Hops**  
1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734  
Phone: 866-273-4615

Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com  
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts  
Cost: \$15.00

Description: The captivating, fun, exciting spirit that came to be known as "Beatlemania" is alive again in the Return-the world's most authentic and entertaining Beatles tribute band. These four lads, all in their early to mid-twenties, have carefully and skillfully recreated the Beatles experience by not only performing all the great songs of the original four, but also by sporting the same suits, boots, mop-tops, musical instruments, and gear.

**7/24/2010 Appalachian Pottery Festival**  
Fodder Creek Rd • Hiwassee, GA 30546  
Location: Bald Mountain Park Resort  
Hours: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Website: www.appalachianpotteryfestival.weebly.com  
Cost: Free  
Description: A pottery lovers dream!

**7/29/2010 - 8/1/2010 Fiddler on the Roof**  
301 Church Street • Hayesville, NC 28904  
Location: Peacock Playhouse  
Hours: Thurs, Fri & Sat 8pm Sun 2:30pm

Phone: 877-691-9906  
Email: licklog@verizon.net  
Website: www.licklogplayers.org

Sponsor: Licklog Players  
Description: Set in Tsarist Russia in 1905. It is based on Tevye and his Daughters (or Tevye the Milkman) and other tales by Sholem Aleichem. The story centers on Tevye, the father of five daughters, and his attempts to maintain his family and religious traditions while outside influences encroach upon their lives. He must cope with both the strong-willed actions of his three older daughters—each one's choice of husband moves further away from the customs of her faith—and with the edict of the Tsar that evicts the Jews from their village.

**7/30/2010 Point of Grace & Laura Story**  
1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734  
Phone: 866-273-4615

Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com  
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts  
Cost: \$15.00

Description: Come be a part of a wonderful night of worship with award winning Christian artists/songwriters Point of Grace and Laura Story.

## Towns County Chamber quilt raffle



The Towns County Chamber of Commerce is raffling off a collectible related to the 2010 Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruiz-In scheduled for Aug. 12-14.

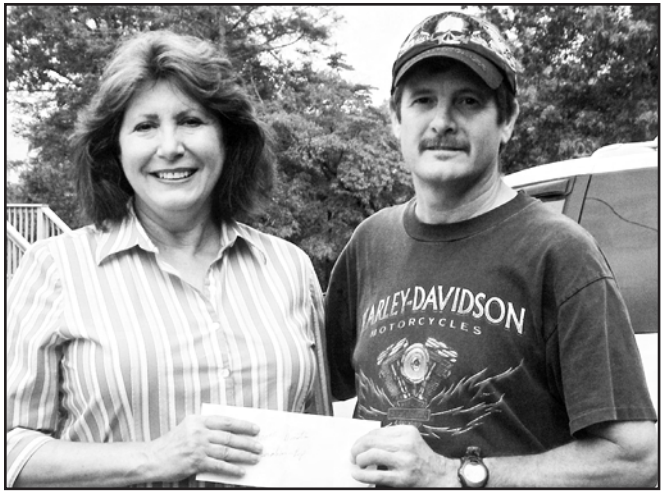
The item for raffle: a gorgeous quilt designed and pieced by the Chamber's Own Jane Holland and designer

quilting by Linda Gorman of Blairsville.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$12. Contact the Towns County Chamber at (706) 896-4966 for more details about the raffle and the quilt.

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## VFW supports Operation PUP



Operation PUP member, Marlene Mays, is seen receiving a check for \$100 from VFW Post Commander Tracy Mynatt. PUP stands for Prevent Unwanted Pets and their motto is: "Spay & Neuter—The Kindest Way to End Pet Overpopulation." If you need help with spay and neuter please contact PUP at P.O. Box 1038, Hiawassee GA 30546 or call 1-888-496-2387 and leave a message. We have had a number of fundraisers recently to help us take care of our long list of animals. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks again to VFW for their generous donation to continue our spay/neuter program.  
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## Local EMT receives VFW award

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7807 presented Towns County EMT Greg Taylor with the VFW National Emergency Technician of the Year Award. Howard Smrz and Post Commander Marty Mynatt presented the award last week. Photo/Lowell Nicholson TUJul14.G25SH

## Have you seen Annie? Reward!



Annie is missing from the area of Hwy. 76, 2 miles west of Hiwassee. She is wearing a purple collar. If you have seen or

found her or have any information regarding her whereabouts, please call: 706-781-7062 or 706-896-2940. NTJul14.F33SH

## Raymond James Services relocates

Bob Anderson, Branch Manager, announces the relocation of the Raymond James Financial Services Office from the Bank of Hiwassee building to 71-B Berrong Street, Hiwassee.

Mr. Anderson was enthusiastic about the move, saying, "Our new location will permit us to more fully concentrate on the needs of our clients. The new office provides a great work environment as well as a place for clients to discuss their investment and retirement needs. All of our client's accounts follow us to our new office."

Anderson continued, "I'm also happy to announce that our entire team will be making the move to the new offices. Barbara Bannon will continue as an Investment Executive and Audrey Talbert will continue to be our Sales Assistant. Both have a long history serving our clients. Our customers can be assured

that the former high level of service will continue.

Mr. Anderson concluded, "Our local and toll free phone numbers as well as our electronic mail and PO Box will remain unchanged."

The office hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. Other times arranged by appointment. The office phone number is 706-896-7283 or toll free 800-914-2321. The company's email address is Bob.Anderson@Raymond-James.com.

About Bob Anderson  
Bob Anderson is a top-producing Raymond James Financial Services Financial Advisor having garnered the exclusive Leaders and Executive council awards for the last several years. He offers investment and retirement planning services individuals and small businesses designed to help them achieve their financial goals.  
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## Democratic Party hosts Jack Lance



Kim Bailey, Chair of the Towns County Democratic Party, greets candidate Jack Lance.

A crowd of enthusiastic supporters welcomed guest speaker Jack Lance, Democratic candidate for District 8 State House of Representatives. Lance, a native of Blairsville, addressed the crowd Thursday evening at a Towns County Democratic Party dinner meeting at the Chophouse. His knowledge and representation of this area would be a boon to the community.

Lance stated that I-3 would hurt, rather than help the majority in our community. Voters are urged to vote early, by July 16, at the old rock jail between the courthouse and the library, for the primary to be held on July 20. To vote for the primary on July 20, voters would cast their ballots at their regular precincts.

Among the topics Lance discussed was his full support to keep I-3 from being built through these mountains.

The Towns County Democratic Party meets the second Thursday each month. See the newspaper's community events for the time and location each month.  
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