



# Chamber Chronicles

The official source of Towns County Chamber News

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## Angel's Chamber Messages



## Annual Golf Tournament

The Towns County Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual Lake Chatuge Scholarship Golf Tournament June 12 & 13 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.

## Member Calendar of Events

**6/12/2010 Annual Gala & Benefit Auction at John C. Campbell Folk School**  
One Folk School • Brasstown, NC 28902

Location: Community Room, Keith House  
Hours: 4:00-5:45 PM - Silent Auction, Hors d'oeuvres, Drinks, Live music  
Contact: John C. Campbell Folk School • Phone: 828-837-2775  
Email: marketing@folkschool.org • Website: www.folkschool.org

Sponsor: John C. Campbell Folk School • Cost: See description  
Description: The Annual Gala & Benefit Auction will be held at the Folk School on June 12, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. This event is not only a great opportunity to purchase art and other items, it is a time of togetherness and camaraderie that helps our school grow and thrive. Our Annual Gala will take place in the Community Room of the Keith House where there will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks and wonderful live music. During this time bidders can socialize and enjoy the Folk School atmosphere while they peruse the wide array of silent auction items. Our famous live auction will take place at the culmination of the event. Tickets will be available beginning April 1, 2010. Admissions: \$20 in advance \$25 at the door \$15 for "Friends of the Folk School" (donors who have donated over \$500 to the School in 2010) Tickets include admission, food and two drink tickets. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and wine/beer will be served at this event. Please call Reed Caldwell, Development Manager (800-365-5724) for more information. Local Accommodations: Please refer to the Towns County Chamber of Commerce for a complete listing of local and regional accommodations. Selecting the highest bidder A beautiful handwoven basket up for bid Pottery up for bid at the Benefit Auction

**6/12/2010 - 6/13/2010 Lake Chatuge Scholarship Golf Classic**

Hiawassee & Young Harris, GA  
Location: Chatuge Shores Golf Course and Brasstown Valley Resort  
Hours: Chatuge Shores Golf Course - 8:00 AM Brasstown Valley Resort - 7:30 AM  
Contact: Towns County Chamber of Commerce  
Phone: 706-896-4966 • Fax: 706-896-5441  
Email: janeholland@brmemc.net  
Website: www.mountaintopga.com

Sponsor: Towns County Chamber of Commerce  
Cost: \$150.00 per player or \$170.00 which includes 4 mulligans and entry into the chipping and putting contest.

More Info: Download Golf Application  
Description: The mission of Lake Chatuge golf tournament is to provide a qualified male and female student in the Tri-County area with a Scholarship to a college or technical school to further their growth and academic education.

**6/17/2010 - 6/19/2010 Gold Wing Rally**

1311 Music Hall Rd. • Hiawassee, GA 30546  
Location: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds  
Hours: To be announced • Contact: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds

Phone: 706-896-4191 • Email: gamtfair@windstream.net  
Website: www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com

Sponsor: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds  
Cost: to be announced

**6/22/2010 5th Annual Taste of the Southern Highlands**

1311 Music Hall Rd. • Hiawassee, GA 30546  
Location: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds  
Hours: 6:00 - 8:00 PM • Contact: Amy Gibby Rosser

Phone: (706) 896-4131 x 1233  
Website: www.gafcp.org/fcnetwork.towns

Sponsor: Family Connection  
Description: Experience the culinary treats of our local area, featuring an exciting list of Restaurants, Wineries, and Resorts. Proceeds benefit Towns County Family Connection.

**6/24/2010 - 6/27/2011 Disney's Beauty and the Beast**

1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734  
Phone: 866-273-4615 • Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com

Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts  
Cost: \$12.00

Description: Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice, Book by Linda Woolverton: Based on Disney's animated feature, this modern Broadway classic centers around a beautiful young girl named Belle and her attempts to tame a monstrous beast who has condemned her to be his prisoner for life.



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## It's All About the Dogs!



For the last six weeks the Blairsville Mountain Shelter staff, each with their selected shelter dog, has had the opportunity to learn the latest positive reinforcement training techniques to help all of the dogs become more adoptable. This program has been possible due to the generous donation of time and expertise of Lisa Waggoner & Brad Waggoner of Cold Nose College, located in Murphy, NC.

Dogs aren't born knowing English or how to fit into our human world, so it's up to us to teach them in a humane and effective way. The American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior recommends positive reinforcement training. Like people, dogs aren't perfect. Being proactive and rewarding good behavior is so much easier than trying to change bad behaviors after they have happened. By using something the dog finds rewarding (food, toys and life rewards) it's easy to teach a dog what "to do" vs. just stopping a behavior. The shelter staff has learned how to set dogs up for success, not failure. It has been so rewarding to see how quickly the dogs progressed, even during the first week. Gone are many of the problem behaviors, which have been replaced with learning to focus on the handler, sitting politely for greeting and learning to sit and down. All of the dogs who went through this program are, of course, available for adoption. Come by and check them out!

Our shelter employee, Michael Mustin, is currently enrolled in the Cold Nose College Apprentice Program and will be the shelter consultant on staff to advise both shelter staff and volunteers on positive training techniques. We are very thankful to have so many dedicated volunteers who donate their time for the enrichment of our animals, with the ultimate goal to make the adoptions not only possible, but successful. It's truly All About the Dogs! NTJm9.A6/SH

## Learn about researching family history with Mountain Computer User Group

On June 14th at 7 PM, Larry Van Horn, noted local family historian and syndicated newspaper columnist, will conduct a talk at the Mountain Computer User Group meeting. Larry, who has been teaching genealogy classes at Tri-County Community College for 12 years, will present material that will aid the newcomer in discovering their family's past. The program will focus on the first steps you need to get started, Internet resources you can use in your research, and some genealogy tools you can use to document your family findings. A "Q&A" session will begin at 6 PM (prior to the presentation) so bring your questions and we will try to find you an answer. Join us for an interesting evening discussing home computer stuff. The meeting will be held in the Goolsby Center, Young Harris College. All the Mountain Computer User Group meetings are open to the public the 2nd Monday of each month. Great door prizes are awarded to members present. For more information please go to [www.mcug.org](http://www.mcug.org). NTJm9.Z1/SH

## Lorraine and Bennett Hammond in concert at Campbell Folk School



Lorraine and Bennett Hammond

Lorraine and Bennett Hammond will be featured in concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 11 at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown. The concert will be held in the Festival Barn, but those attending are urged to park near Keith House or the Dining Hall and walk to the Festival Barn where there will be only a limited number of handicapped parking spaces available. Since there is limited seating, audience members may wish to bring a portable chair. The concert is free but donations are welcome.

Lorraine Hammond was born and raised in the mountains of Northwestern Connecticut when traditional music was still a normal part of community life. She is well known as a folk singer and songwriter, an accomplished player and teacher of the Celtic harp and the 5-string banjo, and as perhaps the foremost exponent of the Appalachian dulcimer. Lorraine is a regularly featured teacher and performer at venues around the country.

Bennett Hammond began to play traditional and original music on the guitar in high school in Vermont, and began teaching it while in college in New Hampshire. According to the Boston Globe, "Hammond has a deft melodic sense, and a knack for transmuting traditional Irish and Appalachian motifs into thoroughly contemporary results. Hammond's great talent is that he doesn't let his skill overpower his taste and artistry." Since 1986 Bennett has performed, recorded and toured extensively at home and abroad with Lorraine. The couple live in an old house in Brookline, MA.

Upcoming Folk School concerts include The Kudzu String Band (June 18) and Steve Hickman and John Devine (June 25).

The Folk School concert schedule is available on the world wide web at [www.folkschool.org](http://www.folkschool.org). For further information call the Folk School at 828-837-2775 or 1-800-FOLK-SCH. NTJm9.A8/SH

## Father's Day Variety Concert to benefit Clay County Food Pantry

WHERE: Clegg Auditorium at Young Harris College. TIME: 7 - 9 PM June 20, 2010. PERFORMERS: The Fuzion Dance Company traditional and modern dance; Singing Nuns of Nunsense; Mike Whitney singer/songwriter; Pam Leslie exceptional soprano soloist; Blessed Blend Native American and Celtic fusion group; Sarah McAuliffe award winning soloist; ever popular Gnarly Fingers Band; Charles Milne jazz vocalist

and pianist; Smoky Mountain Melodies woman's choir.

Tickets may be purchased at United Community Bank in Hiawassee, The Daily Grind in Murphy, and in Hayesville: First Citizens Bank, Nantahala Bank, Books and Beans, Phillips and Lloyd, Chinquapins, and United Community Bank. At the door for late comers.

All proceeds to benefit the Clay County Food Pantry. NTJm9.F1/SH

## Garden Club life members honored



National Garden Clubs 81st Annual Convention held at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center in Atlanta, May 14-16 was preceded on May 13 by the festive National Life Member Banquet. Dorothy Lee and Peggy West were honored as new members, joining life members GCG President Betty Grimes, Sharon Payne and Virginia Palmer from Hiawassee Garden Club. TJm9.F3/SH

## Meet the performers for Milk, Honey and Harmony

The variety concert Milk, Honey, and Harmony, to benefit the Clay County Food Pantry, will be held in Clegg Auditorium on Father's Day, June 20, 2010 at 7 p.m., and features some of the finest artists in our area.

Gnarly Fingers, the ever popular musicians, the Fusion Dance Company a traditional modern dance ensemble are but two of the fine performers to appear at the concert. Also featured are the Blessed Blend, a Native American and Celtic fusion group and the "Singing Nuns" of Nunsense who took our area by storm in last year's performance. The Smoky Mountain Melodies, a woman's choir will add much harmonic pleasure for the ears. Of course Mike Whitney, singer and song writer and Charles Milne a jazz vocalist and pianist are both exceptional entertainers will add spice to the venue. To round out the program two top soprano soloists, Sarah McAuliffe (currently touring in Europe) and Pam Leslie, will be present for your listening pleasure.

Tickets are available in Hayesville at First Citizens Bank, Nantahala Bank, Chinquapins, Phillips and Lloyd, Books and Beans and the United Community Bank. In Murphy tickets are sold at the Daily Grind and in Hiawassee tickets may be purchased at the United Community Bank.

Don't miss this exciting event. Make your Father's Day weekend memorable! TJm9.H1/SH

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