

HEAVEN'S LANDING

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Heaven's Landing Easter Saturday Brunch



Perfect, in every way. The Annual Easter Brunch at Heaven's Landing was gorgeous. Holly and the Heaven's Landing supporting staff welcomed our guests from all over to the Clubhouse on Saturday, March 30.

Holly coordinated a great brunch feast complete with honey glazed ham, mushroom, spinach and cheese quiche, prosciutto asparagus wraps, a huge salad, tomato and mozzarella with basil, rolls, fruit salad, and cupcakes! After eating, guests mingled and enjoyed beverages on the sunny decks as the kids prepared for the great hunt. Everyone was dressed for fun, and there were plenty of great photo opportunities.



"We really enjoy the holidays in Heaven's Landing," owner Tom Nasser wrote. "Easter is a great kick off. As the weather warms, we always look forward to a long spring and summer season of activities, with a constant flow of owners, guests and new comers enjoying all Heaven's Landing has to offer."

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Heli-Expo—A Great Opportunity



The headlines are shouting, "[Heli-Expo Breaks All Records!](#)" Mike and Holly concur. They arrived home from the Expo held in Las Vegas, February 25-27, feeling this excitement and completely charged. It was Heaven's Landing first time participating in the Expo and for all accounts they will be planning it again next year.

Overall the helicopter market attracts an affluent crowd, and this exhibition did not disappoint. "It was a tremendously successful show," Mike reports. "Attendees came from all over the world, they were discerning, high energy, and detail-oriented. What we appreciated the most was the noticeable length of time participants spent with us at our Heaven's Landing exhibit." Michael Ciochetti III (Mikie) and his girlfriend, Deven Cole, also joined Mike and Holly working the exhibit booth. "Deven made an absolutely beautiful and knowledgeable angel," Holly noted, "we are very grateful they joined us and helped work the show."

Mike and Holly report that a number of tours have been scheduled with the contacts they made in Vegas. "We already have three helicopter pilot owners at Heaven's Landing, and we are excited about expanding this target group," Mike concluded.



Sun 'n Fun is Here!!

Everything is packed, shipped, and ready to go. Mike, Holly, and the Heaven's Landing Angels will be at Sun 'n Fun and can't wait to see you. Visit us at the Heaven's Landing Exhibit #D83/84.

Make sure you download [Sporty's Pilot Shop's Free Sun 'n Fun App](#) for Apple and Android products. It is **FREE** and will help you easily navigate the show with everything you will need including vender locations, event schedules, and transportation maps.

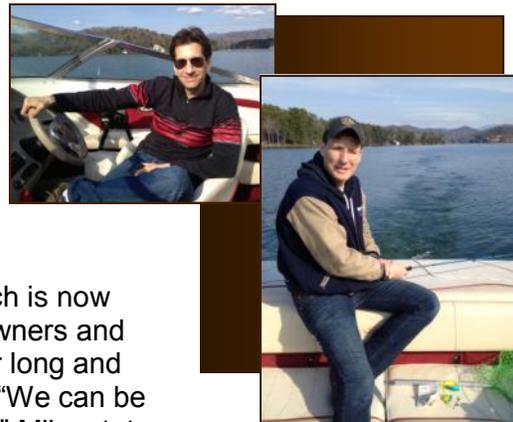
"It is going to be another great show. They have added a second night air show which will create a lot of excitement," Mike reports. ([Night air shows are April 12 and 13.](#))



Day out on Lake Burton

Ok, so they may not have been like all the other successful anglers out there that day, but our intrepid Heaven's Landing men folk, Mike Ciochetti, Tom Nasser, and Jim Tomaszewski had a great time taking advantage of the warm pre-spring weather on Lake Burton March 19. "We didn't get nearly a nibble," one of them confessed, "but does it really matter?"

Mike keeps his boat year round at Anchorage Marina which is now open for the season. Heaven's Landing encourages all owners and their guests to check out the Marina's services all summer long and make a trip on the lake a priority while you are in Rabun. "We can be on the lake in a matter of minutes from Heaven's Landing," Mike states, "if we are not in the air, touring the roads, we are on the lake with visiting clients, family, and friends."



Saint Patrick's Day Party



A big thank you to all our lucky owners and their guests who joined us for the annual St. Patty's Party at the Heaven's Landing Clubhouse! "We really had a great time," commented Holly, "I think it worked well for everyone with celebrating on Saturday. It allowed for a relaxing and longer visit to Heaven's Landing for those who came from out of town."

It was a wonderful potluck with everyone contributing to the atmosphere of the evening. Holly prepared four corned-beefs, cabbage, potatoes and carrots (and you know she's a new mom!!). Ginger Tomaszewski brought a great assortment of desserts all the way from New York, and Mike still harassed her with his camera! Mike and Holly's friend, Max Momin, brought a delicious ice cream cake from Dairy Queen (one of Mike's weaknesses.) Our great Heaven's Landing friend, Peter McIntosh even provided a custom-made CD of Celtic music!



*Wishing you a rainbow
For sunlight after showers—
Miles and miles of Irish smiles
For golden happy hours—
Shamrocks at your doorway
For luck and laughter too,
And a host of friends that never ends
Each day your whole life through!*



Rabun Gap Nacoochee School—Two MUST SEE Performances!!

[Rabun Gap Nacoochee School](http://www.rabungap.org), just minutes from Heaven's Landing, is known for its outstanding college preparatory curriculum *and* its award winning performing arts productions. In April, there are two performances that you absolutely must put on your "to do" list.



First is the annual student showcase, MAD Fest— that is [Music](#), [Arts](#), and [Dance](#) (click the links for three great performances). MAD Fest is an audition call to all students who wish to display their talents. It begins and runs throughout the day on Friday, April 5, and with the sheer number of talented students who wish to participate, the auditions go into the wee hours of the night. After the judges select the top finalist, these amazing students perform FREE for the public on **Saturday, April 6 at 7:30** at the RGNS Readen Theater.

Secondly,...ok, just where do I even begin? ... **Cirque XII is coming April 25-27!!** For 12 years, these amazingly talented students have wowed and inspired audiences with an annual cirque production. It is the most anticipated show of the school year and is so well acted, choreographed, and visually stunning that you *will believe* you are in Las Vegas seeing a professional Cirque du Soleil production.

Each year, these brilliant high school kids, and a few talented middle school students, perform what director and performing arts teacher, Bill Patti, calls, his "cirque-ification" of a beloved story. Cirque XII is entitled, "*Ened Kemen*," meaning Middle Earth. It is an adaptation of Tolkein's "The Hobbit," and Mr. Patti tells us, "We are going for the classic Hobbit look with a "hipster" feel." Coming from Mr. Patti, what that means, one can only guess and wait with anticipation and see!

Tickets went on sale April 1. Visit www.rabungap.org/cirque. You will be amazed as these great performers flying across the stage, suspended from the trapeze, lyras, the Spanish web, and acrobatic silks. You will delight as they gracefully roll by on the German and Cryr Wheels, and bounce on the bungees. From what I hear, there will be dragons!



Dream Concept Comes to Fruition— Profile of Owners Doug and Bonny Snyder



IOMAX, Archangel, retrofitted Thrush 710P Border Patrol Aircraft.



Heaven's Landing owner, Doug Snyder and his partners at IOMAX USA are about to unveil a revolutionary Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) aircraft at the Paris Air Show (June 17-23, 2013). Years of experience has allowed IOMAX to bring their research and development to the market place in the form of, *The Archangel*, a weaponized border patrol aircraft.

After working with several different proto-types, IOMAX chose the Thrush 710P, an agricultural aircraft most commonly used for crop dusting. IOMAX provides a complete package to their clients, including the retrofitted and customized aircraft with state-of-the-art avionics, instrumentation, and weaponry; a personnel training program; and full ground to air support package.

"The Thrush is basically a rugged tractor. It is designed to carry weight as it sprays fields," Doug explains. "It was selected because it is strong, capable of carrying a heavy ordinance, it is easy to operate and maintain, and it has the ability to land on unimproved terrain. Our retrofitted Thrush, *Archangel*, can fly for 9+ hours and is 1/3 of the price of any competing systems, making it very attractive to military and government applications." Doug reports that their closest competitors would be the Beechcraft AT-6 and the Embraer Super Tucano. "Although these two aircraft are similar in capability," he reinforces, "The *Archangel* far out performs the competition with its ability to carry a 5000 lb ordinance, 4 times that of other aircraft, with a 3-4 times greater range." Archangel is a weaponized aircraft integrated with a wide variety of "precision guided munitions" including laser or GPS guided capabilities available. IOMAX offers a tailored "sensor package" with a forward looking infrared (FLIR) gimbal provided by Wescam/L3, the MX-15Di. Doug explains that the military contracted aircraft often take years to develop at extraordinary costs, but "IOMAX's forte is a rapid development and integration of the aircraft in only 9 months". "Defending Freedom is never without risk and we are not afraid of risk."

The application of the aircraft is aimed at clientele with what they call a "low threat, permissive environment." Doug explains several examples. One possible use is for a country seeking a cost effective solution to an "internal and or border security issue where there is not an air defense artillery threat." Other unarmed applications of the *Archangel* include surveillance and search and rescue uses.

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Doug began work with IOMAX on a part-time consulting basis many years ago. When he retired after 24 years of military service in special operations aviation, Doug's friend and the President of IOMAX, Ron Howard, asked him to come on full time as the IOMAX's Executive Director of Aviation. When asked who else in the industry offers a product like the *Archangel*, Doug confides, "no one. This ain't easy. We have a product that others have thought of, but the market niche we are creating is the key to our success." Doug explains that typically, western governments look at "high-tech, sophisticated, contracted solutions for non-sophisticated threats." Most contractors are huge corporations who have invested millions in research and development. These corporations succeed only at high volume and high costs. "In contrast, IOMAX is able to offer an efficient and simplistic solution to the most prevalent ISR needs."



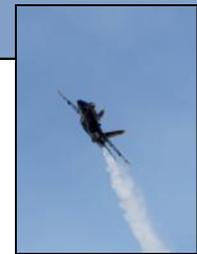
IOMAX employs about 130, and it is based in Mooresville, North Carolina. After their debut at the Paris Air Show in a few months, Doug states they anticipate filling their schedule with other international and military shows including Dubai towards the end of the year. "We self-deploy," Doug adds, "we will fly our airplane to Paris cruising at about 180 knots, making only 3 fuel stops. We can self deploy this aircraft to any location in the world."

Doug and his wife Bonny, moved from the Atlanta area years ago. Bonny is a very successful business woman in her own right, having owned and operated several businesses from insurance to real estate. Bonny is currently an owner and Senior Partner of [Site Services Group \(SSG\)](#) in Atlanta, a commercial real estate brokerage. Falling in love with the mountain community, they purchased a local farm and bought horses after becoming empty nesters. About four years ago, they became owners at Heaven's Landing. "We love it here. It is just perfect," Doug sums up. "We are 5 minutes from where ever we wish to be -Lake Burton, Clayton and we can go right out our door and ride into the National Forest. This truly is a little bit of Heaven"

Doug operates and maintains a Cirrus company airplane. A triple ATP (Multi, Rotor and Single) currently Doug is the only pilot in the family although Bonny enjoys traveling with him. "She really enjoys the Cirrus, because of it's comfortable interior design and the parachute that is on board... She has all the confidence in the world in me, but a little insurance never hurts!," Doug concludes.



Key West, FL Part II



Proving again and again, that popping down to the Keys is simply a short pleasant jaunt from Heaven's Landing, Mike and Holly had another great weekend in the sun March 22-24.

"We got another opportunity to enjoy the area with Bella in tow," Mike reports. "We couldn't miss seeing the [Blue Angels](#) in what might be one of their final performances. The Angels have [cancelled](#) most of their forthcoming air shows due to the sequestration budget cuts."



Mike and Holly rented a boat one day and were taken out on a fishing yacht by, David and Al Ware, business partners of HL owner, Peter Serodino. "We enjoyed two days of the Boca Chica Naval Air Show, and you can't get closer than where we were in the water. It was awesome."

Check out this report and video of an [Angel demo flight](#).



Birthday Wishes to Ciochetti Family



- Happy Belated Birthday to Jeanette Ciochetti (Mike's mom) who turned 75, **March 30**.
- Happy Birthday to Michael III (Mikie) who turns 23 years old on April 11.
- Happy Birthday to Mike who turns 54 years old on April 23.





**Foxfire means many things.
From many, you have one...**

Foxfire is the bioluminescent glow created by some species of fungi on rotting wood, a teaching approach based on student choice, and a Foundation devoted to sharing a rich history of Southern Appalachian life and culture.



In 1966, a local English teacher wished to engage his disinterested students. He challenged the class to develop a project that would get them writing. This simple proposition evolved into a legacy spanning four decades and is alive today. The class chose to create and publish a magazine, and they selected the name "Foxfire" to grace its cover. Within its pages, the students wrote stories developed from interviews with their families and neighbors. Their research captured the oral tradition of 200 years of mountain life and folklore. The Foxfire Magazine continues to this day, in a class available at Rabun County High School. In the 47 years, there have been over twenty books published, a Hollywood produced [movie](#), plays performed, and a thriving Foundation with a museum and heritage center that grace our Rabun County community.



You owe it to yourself to visit the [Foxfire Museum and Heritage Center](#) in Mountain City. It is located on Black Rock Mountain just south of the State Park's entrance. Past Foxfire students run the Foxfire Foundation. Over the years from the publication proceeds, these alumni were able to purchase the land and over 20 buildings that make up the site. At the Center, you will find hundreds of artifacts collected and donated over the years, a gristmill, and weaver village, tools, toys, and folk art.



Visit Monday through Saturday from 8:30-4:30, but definitely mark your calendar for their Living History Days coming up April 12-13, 9:30 am -4:30 pm. The village absolutely comes alive with activity as volunteers young and old, dressed in period outfits. Join in the fun celebrating a way of life that would otherwise be forgotten. The entire family will enjoy the variety of demonstrations and will be engaged in crafts and skills from a much simpler time.



"Folk on the Mountain", their folk art festival July 5-6, and the yearly Foxfire Mountaineer Festival, which is so popular they hold it at the Rabun County Civic Center.

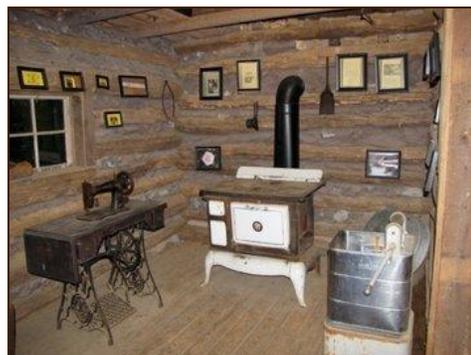
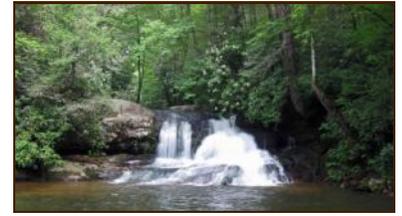


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What are your Top Reasons?

It is spring and one can't help but bask in the sunshine and delights of the outdoors. Surrounded by so many blessings, this got me thinking, what are your favorite things about Heaven's Landing and Rabun County? If you are in the area, you might hear me shout it from the mountain tops, but I will share mine here, a little more subdued...



- **The Heaven's Landing Community**— Where else do you find like-minded folks living and enjoying such a beautiful complex with the freedom of owning and living with your plane? Heaven's Landing is a community of caring people who are always welcoming and genuinely glad to see you.



- **The hills, valleys, and waterfalls within**— With about 70% U.S. Forest Service making up Rabun County, there are always new places to explore on foot or by air offering unlimited views and hikes. Rabun County is world-renown for the diversity of flora and fauna—it is all due to this amazing terrain and climate. Each day of spring brings amazing changes as buds emerge and the coming wildflowers map the passing of time as the days get longer and warmer.



- **Rabun Gap Nacoochee School**—Rabun Gap, founded in 1903, is a college-preparatory boarding and day school for students in 5-12th grade. It has a long history of serving local and international students offering an extensive award-winning arts program, 28 middle and high school athletic teams, AP courses, and a host of activities including STEM, community service, and environmental stewardship (just to name a few). The statistics speak for themselves: 100% college acceptance; 8:1 student/teacher ratio; 25% international students; 85% of faculty reside on campus; 350 student population with a 40/60 ratio of day vs. boarding students; and 1400 acres of school property. Read more about the MUST SEE shows this month on page 3.



- **Glorious food!** If you don't know by now, you are never too far from a delectable meal—no matter what your personal tastes. From a stop at the farmer's market, a quick bite or a multi-course gourmet meal, you will not be disappointed. We might not be in the hustle and bustle of the large city, but the quality of farm fresh products and culinary arts is unsurpassed. (Just room to mention a few family favorite eateries: Mama G's (pizza and hot wings); U Joint (burger and tots!); Zeppelin's Pasta House (she crab soup or chicken caprese for lunch); Grapes and Beans (Greek Chicken); Fromage and Other Fine Foods (anything, but if you are lucky white chocolate crème brulee); Rumor Hazit (Grouper Ruben)).



- **Water everywhere**—I know I mentioned waterfalls above, but this paradise I call home has endless water opportunities—enough for another category. For me, the crown jewel is the Wild and Scenic Chattooga River, simply number one for its pure beauty and [rafting and kayaking](#) enjoyment. Following close behind are the [Georgia Power Lakes](#) (Burton, Seed, Rabun, Tallulah) that flow into the magnificent [Tallulah Gorge](#).



- **Hometown Neighbors**—I could keep this list neatly at five reasons, but I have to mention the quality of people who make up Rabun County. I've lived here 18 years and I have interacted with about every possible segment of society. I've been a member of the local fire station and emergency management services. I've volunteered with non-profits that feed the needy, provided recreation services, protect ecosystems, and support education. I have friends who are 5th generation Rabun natives and with those who moved here within the last year. I know wealthy retirees who are living out the best years of their lives, and I know struggling young families who delight in a caring friendly community which allows them to safely raise their children and rallies around when you are in need of support.



Upcoming Events

Area Events:

Paso Fino Field Day

April 6

Enjoy a day out at the [Rabun Arena](#). Contact: info@rabunarena.com.

Tallulah Gorge Water Releases

April 6,7,13,14; April 20, 21, 27, 28

The Tallulah Gorge State Park has both whitewater (500-700 CFS) and aesthetic (200 cfs) water releases in April. See the Gorge flowing with grandeur. Typical daily release is 35-40 cfs. Gorge floor permits are not issued on these dates.

Foxfire Living History Days

April 12-13

The Foxfire Museum hosts two days of living heritage, with adults and children dressed in 1800s period clothing, showcasing the activities of daily life in the Southern Appalachian mountains from 100-200 years in the past. Foxfire Museum, Mtn City, GA 9:30am-4:30pm. Tickets are \$6 for adults, ages 7-10 – \$3, ages 6 & under – Free. For more information call 706-746-5828 for www.foxfire.org.

Tallulah Gorge Fest

April 12-14

[Tallulah Fest](#) celebrates the release of the Tallulah Gorge, and donates money to American Whitewater. A weekend of being outside, listening to handmade music, and having a good time. We show big screen adventure movies, have photo and video contest, give away a lot of cool prizes and jam all night to live music. Check out the website for details, \$15/car camping and weekend pass.

March of Dimes Benefit Barrel Race

April 13

Another great Rabun Arena event sponsoring the March of Dimes. Contact: info@rabunarena.com.

NGCP's "The Dixie Swim Club"

April 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28

In "The Dixie Swim Club," a Jones Hope Wooten Comedy, five women who met as members of the same college swim team reunite every August in a North Carolina beach cottage. They share problems, quarrel, gossip about each other and form a deep bond of friendship. See [website](#) for tickets and times.

RGNS Cirque XII

April 25, 26, 27

The 12th anniversary of the Cirque program at Rabun Gap presents this performance based on the Hobbit. These extremely talented students are trained by a Cirque du Soleil professional and this student performance will delight you and your family. Thursday showing at 7:30pm; Friday showing at 7:30pm; Saturday showing at 2:30pm & 7:30pm. Tickets go on sale April 1. For more information and tickets please call 706.746.7467. www.rabungap.org.

Celebrate Clayton & 5K Run

April 28-29

Celebrate Clayton is an Arts, Music, Crafts and Gardening event for all ages, with mouth-watering food and a super kids program. For more information & registration fees contact Nichole Laufer at 724-674-1046 or [Celebrate Clayton's website](#). To register online for the 5K PEARL's run go to www.active.com and www.pearlsjwcofrabun@yahoo.com.

First Friday Fest

First Friday through October

Enjoy free concerts in the park sponsored by the merchants of Clayton. Enjoy great music at the Rock House on Main Street, 6-9 pm.

Featured Farmer Thursdays

Every Thursday May through Nov.

Lake Rabun Hotel & Restaurant, 6-10pm Come enjoy a freshly prepared meal by Chef Jamie with featured food grown from one of our local farms. Learn more about the local farmer and their methods of farming. Dinner is served from 6-10pm. For more information go to www.lakerabunhotel.com or call 706-782-4946.

Rabun County Carnival

May 14-18

Come join in the fun at the Rabun Arena. There will be rides, craft exhibits, games, booths, and of course carnival food. You will not want to miss out on this family fun. Kids of all ages will have the time of their life. For more information call 706-982-0792. 5pm – 10pm Tuesday – Friday, 1pm – 11pm Saturday.

Stay Informed



• **Weather Link.** Stay up to date on the Clayton, GA weather conditions and forecast from NOAA. <http://forecast.weather.gov/>



• **Wi-Fi** is available at the Clubhouse. Stay connected with your personal devices as you enjoy the amenities.



• **What's New with You?** Share photos and stories of what is new in your flying circles. Please send submissions to janclay@windstream.net. (All submissions are subject to editing and the evaluation of content.)



• **Go Green!** Please update your contact information with our office at 706.212.0017 or sales@heavenslanding.com and make sure we have your latest email address, so you will always stay informed.

• **Stay in Touch.** "Like" us on [Facebook](#), "[Heaven's Landing Residential Airpark.](#)"



• **Let us Know About Your Aviation Groups.** Give the office a call and share what groups and organizations you belong to, the website address, and the organization's contact information. (800) HEAVEN 2.



• Fish year round and enjoy our local lakes. When in Rabun, go boating! Rentals are available at [Anchorage Boat Rentals](#) at 706-212-0534 or [LaPrades Marina](#) at 706-947-0010.

Personal Trainer—Elisa Hopkins

Elisa Hopkins is a certified Personal Trainer and tailors training for men and women to the individual's interest and goals. Elisa currently conducts classes ranging in aerobic, kick-boxing, dance aerobics, and strength training at a new studio in Tiger, GA, [Studio e.](#)

Join Elisa and the four other instructors in feeling more energetic and healthier this year. There are over 20 classes to choose from.

Contact Elisa at 706-982-2302.



Heaven's Landing Services

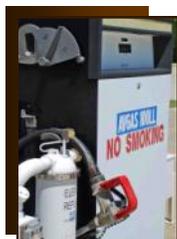
Heaven's Landing Concierge Service

We offer the finest, personalized, and professional services to meet your needs. Whether it's scheduling a trustworthy service to clean your home, picking up groceries, or keeping up with routine maintenance, Heaven's Landing Concierge Service will maintain your property, so you can fully enjoy your Heaven's Landing home. Please contact our office for information: 706.212.0017 or sales@heavenslanding.com.



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JET A	\$5.30/gal*



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