



March 19, 2009

Best bets

Jam to benefit Special Olympics torch run

Haywood Community College and the Haywood Correctional Center will co-sponsor a seven-band Bluegrass/Gospel Jam noon-8 p.m. March 21 in the HCC Auditorium.

Event proceeds will benefit the 2009 North Carolina Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. Admission is \$10, requires advance purchase and is non-refundable.

Participating bands include Hill Country, Cornerstone, His Fold, Fiddle and Fret, Cold Mountain Bluegrass, Brothers 4 Him, and Balsam Range.

Tickets are available at Strains of Music in Waynesville, State Employees Credit Union in Clyde, Bryson City Health and Fitness, Pioneer Feed and Seed in Waynesville, and the HCC Natural Resources Department. Limited tickets are available. Call 627-4560 for more information.

Farmland values study to be presented

The results of the Farmland Values and Farm Prosperity study will be presented 7-8:30 p.m. March 19 at the Haywood County Extension Office Auditorium. The findings of two three-year studies on the value of farmland and ways to keep farming prosperous in your community will be presented.

The Farmland Values Project is led by Leah Greden Mathews at UNC Asheville and the Farm Prosperity Project is led by Jeanine Davis at the N.C. State Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center in Mills River.

The Farmland Values Project will share results from surveys and focus groups about what local residents and visitors value about farmland, including their willingness to contribute to local farm protection efforts, with a focus on results from Haywood County.

The Farmland Values and Farm Prosperity projects are supported by the National Research Initiative of the USDA Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.

Diabetes speaker coming to Haywood Regional

Jim Murphy, a member of the sanofi-aventis A1C Champions program, will be speaking at Haywood Regional Health and Fitness Center to share his personal experiences with diabetes and taking insulin to help control his blood sugar.

Murphy's presentation will begin at 4 p.m. March 25 in second floor classrooms at Haywood Regional Health and Fitness Center.

Murphy has diabetes and takes insulin as part of his overall diabetes treatment plan including diet, exercise and other diabetes medications.

A1C Champions know first-hand the challenges to managing diabetes and understand the fear and uncertainty about taking insulin. They share information about diabetes self-management and insulin based on formal training and their personal experiences with diabetes.

Home Educators Fair this week

The Great Smokies Christian Home Educators Fair will be held 11 a.m.-2 p.m. March 21 at the Community Services Center, 538 Hospital Road.

Get information about home schooling in North Carolina as well as the opportunity buy used books and curricula.

Call Joy Ellis at 586-8495 or Crystal Akers at 631-5282 or visit www.gsche.org for more information.

Teacher training classes to be held at HCC

Haywood Community College and Haywood County Public Schools will hold Effective Teacher Training Classes on March 23-27.

This class is recommended preparation for substitute teachers for Haywood County Public Schools. It is also an excellent quick course in learning methodologies and classroom management for current or returning teachers.

The class can be taken for certification renewal. This course will use the curriculum approved by Haywood County Public Schools. The textbook, "Substitute Teachers Handbook," can be purchased at the HCC bookstore and costs approximately \$24. Purchase the book in advance of the start date of class. Attendance at all classes is required.

There is a registration fee of \$55 for the classes. The classes run 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and will meet in Room 1551 in the HCC auditorium. Call 627-4500 and ask for Enrollment Management to register for the class. Contact Hilary Cobb at 564-5107 or hcobb@haywood.edu for more information.

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