

Community/Calendar

Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group

This Alzheimer's Support Group provides interaction, information and inspiration for family members and caregivers in a confidential and supportive environment. This support group is affiliated with the Alzheimer's Association. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, Aug 10th, at 7:00 p.m. at Oriska Loving Care Adult Day Care, 1200 McKim Dr. Blairsville. Respite care is available during this support group. For more information contact: Elizabeth Uhle, Group Facilitator 706-745-6636.

Narcotics Anonymous

Mountain Folks Group meets every Friday night at 8:00 p.m. at New Hope Fellowship Church, 1299 Old Blue Ridge Hwy., next to Byers Well Drilling. All are welcome—don't lose hope because we can help. For information call (706) 835-2059. Leave a message if no answer.

TOPS- "Take Off Pounds Sensibly"

TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining weight-loss goals. There are no quick fixes at TOPS and no phony guarantees about weight loss. It is up to you to make a commitment to live a

healthier lifestyle. If you bring the desire, we can help.

TOPS meets every Tuesday at the Church of Christ in Blairsville, 19/129 S. Gainesville Hwy., at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 706-835-1607.

Food Addicts Anon.

Meetings are held on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at Sharp Memorial Church in Young Harris, Ga. For more information call Jim at 828-361-7565 or 828-389-1975.

Road to Recovery

Are you a cancer patient? Do you need a ride to and from your treatment sessions? A lack of transportation should not be the reason why cancer patients do not receive the life-saving cancer treatment they need. The American Cancer Society offers their Road to Recovery program to help transport cancer patients to and from their treatment. The Society has a toll-free number that you may call, and an operator will put you in touch with local volunteers that give cancer patients without personal transportation rides to and from their cancer treatment sessions. Give them a call at 1-800-ACS-2345.

Bereavement Support Group

Welcome to a community

bereavement support group. A place to share your thoughts and feelings and grow together with others who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

First Thursday of every month

Where: United Community Bank, Community Room, Blairsville, Georgia

When: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Third Thursday of every month

Where: Appalachian Community Bank, Community Room, Blairsville, Georgia

When: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Suzanne Repp, LCSW

The group is presented by Regency Hospice. It is free of charge. Please call 1-800-577-8791 or 706-896-1251 for any further information.

GWRRA meets

Chapter J of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) meets the third Saturday of each month at Daniel's Steak House in Hiawassee. Lunch is at 11 a.m. and the meeting is at noon.

We encourage current members of the GWRRA and anyone interested in becoming a member to join us. Guests are always welcome, and we look forward to seeing participants from other chapters. There are great rides coming up and we hope many of you will join us.

For more information, contact Chapter Director Terry Kintz at 706-745-9542.

Diabetes Foundation of GA Membership Campaign

To help the Diabetes population of Georgia become a member of our efforts to support the defeat of Diabetes in Georgia.

The membership cost is \$20 a year and will keep you advised of what the foundation is doing for

Georgia diabetes. You can go to gadiabetes.org and keep informed.

Please send your donation to:

Diabetes Foundation of Georgia, PO Box 1580, Blairsville, GA 30514. All donations will be used in the State of Georgia.

Parkinson's Support Group

Our group meets on the second Thursday of each month in the conference room of the Union County Public Library at 2 p.m. for further information contact Paula Wilde at (706) 745-6594 or Peter and Helen Schultze at (706) 745-9171

Business Women of Blairsville

Meeting of professional business women meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 8 a.m. at Cooks Restaurant in Blairsville. We are sharing leads, information and support of our businesses and our community.

Oasis Offers Beginning Bridge Class

Enroll now to learn to play bridge, make friends and have fun in the process. For more info contact the instructor, George Houdeshel at 706-745-4535.

Registration forms and class listings for the Fall Term beginning September 14 are available at the Union County Chamber of Commerce, Blairsville Library, Senior Citizen's Center and all Blairsville Banks.

Hiawassee River Valley Kennel Club

Hiawassee River Valley Kennel Club will be hosting our Second Fun Match for AKC registered dogs Sunday, September 10 at the Brasstown Community Center on Settawig Road, Brasstown, N.C. Entries accepted from 8:30-10:00 a.m. Fees: \$5 for first entry and \$3 for each additional entry of the same dog. Inside events beginning at 10:30 are: Conformation, followed by Jr. Show and Obedience Competition. Outside beginning at 10:30: Rally. Contacts: Match Chairperson: Peggy Moorman @ 828 835 1082 or President Edna Hodges @ 828 835 3311.

Free Natural Remedy Seminar

Learn how to treat respiratory and digestive complaints with natural remedies from the Bible.

Seminar is Bible based and emphasizes Life-style change.

United Community Junior Bracket Community Bldg, Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Free "Taste and See"

Children are welcomed! For more information call 706-835-2789.

Art Works Extravaganza

The Mountain Regional Arts & Crafts Guild is sponsoring a fundraiser sit down dinner, dance and silent auction at Brasstown Valley resort, September 16, 2006 at 6.00pm. Proceeds benefit their outreach programs. Tickets are \$ 65.00 per per-

son, available at local Chambers of Commerce or by calling 706-896-0932. Corporate sponsor is Brasstown Valley Resort.

Berrong Family Reunion

Date: September 17, 2006
Time: 11:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

Place: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds

Upper Pavilion
Hiawassee, Georgia

Throw a lawn chair in the trunk of the car, bring your family photos, a favorite food to add to the buffet, and enjoy a get-together with relatives.

Dinner will be at 12:30 P.M. The silverware, paper products, tea and coffee will be furnished.

Flea market for north Georgia SPCA

The North Georgia SPCA will be holding a flea market at Ingles Shopping Center in Blairsville on October 28. We need your donations of unwanted articles to make this a success. We offer PAL (prevent a litter) coupons to help people get their animals spayed and neutered and we help people get strays/pets adopted. We do not have a facility to house animals. Please call us to find out the different drop off centers for your donated items. If you have something large you want to donate, ie sofa - we can have someone pick up those items the week before the flea market. 706-745-7722 and leave a message with your phone number repeated twice. Also, if you can volunteer for this, please call this same number and leave your name and number. Thank you for your support.

Yoga and Pilates

706-835-7318



NEW CLASSES:

Yoga—Monday 9:00 a.m.
Pilates—Thursday 6:15 p.m.

NORMA WILES

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ANDREWS

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Andrews, NC 28901
321-4275

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Angels

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Angel Flight pilot Charlie Schobel said they have had no calls so far from anyone in either county.

These "Angel Flight" pilots volunteer to fly so no one is denied potentially life-saving treatment simply because they cannot afford the travel costs or who are otherwise unable to travel via public means. Free transportation is provided for any legitimate, medically related need or other compassionate purpose. These flights are not to be confused with helicopter flights that transport medical emergency cases.

Angel Flight of Georgia, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is supported entirely by private and corporate donations and covers the southeastern states of Georgia, Alabama,

Mississippi, Tennessee as well as North and South Carolina. There are 800 pilots donating their time and planes, and helping them from the ground are 400 Earth Angels. Only four people in the group have paid jobs.

Angel Flight of Georgia acted as first responders in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, flying over 450 relief missions. With the help of Earth Angels, supplies, medical equipment and volunteer personnel were flown into the hardest hit areas in the first 30 days following the devastation.

To reach Angel Flight e-mail www.angelflight.ga.org, call 770-452-7958, or write to 2000 Airport Road, Suite 227, Atlanta GA 30341.

Stem cells

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"influencing stem cells into what we want them to be".

Despite a federal ban on funding for stem cell research, private or state funding is perfectly legal. Much of the current research is focusing on

regenerative cells, which are cells that can be used to replace damaged cells like in the case of a heart attack. "This is a very hot area of research," said Brown, who concluded with a question and answer session for the audience.

Attention Anglers and Hunters

The number of anglers and hunters in Georgia continue to decline at an alarming rate. Only three per cent (3%) of Georgians now hunt compared to 10% just 20 years ago. Georgia's booming population and the fact that Georgia is now considered an urban state are both major contributors to the loss of angler and hunter numbers.

Col. Terry West and LTC Homer Bryson with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Section will present

a program concerning current angler and hunter population trends. The program is sponsored by Cooper's Creek Sportsmen and it will by Tuesday, Sept. 5, 7:00 p.m. at the Union County Civic Center. Refreshments will be served.

All sportsmen are encouraged to attend so together we can secure a future for the hunters and fishermen of Georgia. For more information, please call Troy Hughes (706) 781-7167 or Keith Herbert (706) 745-8157. You can also visit our web site at www.cooperscreeksportsmen.com.

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