

The Arrowhead

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Old Fort Chamber of Commerce Elects Officers

At their regular meeting on July 8, 2008, the Chamber of Commerce Vice President William Bach swore in Jerry Wheeler of Sky Island Campground as President, Jennie Miller as Vice President and Kim Lukasiak of BB&T as Treasurer. Jerry Wheeler spoke to the Board of Directors promising a new era of providing a service to our community for the betterment of the Town of Old Fort. He invited any business to come to the meetings or send a letter or email to him at the Chamber and tell him what is needed, the Chamber is here to help the local businesses, even if they are not members, if we show them we can help they will join, we have power in numbers.

It was voted on to appoint Richard Acrivos of Catawba Falls Campground as Chamber Manager, he will work at the Chamber Office Tuesday-Thursday 9am

to 3pm.

July is our membership month, so expect to see or hear from our representative. The Chamber will make some changes on the website in the future, one idea is to make a Help Wanted Page so our members can advertise for employees thru our website.



Jerry Wheeler, Jennie Miller, Kim Lukasiak

Please visit our site at www.oldfortchamber.com

or email us at

chamber@oldfortchamber.com .



The 9th Annual Off Road Assault on Mt. Mitchell 27 July

The Off Road Assault on Mt. Mitchell is a 60 mile mostly off road Bicycle route with 11,000 feet of climbing. From Old Fort you climb over the Blue Ridge Parkway two times and just below Mt. Mitchell on beautiful Forest Service roads and unbelievable N.C. single track. Mt. Mitchell peaks at 6684 ft and is the highest mountain east of the Mississippi river. The town of Old Fort where you start and finish sits at around 1400 feet. Most of the climbing is on Forest Service roads while most of the single track points downhill! Do not underestimate the extreme difficulty and danger of this event. The course is extremely demanding and travels

over rugged terrain with extreme elevation changes. The forest remains in its natural habitat. It is not uncommon to see wildlife such as a wild cat or a black bear. Be ready to cope with any circumstances!! Please note that firearms are not permitted in certain areas. Aid stations will help with safety matters, but it is the competitor's ultimate responsibility to insure his or her own safety. The course has been won in just over 5 hours!! This was done by a pro M.T.B. rider, this rider quit riding altogether after the race. Others too have retired their biking efforts after competing in this race. This is not your typical race. Regardless of how you finish, this is the most exciting M.T.B. adventure race in the entire Southeast!!!

Gateway

Our newest member BeaLach Media Group, publishes the Gateway magazine. They are a Lifestyle Publication for those of you living in both McDowell & Rutherford County as well as those seeking to relocate to our beautiful foothills area. their publication is one that will depict both the culture and lifestyle of the families that reside in the gateway

region which has so much to offer. Both counties are growing and thriving at a rapid pace while continuing to maintain and retain the beauty, culture and lifestyle of the area.

Gateway is published monthly at 10,000 high quality, full-color copies being distributed to local businesses, including general stores, real estate offices, marinas, restaurants,

local tourist attractions, the Chamber of Commerce and other convenient locations. The Pass-Along Readership is 4.5 readers per copy which equates to 45,000 readership. Their website www.gatewaytotheblueridge.com will also have a library of their publications to download for those folks who are looking to re-locate to our beautiful foothills area.

MOUNTAIN TREASURES

MCDOWELL COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, 2888-2594111



Old Fort Chamber

Tue-Thu

9am-3pm

828-668-7223



Tap Roots Farm

David and Judy Rozzell owners of Tap Roots Fox-trotting Horses, breeders and exhibitors of registered Missouri Foxtrotting Horses. Inquiries and visitors are welcome.

One of Judy's specialties is foal kindergarten. Weaning is an excellent time to leave your foal in Judy's care. The mare and foal are out of sight and sound

of each other, thus minimizing or eliminating the screaming back and forth that can be so nerve-racking. While the baby is with Judy, he learns to lead well, to load on a trailer, to clip, etc. This early training can prevent accidents to humans and horses it is better not left until saddle-breaking time. It also reduces your training expense later. The

babies who graduate are ready for the in-hand trail competition Judy Rozzell offers horse training and coaching of exhibitor in model, in-hand trail and showmanship.

For more information visit their website www.oldfortfoxtrotters.com or call them at 828-724-9795

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