

The standing calendar appears once a month. Organizations that have notices in the calendar are asked to please advise the Cherokee Scout when the notice is no longer in effect or if changes are necessary to update information. For a complete calendar listing, see www.cherokeescout.com.

RESEARCH

Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on N.C. 141 in Peachtree is available for researching family trees. Call 837-8509 for details.

VETERANS

Murphy Chapter 73 Disabled American Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday each month in Peachtree 65 Drew Taylor Road Peachtree.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10222 the fourth Monday of each month at the Veterans Building at N.C. 141 and Drew Taylor Road in Peachtree. A social hour with snacks will be from 6-7 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. Wives also are invited. For details, call Alan "Chief" Champney, post commander, at 361-9136.

Joe Miller Elkins American Legion Post 96 meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday each month at 65 Drew Taylor Road, in Peachtree.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7620 in Andrews meets at 7 p.m. every third Thursday of each month at the VFW Post in Andrews at the corner of Oak and First streets.

Cherokee Detachment 1011 of the Marine Corps League meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Detachment headquarters on Airport Road in Marble. For details, call Brian Van Buskirk at 837-4564.

Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter of Military Officers Association of America meets each third Monday at area restaurants. For details, call Jim Ferrell at 835-9203, or visit www.moaa.org/chapter/blueridgemountains.

Warrior Clan Outreach, "Veterans Helping Veterans," will meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Journey Church off U.S. 64 West in Murphy. Everyone is invited. For details, call Mike Martin at 837-1068.

CLUBS

Martins Creek Community

Club meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Gospel singings are held the fourth Saturday of each month from March through October. Call 837-5582 or 837-7278 for details.

Peachtree Community Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. Game night is at 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month. Take a covered dish. For details, call Dot Wanicka at 837-3067.

Hiwassee Dam Community Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month. Grocery bingo is at 7 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month. Take finger foods. Call 644-9364 for details.

Grape Creek Community Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month.

Unaka Community Club meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month.

Archibald D. Murphey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets at 2 p.m. the second week of each month. For details, call Gretchen Wurth at 828-361-8481 or Michele Altenderfer at 644-0923.

Bellview Community Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the community center, off Bellview Road. Grocery bingo is at 7 p.m. the second Friday of each month. Take finger food. Aerobic sessions are held at 6:30 p.m. every Monday and Thursday. Youth night is at 7 p.m. every first, third and fourth Friday.

Cherokee County Indian Community Club meets at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the community building at 828 Airport Road in Marble. For details, call Frank Herron, 828-403-8016.

Culberson Community Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month with a potluck supper at the community center on N.C. 60. Grocery bingo is at 7 p.m. the fourth Friday of each month. Refreshments are served.

Ranger Community Club, 155 Little Ranger Road, sponsors grocery bingo at 7 p.m. the first Friday of every month. Take a snack. Call Kathy Robbins at 644-0967 for details on leasing and scheduling business meetings.

Brasstown Community

Center at 255 Settawig Road in Brasstown meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month, starting with a potluck dinner. Bring a covered dish. For details, call Clay Logan at 837-3797.

Texana Community Development Club meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the community center. For details, call 837-4254.

Marble Community Center hosts the "Biggest Loser" weight loss club meeting at 6 p.m. every Tuesday, and free line dancing classes from 7-8 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. For details, call Pam at 360-4136 or Tony at 360-6751.

Good Neighbors Auto Club meets the third Thursday of each month. Call 837-5871 or 706-745-2596 for details.

Murphy Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Downtown Pizza. Call Dot Wanicka at 837-3067 for details.

Murphy Rotary Club meets at noon Mondays, except for holidays, at New Happy Garden Restaurant on U.S. 64 West in Murphy. For details, call President Grier Ivie at 837-2116.

NARFE meets at 9 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month at Hayesville Family Restaurant. Call Bill Dailey at 389-4720 for details.

Modern Woodmen Club 17067-8 meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at Bellview Community Center. Call Julie Beavers at 837-6512 for details.

Tri-State Gem and Mineral Club meets at 1:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Hayesville Senior Center on Ritter Road. For details, call Beverly Adkins, 389-9946; Susan Bartt, 706-896-9525; or Nancy Powell, 423-338-2035.

Mountain Computer User Group meets at 6 p.m. every second Monday at the Goolsby Building on Young Harris College campus, Young Harris, Ga. For details, call Jim Bell at 837-6456 or John Yandell at 404-310-5113; or visit the website www.mcug.org.

Mountain Country Rod & Gun Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Penland Senior Center, 69 Alpine St., Murphy. For details, write P.O. Box 813, Murphy, NC 28906; or call Glendon Gale at 835-9490.

Mission Bridge Group

meets at 1 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at 2500 Mission Road, Murphy. For details, call Sam at 837-6625.

Smoky Mountain Stamp Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Murphy Public Library, 9 Blumenthal St., Murphy. Call 837-5105 or 837-6651 for details.

Valley River Civitan Club of Andrews meets at 6 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at Mi Pueblito restaurant on Main Street in Andrews. For details, call Gayle Horton at 321-2846.

Mountain Magic Table Tennis Club meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at Pine Log Baptist Church fellowship hall in Brasstown. Ping pong players are welcome. For details, call Lee Holland at 389-0924.

Mountain Coin Club meets every second Tuesday at North Georgia Technical School, 121 Meeks Ave. in Blairsville, Ga. The business meeting begins at 6:15 p.m. followed by an educational program and auction. For details, call Ron Langer at 361-0052.

The Cherokee County Republican Party will meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Brother's Restaurant in Murphy. Anyone planning to eat should arrive from 5:30-5:45 p.m. Remember to bring a friend. For details, call Steve Coleman, chairman, at 361-5382.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Ranger Volunteer Fire Department will meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday and third Monday of each month at the fire station. Volunteers are welcome. Call Mandy Francis, secretary, at 557-1918 for details.

Hanging Dog Volunteer Fire Department has general membership meetings at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the fire house.

Wolf Creek Volunteer Fire Department meets at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Wolf Creek Fire Station next to Hot House Community Center. Training is at 7 p.m. the third Monday at the fire station. Call assistant chief Darren Watkins, 494-2958, for details.

Brasstown Volunteer Fire Department has training meetings at 6:30 p.m. every Monday. For details, call 837-2819.

LODGES

Marble Springs Lodge 439 AF&AM meets the first Saturday in each month at the Lodge Hall, 12 Bluff Road in Marble. The meal starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Call Master Greg Allred at 361-0279 for details.

Cherokee Lodge 146 AF&AM meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month on Hiwassee Street in Murphy.

4-H CLUBS

Bellview 4-H Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month at Bellview Community Center. It is open to youth ages 6-12. Call 837-4261 or Jane Stiles, Cherokee County Cooperative Extension Office, 837-2210 for details.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Cherokee County Chapter of the Autism Society of North Carolina meets from 6-7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Family Resources Center on the corner of U.S. 64 West and U.S. 19/129 in Murphy. For details, call Karen Morie at 360-6634 or Bette Kaufman at 837-3651.

A support group for diabetics on insulin pumps or insulin dependent diabetics will meet at 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Moss Memorial Library in Hayesville. For details, call Keven Schnur, 389-9757 or email: DiabeticSupport@aol.com.

Alzheimer's/dementia support group, sponsored by Murphy Medical Center Nursing Home, will meet from 2-3 p.m. every third Tuesday in the large conference room at Murphy Medical Center. Call Pam Lovingood, 835-7588, for details.

Alzheimer's support group meets at 9:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Penland Senior Center, 69 Alpine St. in Murphy. Call the senior center at 837-2467 for details.

Compassionate Friends, a self-help, non-profit organization that offers friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, grandparents and siblings, meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday each month at Penland Senior Center, 69 Alpine St. in downtown. Call Maxine Arve at 837-0425 or Mabel Cooke at 837-6871 for details.

Moms in Touch meets from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesdays to pray for children and schools. Call 837-0706.

A parent/advocacy support group meets the second Tuesday of the month to focus on seeing that special needs children get the help they need in school. For details, call Ellie or Randy Nehr, 837-0999.

Family Caregivers' support group meets at 2 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Brasstown Manor, 108 Church St., Hiwassee, Ga. For details, call 835-9987 or 389-1145.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), Murphy Chapter 478, meets at 10 a.m. every Thursday at Penland Senior Center, 69 Alpine St. in Murphy. For details, call Alice Chastain at 837-6221.

Weight Watchers meets at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays and 9:30 a.m. Fridays at the Hiwassee Valley Pool & Wellness Center in Murphy. Weigh-in starts 30 minutes before the meeting. For details, call Bobbi Umbach at 835-8284.

For details about the American Cancer Society, Cherokee County chapter, call Rod Springer at 837-9291.

Cancer support group meets at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month in the community room of United Community Bank at the corner of U.S. 64 and N.C. 69 in Hayesville. Call Janet Curns evenings at 389-0295 for details.

"Miracle Mondays" meet from 6:30-8 p.m. the first Monday of each month at First Free Will Baptist Church of Hayesville. For details, call Crystal Rumpfelt at 361-4091 or Debbie Bristol Puckett 361-3116.

Alcoholics Anonymous has a central office at 444 E. Hill St., Murphy, serving as a contact and referral source for anyone dealing with alcohol related problems in the tri-state area. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 837-4440 for details 24 hours a day.

Alcoholics Anonymous will meet in Cherokee County at: 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Episcopal Church of the Messiah on Peachtree Street, Murphy; 8 p.m. Thursdays at St. William Catholic Church, 765 Andrews Road, Murphy; 8 p.m. Fridays at Murphy Medical Center, U.S. 64 East; noon Saturdays at Free Methodist Church, 422 Valley River Ave., Murphy; and 7 p.m. Sundays at St. William Catholic Church, 765 Andrews Road.

Call 644-0127 for details.

Al-Anon meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday at Free Methodist Church on Valley River Avenue across from the Murphy Post Office. For details, call Tom Willey at 837-5310.

Narcotics Anonymous will meet at 7 p.m. every Thursday at Free Methodist Church, 422 Valley River Ave., Murphy. For details, call 644-0127.

Narcotics Anonymous will meet at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday in Father's House at Christian Love Ministries, about a quarter mile east past Christian Love Ministries' thrift store on U.S. 64 East, Murphy. For details, call 389-9968.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday in the fellowship hall at Andrews United Methodist Church on Chestnut Street in Andrews. Call 360-5530 for details.

Drug/alcohol addiction – call Christian Love Ministries in Peachtree at 837-7086.

For a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs, call Narconon at 800-431-1754 or visit www.drugabusesolution.com. Narconon, a non-profit public benefit corporation licensed by Narconon International, also offers free screenings as well as referrals.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 5:30 p.m. every Monday at Murphy Free Methodist Church on Valley River Avenue across from the post office. For details, visit www.aa.org.

REACH Inc. of Cherokee County Inc. is offering support groups for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault on the following days – "Domestic Violence," at 1 p.m. every Wednesday; and "Sexual Assault" at 1 p.m. every Friday. All support groups will be conducted at REACH's Women Resource Center offices, 1974 U.S. 64 West in Murphy. The crisis line, 837-8064, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For details, call Zula Cox at 837-9631.

REACH Inc. of Clay County is holding a support group for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday. Groups are free and confidential. Child care is not provided. For details and the location, call April Chastain or Margie Garcia-Mathier at 389-0797.

Free weekly Wellness Recovery Action Planning workshops, offered by Meridian Behavioral Health Services, meet from 4-6 p.m. each Tuesday at the Smoky Mountain Building in Hayesville and 4-6 p.m. Thursdays at the Meridian Building in Marble. Call the center's central office in Sylva at 828-631-3973, Ext. 1431, or Marble center at 837-7466, Ext. 2331, for details.

Postpartum Depression support group meets from 10-11:30 a.m. every first and third Wednesdays at the Family Resource Center in Murphy. There is no charge. Speakers are available upon request. Call the Family Resource Center at 837-3460 or Jacalyn Hunt at 557-1016 for details.

Friends Sharing Grief, a support group for anyone who has lost someone close to them, meets at 2 p.m. the first and third Saturdays of each month at Macedonia Baptist Church on Wolf Creek Road, one-fourth mile south of Wolf Creek Corner on U.S. 64 West, Murphy. The group also meets at 10 a.m. every Saturday at Penland Senior Center on Alpine Street in Murphy, sponsored by Truett Baptist Association. Call Carol Skweres at 835-3802 for details.

4HisGlory Ministry Healing/Recovery Service, a Bible based non-denominational service for those dealing with any of life's struggles, meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Shiloh Church on Winchester Cove Road in Hayesville. For details, call 389-1180.

A support group for anyone dealing with lupus is available 24 hours a day. For details or to volunteer services, call 644-9807.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Appalachian South, the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness serving the seven counties in western North Carolina, is offering a weekly peer support group from 3:30-5 p.m. Thursdays at Meridian, 154 Medical Park Loop, in Sylva. There is no charge, membership or registration requirement. NAMI Appalachian South is a non-profit organization supported by grants, gifts and memberships. For details, visit the state website at www.naminc.org; local website, nami-maconnc.org; or call 828-371-1897.

The Community Breast-

feeding Information and Support Gathering for all families in western North Carolina meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of each month at the Smoky Mountain OB/GYN office in the main lobby across from Harris Hospital in Sylva. There is no charge. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. For details, call Stephanie Faulkner at 828-506-1185 or Teresa Bryant at 828-587-8214.

CHURCH

Lottie Moon Baptist Women's Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month. Donna Pipes is the leader.

The AWANA program at Truett Memorial Baptist Church in downtown Hayesville meets from 5-7 p.m. every Sunday. The program is for children ages 3-5, kindergarten through grade 5 and will have additional activities for youth in grades 6-12. For details or a ride, call the church office at 389-1053 or John Ehrhart at 389-3564.

Faithful Hearts Women's Ministry at Shepherd of the Mountains Church, 68 Fairfax Drive above the Holiday Inn Express off U.S. 64 West in Murphy, meets at noon the fourth Monday of every month with a bag lunch. Cookies and drinks are furnished. All women in the church are invited. For details, call the church office at 837-4276.

Ranger Baptist Church's Wednesday service includes dinner at 5:45 p.m. for adults, 6 p.m. for youth in grades 7-12, 6:20 p.m. for children in grades six and under. Cost for adult meals is a \$2 donation and free for youth and children. The church is on Walker Road off U.S. 64 West in Ranger. For details, call the church office at 644-5020.

The Knitting Group of Ranger United Methodist Church, 156 Ranger Road, off U.S. 64 West of Murphy, meets from 10 a.m. to noon every Wednesday in the church basement. All levels of skill, as well as those who want to learn to knit, are invited to join the group as they make prayer shawls and other items for local hospital/nursing home etc. For details, call the church office at 644-0191.

CLASSES

Free GED classes, sponsored by Tri-County Com-

munity College, meet from 9 a.m. to noon every Thursday at the Employment Security Commission office in Murphy. Instructor is Lonna Tarnowski. Call Susie West, GED director, at 835-4239 for details.

Free GED classes, sponsored by Tri-County Community College, will be offered from 3-6 p.m. every Thursday at Family Resources, 5527 U.S. 64 W. in Murphy. Howard Lovingood is the instructor. For details, call Family Resources at 837-3460.

Tri-County Community College is offering free GED classes in Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties. GED orientation is held at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday in the McSwain Building, Room 150 Annex in Peachtree. Call 835-4256 or 835-4239 for details.

English as a Second Language classes meet from 9 a.m. to noon each Thursday at Tri-County Community College's main campus in Peachtree. Call 835-4256 or 835-4239 for details.

Tri-County Community College is offering free English classes using the Rosetta Stone program. Classes meet on the main campus in Peachtree from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each Monday. For details, call instructor Martha Penz at 837-6496 or the college at 835-4239.

Destiny's Well of God's Best Ministries meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Call Pastor Gary and Elizabeth Howard at 837-5356 or 361-6732 for the location.

Knitting sessions for all levels will meet from 7-9 p.m. every Monday at Yarn Circle, 3851 U.S. 64 E., across from PARC Rehab and Fitness Center, in Peachtree. There is no charge. For details, call the Yarn Circle at 835-4592 or email yarncircle@brmemc.net.

A free yoga class meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday and one free zumba class meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at The Zone in the lower part of Vista Realty in Murphy. Call 361-4588 or 835-8800 for details.

LIBRARY

Tri-County Community College Library is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday. For details, call Linda Kressal, at 837-6810, Ext. 4288.

Murphy Public Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday; and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For details, call the downtown library at 837-2417.

Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to join the fun at Storytime at the Murphy Public Library at 10 a.m. every Monday. For details, call Children's Librarian Bridget Wilson at 837-2025.

Andrews Public Library will have story time for preschoolers and caregivers beginning at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. For details, call Bridget Wilson, youth services librarian at the Nantahala Regional Library, at 837-2025 or the Andrews library at 321-5956.

GAMES

Chess players meet at 1 p.m. Saturdays and Wednesdays at Foster's Flea Market. There are no registration or fees. Young players also meet from 2-4 p.m. each Friday at the Murphy Public Library, 9 Blumenthal St. in Murphy. All ages are welcome. There is no charge. For details, call the library at 837-2417.

Party bridge: duplicate bridge is played from 1-5 p.m. every Thursday at Penland Senior Center, Murphy. Call Mary Foster at 837-8592

ARTS

N.C. Writers' Network West presents free original poetry and short prose readings at 7 p.m. every third Thursday of each month in the Keith House at John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown. For details, call Lucy Cole Gratton at 828-494-2914.

The poetry workshop with critique session, sponsored by N.C. Writers Network West, meets from 7-9 p.m. the first Thursday of each month in the McSwain Building at Tri-County Community College. Call Janice Moore at 389-6394 for details.

The prose workshop with critique session, sponsored by N.C. Writers Network West, meets from 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in the McSwain Building at Tri-County Community College. Call Bob Grove, 837-3233, or email bob@grove-ent.com for details.

Writers workshop meets at 2 p.m. every second Monday at Murphy Public Library, 9 Blu-

mental St. downtown. There are no fees. Call Peg Russell at 837-8197 for details.

Georgia Mountain Writers Club meets from 10 a.m. to noon the second Wednesday of every month at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Highway 515, Blairsville, Ga. For details, call Rhonda Brigman at 706-897-9804 or email gmwc@windstream.net.

Tri-State Dancers meet from 7:30-10 p.m. the first and third Friday of each month at the Clay County Senior Center on Ritter Road in Hayesville. Call Jeanne at 389-3003 or Mary Lou at 389-3581 for details.

Mountain Regional Arts and Crafts Guild meets the second Tuesday of every month at Calvary Chapel, 1390 U.S. 76 E. in Hiawasse, Ga. The guild meeting begins at 6:30 p.m., but plan on arriving at 6 p.m. for networking with members. Everyone interested in the guild is invited to attend and encouraged to bring a sample of their work. For details, call ArtWorks at 706-896-0932.

QUILTERS

A Gathering of Quilters meet at 10 a.m. every Thursday of each month at First United Methodist Church in Murphy. There are no dues and no officers. Take a sack lunch and something to work on. For details, call Sammie Simpson at 837-7617.

The Southern Appalachian Modern Quilt Guild meets from 6-8 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Bless My Stitches quilt shop in Murphy. The guild serves the tri-state area of western North Carolina, north Georgia and eastern Tennessee. For details, call 835-4900.

MISCELLANEOUS

Seniors over age 60 are invited to join activities at Penland Senior Center, 69 Alpine St., Murphy. Activities begin at 10:30 a.m. and lunch is at 11:30 a.m. Woodcarving begins at 8:30 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday; and exercise begins at 9:45 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Call Peggy Graham, director, at 837-2467 for details.

Moms of kids ages 0-6 in Cherokee and Clay counties are invited to get together for free park play dates and daytime social events for later-in-life moms with babies, toddlers and preschoolers. For details, call Megan Senger at 835-0720 or

visit www.facebook.com/MountainMums.

Community Early Learn and Play groups for children ages 0-5 are held from 11 a.m. to noon every Wednesday at the Andrews Public Library and 10-11 a.m. every Thursday at the Murphy Public Library. These groups are facilitated by Kristi Cook and supported by Smart Start and the Region A Partnership for Children. For details, call Cook at 389-4333.

Shooting Creek Basket Weavers Guild meets from 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the Shooting Creek Community Center. For details, call Kay Swanstrom at 644-5238, or Susie Selleck at 706-896-1530.

Forgiven and Set Free Post-Abortion Bible studies are for anyone suffering from pain, loss and depression as a result of having an abortion. Call 321-1573 for details. All calls are confidential.

Shoal Creek Community Watch meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday each month at the Hiwassee Dam Volunteer Fire Department on N.C. 294. Call 494-2020 for details.

Heritage Partners meet at 4 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Murphy Power Board Conference Room on Peachtree Street downtown. Call Barbara Hughes at 837-6821 for details.

Fuel Youth Ministry Skateboard Park is open from 8-11 p.m. the second and fourth Fridays of each month, hosted by Living Word Revival Center on U.S. 64 E., on right about two miles beyond Hayesville city limits en route to Franklin. There is no charge. For details, call 389-3444.

Free parenting and adult education classes will meet from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Even Start Family Literacy Program at Murphy Elementary School. GED/ESL/Adult Basic Education will be offered. Call Cathy Brown at 837-2424, Ext. 509, for details.

Girl Scout troops of Cherokee County meet regularly. For details, call Marie Guthrie at 494-3876 or Linda Mitchell at 800-522-6280, Ext. 305.

Appalachian Beekeepers' Association meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month. For details, call Zach Stock-

bridge, president, at 321-2171 or e-mail zackandjen2004@yahoo.com; or visit the website at www.appalachianbeekeepers.com.

The Small Business Center at Tri-County Community College will have a consumer credit counseling representative in Peachtree and Hayesville the first Thursday of every month. This service is free. Call Claudie Burchfield, Office of Economic Opportunity, for details at 835-3535.

The Lord's Warehouse will be giving out free food boxes for needy families from 10 a.m. to noon the last Friday of each month at Hillbilly Mall/Bear Ridge Mall, 200 Stewart Road, Andrews. For details, call Jamie Wrigley at 557-4572.

Southern Appalachian Family Farms, a farmer-led and managed marketing organization, holds a general monthly meeting from 7-9 p.m. the fourth Monday of every month in the McSwain Building, Room 152, at Tri-County Community College in Peachtree. Farmers, livestock producers, beekeepers, vegetable growers, fruit growers, poultry producers, home gardeners and the public are invited to attend. For details, visit www.FamilyFarms-Direct.com.

Ability Builders, a group of caretakers who work with adults and children with physical or developmental disabilities creating crafts while at the same time developing social skills, meets from 10 a.m. to noon every Wednesday at Family Resources of Cherokee County Inc., 5527 U.S. 64 West, Murphy. Anyone who is interested is invited to join the group. Children and adults must be accompanied by an adult caretaker. For details, call Ellie Nehr at 837-0999 or email jjear@yahoo.com.

Emmas women's reunion will meet at 10 a.m. the first Friday of each month at MountainView Church, 69 Fall Branch Road in Peachtree. For details, call Marie Spiegel at 828-356-6732 or 828-361-6834.

Valley River Humane Society meets at 6 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at Penland Senior Center in Murphy. Members are encouraged to attend and the public is welcome. Call 837-6160 for details.

Comfort Keepers invites

residents to donate, rather than discard, any clothing they do not want to keep to Operation Need, a yearlong effort to collect outerwear, clothing and shoes, which will then be distributed to families next winter when it is needed the most. For details, call Mark Townsend at 534-1102 or 877-477-2233, or email marktownsend@comfortkeepers.com.