

# Community



## ACB supports DDA of Blairsville

Appalachian Community Bank proudly supports the Downtown Development Authority of Blairsville. Shown here, from ACB, is Mortgage Originator, Tracey King (left), presenting a check to Program Manager, Janet Hartman (right). Appalachian Community Bank's donation will help support the Downtown Development Authority's mission of making Blairsville a Better Hometown. The DDA envisions revitalizing the Blairsville Downtown district, attracting both residents and visitors to the businesses of the community. Appalachian Community Bank is proud to aid in the revamping of such a valuable asset!

## August NARFE meeting

The Brasstown Bald chapter of the National Active Retired Federal Employees will meet at Grinds and Glazes Restaurant in Blairsville on Tuesday August 14th at 11:45. All current or retired federal employees, their spouses or survivors, are urged to come and learn the status of proposed legislation designed to protect the earned benefits of federal retirees.

Congress is in summer recess from now until September 4th. This is an ideal time to contact our Senators and Representative at their respective local offices on behalf of NARFE's legisla-

tive priorities. If they have not as yet cosponsored our Premium Conversion and Social Security Offset bills, explain the urgent need for them to do so. If they have cosponsored this vital legislation, as most of them have, thank them. Ask them to use their influence to get these bills out of committee and on to the floor for an up or down vote.

Retired and active federal employees are invited to take part in NARFE meetings. For more information, contact George 706 745 7286 or Larry 706 745 4092 larjon@brmemc.net.

## The Olympic Legacy in Georgia continues

Gainesville, Ga.— Ten athletes from the Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club are currently competing and training around the world! The Junior World Championships will be held this week in Racice, Czech Republic. Emily Vinson won the U.S. Women's K1 spot handily at the USACK Junior World team trials smashing the time standard by 6 seconds. She is poised to place well for the United States! Sheaffer Sorrells, Mary Taylor and Nicole Mallory will be competing in Men's and Women's K4 events. The team spent last week in Slovakia in final preparation for the event and are ready to go!

Emily will be the first athlete from Gainesville to race with her heat for the K1 1000M event starting at 9:56am. LCKC Head Coach Dave Robertson was named as one of the USACK Junior World team coaches and is with them in the Czech Republic. You should be able to keep up with the results at [www.kanoe.cz/rychlost/regatas/07\\_jr/](http://www.kanoe.cz/rychlost/regatas/07_jr/)

Robert Finlayson, Alejandro Schvedhelm and Katie Hagler were named to the U.S. Pan American Games team and are currently in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Their final team camp was in Lake Placid, and they went through team

processing in Washington, DC with the rest of the United States Pan American Games team. Katie reported that they will be competing under the hand of a large statue of Jesus on the rowing and canoe/kayak venue. They are also very excited and ready to compete. Competition for them starts on Wednesday with Robert Finlayson racing at 9:21 am in the Men's C1. Events will start Thursday for the women. You should be able to keep up with the Pan Am events at <http://www.rio2007.org.br/data/pages/8CA3C784139C20FF01139C2C41550F77.htm>

Sunday, the USACK Senior World Championships team, including Lanier Athletes Morgan House, Emily Mickle and Tim Hornsby, left for their final training camp in Italy prior to heading to Duisburg for the Championships on August 9 - 12. The Senior World Championships is the most important competition for the United States this year as is the first international qualifier for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China. The entire U.S. team has gone through a grueling season training to achieve the times required to qualify for the 2008 Olympic Games. This team is dedicated and working together well.

One of the best ways to keep up with their tour is

Morgan's website at: [www.morganhouse.us](http://www.morganhouse.us). You can also check for results on the Duisburg web site at: <http://www.kanuwm.de/>.

The sport continues to grow and make the competition for the few Olympic berths available even tougher. The Duisburg organizers are happy to report 1400 participants from 90 countries which is the largest world championships to date. There are now 142 member nations in the International Canoe Federation. Tickets to the opening ceremony and have sold out. This is compared to Lanier Canoe 2003 where we hosted 580 athletes from 66 countries which was the largest World Championships at that time.

US trials for the 2008 Olympic Games will be held in 2008 at a date and location TBD. The 2008 Olympic Games are likely to be the first to include legacy athletes from the Lanier Venue.

The Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club racing team will be reunited with many of our international athletes at the USACK Sprint National Championships that will be held in Seattle, Wash. this year on August 14 - 19. We will be defending our Club National Championships title. A win would bring home our 7th National Championships title.

## Odyssey School

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and will also be required to participate in Georgia's Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) and other standardized tests.

Information sessions and "Meet and Greet Socials" will be held across the state during July and August for families interested in the Georgia Virtual Academy. Parents and kids will have the opportunity to learn more about the Georgia Virtual Academy, meet with virtual school teachers, see the K12 curriculum and learning materials, and find how they can enroll in this exciting new public virtual school.

For more information on the Georgia Virtual Academy, including a complete list of

upcoming information sessions and events across the state, visit [www.K12.com/ga](http://www.K12.com/ga).

About Odyssey School: Odyssey School was the first state-approved charter school in Georgia, obtaining approval from the Georgia State Board of Education in 2001. As a public school of choice, Odyssey opened in August 2004 serving students in grades K-5. In three years the school has grown from 119 students to a capacity enrollment of over 170 for the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year, and has made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) every year.

More information on Odyssey School can be found at [www.odysseycharterschool.net](http://www.odysseycharterschool.net).

About K12 Inc. K12 Inc. is a technology-based learning company that offers curriculum and educational services created for online delivery to students in kindergarten through 12th grade, or K-12. The K12 curriculum is used by tens of thousands of students across the country in virtual public schools, distance education programs, and traditional classrooms.

K12 provides its curriculum to 17 statewide public virtual schools and 3 public virtual schools in major metropolitan cities. Many of the nation's top-scoring virtual schools use the K12 learning program.

More information on K12 can be found at [www.K12.com](http://www.K12.com).

## Dan Norton brings wealth of experience to playhouse

In the late 1940s Dan Norton was the Executive Producer, Director and an actor of the renowned Woodstock Players (in Woodstock, Illinois) that established the professional careers of Geraldine Page, Betsy Palmer, Paul Newman, Tom Bosley and Shelly Berman. He later enjoyed a career with the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) and was instrumental in launching several owned & operated ABC television stations across the country during the infancy of the television industry. Dan went on to play a major role in the "brick & mortar" phase of the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and was an instrumental influence in the American College Theatre Festival series. He then spent 20 years with Creative Loafing

in Atlanta and was the alternative newspaper's first president.

### WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION

AUDITIONS

AUGUST 4

10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

FOLLOW UP

AUGUST 6

7 P.M.

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