



Chamber Chronicles

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Angel's Chamber Messages



Chamber golf tournament

The Towns County Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual Lake Chatuge Scholarship Golf Tournament June 13 & 14 at Chatuge Shores Golf Course and Brasstown Valley Resort. For information on how you can participate as a sponsor or player, contact the Towns County Chamber of Commerce at 896.4966

The Towns County Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome our newest member PD Construction of Hiwassee. Contact them at 770.355.0817 or by email at ALUMINCO@ALUMINCOUS.COM

For more information on any Towns County Chamber of Commerce member, visit us online at www.mountaintopga.com

A Fire Safety Message from SERVPRO of Hiwassee

Keep matches and lighters in a secured drawer or cabinet. Have your children tell you when they find matches and lighters.

Develop a home fire escape plan, practice it with your children and designate a meeting place outside.

Supervise young children closely. Do not leave them alone even for short periods of time.

Take the mystery out of fire by teaching children that fire is a tool, not a toy.

Tech children the nature of fire. It is FAST, HOT, DARK and DEADLY!

Demonstrate how to stop, drop to the ground and roll if their clothes catch fire.

Show children how to crawl low on the floor, below the smoke, to get out of the house and stay out in case of fire.

Teach children not to hide from firefighters, but to get out quickly and call for help.

SBA Workshops on Owning a Retail Business

Two free SBA workshops on owning a retail business will be held from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on May 10 and May 17, respectively, at the agency's Georgia District Office. The District Office is located downtown in Peachtree Center at 233 Peachtree Street, Suite 1900-Harris Tower, Atlanta, GA 30303.

The objective of the workshops is to teach a person the basics of owning and running a profitable retail business. Those who will benefit from the workshops include anyone thinking about opening a retail business; a first time retailer, anyone who wants to improve their bottom line; and people working in the retail industry who are thinking about making it a career.

The Part I workshop will cover such topics as:

- Are you ready to go into business?
- Defining your visions
- Merchandise mix
- Branding
- Defining your customers
- Marketing

The Part II workshop will discuss these topics:

- Retail Math
- Visual presentation and merchandising
- Selling

The workshop instructor will be Shannon Anderson, President of Firmus Consulting.

Pre-registration is required for the workshops. To register online, go to www.sba.gov/ga and cursor down to Spotlight-Public Training and Seminars-Register Now! Select seminar date from the drop down list. Complete relevant information and click "Register." A registration form can also be faxed to 404/331-0101, Attention: Dorothy Fletcher.

SBA's participation in these workshop is not an endorsement of the views, opinions, products or services of any person or entity. All SBA programs, services and cosponsored activities are extended to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis. Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Please contact Dorothy Fletcher at 404-331-0100, ext. 305 or via email at Dorothy.Fletcher@sba.gov.

Member Calendar of Events

more. Also, the Fairgrounds are convenient to all stores, restaurants, and shops in Hiwassee.

4/30/2010 Ray Stevens will be in concert
1028 Georgia Road Franklin, NC 28734 • Cost: \$30-40
Phone: 866-273-4615 Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts
Description: Multi-platinum recording artist, songwriter and two time Grammy winner Ray Stevens is celebrating 50 years in the music business this year. From his comedy hit, "The Streak" to the socially aware "Mr. Businessman" to his Grammy award winning pop standard "Everything is Beautiful" Stevens continues to showcase his observant and witty songwriting.

4/30/2010 AND 5/2/2010 Annual Spring Concert
Glenn Auditorium • Young Harris, GA 30582
Location: Young Harris College • Hours: Friday, 8pm Sunday 3pm
Contact: Laura Schnabel • Phone: 828-321-2948
Website: www.mapaa.org • Sponsor: Mountain Community Chorus • Cost: Free

5/1/2010 Gardening Expo
Hiwassee, GA 30546 • Location: at the Towns County Courthouse • Hours: 9am-1pm • Cost: Free
Description: Learn tips on gardening in raised beds and how to make your own rain barrel. There will be a Raffle for already made rain barrel. BBQ pork plates will be available for purchase.

5/1/2010 Health Fair
Main Street • Hiwassee, GA 30546
Hours: 7am-10am • Phone: 706-896-2222
Sponsor: Chatuge Regional Hospital
Cost: Lab work offered PSA \$10 Comprehensive Lab Panel \$30.

5/7/2010 Sister Hazel
1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734 • Cost: \$18-25
Phone: 866-273-4615 • Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com • Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts
Description: Rock band

5/7/2010 - 5/8/2010 Wildflower Ramble on Mother's Day Weekend
1311 Music Hall Rd. • Hiwassee, GA 30546
Location: Hamilton Rhododendron Gardens - Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds
Hours: May 7 - 10:00 AM May 8 - 2:00 PM
Contact: Habitat for Humanity • Phone: 706-379-2484
Sponsor: Habitat for Humanity - Towns & Union Counties
Cost: \$10.00 per person to benefit Habitat for Humanity
Description: Noted area naturalist Elaine Delcuze will lead a leisurely one hour or so ramble through the beautiful Rhododendrons and Azaleas to show you many varieties

5/8/2010 Castaway Critters First Annual Bass Tournament
Hwy 76 • Hiwassee, GA 30546 • Cost: Entry fee is \$75.
Location: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds
Hours: Launch of boats at 7am • Sponsor: Castaway Critters
Description: Launch of boats at 7am, weigh in at 5pm Serving of food starts at 3pm Raffle items, Prizes \$500, \$300, \$200 & \$100

5/8/2010 Towns County Historical Arts & Heritage Festival
Hwy 76 • Hiwassee, GA 30546
Location: On the Square in Hiwassee • Hours: 11am - 5pm
Contact: Polly Simpson • Phone: 706-379-2141 • Cost: Free
Website: www.townshistory.org
Sponsor: Towns County Historical Society
Description: Dedication of Presley Post Office at 11am. Music, food, square dancing, history stories & formation.

For more information on any of these events, contact the Towns County Chamber of Commerce at 896.4966 or visit us online at www.mountaintopga.com

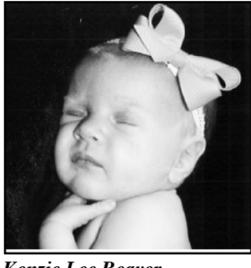
Birth Announcement



Rozlyne Saige Spry

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Edwin Spry would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Rozlyne Saige Spry, born on April 22, 2010 at Union General Hospital, delivered by Kevin Davis, MD. The birth weight of the baby was 8 pounds, 15 ounces and she was 19 1/2 inches long. Mrs. Spry is the former Mary Louise Bright. NT(Apr28-G4)gg

Birth Announcement



Kenzie Lee Beaver

Jessica and Noah Beaver and big sister Kaleigh are excited to announce the arrival of Kenzie Lee. She was born on March 3, 2010 at 7:56 AM at Union General Hospital and was delivered by Kevin Davis, MD. Kenzie weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19-3/4 inches long. Mrs. Beaver is the former Jessica Moon. TA(Apr28-G1)SH

Emma turns 1



Emma Grace Nichols turned 1 on March 5th. She celebrated with family and friends. She had a princess party. Emma is the daughter of Greg and Crystal Nichols. She has a big brother, Cole Cantrell.

We Love You Very Much,
Daddy, Mommy and
Bubba

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Free food distribution

There will be a free food distribution Tuesday, May 3, 2010. The distribution will be held at The Towns County Food Pantry from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. All that are in need of food assistance are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to pick up your food please contact the pantry at 706-896-4783, prior to distribution day so arrangements can be made to deliver your food. All clients and inquiries are confidential. TA(Apr28-F3)SH

Meet the new Clydesdale foal



Bring the family out to the Clydesdale Farm on Hwy. 76 East (@ mile marker 17) on Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be food, music, buggy rides, and raffles with part of the profits going to PUP (Prevent Unwanted Pets) a non-profit spay/neuter group for Towns County.

Towns County Middle School update

Caroline Duckworth with her Pandora's Box of Society's Evils
By Caroline Duckworth
6th grade student

Envy and jealousy are synonyms, meaning that they are almost the exact same thing.

However, there are a few differences. Envy is the desire for something someone else has, be it an object or a talent or an advantage. For example, her intelligence made her the envy of the class, or he was envious of his neighbor's wealth. Jealousy is a fear of losing something or a suspicion of betrayal or distrust. For example, I was jealous of my sister when her allowance was greater than mine.

Envy and jealousy are both the root of many evils. If someone is envious or jealous of someone else, they may steal whatever they are envious of or maybe even kill them. Almost everyone in the world has experienced envy and sometimes it is hard to control. In the story of Cain and Able, Cain kills Able just because of his jealousy.

In Othello, a play by Shakespeare, it was said that jealousy was the "green-eyed monster"; "O, beware, my lord, of jealousy; It is the green-eyed monster which doth

mock the meat it feeds on." In Antony and Cleopatra, Shakespeare wrote that envy was the "green sickness"; "And Lepidus, since Pompey's feast, as Menas says, is troubled with the green sickness."

You have probably wondered why envy and jealousy are usually associated with the color green. Have you ever heard the saying: "green with envy"?

This is because green is the color you turn when you're sick or diseased.

Envy is often thought to be a sickness or disease that is contagious.

Envy and jealousy are feelings that everyone has. They are very difficult to change.

We in America need to realize how much more we have than people in other countries. We need to be thankful. The

next time you envy someone, think about the starving children in third world countries. They have nothing compared to us. When we are jealous of someone else because they are better than us, we need to remember that someone might be better at one thing, and you might be better at another.

The purpose of this column is to put into practice what research has found, that there are positive effects on student learning when students are required to communicate effectively to audiences beyond the classroom and school (especially in their own community.)

Suggestions and comments for the column are welcome through calls to Dr. Sumner at (706) 896-4131 ext 1011 or e-mails via the school website at www.towns.k12.ga.us. TA(Apr28-F1)SH



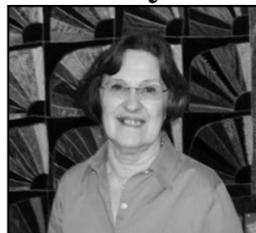
Habitat for Humanity celebrates Mother's Day

Celebrate Mother's Day in a special way this year by taking mom on a "Wildflower Ramble" through the Hamilton Rhododendron Gardens at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in Hiwassee. Noted naturalist Elaine Delcuze will lead a leisurely tour through the gardens discussing and pointing out the natural beauty of our native plants.

Rhododendrons and Azaleas should be coming into bloom and their natural show of color is spectacular.

Elaine Delcuze will be conducting the Wildflower Ramble tours Mother's Day weekend on both Saturday May 7 at 10 in the morning and again at 2 in the afternoon on Sunday.

The walk is easy to moderate as you "walk through the woods" while strolling along the shores of Lake Chatuge. There are several rest areas where one can sit and absorb the beautiful flowers, take in the lake breeze and relax. Plants will also be on sale if you would like to put one in your yard as a perpetual remembrance of the occasion.



Elaine Delcuze

Habitat would also like to thank Bobby Burns of the Brother's at Willow Ranch Restaurant for their support recently. Brother's featured Habitat for Humanity on a recent Tuesday Community Night. Habitat volunteers helped with preparing table settings and were available to answer questions from patrons. Stop by and let the folks at Brother's know you appreciate their support for Habitat.

Habitat for Humanity of Towns/Union Counties is a Christian, ecumenical housing ministry working locally with volunteers to build simple, decent homes for families in need. For further information, call the Habitat office at 706-379-2484. NT(Apr28-C2)ac

Shooting Creek Basket Weavers Guild



Sherlene Dillon from Clayton (GA) presented a program to basket weavers after the April 14th membership meeting of the Shooting Creek Basket Weavers Guild. Sherlene and her husband Stephen owned an antique store in Clayton, specializing in antiques dating back to the pre-Revolutionary War era. Sherlene's area of expertise is native American Indian baskets. She explained to the members that how a basket is constructed may help to determine what tribe wove the basket. If someone is interested in collecting such baskets she recommended several books to help in their education. She

provided the membership with great information which she illustrated with baskets that she sells locally and on the Internet. Sherlene is very knowledgeable about American Indian baskets and was glad to share this with local basket weavers.

The Shooting Creek Basket Weavers Guild meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month (meeting at 10:00 followed by a weaving project) at the Shooting Creek (NC) Community Room (Fire Department). For further information, visit the website at www.shootingcreekbasketweavers.com. TA(Apr28-C1)ac

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