

# Chamber Chronicles

The official source of Towns County Chamber News

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## Angel's Chamber Messages



### Member Calendar of Events

**MARCH 18th** Young Harris College will host the DeKalb Symphony Orchestra as part of the annual "Fay Harmon Clegg Hoag Concert Series" at 8 p.m. in Glenn Auditorium of the Clegg Fine Arts Building. The performance is free and open to the public. Fyodor Cherniavsky will be conducting. Amy Leventhal will be featured as viola soloist in Hector Berlioz's Harold in Italy. The program also includes Matinées Musicales by Benjamin Britten and Egmont Overture by Ludwig van Beethoven

**MARCH 20th** Cooking Class for Gluten Free Meals and More Offered by A Center for Wellness at 10:00am-12:00pm 215 Blue Ridge St., Suite E, Blairsville, GA \$20 includes cooking class, recipes, samples RSVP - Space is Limited 706-781-4048

**MARCH 24 & 25** Watercolor art class offered by Deb Collins of Deb Collins Signature Gallery. 10:00 am to 2:30 pm Cost is \$125.00 for the 2- day workshop Location: InsideOut Gallery in Sautee...just outside Helen, GA

**MARCH 27TH** FREE ADULT CPR TRAINING AT Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Young Harris at 10:00a.m. The class will run approximately 3 hours. Call now and sign up by calling 1-800-282-1722, ext. 29, to reserve a seat - don't miss out on this free life saving event.

**MARCH 27TH** Interested in a Bass Tournament? Contact Clay County Chamber about theirs. Saturday, March 27 828-389-3704 Registration starts March 1st. Cash Prizes.

March 27th The Licklog Players will hold their second free seminar from 10:00am-1:00pm at The Peacock Playhouse in Hayesville. This will be a free acting workshop which will include stage blocking, voice projection, movement, etc and will be taught by Director Laurel Adams.

**THROUGH March 30th** Young Harris College's Campus Gate Art Gallery will host the "Alice Hirt Memorial Art Exhibition," featuring sculptures by artist Michael McFalls. The exhibit will be on display through Tuesday, March 30

**MARCH 31ST** ALOHA WELLNESS is presenting Breath Empowerment Group classes now through March 31.. Cost \$10.00 per session. For more info contact Destini at 706-896-3300 or destine@alohawellness.org

## Towns County Chamber Ribbon Cuttings

### Complete Home Services



Complete Home Services helps you with the responsibility and maintenance associated with owning a second home. We offer Home Monitoring, Cleaning, Window Washing, Gutter Cleaning, Landscaping and Yard Maintenance. Insured and Bonded. "We can be there when you can't!" Cindy Cohen & Donald Caraway can be reached at 678-439-9125 or 706-400-9125 or by email at cindy@gamtnhome.com. Visit them online at www.gamtnhome.com.

### The Ridges Golf Course



The Ridges Golf Course is located on 1665 Mtn. Harbour Drive in Hayesville, NC. Open 7 days a week (7:00 AM - 5:00 PM) \$49 golf rates until 1pm and \$39 rates after 1pm. Fill out a guest registry card to be updated with specials. Check out our Pro Shop, Cherokee Grill (opening soon) Contact them at 828-389-9000, by email at nkoulouris@hamptongolfclubs.com or visit them online at www.hamptongolfclubs.com.

### Adrianna's Wine Cottage



Adrianna's offers wine, cheese, beer, chocolate and coffee. They also have great specialty items and gift baskets. Adrianna's is located on 1604 Highway 17 in the Tower Place shopping center in Young Harris. Contact them at 706-896-9238 or 626-383-7865. Email them at jnvinc@yahoo.com.

### RiverCrest Travel



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## Hollywood vs. Faith in Hayesville

Everyone is hotly debating the influence of the media today, but few people are speaking a language that captures the attention of youth and adults, sheds new light - and ignites real laughter. Frank Runyeon does. And he just may change the way you and your family relate to the media forever with his speech, Hollywood vs. Faith, coming to: Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hayesville, NC, on Friday, March 19, 2010 at 7 p.m.

Runyeon speaks with humor about his own experiences in the media, inviting his audience to "look behind the curtain" at the wizards who have become America's storytellers. Drawing on examples from his 25 years in television, film, and radio, Runyeon describes with humorous anecdotes exactly how the media works.

But Runyeon is also a man of faith, with impressive academic credentials. He graduated from Princeton University (he wrote his thesis on the Mass Media), continued his studies at Yale and earned his Masters of Arts, with honors, from General Theological Seminary. Over the past few years, he has taken a sabbatical from Hollywood to translate Biblical texts and perform them (to rave reviews)

for hundreds of thousands of people in virtually every state in America.

Runyeon says that people continually asked him about his experience in Hollywood, while he was touring his plays. Slowly his observations and stories grew into a speech.

### New Al-Anon meetings/times

New times and meetings for Al-Anon/Ala Teen Family Group Meetings are as follows: Al-Anon: 7 p.m. Sunday night, Chatuge Regional Hospital, Hiwassee, GA; Al-Anon: 8 p.m. Monday night, "The Mustard Seed", 12 Step and Twelve Tradition Meeting at Mountain Presbyterian Church, Blairsville; new Ala-Teen meeting: 8 p.m. Wednesday night at Mountain Presbyterian Church, Blairsville; Al-Anon: 8 p.m. Wednesday night at Mountain Presbyterian Church, Blairsville; Al-Anon 12 noon Tuesday, Mountain Regional Library, Young Harris.

Al-Anon is open to anyone who has been affected by another person's drinking. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or a friend.

Call 706-835-5827, 706-897-0628 or 828-389-8981 for more information. NT(Mar17-A1)gg

Turn off your TV for an hour (or your computer or your iPod) and bring your kids (or your parents!). You'll be glad you did. His speech is as funny as it is insightful. For more information and tickets call Michelle Calascione at 828-837-2000. TM(Mar17-P5)SH

### Avita Board meeting

Avita Community Partners will hold the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Avita Community Partners' Administrative Office at 4331 Thurmond Tanner Parkway, Flowery Branch, Georgia. NT(Mar17-W1)SH

## Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa Offers the VIP Wine Down Weekend

Enjoy the Fifth Annual Georgia Winegrowers Association Wine Highway & Weekend, March 20th and 21st, from the comfort of Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa. Situated in Young Harris, just two hours from Atlanta and in the middle of Georgia's emerging winegrowing region, Brasstown Valley Resort provides the perfect weekend escape to enjoy the annual wine tour. The VIP Wine Down Weekend Package includes one night's lodging at the Resort and an exclusive private tour of the area wineries, as well transportation between the wineries and the resort. Choose a lodging and wine tour package priced from \$234 per couple, or add an exclusive wine dinner at the Resort's dining room for \$364 per couple.\* The weekend includes one night's accommodations in a Traditional Lodge guestroom. And to further enhance the experience, add a holistic spa treatment from the Resort's Equani Spa, or a round of golf at the Resort's championship 18-hole Denis Griffiths designed course, or a trail ride through the mountains. For more information & reservations visit www.BrasstownValley.com or call 800.201.3205. NT(Mar17-C3)ac

### The Wine Cottage relocates

The Wine Cottage has crossed over, relocating from the rustic cabin on the east side of Highway 17 to the shopping center immediately opposite. "Thanks to our valued customers we outgrew the cabin," says owner Carol Lin. "We're delighted with the improved overall ambience of our new location - and there's more room to expand food and wine offerings." At Wine Cottage, patrons won't experience the lofty attitudes encountered at some big-city wine shops. They'll enjoy the down-to-earth, informative friendliness and enthusiasm of Carol and her staff -- along with a broad-

## YHC to host third annual Acapalooza concert

Young Harris College will host the third annual Acapalooza concert Friday, March 26, at 7 p.m. in Glenn Auditorium of the Clegg Fine Arts Building on the Young Harris College campus. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Young Harris College Division of Fine Arts at (706) 379-5182.

Southern Harmony, a 12-voice female a cappella group, and the Compulsive Lyres, a 12-voice male ensemble, will perform their own original arrangements of popular tunes. Both ensembles are directed by Jeff Bauman, associate professor of music and director of choral and vocal activities at Young Harris College.

Southern Harmony will sing "I Will Survive," "Let It Be," "Fields of Gold," "Morn-

ing Train" and "Mama, I'm A Big Girl Now." The Compulsive Lyres will perform "Brand (You're A Fine Girl)," "I'll Be There," "Hallelujah," "Change in My Life" and "I Believe in Miracles." The two groups will then combine to sing celebrated favorites including James Taylor's "Lonesome Road," Billy Joel's "And So It Goes" and The Eagles' "Seven Bridges Road."

Southern Harmony is comprised of sophomore Rebecca Westbrook, of Grayson, Ga., freshman Lauren Camp of Powder Springs, Ga., freshman JeRee Dukes of Lincolnton, Ga., senior Hannah Guest of Crawford, Ga., junior Katie Marlowe of Clermont, Ga., senior Michelle Honaker of Blairsville, Ga., sophomore Jordan Fleming of Marietta, Ga., sophomore Ashley Murray of Young Harris, Ga.,

junior Christina Kelley of Auburn, Ga., junior Brittany McKinnon of Murphy, N.C., junior Jessica Craig of Blairsville, Ga., and sophomore Genevieve Rodriguez of Calhoun, Ga.

Compulsive Lyres is comprised of freshman Blake Ogden of Odum, Ga., freshman Evan McLean of Woodstock, Ga., freshman Marvin Hemphill of Buford, Ga., sophomore Adam Higgins of Canton, Ga., junior Kyle Hatley of Blairsville, Ga., junior Grady Garner of Blairsville, Ga., sophomore Rolando Fernandez-Carrion of Canton, Ga., sophomore Eric Lindsey of Fayetteville, Ga., junior Jordan Marshall of Hiwassee, Ga., sophomore Tyler Ogburn of Blairsville, Ga., senior Ryan Bender of Braselton, Ga., and junior Seth Peters of Loganville, Ga. NT(Mar17-B5)SH

## Orion comes to life at Rollins Planetarium

The O. Wayne Rollins Planetarium of Young Harris College will present the show "Legends of the Night Sky: Orion" as part of a special Kid's Night program for children and families on Friday, March 26, at 8 p.m. Planetarium admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and free with YHC ID.

"Legends of the Night Sky: Orion" offers a lighthearted and imaginative look at the constellation Orion, bringing the great hunter to life in a fun-filled, laser-animated adventure. By the end of the story, we learn how the constellation Orion was placed in the sky, forever turning overhead throughout the seasons.

Ranked third largest in Georgia by dome size, Rollins Planetarium features a state-of-the-art GOTO Chronos Space Simulator star projector with a state-of-the-art full-dome digital projection

system, the Sky-Skan Definition, in a 40-foot dome theater. It offers public shows and educational opportunities for school groups throughout the year. Rollins Planetarium is located in the Maxwell Center on the campus of Young Harris College.

If skies are clear, the Young Harris College Observatory is open immediately after planetarium shows. The observatory features a Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope and is located about 1.5 miles from campus at Brasstown Valley Resort. Maps are available at the planetarium. Observing sessions last up to one hour and include a guided tour of the constellations. The observatory is open on the same dates as Rollins Planetarium.

For more information about planetarium and observatory events, call (706) 379-5195 or visit www.yhc.edu. NT(Mar17-B4)SH

## Castaway Critters fundraising event

Castaway Critters pet rescue would like to invite you to their "gold buying fundraising event". Date: Tuesday, March 30, time: 3:30-7:30 p.m. Place: Bank of Blairsville Community Room, 10 Highway 515, Blairsville.

Bring in broken gold necklaces, a single earring, old rings, and other white or yellow gold, and you will be given a check!

Yes, Southeast Gold Buyers will be paying you and Castaway Critters will be given a donation from the proceeds.

Also, each participant will be given a free raffle ticket and two winners will be given their choice of various prizes.

If you have any questions please call June Young at 706-400-8612, or Adeana Ruback at 706-835-7535. NT(Mar17-Y1)SH

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SATURDAY NIGHTS

Early Bird Game Packs- \$10  
Regular Packs- \$20  
Extra Packs- \$10  
Single Pack- \$5

Doors open at 3:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
*Everyone Welcome! Bring Friends!*