



BEST OF BLOUNT AWARDS

Featuring Peyton Manning, Nov. 1

Honoring those individuals and businesses that give their time and resources to make the community stronger is the purpose of the Blount Partnership's Best of Blount Awards being held Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m., at the Clayton Center For the Arts on the Maryville College campus. The guest speaker is Former University of Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning.

Tickets for the program are on sale by calling the Clayton Center at 865-981-8590 or online at www.claytonartscenter.com.

Awards will be given for Philanthropist of the Year, Community Impact Award, Bright Future Award, Business of the Year, First Responder Award and the Tourism Award.

The Best of Blount Awards, which focuses on the Blount County community rather than only on the business sector, celebrates those individuals and businesses that give their time and resources to make this area an outstanding place to live and work.

Event sponsors are Massey Electric, Pilot Flying J, Cherokee Millwright, Blount Excavating, DENSO, T.W. Frierson Contractor, C2RL Engineering, McCarty Holsaple McCarty, Stowers Caterpillar, Joseph Construction and First Tennessee Foundation.

Grains & Grits Spirits & Food Festival Returns

Tennessee whiskey has a rich history. It's so ingrained in the culture that Chris Stapleton even wrote a song about it, singing "you're as smooth as Tennessee whiskey." It's no wonder Grains & Grits, a festival of southern spirits and gourmet grub that draws whiskey lovers from across the region, has grown in popularity. On November 3, 2018, the festival will return to Townsend, a quaint and scenic town nestled in the Great Smoky Mountains of East Tennessee.

Grains & Grits will continue to have a focus on whiskey, attracting distillers from across the state to celebrate the culture of whiskey, spirits and distilling. However, this year, the festival will introduce an added emphasis on food, highlighting the area's unique culinary offering and ensuring guests are satiated.

Set against the background of the Great Smoky Mountains at sunset, the event will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Townsend Visitors Center located at 7906 East Lamar Alexander Parkway in Townsend. With the growing popularity of the festival, people are encouraged to purchase their tickets prior to the event. General admission tickets are \$65 in advance or \$75 the day of the event. More information and tickets are available at grainsandgritsfest.com.



New Members

We'd like to welcome new members to the Blount County Chamber of Commerce who joined since last month. If you are interested in joining or finding out more information, please call 865.983.2241 or go to www.BlountChamber.com

BioLargo Engineering, Science & Technologies
www.biolargoengineering.com

Gnorbert's Magic Putt-Putt & Gem Mine
www.facebook.com/townsendmagicputtputtandgemmine/

Innovative Glass Window Cleaning & Pressure Washing
www.knoxvillewindowcleaners.com

JACO Limousine & Transportation
www.jacolino.com

Laser Aesthetics of Maryville
www.laseraestheticsofmaryville.com

Moe's Southwest Grill
www.moes.com

Tennessee Memorials
www.tennesseememorials.com

Urgent Team - Maryville
www.urgentteam.com/maryville-tn-urgent-team

Just by joining, your membership fee is 85% tax deductible. In addition, you can use the website to post your events and news while offering deals and coupons to customers.

Blount Area Jobs

Are you looking for a job?

Are you looking for employees?

If you fall into either category, then you need to check out www.BlountAreaJobs.com.

The job board provided by the Blount County Chamber of Commerce has listings for part and full-time positions with area employers. It also has complete job listings for DENSO, Newell Brands, Clayton, Vanderbilt Mortgage, Staffing Solutions, ResourceMFG, Blount Memorial Hospital and direct links to numerous staffing agencies.

Additionally, access to the state of Tennessee's job board can also be found. There, you can create a profile and get notifications of jobs fitting your qualifications statewide.

Employers can post available positions for a flat monthly fee and have the job listed on every national job search engine to bring you the most qualified candidates.

www.BlountAreaJobs.com

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EVENTS CALENDAR

The events calendar on BlountChamber.com allows the community to post its events directly to gain added exposure. These are great opportunities to connect and network with potential customers. Visit our website to receive notices of events and meetings you would like to attend - BlountChamber.com.

OCTOBER

- 3 The Nitty Gritty on the TN Drug Free Workplace
- 2-4 Deede Edele at Townsend Visitors Center
- 4 Influential Leadership Training: Leading a Team
- 5-6 Barbara Dull & James Dull at Townsend Visitors Center
- 5-6 2018 Midland Plaza Fall Craft Fair
- 5 TRICARE Select Informational Meeting
- 5 Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center Fall Concert Series
- 6 Open Fire Cooking with Jim Buckenmyer DeBusk
- 6 City of Friendsville Homecoming
- 8-10 Gloria Nelson & Paulette Mittler at Townsend Visitors Center
- 9 Blount County Children's Advocacy Center Stewards of Children Training
- 11 Afternoon Mixer at Life Care Center of Blount County
- 11-13 Corinne Coley and Bill Saltz at Townsend Visitor Center
- 11 Maryville Uncorked
- 14-19 Fred Weiser at Townsend Visitors Center
- 14 Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont Homecoming Celebration
- 18 Quality Financial Concepts presents "Shred It"
- 20-22 Randy White at Townsend Visitors Center
- 20 Blount County Animal Center Adoption Event/Misty Castiglia State Farm
- 22 3rd Annual Pat Summitt Invitational Charity Golf Tournament
- 23-24 Audrey Cordle & Karen Semmel at Townsend Visitors Center
- 23 Love Shoudn't Hurt Awareness Event
- 25 Coffee Club sponsored by Blount Memorial Hospital held at East Tennessee Medical Group
- 25-27 Maxine Falls & Norma Tosh at Townsend Visitors Center
- 25 Homes "FORE" Humanity Golf Tournament Benefitting Blount County Habitat for Humanity
- 26 A Spooktacular Extravaganza Halloween Fun Event for Families & Dogs in Costume
- 26 3rd Annual German Oktoberfest
- 27 A Paranormal Event at Historic Ramsey House
- 27 Appalachian Bear Rescue 3rd Annual Bearly 5K Run/Walk
- 28-31 Cathy Coulter at Townsend Visitors Center
- 30 Urgent Team - Ribbon Cutting
- 31 Friendsville's Boo in the City

View more information on these events at www.BlountChamber.com

If you have any events you would like listed on our community calendar, click on Event Submission at www.BlountChamber.com

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