

Chamber Chronicles

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Angel's Chamber Messages



2010 Mountain Christmas Tour of Homes December 4 & 5, 2010

Tickets are on sale now for the Towns County Chamber of Commerce sponsored Mountain Christmas Tour of Homes. Our theme this year is "A Celebration of the Season through the Arts." We will have many art/artisan stops, displays and demonstrations. We will be featuring nine special homes including our first ever Decorator Show House. Contact the Towns County Chamber of Commerce for tickets and details at 706.896.4966.

2010 Towns County Chamber of Commerce and Towns County Tourism Association Annual Meeting

The Towns County Chamber of Commerce and Towns County Tourism Association will be hosting a joint Annual Meeting on Monday, November 15th from 8:00am-9:30am at Brasstown Valley Resort. Tickets are on sale now for \$14.00. Contact the Towns County Chamber of Commerce and Towns County Tourism Association for details.

Member Calendar of Events

11/18/2010 Puffy Heart Beaded Jewelry Class

Hiawassee, GA 30546, Location: 2413 Hwy 76W on the corner of Frog Pond Rd. Hours: 1:00-4:00 pm. Contact: Betsy Tull. Phone: 706-896-0880. Email: beadingb@yahoo.com Website: www.beadingleebee.com Sponsor: Beading Bee Creations. Cost: \$25. Description: This is a classic. Crystals are the standard, but they're fun with different size seed beads, pearls or fire-polished beads as well. Plus with a smaller size bead they make great earrings.

11/18/2010 Lanier Singers

Young Harris, GA 30582. Location: Glenn Auditorium. Hours: 8:00pm. Contact: H. Denise Murphy, Asst to Division of Fine Arts. Phone: 706-379-5182. Website: www.yhc.edu Sponsor: Young Harris College

11/19/2010 MISTELTOE MARKET Preview Party

Blairsville, GA 30512. Location: North Georgia Tech College - Blairsville. Hours: 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Contact: ArtWorks. Phone: 706-896-0932. Sponsor: ArtWorks. Cost: Advance tickets - \$5 At the door - \$7.50. Description: Silent Auction - 6:00-8:30, complimentary desserts, beverages, demonstrations and a chance to shop early. Jump start the holidays, get a group together and plan to attend.

11/20/2010 Loretta Lynn - Live in Concert

1311 Music Hall Rd., Hiawassee, GA 30546. Location: Anderson Music Hall - Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. Hours: 7:00 PM. Contact: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. Phone: 706-896-4191. Website: www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com Sponsor: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. Cost: Level 1 \$40 + \$2 handling Level 2 \$30 + \$2 handling. Description: Tickets on Sale - October 22

11/20/2010 Chonda Pierce

1028 Georgia Road, Franklin, NC 28734. Phone: 866-273-4615. Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts. More Info: For additional information. Description: Armed with an abundance of unpretentious Southern charm and laser sharp wit, Chonda Pierce has been entertaining audiences from coast to coast for more than a decade. An in-demand stand up comic, television hostess and author, Pierce has parlayed her gift for storytelling into a multi-faceted career.

11/25/2010 Thanksgiving Day Buffett at the Brasstown Valley Resort

6321 US Highway 76, Young Harris, GA 30582. Location: Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa. Hours: To be announced. Contact:

Brasstown Valley Resort. Phone: 706-379-9900. Website: www.brasstownvalley.com Cost: To be determined. Description: Join our family at Brasstown Valley Resort as we celebrate Thanksgiving. Our culinary team will be preparing a feast unlike any other in North Georgia. Lots of fun activities will be planned for the kids to enjoy at the resort as well as all of the Christmas decorations throughout.

11/26/2010 - 11/27/2010 The Holiday Arts & Crafts Show at Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa

6321 US Highway 76, Young Harris, GA 30582. Hours: 10:00 AM Until 5:00 PM Daily. Contact: Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa. Phone: 706-379-4606. Sponsor: Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa. Cost: No Charge. Description: This is a juried event with outstanding & talented vendors presenting their work. We will be featuring 15 different categories of crafters and artists during this two day event. There is no doubt that you will find a unique item for that special someone on your holiday gift giving list. We will also have a room set up for the children 12 and under to come out and enjoy between the hours of 10:00am and 5:00pm each day during this time they will be able to make their own "Special Holiday Craft" There will also be a Holiday Coloring Contest for the kids with a Gift Basket for the winner!!! And all pictures will be displayed during the holiday weekend at the Resort

11/27/2010 Beginner Basic Beading Class

Hiawassee, GA. Location: 2413 Hwy 76W on the corner of Frog Pond Rd. Hours: 1:00-4:00 pm. Contact: Betsy Tull. Phone: 706-896-0880. Email: beadingb@yahoo.com Website: www.beadingleebee.com Sponsor: Beading Bee Creations. Cost: \$15. Description: This is a beginner basic beading class. Beaded bookmarks, necklaces, bracelets, earrings or eyeglass holders. What is taught will be determined by what the individual wants to learn. Everything from basic stringing with wire and crimps to simple wire wraps on earrings. "Your Choice". Come in and have some fun. Supplies vary widely with the many choices.

11/27/2010 Towns County Sheriff's Christmas Parade

Hiawassee, GA 30546. Location: Main Street. Hours: 5:30pm. Contact: Vicki Edwards-Ellis. Phone: 706-896-4444. Email: v.ellistco@yahoo.com Sponsor: Towns County Sheriff's Office. Cost: FREE! Description: Parade theme will be "The Stories of Christmas". If interested in entering a float in the parade, please call the Sheriff's office

11/30/2010 YHC Choir Christmas Concert

Young Harris, GA 30582. Location: Glenn Auditorium. Hours: 7:00 pm. Contact: H. Denise Murphy, Asst to Division of Fine Arts. Phone: 706-379-5182. Website: www.yhc.edu Sponsor: Young Harris College

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deed transactions are up 30 percent year to date," Pierson said. "Our closed properties in the MLS for Towns County are up 44 percent year to date. Our vacant land closings in Towns County are up a whopping 175 percent year to date.

"My company's revenue is up 37 percent, year to date," he said.

Pierson investigated further and discovered that nationally, third quarter re-sales are up 10 percent; nationally, third quarter new home sales are up 19 percent.

"Internationally, the Global World Index grew 13.8 percent, which is the second strongest growth in the last 40 years," Pierson said.

What do these numbers mean?

"We don't need the New York Times or CNN's opinion. I may not be good at math but you don't have to be a rocket scientist to make your own conclusions," he told the crowd. "Some people thrive on negativity and want to keep us down. I'm not one of them; I'm focused on a positive future and hope you

are too."

According to Hilda Thomason, Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds general manager and Towns County Tourism Association chair, Pierson appears on target, especially when it comes to good news being just around the corner.

The county's tourism arm reports the arrival of the Georgia Shriner's Convention in Hiawassee for 2011. That event is followed by the Mountain Moonshine Cruizin and then the Harley Davidson rally at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds.

The latter event, which has been held in Helen, will mean millions for the local economy: an estimated \$4.35 million dropped into an economy caught between a rock and a hard place because of a dour real estate market.

The tourism association also is extensively marketing Towns County throughout the Southeast as a destination for tourists, Thomason said.

As for the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, promoter Mike Blackwell has offers out to Trace Atkins,

Vince Gill and Charlie Daniels to play Anderson Music Hall in January, February and March respectively, Thomason said.

"Those are just offers right now and we're waiting to hear back from them," she said.

Chamber President Angel Long told the group that the chamber as well as the tourism association is taking an active role in helping the community.

"We donate a portion of the proceeds from every fundraiser that we have to the Towns County Food Pantry," she said. "Every year, we also award \$1,000 in scholarships to college or trade school bound graduating students.

"We take our responsibility of supporting the community very seriously," she said.

In closing, Long paid tribute to the Chamber's staff, volunteers and board of directors.

"It is the collaborative efforts and dedication of the staff, volunteers and directors that make our support of the membership and community possible."

Catch 'em being good for November 12, 2010



L-r: Erin Page, Alana Stowers, Ian Arrowood, Makenna Miles, Huck Whisenhunt, Derek Brewer, Cody Young, Isaiah Morrow. (Nov17,10)SH

On behalf of my wife Carmen, my family and my entire campaign team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of this District for the kindness and generosity I have received over the last few months. I have never been more proud of where I am from and the wonderful people that surround me here in these mountains. I am very pleased with the race we ran and the ideas our campaign put forward for the future of our District and State.

Our campaign was premised on the idea that no one party or ideology has a monopoly on all the right answers to the mounting problems our nation and the state of Georgia faces. I believe that as much today as I did on the day I qualified to run for the State House of Representatives. To that end, I promise to continue to fight and speak up for solutions that are solely in the best interests of 'We the People.' I wish Rep. Allison well and sincerely hope he will put the needs and concerns of the great people of these mountains first. They deserve it.

Thank you again and I look forward to seeing you all further on up the road.

Sincerely,

Jack Lance