



LBCA

July 2005

Newsletter

President's Comments

The June 11th Bluegrass Party held at Fred's Shed was a tremendous success! Attendance approached 300. A good time was had by all I have heard from.

This is really the busy time for Association events. By now, you should have received information regarding the Tour of Homes, to be held on July 23rd, and the Annual LBCA Golf Tournament, to be held on August 5th.

Both of these events are volunteer intensive! Please consider offering your time and participation in one or both events. These are community "get-togethers" and all that have participated have enjoyed the experience. August 13th brings the LBCA Annual Business Meeting and Art Show. The information and reservation form are included

with this newsletter. Please note that this event will be held at a new location this time - the Wildcat VFD Station.

The Wildcat VFD Fabulous Fried Chicken Fundraiser held on July 9th went well. Keep in mind the next Wildcat VFD Fabulous Fried Chicken Fundraiser is scheduled for October 8th. Your continued support of our fire departments is appreciated!

I hope your summer season is going well. If I or any of the other officers and directors can assist you, please let us know.

Steve Barrett



Thank You, Wildcat VFD & Mountain Patrol

Barbara and Harold Price want you all to know that their grandson, Joe, recently suffered a fall of twenty feet at their cabin on Laurel Lodge Road - breaking a wrist and a leg in the process. 911 was called at 2:15 P.M. and Wildcat Fire Chief Pat Thompson and Ranny Whitney were on the scene within minutes. Pat, an EMT, evaluated the problem, called for the fireboat and secured Joe's back and neck in case of

any internal injuries. Joe was transported across the lake and then by ambulance to the helicopter pad at Mountain Patrol headquarters. He was then air flighted to the Gwinnett Medical Trauma Center in Lawrenceville, Georgia - arriving there less than 2 hours after his accident occurred. Joe's rehab is going well and his grandparents are forever thankful for a job well done.



A New Interstate Highway?

Congress has appropriated \$400,000 for the study of a proposed construction project in Georgia: Interstate 3. The proposed interstate would connect Savannah, Georgia and Knoxville, Tennessee. If you are concerned about the negative impact such a highway would have on Rabun County and the lake communities - should such a highway be built nearby - please contact the following:

U.S. Rep. Charlie Norwood
john.stone@mail.house.gov

706-733-7066

State Sen. Nancy Schaefer
senatornancyschaefer@alltel.net
706-754-1998.

State Rep. Charles Jenkins
charlesj@legis.state.ga
706-745-4684



Local Law Enforcement Capabilities Grow

Keep your eyes out for the new Rabun County Sheriff's vehicle patrolling the roads around the lakes. The vehicle was donated to Mountain Patrol by Georgia Power Company. It will be driven by Mountain Patrol personnel - who are also deputies of the county. Thank you, Georgia Power!

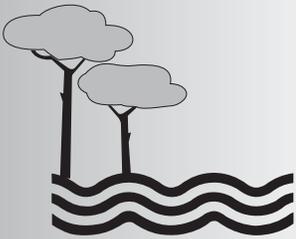
The Rabun County Board of Com-

missioners recently approved the addition of two new deputies to the county Marshall's Office. This will effectively double the size of the department. Marshall Lovell indicated that the new manpower level will give his office the resources to insure that violations of county ordinances will be rapidly identified. And, guess what...

Soil Erosion Violators Fined Heavily

The Rabun County Magistrate Court has sent a message to violators of the county's new soil erosion and sediment ordinance. Recently, the court levied fines of \$1,500 and \$3,000 for work being done inside of the 50 foot

stream buffer zone and a fine of \$3,000 was assessed for not maintaining a silt fence at a construction site. This is super news for the residents of Rabun County.



Fun Run Winners

Four LBCA members won their group titles at this year's Lake Burton Fun Run on June 25th. We salute:

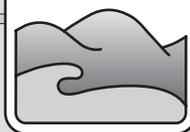
Overall Female Winner – Greer Homer

Over 40 Female Winner – Faye Roane

Female 50-59 Winner - Lynn Jackson

Male 60-69 Winner - Howe Whitman

We also salute all of the people who worked to make this event possible. More than \$5,000 was raised for our local fire departments.



LaPrades – Under A Dark Cloud?

As reported in the May newsletter, the historic LaPrades restaurant, which had been serving fried chicken dinners for over 50 years, was destroyed by fire. In 2002 the Nichols family sold some 90 acres of land including the cabins, restaurant and marina to Tri-Cord, a partnership which created a beautiful plan for the property's development and received a zoning variance from the county to build. Unfortunately,

Tri-Cord was unable to finance the development and over 45 acres of land reverted to the Nichols family in early 2005. A few months later, the zoning variance granted by the county lapsed. And then, the fire . . . and, regretfully, the building was uninsured. Let's hope the skies clear for this project soon and in a couple of years we are all sitting at long tables eating fried chicken again.

Briefly . . .

- ☑ The LBCA co-sponsored a "Conference for Citizens Creating Healthy Communities" on Saturday, July 16, 2005 at the Cupboard Café in Dillard. Builders, developers, elected officials and concerned citizens were encouraged to attend this informative conference. For more information contact Robinette Kennedy at 706-746-5485.
- ☑ The schedule for the start of construction of a Home Depot in Clayton is still anybody's guess. Right now Home Depot and Duvall Development Company are in a legal dispute over the terms of the sales contract for the property south of Clayton on Highway 441.
- ☑ The sale of the Rabun County Hospital to InMed has been approved by the Georgia Attorney General's Office which removes the last major hurdle to the deal closing.
- ☑ A teal and white "Aqua-Toy" paddle boat was found in Magnus Cove. For more information contact Mason Whitney at 706-947-3362.
- ☑ Representatives from the West Rabun Property Owners and the LBCA have asked the Rabun County Board of Commissioners to hire National Fire Services to conduct a survey of the county's fire departments with the goal of implementing improvements to lower ISO ratings - which would help to lower insurance premiums throughout the county.
- ☑ Hank and Joan Diversi were surprised over the 4th of July weekend when a speed boat landed atop their stationary dock.
- ☑ LBCA Member Ben Meluskey, and his high school buddy, Reds Eckenrode, won this year's Waterfall CC Member Guest Tournament.



