

Chamber Chronicles

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Angel's Chamber Messages



Meeting Date

The next Towns County Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 4th at the Chamber Office at 11 a.m.

New Members

The Towns County Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome our newest members!

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Towns County Tourism Association Updates

The Towns County Tourism Association is sponsoring the 2nd Annual GA Mountain Moonshine Cruise-In Car show Aug. 12-14 at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. This event was a tremendous success last year bringing more than 5,000 visitors to the community. A community meeting will be held at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds on Thursday, Feb. 11th at 6 p.m. in the Anderson Music Hall.

Rakes Parish, promoter of the event will be discussing the community involvement to make the 2010 show even more successful. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Contact Jane Holland at (706) 896-4966 for more details. The next Towns County Tourism Association Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb 9th at 8:30 a.m. at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds Office.

Community Events

Old Fashioned Square Dance

Join us each Monday in Hiawassee, at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center (two blocks behind – south of the town square, beside the Courthouse, 48 River St.). Old Fashioned Square Dance lessons are free. This is not Western Square Dance but rather Big Circle (shew-fly, grapevine, etc.) with basic clogging demos. Help us revive this lost art, come once or every lesson. Sponsor: Towns County Historical Society, PO Box 1182, Hiawassee, GA (706) 896-1060.

Member Benefit of the Month - Discounted Insurance!

As a member of the Towns County Chamber of Commerce, you will have the buying power of a large company through Member Care Alliance. Contact the Chamber at (706) 896-4966 for more details.

Member Spotlight – Murphy Movers

Murphy Movers & Storage is committed to moving the moving industry into a higher level of quality customer service. From our estimators to our movers, you will be impressed with our customer focused approach. When you contact our office, your inquiry or booking request will be answered promptly by one of our professional estimators. An email detailing the specific aspects of your move will then be emailed or faxed to you and upon booking you will receive a written contract.

will be planned for and provided. On the day of your move an experienced foreman will address any of your questions or needs and will ensure your goods are carefully transported. In addition, the office staff will be available and ready to assist you throughout the duration of your move.

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Member Calendar of Events

Jan. 23, 30 at 8 p.m. – The Problem with Pluto at Rollins Planetarium. For details call (706) 379-3111 or www.yhc.edu

Feb. 7th at 2:30 p.m. – Moscow Nights & Golden Gates at the Peacock Playhouse. Call (828) 389-2595 for tickets and details.

Gagnon has been Fit for Life

By Charles Duncan
TOWNS COUNTY HERALD
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Jackie Gagnon has been a fitness guru for 20 years.

Today, she's ready to put that experience to work at Fit for Life, located in the former Curves location in Hayesville at 321 Hwy 64 West.

"We have a circuit of hydraulic machines, cardio equipment and we offer various exercise classes," she said. "We have Pilates, toning, cardio and Zumba classes. We also have 10 percent off on our memberships during January. The memberships include everything offered at the fitness center."

Gagnon has always taken pride in staying fit.

"I have been in fitness for 20 years," she said. "I have been teaching at many of the local facilities for the past eight years. When Curves (in Hiawassee and Hayesville) closed this seemed like the perfect time to start out on my own."

Gagnon has certifications in teaching group exercise classes, Zumba and "I am a personal trainer," she said.

"I also have certificates in Pilates, Yoga and Fit Ball. I love people, fitness and helping people reach their goals," she said.

Fit for Life is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"These are winter hours and we will be opened more in the warmer weather months," she said.

Membership rates run \$6 per day, or \$25 per week. A one month membership is \$40; three months, \$115; six months for \$210 or one year for \$330.

"These are paid-in-full rates," she said. "A monthly Automatic draft is available at \$32 per month. The 10 percent discount doesn't apply to the \$32 rate."

Also, exercise classes are available. The rates run \$6 for a one day class; punch cards are available for 10 classes at \$50. Also, gift cards for five classes are available for \$27.50.

For more details about Fit for Life, call (828) 342-1946.

UCB's Miller and Henderson receive promotion



Matt Miller
Rick Martin, President of United Community Bank – Towns County announced today the promotion of two key employees. Matt Miller has been promoted to Senior Vice President, and Leah Henderson has been promoted to Vice President. Coming to United Community Bank in 1990, Matt Miller is a Loan Officer, and serves as Manager of the Loan Operations area. Matt earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the Univer-



Leah Henderson
sity of Georgia, and later graduated from the Georgia Banking School at the Terry School of Business, University of Georgia. Leah Henderson began her career with United Community Bank in 1996. After eight years of assisting in the commercial loan area, Leah is now a Commercial Lender, with expertise in SBA lending. "United Community Bank prides itself in providing unmatched customer service and the most qualified bankers in the business", says President Rick Martin. "During the past year, when the banking industry has experienced tremendous challenges, Matt and Leah have both stepped

forward, working diligently to take care of our customers' needs. They exemplify true dedication in the jobs they do, and are most deserving of their promotion". T(Jan20,SC7)

GWRRR monthly meeting

Chapter J of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRR) meets the fourth Saturday of each month (except December) at Daniel's Steakhouse, Hiawassee, GA. We eat at 11 AM followed by the meeting at 12 during which rides and other activities are announced and discussed.

We encourage current members of the GWRRR and anyone interested in becoming a member to join us. All motorcyclists are welcome and we look forward to seeing participants from other chapters. There are great rides coming up, along with other activities and we hope many of you will join us.

For further information, contact Chapter Director, June Gottlieb, 706-896-7403. NT(Jan20,SC9)

Work progresses at Cupid Falls



The Children's Interpretive Garden at Cupid Falls in Young Harris is a step closer to completion this week as Ron Salzer from Bridges to the Other Side donates his time and track hoe in an effort to clean up downed pines and debris on the site. Ron also has dedicated time to help build a small bridge across Corn Creek in the future.

Pathways on either side of the creek leading to the water fall from the Nichols Bridge have been cleared by volunteers and clearing of the main park area is soon to be completed thanks to Ron. His business builds outdoor sculpture, one of which can be seen on the way to Cupid Falls at Appalachian Gallery. His bridges ranging from 10' to 150' are designed at his work

shop in Hayesville, NC, (770) 654-1985.

Other donations of drain pipe for the parking lot are soon to be donated.

Over 50 people from the community and Young Harris College have donated time and food for the workers in an effort to see this wonderful park come to fruition. This spring the City of Young Harris will be setting up work Saturdays to move the process forward. Anyone interested in donating time or food to the Corn Creek Preserve Project can be added to the list at City Hall. Call (706) 379-3171 for more details.

Thanks to all that have helped with this wonderful project.

David Sellers
City Council, Young Harris

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Students named to North Georgia Tech's Honor Roll and President's List

North Georgia Technical College is proud to announce its Honor Roll and President's List for Fall Quarter 2009. The President's List recognizes full-time students with a 4.0 GPA in all areas, including work ethics. The Honor Roll recognizes full-time students with a 3.5 GPA. Approximately 272 students were named to the Honor Roll, and 283 students were named to the President's List.

Towns County Residents named to the Honor Roll were: Brandi Allbritton, Practical Nursing; Jennifer Carlton, Business Administrative Technology; Amanda Dickert, Medical Assisting; Amber Harrell, Applied Business Technology; Christy Knapp, Therapeutic Massage Technician; Douglas

Martin, Applied Business Technology; Timothy McMichen, Commercial Photography; Linda Miller, Business Administrative Technology; Matthew Senecal, CIS Networking Specialist; Laura Taylor, Business Administrative Technology.

Towns County Residents named to the President's List were: Julie Cruz, Criminal Justice; Ashley Dawson, Applied Business Technology; Jenny Gant, Commercial Photography; Lorianne Nichols, Commercial Photography; David Parker, Commercial Truck Driving; Cristy Shattles, Cosmetology; Cheryl Stack, Business Administrative Technology; Mary Sweeten, Business Administrative Technology. T(Jan20,SC2)

Crane Creek Vineyards takes gold

Each year The San Francisco Chronicle sponsors an American wine competition. This year over 4,900 wines were entered into competition by class or category and were judged by a prestigious panel of 60 experts. Crane Creek Vineyards 'took the gold' in the Native American red category (480 wines submitted) for its 2007 Hellbender Red, made from the Norton grape. In the dry rose' category, a Bronze medal was awarded to Crane Creek Vineyards for its 2008 Villard Noir.

Upon being notified as a medal winner, Eric Seifarth, owner and wine master, stated "It is certainly an honor for our vineyard to receive these medals, especially in such a large national competition. It is exciting to see our wines recognized for their quality and taste." When asked to explain the Hellbender Red name, he stated it is a combination of two native reds. A Hellbender is the largest red salamander in the Western hemisphere and is found in the upper elevation streams of Towns County. The grape, Norton, can be traced back to Virginia in the late 1700's. Legend has it the Norton was the only grape saved during prohibition; it has returned to east coast vineyards as a strong and healthy grape. And like the wine and the Hellbender, it is big, bold and red.

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Towns County Fire Corps ready for the new year

Towns County Fire Corps will be having a Community Meeting Tuesday, January 26th, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. We will be going over the projects for the coming year and need your help.

One we will specifically be working on is a small group that will go out to other organizations and put on a Safety

Presentation including personal safety, fire safety, Firewise, and recruiting for the Fire Dept. and Fire Corps. If this is something you feel you would be interested in doing please join us. For more information call Joan Crothers at 706-896-6240 or Brenda at 706-896-5522 after 2 p.m. T(Jan20,E1)SH

YHC hosts Recital

Young Harris College's Division of Fine Arts will present a Music Department Faculty Artists Recital on Monday, Jan. 25. The free concert is open to the public and begins at 7 p.m. in Glenn Auditorium of the Clegg Fine Arts Building on the Young Harris College campus.

This special event will feature performances by the

College's entire renowned music faculty. The program includes works by Scott Joplin, George Gershwin, Claude Bolling, George Frideric Handel, Lucy Simon, Gian Carlo Menotti, John Williams and Franz Schubert, as well as other classical and contemporary pieces.

For more details, contact the Division of Fine Arts at (706) 379-5182.

WEEKLY SPECIALS:

TUESDAYS: Crispy Frog Legs
WEDNESDAYS: Oyster Night
THURSDAYS: Crab Legs-All You Can Eat

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BUDGET HEARING**

January 26, 2010

A Public Hearing will be held January 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room of Young Harris City Hall located at 5187 Maple Street. The hearing will be held to present the proposed 2009 Amended Budget to the Public. A copy of the proposed amended Budget is available for inspection in the City Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

By order of the City Council, this the 5th. day of January 2010.

Shirley Jarrard
City Clerk/Finance Officer

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