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Tellico Plains Chamber News

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Road Closures Means More Business for Tellico Plains



**US 129 AND US 64 CLOSURE
INCREASES TRAFFIC FLOW FOR
TELLICO PLAINS**

Chamber Telephone

**423—253-TPCC
(423-253-8722)**



**Don't forget the
next
Chamber Meeting
is
April 8th at Noon**

Due to all the wet and cold weather this winter the area has experienced the breakdown and movement of rocks on hillsides along several of our highways. The results has been many rock slides.

Most of the slide have just released a few stones into the edge of the highway, but there has been road closures on I40 in North Carolina, two closures just outside Gatlinburg. The ones that have affected Tellico Plains is the closure of US 64 outside of Ducktown and the US129 closure just past the entrance to the Foothills Parkway.

The US129 –Tail of the Dragon has re-routed motorcycle traffic whereby the people are using the Cherohala Skyway. This increased traffic flow is a welcome relief to the slow early year traffic flow due to the weather. Our businesses are seeing more traffic flow this year over previous years.

US 129 is expected to open the last of July so now is the time for so many visitors to discover Tellico Plains.



**Picture of the US129 rock
slide**

Why would I complain if I don't get Involved?



For many months the chamber website has become stale and we have had numerous problems getting updates and information in a timely manner. Lavoie Graphics has come to the rescue to develop a top rated website that will draw people, visitors, and businesses to Tellico Plains. Here are some reasons for your business to get involved in presenting Tellico Plains to people wanting to come to our area.

Questions:

Why should you participate?
 What's in it for you?

Answers:

Generate more hits to your own website!
 The main purpose of the "Guide to Tellico Plains" is to act as a conduit. To be effective for your business, tellico-plains.com must score highly with Google and other search engines. We must receive thousands of "hits" in order for your own website to receive significant traffic from tellico-plains.com The busier we are, the more traffic we can funnel to your own website!
 Increase your own website's Google score!
 External links from relevant websites are a major key to obtaining a high Google relevancy score. Thus it is critical that your website link to and from tellico-plains.com.

Why:

One stick alone is not very strong, but if you take 50 sticks and bind them together, now you have strength! Same is true with the internet and Google. 50 businesses participating in one large "portal website" will obtain a high relevancy score with Google and other search engines. No single business can achieve this strength.

But we cannot maximize this website's effectiveness alone; we need this to be a cooperative effort, with continuous support from business people like you. As an individual business, you would not be able to afford the internet exposure that a large, Google-friendly, portal website like the "Guide to Tellico Plains" will attain. For a small investment, many businesses will pool their efforts, and, by working together, will have a strong impact encounter.

New Businesses Opening in Tellico Plains



Scott Mansion Bed and Breakfast

- Opening this summer
- Four Bedrooms
- Weddings and Special Events
- Bringing Tellico Plains history to life
- 865-548-0876



Outpost Pavilion At Tellico

- Opening this summer
- Outdoor Food and Entertainment
- Rustic Atmosphere
- Canoe and Kayak Sales
- Located on Main Street
- 423-333-6305



Cherohala Harley Davidson

- Already Open Every Day
- Harley Davidson Gear and Clothing
- Upstairs Lounge
- Located on US165 just across from the RiverStone Grill
- 865-977-1669 ext 320



Topiary Joe to be featured in Monroe Life Magazine

Tellico Plains is honored to have Topiary Joe Kyte as a world renowned businessman living and working in Tellico Plains. His credits include Walt Disney World, Elephant Family near Buckingham Palace in England, including our very own Bookworm in front of the Tellico Plains Library. Watch for the spring Issue of Monroe County Life magazine to see a special feature with pictures of his love and his work.

What is Topiary? Topiary is the art of creating sculpture in the medium of clipped trees, shrubbery and vines. Topiary Joe provides traditional cutting frames of all sizes yes, but we go way beyond that! He builds giant planted topiary animals, Living Logo public art work, huge Mosaiculture and giant steel wire green sculpture World Wide. Conservatory grade planted character figures, green



Around Town



Send us your photo from around the Tellico Plains area. Send to: chamber@tellico-plains.com

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"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."
Anatole France

Stuff !!!

Tellico Chamber News Leader

As the Tellico Plains chamber strives to inform it's membership of it's activities and highlights the businesses in the area, we need a leader for oversee the production of this newsletter. Please call Ivy at 253-3183 if you are interested in serving.

Thank You
To everyone helping to get the "Guide to Tellico Plains" in place

David Fankhauser
Rick Lavoie
Judy Lavoie



Get involved in the Duck Race

TP100 Committee to Form

If you are interested in making the 100 year celebration of Tellico Plains one for the record books, please call the Chamber office soon. We need leaders and workers for a celebration that will last a

Welcome new businesses to Tellico Plains

Board of Directors

The Tellico Plains Chamber of Commerce is required to replace two members of the Board of Directors this Fall. We need volunteers to help lead the direction of the Chamber in the next three years. Call Gary Balsler at 253-2825 to learn more.

Events planned for 2010

- Duck Race with proceeds to help 2011 Celebration
- Ed Fest—June 12, 2010
- Cherohala Challenge—June 19, 2010
- Leaf Turning Arts and Crafts Festival—Oct. 23, & 24
- Dance on the Square—July 4, 2010
- Lumberjack Show—Pending

In Future Issues

Look for upcoming articles about Tellico Plains Chamber of Commerce businesses.

The Chamber News will feature our businesses each month. Submit your business with a photo.

Watch for updates:

Tellico Plains Time Capsule

ED Fest—June 12

Boy Scout Outdoor Expo May 29th

Tellico Plains, Tennessee

100 years old

July 4th 2011



The dream of a Tellico River Community Park still lives and can become a reality