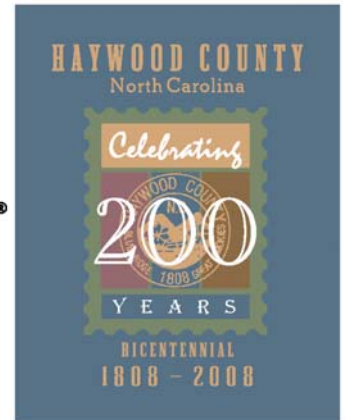


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Ghost Town in the Sky to Celebrate Haywood County's Bicentennial!

Maggie Valley, NC – On May 10 and May 11 Ghost Town in the Sky, Western North Carolina's mountain top theme park, will be hosting a Haywood County Bicentennial Celebration. Haywood County officially separated from Buncombe County in 1808, through a bill introduced in the North Carolina General Assembly by General Thomas Love. The bill became law on December 23, 1808 and Haywood County became official. Ghost Town in the Sky has been a landmark in Haywood County since 1961. Built in 1960 by Orangeburg entrepreneur R.B. Coburn, Ghost Town has a major influence on the most recent part of Haywood County. "It just makes a perfect fit to have a celebration at Ghost Town for the Bicentennial" says David King, Sales and Marketing Manager. "They are synonymous with each other."

This year is the 200th year celebration of Haywood County named in honor of the state treasurer John Haywood, who ironically never lived in or visited the region. After a donation of property by Robert Love, Waynesville was established as the county seat and the first public buildings were erected. Haywood Bicentennial Commissioner Mary Ann Enloe, "This is a wonderful time to be a citizen of Haywood County; we have such a rich history and culture to celebrate this year and look forward to a wonderful event at Ghost Town."

Haywood County Residents Can Be a Buckaroo Again!

Ghost Town is celebrating the bicentennial by giving all Haywood County residents a special \$8.00 discount per ticket on May 10 and May 11. "Be a Buckaroo Again;" everyone that shows proof of Haywood County residency on this Bicentennial weekend will receive a \$22.00 ticket, which is the price of a child ticket. "This is a wonderful savings for the residents of Haywood County and a great way to relive your childhood and memories created in years past," says King.

Ghost Town in the Sky is a Haywood County landmark that will re-open for the season on May 2, 2008. The mile-high, Wild-West theme park boasts live-action shows, rides for all ages, music and shopping. More information can be found by visiting www.GhostTownintheSky.com. Special 2008 season packages are on sale now. Any questions please contact David King (828) 926-1140 x334 or email dking@ghosttowninthesky.com.

For complete information on Haywood County history, please visit the North Carolina room of the Haywood County Public Library in Waynesville. In addition, a new history of the county commissioned by the Haywood County Board of Commissioners will be published later this year as part of the Bicentennial celebration.

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