

S.A.F.E. gala coming in February

S.A.F.E., Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, Inc. will hold the 10th Annual Charity GALA on February 5th, and will be held at Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa. We are looking forward to seeing you again this year for not only a wonderful evening of dinner, dancing, and auctions, but to help in unmasking the violence in Towns & Union counties. Tickets can be purchased at our thrift stores in Blairsville & Hiwassee, as well

as through this website: events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=bgco66dab&oeidk=a07e38vdqjn8285b2e3 Tickets are \$60 each or 2 for \$100. This is a black tie optional event. A portion of the ticket price is tax deductible.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please call 706-379-1901.

Donations of new items for the auction are being accepted now! NT(Jan12,M1)SH

Arrest and Fire Reports

Local law enforcement provides the following information for publication. Names are spelled as they were when received from the law enforcement agencies. It is important to remember that the following individuals have been charged only and are presumed innocent until such time as they are found guilty by a court or enter a guilty plea.

ARREST REPORT Towns County Jail Sheriff-Chris Clinton

- 01/02/11 Zachary Daniel Bryson, age 18, Lilburn, GA Possession, manu, distrib, etc. of control subs. or MAJA; penal (2 counts), possession & use of drug related objects
- 01/02/11 Daniel Claude Ford, age 21, Lilburn, GA Possession, manu, distrib, etc. of control subs. or MAJA; penal (2 counts), possession & use of drug related objects
- 01/02/11 Devin Gage McKinney, age 17, Lilburn, GA Possession, manu, distrib, etc. of control subs. or MAJA; penal (2 counts), possession & use of drug related objects, headlights
- 01/03/11 Rebecca Ann Watkins, age 51, Andrews, NC Deposit account fraud
- 01/04/11 Shawn William Duvall, age 19, Hayesville, NC Probation violation
- 01/06/11 Richard Allen Baker, age 33, Blairsville, GA Possession of marijuana misdemeanor
- 01/06/11 Amanda Marie Murphy, age 24, Young Harris, GA Penalty for failure to appear, possession of marijuana misdemeanor
- 01/08/11 Kristina Marie Sparks, age 24, Hiwassee, GA Probation violation

Towns Mentors celebrate 10 years

January is National Mentor Month. National Mentor Month is the time of year when our nation spotlights the importance of mentors and the need for every child to have a caring adult in their life. When you serve as a mentor, you enrich your own life as much as you do the life of the child. A mentor is simply someone who has a consistent and positive presence in the life of a young person. Whether they play sports, board games, help with homework, or just hang out and talk, the fact that they show up and take a genuine interest in the child's life is what makes the most difference. Research shows that volunteer mentors can play a powerful role in reducing drug abuse and youth violence as well as boosting academic achievement. Mentors help to build young people's character and confidence, expand their universe, and help them navigate a path to success. To be a mentor you do not need any special skills, just an ability to listen and offer friendship, guidance, and encouragement to a young person. You will be amazed by how much you will get out of the experience.

The Towns County Mentor Program is celebrating 10 years in 2011. The Men-

tor Program is supported by Towns County Family Connection, in cooperation with the Towns County School System. Family Connection is a non-profit organization whose goal is to improve the lives of families and children within our community. Our mentors are men and women from both the community and Young Harris College. The mentor program provides services to students enrolled in Towns County Schools. The Towns County Mentor Program wants to thank each and every mentor that has helped make our program a success for the past 10 years. For further information about the Towns County Mentor Program contact Cynthia Wood at 706-896-4131 ext. 1235. T(Jan12,F1)SH

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isn't looking good for Towns County students because temperatures aren't expected to be enough above freezing for the rest of the week to make secondary roads sufficiently passable to test those big yellow school buses.

"We're not going to take any chances with safety, that much I'm certain of in

TC Fire Department RESPONSE REPORT From: Fire Chief Mitchell Floyd



01/01/11	Mt. Pleasant	Med Assist
01/02/11	Main Hiaw	Landing Zone
01/02/11	Ivy Log Gap	Med Assist
01/02/11	Hillside	Med Assist
01/02/11	Church	Med Assist
01/02/11	Hillside	Med Assist
01/02/11	Lovingood	Med Assist
01/03/11	Hillside	Med Assist
01/03/11	Dyer	Med Assist
01/03/11	Cunningham	Cancelled en route
01/03/11	Gumlog	Med Assist
01/03/11	BelAire	Med Assist
01/03/11	Main Hiaw	Controlled Burn
01/03/11	Hillside	Med Assist
01/04/11	Watercrest	Med Assist
01/04/11	Hillside	Med Assist
01/04/11	St. Hwy 66	Med Assist
01/04/11	75 N	MVA no injuries
01/04/11	76 W	Med Assist
01/05/11	Heathers Cove	Med Assist
01/05/11	St. Hwy 180	Med Assist
01/05/11	Laurel Lane	Med Assist
01/06/11	Bell Creek	Med Assist
01/06/11	Cottage Hill	Med Assist
01/06/11	Buck Run	Med Assist
01/06/11	Hooper Cove	Assist other Agency
01/06/11	Upper Bell	Med Assist
01/06/11	City Hall	Landing Zone
01/06/11	Fodder Creek	Controlled Burn
01/07/11	Martin Circle	Med Assist
01/07/11	Murphy	Med Assist
01/07/11	River	Med Assist

Baroque concert in Brasstown

The Brasstown Concert Association welcomes the New Year on January 23 as the four artists of Ensemble Vermillian perform on Baroque instruments. The program features the music of Bach, Buxtehude, Bertali and other masters of the German Baroque.

Founded in 2000 by sisters Frances Blaker and Barbara Blaker Krumdieck, Ensemble Vermillian explores the potential for color and texture possible in transcribing virtuoso Baroque repertoire for the performers' individual instruments. This approach is very much at home in the world of Baroque music and presents opportunities to appreciate new aspects of a composer's work. The distinctive

chemistry of the sisters on recorder and cello entwines with the artistry of David Wilson on Baroque violin and Henry Lebendinsky on harpsichord to create an outstanding quality of engagement with the music, each other and the audience.

Ensemble Vermillian performs on Sunday, January 23, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. in Keith House, John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC. No reservations are required and seating is by general admission. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7 for students, and may be purchased at the door. For details, call a BCA Board member at 828-389-4210 or 828-389-2595, or email brasstownconcertnews@gmail.com. NT(Jan12,C3)

3rd grade Star Students for December 2010



Back row: L-R: Dakota Edge, Jamison Wood, Courtney Nicholson, Cullen Johnson, Jeremiah Lindemuth. Front row: Trinity Nichols, Tori Anderson, Hope Kimsey, Kaylee Wright, Vanessa Mitchell. T(Jan12,F2)SH

4th grade Star Students for December 2010



Back row: L-R: Devyn Burrell, James Norton, Kristen Byers, Laura Burch. Front row: Cristal Figueroa, Lawson Hampton, Emily Williams. Not pictured: Danny Reagan. T(Jan12,F1)SH

5th grade Star Students for December 2010



Back row: L-R: Alexis King, Lydia Moss, Lexi Walton, Brandon Shirley, Zachary Kimsey. Front row: Sara Beth Hobbs, Kaine Hoffman, Sadie Eller. T(Jan12,F3)SH