



# Chamber Chronicles

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## Angel's Chamber Messages



## Towns County Tourism Association's Holiday Weekend Updates

On September 3 & 4 (Labor Day Weekend) Bar W Rodeo Company, which is sanctioned by the Professional Cowboys Association, will bring a rodeo to the Towns County Industrial Park in Hiwassee, Georgia. This rodeo is dedicated to the memory of Junior "Tootie" Ledford who was an integral part of the Bar W Rodeo Company in its earlier years. Bull riding, calf roping barrel racing and broc riding are just a few of the events that will be part of the full rodeo show. Kids will enjoy the calf scramble as well as the mutton busting. Clowns as well as bullfighters will entertain the crowd. Kids (old and young alike) will want to ride the mechanical bull as well as either climb a rock wall, bungee jump or ride the swings. There will be vendors selling their wares as well as food concessions for those who come hungry. The Hiwassee Rodeo promises to be a fun filled time for the whole family. Gates open at 6pm each night with the show starting at 8pm on Friday and Saturday nights.

## The Ridges Resort & Marina is Having a Fireworks Show!

On Sunday, September 5th, The Ridges Resort & Marina will be having a fireworks show that is free and open to the public and will start at dark. Contact The Ridges Resort & Marina at 706.896.2262 for more information.

"Summer's Last Kiss" - An Affair with the Arts will be held September 25 & 26 on the Square in Hiwassee. This community celebration of creative arts will be featuring art exhibits, music, street dance and great food.

## Member Calendar of Events

### 9/2/2010 - 9/4/2010 Special 3 Day Concert Event

Hayesville, NC 28904. Location: First Free Will Baptist Church of Hayesville. Hours: See description for schedule. Contact: Lois Johns. Phone: 770-714-4196. Email: loisj101@yahoo.com. Sponsor: Christian Love Ministries. Cost: \$10 per night or \$20 for all 3 nights. Tickets also available at the door. Description: Thursday Sept 2 - 7pm National Recording Artist Michael Combs Friday, Sept. 3 7pm Contemporary Christian Artists Three-R-One & Evangelist William Michael Sat. Sept 4 - 6pm CLM Reunion & Cookout.

### 9/3/2010 - 9/4/2010 Labor Day Hiwassee Rodeo

Hiwassee, GA 30546. Location: Towns County Industrial Park. Hours: Gates open at 6:00 PM, show starts at 8:00 PM. Contact: Bar-W Rodeo Company. Phone: 828-361-4695. Email: barwrodeo@hotmail.com. Sponsor: Bar W Rodeo Company. Cost: \$10 Adults, \$5 for Children ages 5 to 10, Children under 5 - free. Description: The rodeo is dedicated to the memory of Junior "Tootie" Ledford who was an integrap part of the Rodeo Company. Bull riding, calf roping, barrell racing, and bronc riding are just a few of the events that will be part of the full rodeo show.

### 9/4/2010 Labor Day Dinner Show

Hayesville, NC 28904. Location: Club House, Greenside Grill. Hours: 6pm cocktails, 7pm dinner, 8pm show. Contact: Pro Shop. Phone: 828-389-8940. Sponsor: Chatuge Shows Golf Course. Cost: \$15 per person. Description: Bill Rinaldo presents Songs & Humor in Musical Memories (From the 50s-90s)

### 9/4/2010 - 9/5/2010 The Inspirations

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

### 9/9/2010 - 9/12/2010 Diary of Anne Frank

1028 Georgia Road, Franklin, NC 28734. Phone: 866-273-4615. Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts. Cost: \$12. Description: The Diary of Anne Frank accounts the true story of a Jewish girl as she, her family and others hide from Nazis during World War II. More than a war story or a tale of persecution, the diary is amusing, enlightening, and moving as Anne details her feelings about herself and the people she's with, the world at large, and life.

### 9/9/2010 7th Annual Trout Dinner Fundraiser

Blairsville, GA 30512. Location: Poteete Creek Park on Lake Nottely. Hours: 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Contact: Callie D. Moore. Phone: 828-837-5414. Email: hrwcoalition@brmemc.net Website: www.hrwc.net Sponsor: Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition, Inc. Cost: Advance tickets - \$12 At Door - \$15 Children 6 and under are free. Description: Smoked rainbow trout will be served along with baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, cornbread, your choice of homemade desserts and a drink. This event has become pretty popular, so come early to get a table seat and bring a lawn chair (if you have one) to relax in after you eat. To-go containers will also be available. Proceeds go to support our mission of facilitating water quality improvements in the upper Hiwassee River watershed.

### 9/9/2010 S.A.F.E. Volunteer Workshop

361 Blue Ridge St., Blairsville, GA 30512. Location: Cadence Bank ~ Blairsville. Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Contact: Margie Porter. Phone: 706-379-1901. Email: mporter@safeservices.org Sponsor: S.A.F.E. Cost: No cost to attend, but reservations needed. Description: Many opportunities available through volunteering for S.A.F.E. Thrift Store, Childcare, Fund Raising, Mentoring, Transportation, etc. Background checks are mandatory with all volunteers.

### 9/11/2010 Hot Summer Nights at Goldhagen Studios

Goldhagen Drive, Hayesville, NC 28904. Location: Goldhagen Art Glass Studio. Hours: 7pm -10:30pm. Phone: 828-389-8847. Website: www.goldhagenartglass.com Cost: \$5 Admission. Deserts & Beverages purchased separately. Description: Hot Summer Nights is a fabulous evening of entertainment, featuring live musical performances by Hot regional musicians and glass blowing demonstrations throughout the evening by Internationally collected glass artists, David Goldhagen, and a tantalizing selection of gourmet desserts.

### 9/12/2010 Music Performance Event

Young Harris, GA 30582. Location: Susan B Harris Chapel. Hours: 3:00pm. Contact: H. Denise Murphy. Phone: 706-379-5182. Website: www.yhc.edu Sponsor: Young Harris College. Description: Dr. Bradley Robinson, baritone Jennifer Robinson, soprano Anita Guss, piano.

### 9/12/2010 The Georgia Guitar Quartet

Keith House, Brasstown, NC 28902. Location: John C. Campbell Folk School. Hours: 2:30pm. Phone: 828-389-2595 or 828-389-4210. Email: brasstownconcertnews@gmail.com Website: www.mapaa.org Sponsor: Brasstown Concert Association. Cost: Call for ticket, Individual concert, Full Season and Half season available. Description: The Georgia Guitar Quartet is an exciting new voice in today's chamber music. Borrowing from both past and present, they deliver a high-energy blend of virtuosity and imaginative programming. Their repertoire ranges from Bach & Brahms through late impressionistic masterpieces to contemporary rock icons.

### 9/13/2010 Mountain Community Chorus

1 College Street, Young Harris, GA 30582. Location: Clegg Recital Hall - Young Harris College. Hours: 6:00 PM. Contact: Laura. Phone: 828-321-2948. Email: schnabel@hughes.net Website: www.mapaa.org Description: Mountain Community Chorus, representing North GA and Western NC, will hold auditions on Monday Sept. 13th, 6 PM at Clegg Recital Hall, Young Harris College, Young Harris, GA

## Member Spotlight on Lake Chatuge Animal Hospital

The Lake Chatuge Animal Hospital, Owned by J. Hilty H. Burr, Sr. DVM has been in business since March 1st, 2005. LCAH is a full service regional small animal hospital serving north GA and western NC offering full service diagnostics including a complete in house lab and access to a leading national reference lab, digital radiology, and ultrasound. They also offer full surgical capabilities that include a resident surgeon (Dr Alfred Marshall), and a boarded surgeon and critical care specialist who also provides alternative pain management treatment of modalities that include photonic acupuncture, cold laser, BICOM 2000 electromagnetic diagnostic and treatment technology, and chiropractic adjustments (Dr Tim Crowe). They provide a full range of surgical services including laser, orthopedic and neurosurgery. Dr Jim McClearn is also an associate at LCAH who currently serves as Past President of GVMA who sees exotics including pocket pets and other less common pets. Another unique offering at LCAH is PST (Pulsed Signal Therapy) which is an FDA approved noninvasive effective treatment for various painful conditions including arthritis. PST is the only treatment shown to stimulate new cartilage growth. They also offer ASSISI electroceutical loop treatment that is another novel and noninvasive electromagnetic treatment devise for home use that is approved for pain, inflammation and swelling. It is used as an adjunct treatment for post surgical pain, disc disease, and arthritis to only mention a few uses. They have even used it to treat certain cancers where one patient completely recovered from malignant oral fibrosarcoma when ASSISI loop was tried after two unsuccessful surgeries. Fran Davis is their professional groomer and offers obedience training and socialization classes. LCAH offers environmentally controlled full service boarding that includes an exercise pavilion for dogs and separate feline boarding with condos with a view. Lake Chatuge Animal Hospital doctors and staff pledge to do their best to provide the very best in health care for their client's pets who they treat like beloved family. This includes all phases of the pet's life from the selection process and cradle through the senior years to the grave including the grieving process. Their hospital is committed to providing the highest level of professional veterinary care, grooming services, and obedience/behavior training, client education and support, and the finest dog and cat boarding services available. Focused on continuous improvement and ongoing quality control, the staff is committed to providing outstanding client service, encouraging individual and team development, and maintaining an upbeat hospital and boarding kennel environment where tails wag, and clients and staff find reasons to smile. In all phases of their work, they incorporate attitudes and behavior that is consistent with their mission. They always base decisions that place the pet and client's health first and always with the utmost respect and compassion.

Lake Chatuge Animal Hospital has a highly trained and professional staff. Their management team consists of Justin Lee, Manager of Veterinary Tech Team, who is a native of Towns County and is an original employee, Christie Bennett is the Office Manager, and Susan Burr (not pictured) is the Hospital Administrator. Lake Chatuge Animal Hospital is located at 1619 State Highway 17 North in Young Harris, GA and can be reached at 706.896.1244.



## Local Racing Action

By: Carl Vanzura



Bobby Panter wrapped up the points title with win at Tri-County.

## Panter, Deal, Sudderth, Woody and Woodard take top honors at Tri-County

Racing was fast and exciting Saturday night at the high banked clay oval at Tri-County Race Track in Brasstown, NC. Morganton driver Bobby Panter took a commanding lead in the Late Model Sportsman 25 lapper over Kevin Bradshaw, Preston Crisp, Doug Sneed and Jacob Anderson.

The GM Performance main event saw Copperhill driver Jason Deal wrap up the points championship when he bested Danny Ledford, Kurt English, Joey McCoy and Tony Ledford in the top five. Brasstown's Greg Sudderth also wrapped up his second championship in a row with his Cornwell Tools Modified Street feature win over Brad Thomas, Mike Bryson, Sammy Berrong and Heather Taylor.

Murphy driver Jeremy Woody held off several attempts by Charles Toomey as the two rubbed bumpers and fenders for 13 laps until a blown motor dropped Toomey to fifth place at the drop of the checkered flag. Josh Robert, Clark Molster and Harold Garrett rounded out the top five. The biggest Mini Stock

field of the year saw Sylvia's Justin Woodard win for the third week in a row over the nine cars entered. Shannon Jones, Mark Jones, Lynn Burchfield and Skylure Chinn rounded out the top five.

This coming Saturday night will see all five classes in action for the final points race of the season. On September 11th, the Southeastern Sportsman Series returns to Tri-County for the third time with a real strong group of drivers.

There was some really good racing going on at the area tracks over the weekend. At Cleveland Speedway Riley Hickman won both features, the completion of last week's rain out and the new 30 lap race.

At Toccoa Speedway, Sean McGahee edged out Young Harris driver Randy Nichols in the Super Late Model event. Hall of Fame dirt driver Jack Pennington took the \$800 bounty when he stopped Parker Herring's 11 race win streak. Another Dirt Hall of Fame driver, Ronnie Johnson, won at North Georgia Speedway. Tony Knowles was the big winner at Dixie Speedway and Billy Ogle Jr. won at Bovds SpeedwaV,NT1Sep1-G999

## Online Hunters Education courses

Hunter education courses in Georgia are offered three ways: by classroom, CD-Rom or online.

Completion of a hunter education course is required for those born on or after January 1, 1961, who purchase a hunting license. The only exception is for those who purchase an Apprentice License - which offers novice hunters (16 years of age and older) an opportunity to hunt for three days without completing a hunter education course.

"The online hunter education course continues to grow in popularity with Georgia hunters-and is now offered by three different companies," says Walter Lane, Wildlife Resources Division's Hunter Development Program Manager. "It is a convenient way to fulfill hunter safety requirements without having to attend the traditional classroom course."

The online course satisfies eight of the ten hours required for the course. Hunters still must attend a two-hour review course and take a written

exam. Students that pass the exam will receive hunter education certificates.

Completion of a hunter education course is required for any person born on or after January 1, 1961, who purchases a season hunting license in Georgia.

Is at least 12 years old and hunts without adult supervision.

Hunts big game (deer, turkey, bear) on a wildlife management area.

The only exceptions include any person who:

Purchases a short-term hunting license, such as the new Apprentice License or the 3-day Hunting and Fishing Combo License (as opposed to a season license).

Is hunting on his or her own land, or that of his or her parents or legal guardians.

The hunter education course also is available by CD-Rom or in a traditional classroom setting. For more information, go to [www.gohuntgeorgia.com](http://www.gohuntgeorgia.com) or call 770-761-3010. T(Sep1,A1)SH

## Vogel's Mountain Music/Arts and Crafts Day Festival

Vogel State Park's Mountain Music/Arts and Craft Day Festival will be on Saturday, September 11, 2010, at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Vogel State Park, 405 Vogel State Park Road, Blairsville, located 11 miles south of Blairsville on Hwy 129/11. Parking fee is \$5 per vehicle. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for a child.

Featuring Bluegrass, Folk and Gospel music. The music groups are: Collins Brothers and Friends, Ed Teague and Friends, Wauka Mountain Boys, Roots and Branches, Phil Tanner & The Skillet Lickers, Gerald Lanham & Regrass. Arts and crafters will be displaying and selling quality crafts the entire day. The crafter exhibits will open at 10 a.m. and the mu-

sic will begin at 11 a.m. The Vogel Volunteers will have food concessions consisting of hotdog and hamburger plates, desserts and drinks. There's something for all ages at Vogel's "Mountain Music/Arts and Crafts Day Festival!" The setting in the mountains overlooking Lake Trahlyta is beautiful, with Blood Mountain, the highest peak in Georgia on the Appalachian Trail, in the background. Huttle service will be available from distant parking areas at no additional fee. All proceeds are used for park programming. NO PETS ALLOWED in or around the music and crafter area.

For information, please call (706)745-2628 or visit [www.GeorgiaStateParks.org](http://www.GeorgiaStateParks.org). NT(Sep1,A1)SH