

CLAY COUNTY Chamber News

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Sunrise Realty; Nantahala Bank & Trust Company; Rib Country Grill; Saddle Ridge Mortgage; Signs Fast; Stanberry Insurance Agency, Inc; Townson-Rose Funeral Home, LLC; Tri-County Racetrack; Woodhaven Construction and Autumn Ridge Home Watch & Concierge Services.

Spring in full swing around town and county

I hope in 2017 all of you will find a way to contribute to the community by volunteering and joining the many local organizations that do so much for our community. Most of us came up here to retire and found ourselves having too much free time on our hands. That is when

it hits you that there has to be something more constructive than just hanging out. There are so many projects of different types in which to become involved. It will warm your heart to make contributions to the community.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The chamber is looking for a few good people volunteer at the front desk. We have openings from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wednesday; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 1p.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Friday. This is a good opportunity to become a part of the social whirl and help newcomers or visitors navigate Clay County. Most of our volunteers report that they have gained a lot of information about Clay County activities and the must-see sights from working here. We like to treat our volunteers to outings for dinner or a show or both at least twice a year just so we can show how much we appreciate them. Call 389-3704 or stop by to discuss volunteering.

SOLAR ECLIPSE

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Monday, Aug. 21 because that is the time we will have the complete solar eclipse passing directly through Clay County. A lot of activities have already begun by The Clay County Travel & Tourism group and we are planning on having a full weekend of events lined up for the 20,000 plus people that will be coming through the county at that time. This



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is going to greatly impact our little community but it will bring a lot of tourism dollars to the county and that will in turn trickle down to everyone. Looking for volunteers.

ATTENTION BACK YARD BARBECUE COOKERS

The chamber has its annual Butts & Spuds barbecue cook-off coming up Saturday, May 20 and we are looking for that one perfect griller to take home the \$300 first prize. Call the chamber office and get an application and there is no charge to enter the competition. This will happen down on the square and we will have a "Kick Off the Cook Off" on Friday evening so a lot will be happening down on the square that weekend.

NEW MEMBERS

We are so happy to welcome several new comers to our chamber family. Make sure you get out and meet the following businesses located here in Clay County and thank them for opening their doors here:

Saddle Ridge Mortgage

Bonnye Williams, author of "Conquering the American Dream" is also the owner of Saddle Ridge Mortgage,

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Call the chamber if you would like to receive one of her books "Conquering the American Dream" free of charge. You can apply and manage your application process from your smart phone or PC and get pre-qualified in minutes. Williams can be reached at (828) 516-8510 or in a couple of weeks you can stop by her new offices on the square.

The Sea Notes

Capt'n Gene Johnson and Lucy Cole will provide bluegrass and country music for your events. They spare no details when they dress up for the occasion and have the warmest hearts around. Call (305) 360-2800.

Not So Buried Treasure

Located at 2011 US Highway 64 west in Hayesville. They sell antiques, furniture, collectibles, home décor and more. The store is open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday. Call 389-6536 and find out what they have brought into the store this week.

Autumn Ridge Home Watch

If you are a part-time resi-

dent or leaving for a vacation, then you need to talk to Jeff and Sharon Heaney about watching and protecting your home. Sharon is a pediatric optician. She owned her own practice and sold it to enjoy living in western North Carolina full-time. Jeff is a retired lieutenant from the Orlando Fire Department with 30 years of experience. He has an eye for details and knowledge of inspection of all types of homes. Your home will be in good hands with Jeff and Sharon. Call at 389-9995.

Phillips Concrete Work

Henry Phillips is your go-to person for any type of concrete work. Henry forms, pours and finishes your concrete professionally. He has been in business for 44 years not only doing concrete but small tractor and bobcat work. His areas of expertise include carports, driveways, patio sidewalks, building slabs and cemetery lot maintenance. Call 389-6614.

BUSY TOWN

I am happy to report that we have had a huge influx of newcomers here in our little corner of the world. The word is out and we are attracting newbies from all across the United States. Some of our newcomers are bringing new ideas and opening up much needed businesses. Of course everyone has heard we are getting three more restaurants and possibly a fourth and the historic courthouse has pulled full-speed ahead

in the rebuilding. We are finally moving ahead and becoming the town we were meant to be.

Thanks to everyone who has pitched in with monetary donations and sweat equity. For details call the chamber at 389-3704.

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Have a blast at SNAPTIME Photo Booths

Meet Paula and Stephanie, a mother/daughter duo bringing something new and fun to the area, a photo booth.

The inspiration came from the love of photography and making people laugh. We had gone to a wedding with a photo booth about four years ago and were in and out of that booth having so much fun with friends.

I stood outside the booth thinking, "I could do this. I am a photographer and this is great." I have now expanded to the area from San Diego.

SNAPTIME Photo Booths strives to set itself apart from an exceptional customer service experience, high quality



photo booths with competitive pricing and several options to fit any budget. We offer many extras including an open air booth and an enclosed booth.

SNAPTIME Photo Booths captures the sweet smiles and funny faces people make when no one's looking.

The portable, black magical booths can be set up at weddings, birthday parties, formal parties and corporate events with unlimited use for participants. As people squeeze into a cozy space, then they can slip on top hats and boas or raise prop glasses in toasts. The photo booth snaps four photos of each visit and prints them out for event souvenirs. Let our friendly reps Zach and Robert help you and your guests have the best time possible. We'll be seeing ya'll soon. —Paula, Stephanie,

MARCH & APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 31 - Georgia Mountain Storytelling Festival at Young Harris College, (706) 379-5136.
- March 31-April 2 - Peacock PAC presents "The Sunshine Boys" play, 389-2787.
- March 31 - Opening of the Historic Hayesville Exhibit next to post office.
- April 7-9 - Peacock PAC presents "The Sunshine Boys" play, 389-2787.
- April 7 - Community Walk "Take the Quannassee Path to Good Health."
- April 14 - Peacock PAC presents "Legacy of Motown Review."
- April 15 - Community Easter Egg Hunt at County Recreation Park on lake begins at 11 a.m.
- April 15 - Annual Ramp Festival on the square by Masonic Lodge.
- April 15-20 - Blooming Affair at Hamilton Gardens at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds.
- April 19 - Zerbini Family Circus at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds.
- April 22 - Town of Hayesville Annual Yard Sale on the square.
- April 22 - Earth Day Expo at Hamilton Gardens.
- April 29 - 5 K Run for the Rhodies at Hamilton Gardens
- April 29-30 -Arts & Crafts Show at Hamilton Gardens.
- April 29 - Red Workman Memorial Golf Tournament at Chatuge Shores Golf Course.

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