

# Chamber Chronicles

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## Angel's Chamber Messages

### Towns County Chamber of Commerce Newest Members

We would like to welcome some of our newest members!

- Lake Chatuge 3/3 Vacation Rental
- Alpha and Omega Monument Service
- Business Management Systems, Inc
- The Esposito Institute

### Holiday Chamber Message

With the holiday season underway, many of us find ourselves wanting to help those who are in financial need. With all of the different programs going on, it can be hard to know where to start sometimes. Family Connection, located at Towns County Schools is a great place to start. They work with many of the local charitable organizations to help families in need. I would like to pass along some information I received from Amy Gibby-Rosser, Director of the Family Connection program.

### Food Giving

- Nov. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon
- Dec. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon
- At the Towns County Food Pantry
- All donated or collected food should be taken to the Food Pantry.

### Christmas Giving

- If your church/business/organization knows of a particular fam-

ily that you will be serving, let us know so we know they have been served.

- If you church/business/organization would like to sponsor a family/families, please contact us to adopt a family for Christmas.
- Procedure to obtain a student or family: contact Family Connection with number of students/families that your church/organization wishes to sponsor. Family Connection and Sheriff's Dept will work together to coordinate students you will be sponsoring. This will be confidential and you will be given non-identifying information.
- The Sheriff's Department is collecting toys and accepting monetary donations for toys. Contact (706) 896-4444 to make a donation.
- We are pleased that the City of Hiwassee Police Department will be again hosting "Shop With a Cop" that serves the middle school population of students at Towns County Schools. If you are interested in learning more about this program or making a donation, contact Jimmy Wright, Chief of Police. Contact Family Connection for when you are going to drop off your items if you have sponsored so we can coordinate this efficiently. Last year approximately 20 percent of the student population was served. They want to ensure all students and their families are served and there is not duplication in services. Contact Amy Gibby-Rosser at Family Connection at (706) 896-4131 ext. 1233 for more details.



## 2009 Christmas Tour of Homes will be Dec. 4-6, 2009

The Towns County Chamber of Commerce is presenting our Annual Christmas Tour of Homes Dec. 4-6, 2009.

The festivities will begin with an ArtWalk and the lighting of the Christmas Tree.

The ArtWalk will be from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and is open to the public. ArtWalk locations are in Hiwassee, Young Harris and Hayesville. In Hiwassee, galleries will be: The Artworks Artisan Center, Joan of Art, Deb Collins Signature Gallery and Tangerine Frog and the Grahl Gallery. In Young Harris, galleries will be: Appalachian Gallery and the Campus Gate Gallery and in Hayesville at Goldhagen Studios.

The Lighting of the Christmas Tree which is presented by the Enota Garden Club will be at Mayor's Park in Young Harris at 6 p.m. on



Sproule Home

Friday, Dec. 4th.

On Saturday, Dec. 5th, the homes will be open to tour from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 6th from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

There are refreshment stops along the way Saturday and Sunday at Brasstown Valley Resort, BodySense and the Towns County Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets are \$25 each and

are on sale now at the Chamber, Deb Collins Signature Gallery & Tangerine Frog, Mountain Realty of Hiwassee and Sunflower Interiors.

### Sproule Home

This is a perfect example of an addition and remodeling project that transformed one of the original lakefront homes of the 1980's into a 21st century showplace. Bob and Ann Sproule contracted with



Maynard Home

home plan designer Judi Smith and builder/remodeler Hallam Construction Services, Inc. to convert a modest older lakefront home to a larger more modern structure. The back wall of the upper floor of the house was removed to extend the living space and add screen porches. A breezeway was added to attach the original house to a new two car garage with bonus room and full bath. The breezeway houses a laundry and two storage closets. The gourmet kitchen features

Italian marble countertops.

The master suite was redesigned with the addition of an office. Lots of trapezoid windows and woodwork with custom stains are features not to be missed. The remainder of the original home was upgraded to completely match the new construction. Christmas decorating by Carol Lumpkin.

### Maynard Home

Charlie and Brenda Maynard are both from the

metro Atlanta area. Charlie is a proud graduate of Georgia Tech and played football for Coach Bobby Dodd. They bought their small cottage on the lake in 1994 as a "weekend getaway" for the family. The original 1,500 square foot, two bedroom, one bath cottage was overflowing with family most of the time. This, and the fact that the Maynards fell in love with the beautiful area, led to the current addition. Originally planned as adding a bath, bedroom, closet and laundry room, the addition as Charlie says, "was just like Topsy, it grew and grew." The original cottage is contained inside the new construction, with updates, of course. The finished home is five bedrooms, four baths and two garages on three levels. The D-log faced home is finished with local creek rock in the "lodge" style.

## Scenes from the Mistletoe Market



Young Harris College graduate Jessica Phillips plies her art skills of painting cow portraits on window panes during the 13th Annual Mistletoe Market. It's the eighth year the event has been held at North Georgia Technical College. Photo/Matthew Jarrard



Jeanne Holliston from Crystal River Ranch dutifully spins Llama wool into soft cashmere-like material to use in the making of her hand-made winter apparel. Photo/Matthew Jarrard



Jean Mitchell's sculptural diversions were on display and for sale at Mistletoe Market on Saturday and Sunday. Mitchell draws her inspirations at times from Dr. Seuss. Photo/Matthew Jarrard



Patrons at Mistletoe Market at North Georgia Technical College peruse through the stacks of hand-sewn place mats and seemingly endless jars of honey on Saturday. Photo/Matthew Jarrard

## Veterans help out



Thirty families will enjoy Thanksgiving thanks to a joint venture of the Marine Corps League and Sons of American Legion. The groups donated 30 turkeys, 30 gift/food baskets to 30 families in need during the holidays. Pictured, left to right, Bobby Jarrard, commander of SAL/paymaster of MCL, Walt Scott, Commandant of MCL, Gary Kuchinski, chaplain of SAL and MCL, and Dave Davis, SAL member. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

## Calling all of Santa's helpers!

YOU are invited to a very special FREE Holiday Workshop at Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris. Saturday, December 12, 2009 10 - 12 noon.

Ages 2 - 12. Moms & dads are welcome to come and help, but supplies are limited to boys & girls under 12 only.

Decorate the Gingerbread House. Make holiday crafts to take home. Enjoy refreshments & gingerbread cookies.

Special visitors include Brasstown Dance Center's performers and SANTA CLAUS! Craft materials and refreshments are FREE!

Workshop sponsored by Mountain Arts Association and Brasstown Valley Resort.

Family breakfast & kid-friendly menu 7-10:30 a.m. Lunch buffet 11:30-3 (15% off breakfast or lunch).

Need more info? Call Karen at Brasstown 706-379-4606. NT11Nov25,26,A3,SH

## Three graduate from economics academy

Special to Towns County Herald

Susan Wyman, Holly Tiger and Young Harris Mayor Andrea Gibby have completed the course requirements to become graduates of the Georgia Academy for Economic Development.

Wyman, of Fain Investments, Tiger of Anderson's of Hiwassee, and Gibby, were among the graduates from the 2009 Region 2 Multi-Day Training Program.

Class participants represented a number of professional and non-professional economic development fields, including elected officials, public servants, business leaders, educators, and social service providers, from 13 counties in North Georgia.

The Academy provided



Towns County graduates at the Nov. 17th ceremony include, Susan Wyman, Fain Investments, Holly Tiger, Anderson's of Hiwassee, and Young Harris Mayor Andrea Gibby.

each of the graduates an opportunity to gain a unique understanding of the complexities of economic and community

development on the local, regional, and state levels.

Wyman, Tiger and Gibby completed the graduation cer-

emony on Nov. 17.

Created in 1993 by then-Governor Zell Miller's Development Council, the Academy assembles a cross section of economic development professionals and resources to provide this training in all twelve service delivery regions in Georgia.

The Board of Directors of the Academy consists of 21 members representing public and private economic development organizations and agencies from across Georgia. Since its organization, the Academy has provided training for thousands of professional and non-professional economic developers around the state, and since 1998 the Academy has been offered annually.

Congratulations to Susan, Holly and Andrea.

## Tri-State Model Railroaders annual Christmas Luncheon

Tri-State Model Railroaders invites you to its 11th annual Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 12, 2009, 12:30 p.m. at Steve's Steak House/ Cookie Jar, 223 Wellborn Street, Blairsville, GA.

After the luncheon, for those interested, we will visit Charles Griffin's Misty Mountain Model Railroad at the 2 PM showing! Casual dress, pub-

lic invited. Info: 706-633-0515.

Luncheon \$13 (Includes taxes and gratuity). You will have a wide choice of salads, meats, vegetables and desserts from their extensive buffet food bars.

Make check payable to Roger Seth and mail to reach him by Dec. 10th at: 155 Old Shadwick Place Rd., Mineral Bluff, GA 30559. NT11Nov25,26,A5,SH

## Amateur Radio Club

The North Georgia Tri-State A.R.C. (Amateur Radio Club) meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Branan Lodge in Blairsville. All of our meetings are open to the public. Our next meeting is to be held December 1st and will begin with a special technical session on Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and more spe-

cifically the Tarheel Network in North Carolina. For more information about joining the Club or becoming a HAM, call Don Deyton at 706-781-6665.

Amateur license testing will be held on December 5th in Blairsville at 310 Wellborn Street, Blairsville, GA. Contact Bob Ochs at 706-838-4728 for more information. NT11Nov25,26,A5,SH