



CHEROKEE WEEKEND

TODAY

BINGO: Loyal Order of the Moose presents bingo at 7:30 p.m. Fridays at the Canton Moose Family Center, 278 Moose Loop Road. Admission is \$10; additional cards for a fee. (770) 479-6651.

EXHIBIT: Chattahoochee (Appalachian) Technical College and the Arts Alliance of Georgia Inc. are sponsoring an exhibit of artwork by middle and home school students from private schools and home school from 1 to 5 p.m. today and Saturday at the campus at 8371 Main St. in downtown Woodstock. Admission is free. Regina Hines at (770) 479-1262.

EXHIBIT: The Gallery by VantagePoint Studios will present the exhibit Present Works by Melinda Crider featuring figurative clay sculptures, oil paintings and photography from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today. Admission is free. The gallery is at 115 East Main St., downtown Canton. (770) 720-4253.

EXHIBIT: Reinhardt College's Fincher Visual Arts Center will present the exhibit In Weight by Dimitri R. Walker from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today. The center is at 7300 Reinhardt College Cir., Waleska. (770) 720-5951; www.reinhardt.edu.

MUSIC: The Alley at Woodstock presents live music at 9:30 p.m. Fridays. Cover charge varies. The restaurant is at 12195 Highway 92, Woodstock. (770) 924-5594; woodstock.thealleybars.com.

MUSIC: Bogy's Neighborhood Bar & Grill presents live music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays. No cover charge. The restaurant is at 1085 Buckhead Crossing, Woodstock. (770) 926-7755.

MUSIC: The Right Wing Tavern presents live music on Fridays from 9 p.m. to midnight. Scott Puckett and Michelle Humber play Friday. No cover charge. The restaurant is at 251 E. Main St., downtown Woodstock. (678) 445-2099; www.rightwingtavern.com.

MUSIC: The Wild West Bar & Grill presents live music from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays. Admission is 21 and older after 9 p.m.; cover is \$7 men, \$5 women. Free line dancing lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The bar is at 350 Ronnell Road, Holly Springs. (770) 345-9663; www.wildwestbarandgrill.com.

MUSIC: Winchester Woodfire Grill presents live music from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Fridays. No cover charge. The restaurant is at 110 Mountain Vista Blvd., Canton. (770) 345-8000; www.winchestergrill.com.

PLAY: Children's Garden Theater, a Canton-based professional theater company, will perform the children's show, "Back to the Beanstalk," at the Cherokee County Arts Center through April 11 at 6 and 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays (no show April 2) and Fridays and 2:30, 4 and 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Tickets are \$10. (770) 704-6244; www.childrensgardentheater.com.

PLAY: Dean Rusk Middle School will present the musical, "Annie," at 7 p.m. today and Saturday. Tickets are \$5 in advance or at the door. The school is at 4695 Hickory Road, in Hickory Flat. (770) 345-2832.

PLAY: The Towne Lake Arts Center presents the children's show, "Tom Sawyer" at 7:30 p.m. today and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$8; admission is free with a The Big Read ticket bookmark signed by a librarian, teacher or principal. The center is at 6576 Commerce Parkway. (678) 494-4251; www.tlaclive.org.

POKER: The Woodstock Jaycees will present a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament on Friday at the clubhouse, 216 Rope Mill Road. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. with the tournament at 7 p.m. Entry fee is \$25; players must be 21 or older. Prizes will be awarded. Proceeds benefit community programs. Rich Little at (770) 206-0714; www.woodstockjaycees.com.

SATURDAY

AUTHOR: Bernie Schein, author of If Holden Caulfield Were in My Classroom, at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Fox-Tale Book Shoppe will speak and sign copies of books purchased at the store. Admission is free. The shop is at 105 E. Main St., Woodstock. (770) 516-9989; www.foxtalebookshoppe.com.

BENEFIT: Mountain Road Elementary School sixth-graders Cody Lamanac and Kiedrich Kromp will present a yard sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday (rain or shine) at Rock Springs Baptist Church, 1640 Rock Springs Lane, Woodstock, to benefit the school's Relay for Life team's fundraising for the American Cancer Society. Lynn Lamanac at (770) 894-9478.

BINGO: American Legion Thomas M. Brady Post 45 presents bingo at 6 p.m. Saturdays at the post, 160 McClure St., Canton. First card \$7.50; additional 10 for \$25 Saturdays; one extra book is two cans food for needy veterans' families and 50 cents. Snack bar. Jackpot is \$500. (770) 479-4405.

DANCE: The Holly Springs American Legion presents music and dancing for all ages from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturdays with Gone Country at the post at 120 Rachael Dr. Admission is \$5. Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult; no alcohol or smoking allowed. Refreshments for sale. (770) 479-0622.

DINNER: The Woodstock Lions Club and Longhorn Steakhouse of Towne Lake will present a benefit dinner from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at New Victoria Baptist Church, 6659 Bells Ferry Road, Woodstock. Tickets are \$15 per person, \$25 per couple, \$8 per child 12 and younger. There will be raffle tickets for sale. Proceeds benefit community programs. Bring eye-glasses, hearing aids and cell phones to be recycled. WoodstockLionsClub@comcast.net.

EXHIBIT: The Gallery by VantagePoint Studios will present the exhibit Watercolor Paintings by Fred Dorr of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America and Georgia Watercolor Society from Saturday through April 17, with an artist reception from 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday. The gallery is at 115 East Main St., Canton. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. (770) 720-4253.

EXPO: The CHOICES (Center for Helping Obesity in Children End Successfully) Fourth Annual Children's Expo and 5K Walk for Wellness is Saturday at the Cherokee County recreation center, 7545 Main St., Woodstock. Following the walk that starts at 8:30 a.m., the expo will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with fitness activities like and X-treme rock climbing wall and batting cage, healthy food activities like cooking demonstrations with samples by Woodstock Mayor Donnie Henriques and Chef Marvin Woods, health screenings, visits by members of Atlanta sports teams and Easter egg hunts every hour. Admission is free. (678) 819-3663; www.choicesforkids.org.

GARDENING: Cherokee County Master Gardeners will present the free seminar Celebrate Earth Day: Drought-Tolerant and Native Plants from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Ball Ground Public Library, 435 Old Canton Road. Admission is free. Seating is limited; pre-registration encouraged. (770) 479-0418; www.cescherokee.org.

GARDENING: Cherokee County Master Gardeners will present the free seminar Harvesting Rainwater: Constructing a Rain Barrel from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Cherokee Senior Services senior center, 1001 Univeter Road, Canton. Admission is free. Seating is limited; pre-registration encouraged. (770) 479-0418; www.cescherokee.org.

HOME: The Home Depot offers free do-it-yourself clinics on Saturday, Yard Basics for the South from 10 to 11 a.m., Tiling Floors and Walls from 11 a.m. to noon and Installing Moulding from 1 to 2 p.m.; and Spring Outdoor preparation from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday. Stores are at 2200 Riverstone Blvd., Canton, (770) 720-8910; 4520 Holly Springs Parkway, Canton, (770) 928-1574; 9037 Highway 92, Woodstock, (770) 591-8663; www.homedepot.com.



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Ben and Regina Samuel of Bradshaw Farm and their daughter Sidney, 3, sit by a new pool in their backyard, which will be featured in June on the new Home & Garden Television (HGTV) series, 'Bang For Your Buck.'

Bang for the buck

Bradshaw Farm family's backyard filmed for HGTV show

By Kristal Dixon

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A Bradshaw Farm family's backyard will be among the stars of a new Home & Garden Television series.

"Bang For Your Buck," which begins airing next month, will feature Ben and Regina Samuel's outdoor living space on an episode in June.

The series, scheduled for 9:30 p.m. on Friday nights, on each episode will highlight improvements made by three homeowners in the same city or metropolitan area to the same part of their homes for about the same amount of money.

Producer Carolyn Cimino said designers and real estate experts would review the renovations and determine if the homeowners will see a good return on their investments.

The Samuels will be included in an episode showcasing three Atlanta-area homeowners who spent about \$70,000 each on backyard makeovers, Ms. Cimino said. The network spent Tuesday and Wednesday filming at the Samuels' home.

The Samuels transformed a dull, sun-drenched backyard into a comfortable entertainment and relaxation area.

The upgrade included the installation of a swimming pool with two waterfall features and a spa, a stacked stone fireplace with a seating area for six and an under-deck area, with a flat-screen television and surround-sound system, a ceiling fan and flagstone. The



Above: The Samuels' backyard upgrades included the installation of a swimming pool with waterfall features and a spa surrounded by custom stonework, a fireplace and seating area and an under-deck area with a flat-screen TV. Below: HGTV videographer Brian Till of Denver films the pool.



backyard also is home to a child's play station with slides, a ladder and platforms.

The Samuels said they decided to do the project to add

style and comfort to their five-bedroom, four-and-a-half bath home in the upscale Hickory Flat golf course neighborhood. During the summer, the

Samuels were unable to enjoy the backyard due to the lack of shade there.

"We just built an extension of our house that's outside," Mrs. Samuel said.

The family began the project in early October and it took about 2 months to complete.

During the renovation, the Samuels encountered two sink-holes where the swimming pool now sits, which had to be corrected before construction could continue.

Woodstock-based Georgia Outdoor Living oversaw the project, which cost about \$80,000 — right in line with their budgeted price range, Mrs. Samuel said.

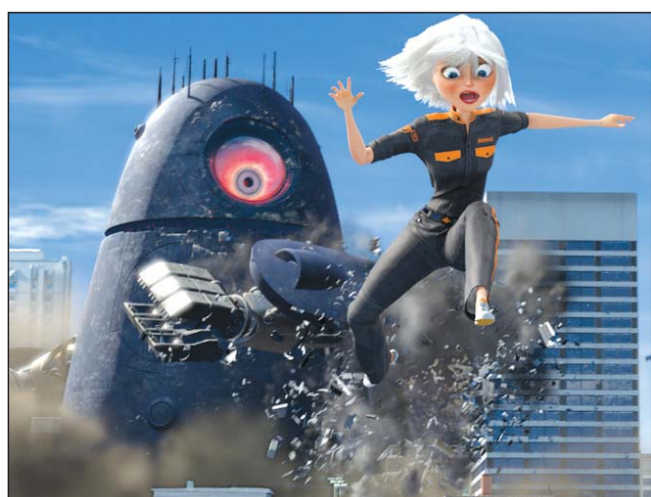
Vance Dover, owner of Georgia Outdoor Living, said a backyard upgrade usually ranges between \$40,000 and \$150,000, depending on what amenities a family wants to add to their home.

Dover, who tipped off HGTV about the Samuels' renovation, noted the stonework around the swimming pool was customized to meet the family's request.

While the Samuels said the outdoor living space would create a more comfortable environment for guests, it was most important to make sure the changes benefitted 3-year-old daughter, Sidney.

Samuel said the renovations not only add value to their home, they also benefit their quality of life.

"We are now able to be outside and enjoy the outdoors," he said. "We will be out here every day during the summer."



Ginormica, voiced by Reese Witherspoon, powers through the atmosphere in a scene from DreamWorks Animation's 3D film, 'Monsters vs. Aliens.'

The Associated Press

ATTHEMOVIES

By Roger Ebert
Universal Press Syndicate

"The Haunting in Connecticut"
(Horror, PG-13, 92 minutes).

Ghost story. Family moves into a big old mansion that hasn't been inhabited since the 1920s, for what turn out to be excellent reasons. Good acting and technical credits, but so many scares they threaten to become monotonous. With Virginia Madsen, Martin Donovan and Elias Koteas. Rating: Two stars.

"Monsters vs. Aliens"
(Animation, PG, 95 minutes).

Monsters from the 1950s are released from a secret federal prison to join the 49-foot, 11-inch Ginormica (voiced by Reese Witherspoon) in saving Earth from hostile aliens. Probably fun for younger kids, but lacks the humor and personality of earlier DreamWorks films such as Shrek. The 3-D, not as bright as 2-D, is more a distraction than enhancement. Rating: Two and a half stars.