

HEAVEN'S LANDING

Like no Place on Earth

November 2012



Photo by Peter McIntosh, 10/25/12

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A Rabun County Fall

"Fall is such a busy time for us," reflects, Mike Ciochetti. "Holly and I have been working non-stop. This time of year is full of activity. We have had a great leaf season, lots of local events, weddings, and a joyful baby shower celebrated in our clubhouse. We are fortunate to have been very busy with clients who are taking time to relax and checkout Heaven's Landing on their fall breaks, enjoying a well-needed breath of mountain air."

There is little doubt as to why clients and visitors are flocking to Rabun County—simply put, it is all about the brilliant evolution of another glorious season in Northeast Georgia. Mild temperatures transition us gradually into colder weather, making hiking, biking, road running, Sunday drives, and strolls down Main Street an absolute joy. Rabun County repeatedly lives up to its motto, "Were Spring Spends the Summer;" but visitors should also know, we enjoy four, rather mild, yet distinct, seasons that offer outdoor opportunities year round.

We invite our visitors, new owners, full and part-time residents, to frequent ExploreRabun.com and GaMountains.com to keep a breast of all the great opportunities posted from our very active and caring county community.

Top Photo: Another masterpiece by Photographer Peter McIntosh taken late October 2012.

Bottom: Snapshot of Germany Road heading from Heaven's Landing.



Photo: Jan Nash

HangarSphere

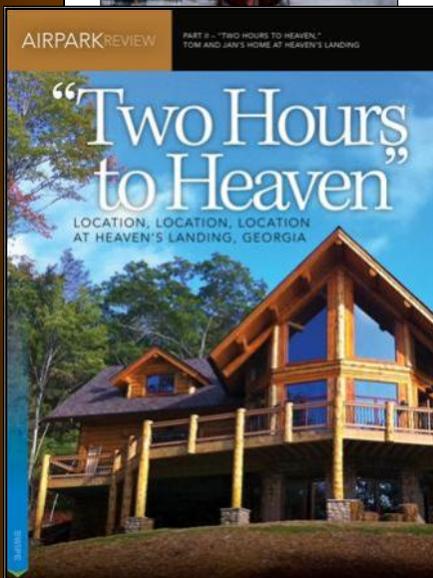
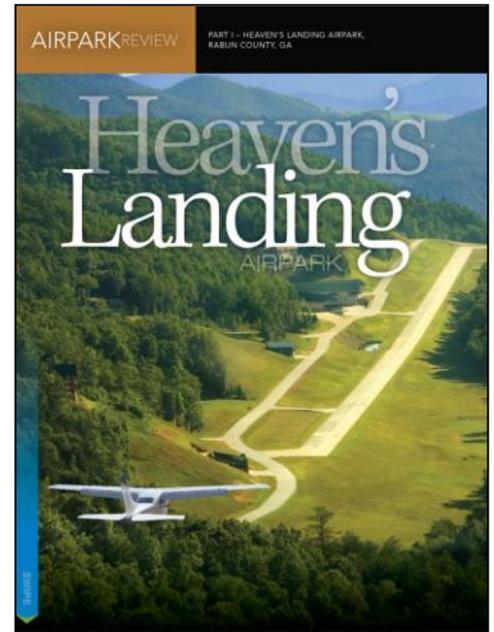
There is a new iPad-based publication available through iTunes, *HangarSphere* from Tango Ten Media LLC. The digital magazine has launched and has two issues available through the iTunes Store. It is a publication "dedicated to offering exclusive content related to your aircraft's most important and most overlooked accessory: your hangar." Each publication will explore in-depth airpark living, highlight aviation communities, and share all aspects of design and features found in hangar complexes of all types all over the world. It is "*Your Business Your Lifestyle Your Hangar.*"



Heaven's Landing is proud to be on the leading edge of this publication and is featured in two articles in their second issue (September/October 2012).

"Wow, what a cool magazine and great articles. So much great information. Now I am inspired to paint my hangar floor and add living quarters!"

~ Tom Nasser, immediately after he saw the publication for the first time.



The first article is a beautifully laid out piece profiling Mike Ciochetti, his evolution as a developer and the vision he created and realized as Heaven's Landing became an airpark of unprecedented style and beauty. Part II profiles Tom and Jan Nasser's spectacular log home. A beautiful estate with incredible views of the back side of Heaven's Landing and the extensive forests to the northwest. A view that will stop you in your tracks from the moment you drive up to their home. The Nassers share their story and the care their contractors took with each stage of the lot's development.

If you are new to digital subscriptions (and for now, *HangarSphere* is free), know that it is the same as downloading any app. Search "Hangarsphere," download the app, and it will appear in your "newsstand" folder. *HangarSphere* is an iTunes exclusive publication available to Apple devices. The layout of the issues is very user friendly and within the two articles you'll find embedded slideshows that you can swipe across to view.

Tango Ten Media founder, Lars Jensen, reports the publication will be available for Android and Kindle Fire next year. Checkout these articles and enjoy the next generation in publishing by visiting [iTunes](#) or the [HangarSphere website](#).

Heaven's Landing Christmas

Please save the date for **Saturday, December 15** for the annual Heaven's Landing Christmas Dinner and Party. Holly reports this year will be an "Italian Feast" catered by [Louie's on the Lake](#). Once again, Santa will drop in for a wonderful visit with young and old so prepare your list!

Last year, we all had a fantastic time, with the Clubhouse filled to capacity. Please know that *reservations are a must by December 8*. Contact, Holly, by [email](#) or by calling 706.982.5245. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for children.



A Warm Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Joan Ziegler

As this is written, Jim and Joan Ziegler are closing on their new home in Heaven's Landing. The Ziegler's are Heaven's Landing's newest owners hailing all the way from the great state of California.

This is a dream realized for the Ziegler's who have been familiar with Heaven's Landing for almost a decade— finally seeing it first hand and falling completely in love with the development in October 2011. "We were speechless...we've visited a million other airparks, but we kept coming back to Heaven's Landing," Joan reports. "Jim has dreamed of living in an airpark since he was a teenager," she continues, "...we can't wait!"

The Ziegler's purchased an existing home on the equestrian meadow in Heaven's Landing. They plan to complete their move in the spring of 2013 after some modifications are made to the home. "It's very quiet, and the last time we were there, we could hear the soft whisper of the wind through the nearby trees...and, we have an awesome view of the magnificent southern Blue Ridge Mountains." Joan reports this is a most welcome change from their home in California with an unfortunate "*unobstructed*" view of a major freeway!

The Ziegler's are no strangers to transition. Jim is a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the U.S. Air Force and manager with the Boeing Company. "We moved frequently [while in the military]," Joan recounts, "we always loved the adventure of moving from one area to another." Joan has spent the past 16.5 years as a VP of Communications for Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, California. She hopes to continue doing freelance work after their move.

The couple owns a 1946 Navion "A" airplane. Joan comments, "Jim is the pilot...I like to fly with him and do the navigating."

Both Jim and Joan are native Californians so this will be a big move for the couple. They look forward to meeting the community within Heaven's Landing and Rabun County, exploring the area for its natural beauty, and seeking the quaint and historic inns and B&B's throughout the region. We wish them a fantastic transition!



Jim and Joan took a little time during their July 2012 visit to Heaven's Landing exploring the Great Smoky Mountain Park.



Jim and Joan's new Heaven's Landing home will go through some changes before they move in this coming spring.

Happy Beginnings

Heaven's Landing was the selected venue for two magnificent fall weddings this past month. A brilliant time of year to host a perfect outdoor wedding. Our heartfelt blessings to both couples for a wonderful life together—you are off to a wonderful start.

'The Perfect Wedding'

Michael Ann Copeland and Christian Cervantes

were united in marriage at Heaven's Landing on October 13, 2012. We could not have asked for a more gorgeous day or a more wonderful wedding venue.

Thanks to Mike, Holly, and the entire staff at Heavens Landing for helping to make our Daughter's wedding day a special one. The clubhouse and grounds made for a perfect place to have the wedding and reception. The flexibility allowed and Holly's willingness to help with anything we needed, made this a day we will never forget.

We were extremely pleased with our experience and would highly recommend this venue to anyone looking to have their wedding in Rabun County.

Thank you,

Mike and Wen Copeland

The Copeland's would also like to thank these vendors:

Life's A Party (chairs and dance floor) www.lifesapartyrentals.com

Valley Café Catering (reception food) www.valleycafedillard.com

Renee Vargas (Wedding Cake) www.heavenlycreationscakes.net

In true Heaven's Landing fashion, Mike was able to coordinate the perfect moment for his fly-by during the celebratory kiss in his Cessna 210. A great shot of the action by Jim Loring.

Meredith Leigh NeSmith and Allen Franklin Ledbetter

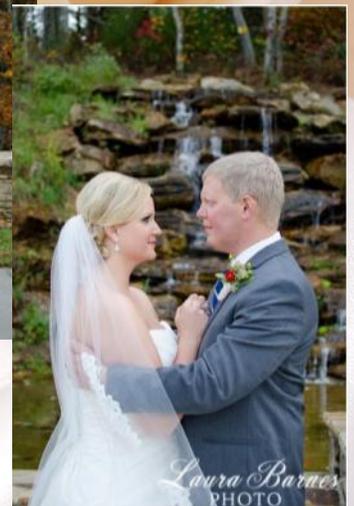
were married on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at Clayton Baptist Church. Following the ceremony the reception was held at Heaven's Landing in the beautiful clubhouse.

The main reason that we chose Heaven's Landing was the rustic and private atmosphere. You felt like it was just for you and the mountains surrounded you with their beautiful fall colors.

We only heard wonderful things about the venue from our guests. They thought it was breathtaking when they were driving on the taxi way and up to the clubhouse! We enjoyed our day so much and were so thankful that Heaven's Landing offered this opportunity to make our day more memorable.

Thank you,

Meredith NeSmith Ledbetter



Shower for Baby Ciocchetti

On Saturday, October 27, Holly's sister, Nikki Poole, and Mike's sister, Michelle Black, co-hosted a baby shower for the radiant Holly at the Heaven's Landing Clubhouse. Holly spent the day surrounded by friends, playing shower games (which she almost won!), and graciously let all attendees erroneously guess the width -measurement of her super-fit midsection.



Mike and Holly have less than a month until they formally greet their baby, a highly anticipated addition to their families. "I'm feeling well, and have had a great pregnancy with so much love and support from the very beginning," Holly reports. "Not knowing the gender of the baby, lends to a lot of cute comments and speculations," Holly continues, "if the gifts have any weight in the matter, it looks like it might be a girl." "Obviously," she notes with a smile "there are too many cute girl items in stores for people to be gender-neutral!" This point is well noted by one of many crowd pleasers, an adorable white and hot pink down reversible vest, which got "oohs" and "ahhs" from the attendees.



"We are so thrilled for the future. Especially for what this will mean for my son, Sean. The joy of seeing him respond to babies and activity is priceless," Holly confides.



Holly and Mike wish to thank all who continue to keep them in their prayers and for those who have sent gifts and well-wishes.



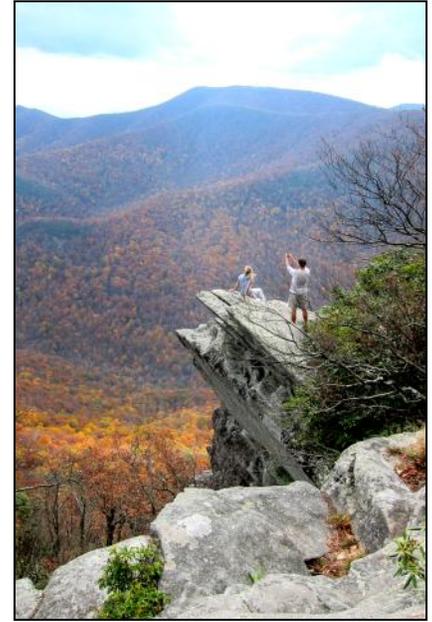
Holly delights in a handmade gift from her 11 year old nephew, Samuel.

From top: Holly and Nikki, Niece Emma and Mike's daughter Ashley, Holly and her mom, Joann.

Around the Bend—Picken's Nose

Fall has been just wonderful this year and as cooler weather arrives, hiking and nature outings continue to be in store. You might have heard about it, snickered at the name, or glanced up or flown over it, but Picken's Nose is a FANTASTIC short outing for the entire family. This mountain peak is noticeable from many spots around Rabun County and is located right over the Georgia/North Carolina state line (minutes by car from Heaven's Landing).

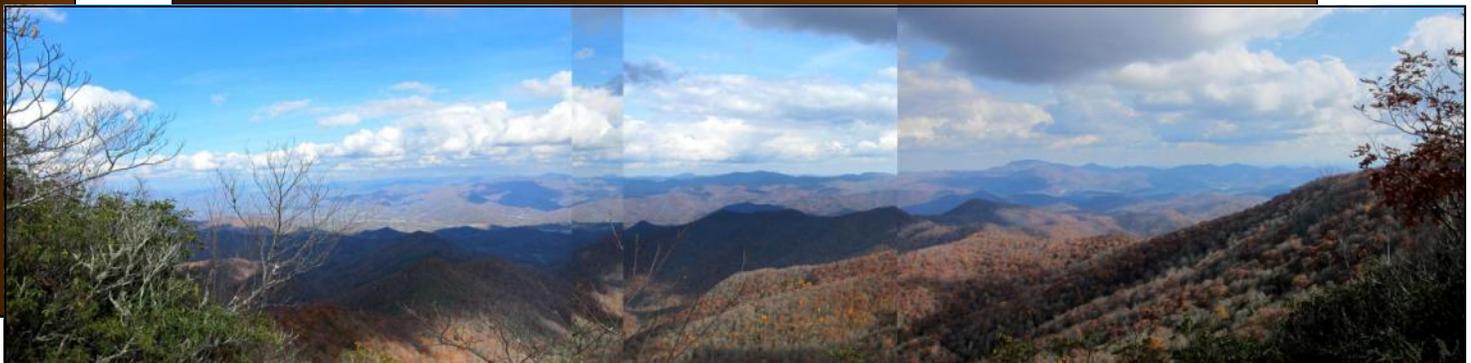
Views are absolutely grand from all sides of this .7 mile hike (roughly 1.4 miles round trip). Once parked at the trailhead, you ascend up the trail to the eventual summit of 4880 feet. The trail levels out for a good distance along the ridgeline making the walk very easy through a grand tunnel of thick Rhododendron. There are a number of paths leading to absolutely outstanding views including those of the Highway 441 corridor valley running to Franklin, NC to the north and Clayton to the south. On a clear day you can see all the notable area landmarks including Whiteside Mtn, NC; Rabun Bald, GA; Glassy Mtn, GA; Black Rock Mtn, GA; and a portion of Lake Burton.



Directions: Take US Hwy 441 North 12 miles to Otto, NC. Turn left at the Coweeta Hydrological Laboratory sign on Coweeta Road. Continue 3.1 miles until Coweeta turns in to Ball Creek Road at the Hydrological Lab (this facility is worth a visit and exploration of their scientific work in the valley) continue another 5.3 miles after going through the gate, which is closed during poor weather conditions. Be sure to stay right where another Forest Service Road intersects. The Picken's Nose trailhead parking area is clearly marked after you wind your way up the hill. The trail begins where you park.

Note that the Lab has experiment stations (including laundry baskets with wire screen) throughout the woods in the area. Of course never disturb these areas. This is also a bear sanctuary so be aware.

Always use good hiking practices even on short outings. Tell someone where you are headed and take food and water (it is a great place for a trail picnic). Be very mindful of children and adventurous adults on the sheer cliffs. Rock climbers, this is a minor climbing area.



Making the Holidays Meaningful—With a Pre-Decorated Tree for You!!

Rabun County Festival of Trees

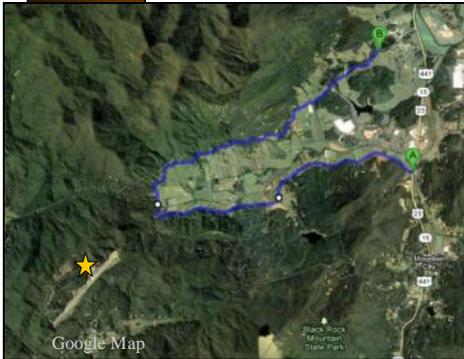
Over twenty fully decorated trees ranging in size from 3' to 7' will be up for bid at the Rabun County Civic Center during the Preview Party and also during the Holiday Shopping Extravaganza. What a perfect way to instantly decorate your home with an expertly decorated tree from a community volunteers. The [Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy in Rabun County](#) is excited to announce they are the beneficiary of the Festival of Trees silent auction this year.



Preview Party --Saturday, November 17, 5pm-7pm \$10 per person includes appetizers, wine, dessert, and entertainment. This will be the first look at the trees and first opportunity to place bids. Sponsor a child for a year for only \$28 and receive a cake from a local baker!

Holiday Shopping Extravaganza is Friday, November 23, 11am-6pm and Saturday, November 24, 10am-5pm. **Free Admission.** Bidding for the trees continues during the entire Extravaganza. Many artists and crafters will be providing a large selection of unique gifts. Lunch and snack concessions will be available. The trees silent auction will close November 24 at 5pm.

All proceeds from the Preview Party, the winning bid amounts of the trees, and the concessions will go toward books for Rabun County children through the Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy. All children under age five can receive a free book in the mail each month until they turn five. If you would like to learn how you can become involved in this effort, please call 706-782-8390. Join us and show your support!



Charity Lane

Mark your calendars for Charity Lane-the Christmas lights display route through Wolf Fork Valley. December 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16 5pm-10pm each night. Just \$10 per car. After you have been dazzled with the light displays, stop in the Alumni Center at Rabun Gap Nacoochee School at the end of the route for the Charity Lane store. Many of the organizations featured along the route will have items for sale, raffles, food, and more! Proceeds benefit multiple county helping organizations.

Thanks!

Laura Lane,

Community Partnership of Rabun,
706-782-8390

Blue route is approximate for Charity Lane in Wolf Fork Valley just over the hill from Heaven's Landing (star). "A" is the starting point and pay station. "B" is the Alumni House and gift shop.

Learn a Bit of History or Give a Unique Gift

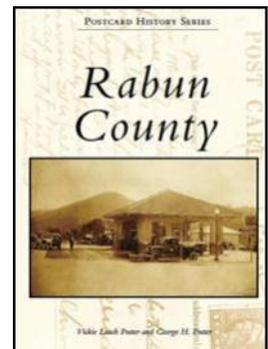
Wanting to know a little more about Rabun County and the history of the area? Check out this new book by the Prater's of [Prater's Bookstore](#) in downtown Clayton.

"Rabun County"

Part of Arcadia Press Postcard History Series

By Vickie Leach Prater & George H Prater (local residents)

Paperback, \$21.99 + tax 128 pages.



This book, by local authors, documents the history of Rabun County through picture postcards. Follow the development of the county from the construction of Tallulah Falls Railroad to the building of hotels, boardinghouses, and summer camps. Communities grew, declined, and grew again as dams were constructed to harness the Tallulah River, which reshaped the land and created Lake Burton, Lake Rabun, Lake Seed and Tallulah Lake. The postcards shown in the book come from the authors personal local memorabilia collection, of which many have not been seen by the public before.

(Notice by Katheryn Granberg of the *Rabun Town Crier* Email Message Board—
Email [Katheryn](#) to sign up for all types of notices regarding local events, personal ads, and county debate!)

Enjoy the Holidays in Northeast Georgia

Once the leaves have fallen, the Blue Ridge Mountains quiet as the "shoulder season" begins. If you are looking for holidays with a hometown atmosphere, Rabun County has plenty to offer. See Explorerrabun.com for updates as well as the establishments main websites linked below.



Lake Rabun Hotel

Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners:

- [Lake Rabun Hotel](#)—Lakemont, Ga. Open November 22 from 11 am— 4 pm. Serving a delightful 5 course, 21 item, buffet-style meal including roasted turkey, glazed ham, pecan crusted trout! Check the website for their upcoming Christmas menu and [reserve your table online](#).
- [Beechwood Inn Traditional Southern Style Thanksgiving Dinner](#)—Clayton, Ga., Thursday, November 22. Serve family style with 16 expertly crafted dishes, see the link for the full and extensive menu.
 - [Glen Ella Springs](#)—Clarkesville, Georgia. Check the website often for their specialty menus or call 1.888.455.8786. Best way to find the Inn: N 34° 43.261 W 083° 26.944. For a full list of their holiday menu options email your request to me (ianclay@windstream.net) and I'd be happy to forward it to you. *It is amazing!!*
 - [Fromage and Other Fine Foods](#)—Clayton, Ga. Call Jenny, who will cater your holiday gathering with a personal touch 706.212.7349.
- [The Dillard House](#)—Dillard, Ga. Call for catering and dining during the holidays 1.800.541.0671. They can accommodate a great feast for a family gathering or large corporate party.



Beechwood Inn



Glen Ella Springs



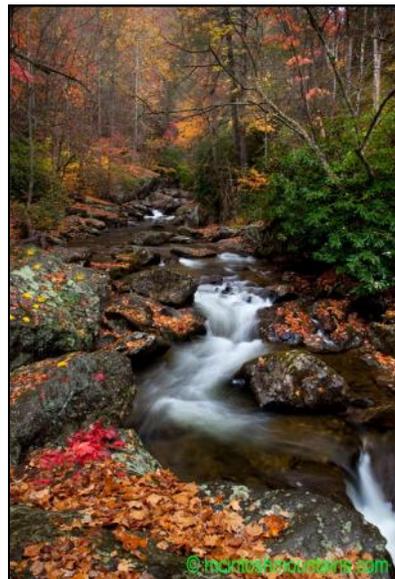
Glen Ella Springs

Through the Looking Glass

This is your opportunity to travel the North Georgia Mountains capturing the majestic beauty that surrounds us. Treat yourself to a workshop session from Rabun County's premiere photographer, Peter McIntosh. There is nothing like watching the sunrise emerge on the horizon, clouds drift and change, and the colors of the landscape transform before you. See it all through your lens and capture the moment. Peter will teach small groups or individuals the fundamentals of camera work. Classes are tailored to your abilities. Call Peter at 706.490.1247 or email petermac@windstream.net for details.



Please join Peter at [Timpson Creek Gallery](#) on Friday, October 12 from 5-7 pm.



Experience the Rabun County Autumn with Peter McIntosh

Upcoming Events



Heaven's Landing Schedule

Heaven's Landing Christmas Party

Join us this December for Christmas in Heaven! Everyone is welcome to join us in our Heaven's Landing Clubhouse for an evening of great food, friendship, and of course a visit with Mr. Claus. Santa is taking time out for an evening in NE Georgia to find out first hand what all the good little pilots want for Christmas—come with your list. More details soon.

Area Events:

Tallulah Gorge Whitewater Releases

November 3-4; 10-11; 17-18

On a typical day, the water flow through the gorge is 35-40 CFS (cubic feet per second). During whitewater releases, the flow is 500 CFS on Saturday and 700 CFS on Sunday. It is a spectacular sight with the boats coming through the gorge. This is a sight you do not want to miss. For more information call 706-754-7981 or visit www.gastateparks.org/tallulahgorge.

NE Georgia Arts Tour Open House

November 9, 10, 11

Plot your own course and set your own pace on a wonderful scenic arts tour through four counties. Meet many artists and watch them work. See www.artstour.org for map and directions to get you started.

[Top of Georgia Fall Bluegrass Jamboree](#)

November 16-17

Due to an amazingly successful Spring Jamboree, the Dillard House Conference Center is hosting this first annual Fall Bluegrass Jamboree. See the website for listing of performers, times, and tickets. First show begins at 1:30 both days.

Clayton Rotary's Ramble Down the Bald for Kids

November 17

Enjoy the magnificent views from Sky Valley, Georgia walking the 1 mile or running the 5K to benefit local kids. Race begins at 2 pm. See Acitve.com to register.

Clayton Clucker's Turkey Trot

November 22 Take a 5 kilometer run through

Downtown Clayton on Thanksgiving Day and benefit the Rabun County Food Pantry. [See the link](#) for entry form and details and remember to bring your canned food. Contact Jenny Wilson at 706.982.1284 for additional information.

Holiday Shopping Extravaganza & Festival of Trees **November 23, 24**

Get holiday shopping done all in one locations by buying locally wonderful unique and handcrafted items. Come shop 10 am—4 pm at the Rabun County Civic Center.

Rabun County Christmas Parade

December 1

Enjoy the joy of Christmas in the mountains. Downtown Clayton along Main Street starting at 5pm. Bring your chair, a warm coat, and be a part of a hometown tradition.

The Spell of Sleeping Beauty

December 1-2, 8-9

North Georgia Community Players 10th annual all children's play. Story by Jakob and Wilhelm Grimm adapted by Vera Morris. Saturday shows begin at 7 pm and Sunday matinee at 3 pm. Tickets available by calling 706.212.2500.

Charity Lane Festival of Lights

December 7,8,9 & 14,15,16

Drive around the scenic Wolffork Valley in Rabun Gap for an extraordinary treat from the local community. Area charities have teamed up with Wolffork residents to bring you seven miles of Christmas lights and displays. Ending at the Christmas Gift Store at the Alumni House at Rabun Gap Nacoochee School. There is a \$10 donation requested per car. Begins at 5:30 pm each evening until 11 pm.

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 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 season. 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.



"Work with someone you know and trust."

Our Current Fuel Prices



Self Serve Pumps

AV GAS	\$5.95/ gal*
JET A	\$5.30/gal*

**Prices Subject to Change. Prices as of November 1, 2012*





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