

# Chamber Chronicles

The official source of Towns County Chamber News

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## ArtWorks

### Artisan Centre's Artist Spotlight

Roland Hardee, Featured Artist of the Month, at ArtWorks

When Roland Hardee sees a tree he is actually envisioning a beautiful turned bowl, a table or chair, or some other useful item or accessory.

Hardee has had the desire to work with wood since of frustration and pride. It wasn't until Hardee met an accomplished woodworker who invited him to spend time with him in his workshop, that he experienced the

ultimate joy in woodworking. As Hardee puts it he was "sawdust anointed." Hardee is constantly honing his skills, learning something new with each project he undertakes.

Come to ArtWorks to meet and talk with this talented woodworker. After seeing Hardee's work you'll look at a fallen tree in a whole new light. Wood becomes synonymous with beauty. Hardee will be at ArtWorks Artisan Centre on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. ArtWorks is located at 308 Big Sky Drive.

### Member Calendar of Events

**January 30 at 8 p.m. - The Problem with Pluto at Rollins Planetarium.** For details, call (706) 379-3111 or **HYPERLINK** "http://www.yhc.edu" www.yhc.edu

**Feb. 7th at 2:30 p.m. - Moscow Nights & Golden Gates at the Peacock Playhouse.** Call (828) 389-2595 for tickets and details.

## Angel's Chamber Messages



### Community Events

#### Old Fashioned Square Dance

Join us each Monday in Hiawassee, at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center (two blocks behind - south of the town square, beside the Courthouse, 48 River St.). Old Fashioned Square Dance lessons are free. This is not Western Square Dance but rather Big Circle (shew-fly, grapevine, etc.) with basic clogging demos. Help us revive this lost art, come once or every lesson. Sponsor: Towns County Historical Society, PO Box 1182, Hiawassee, GA (706) 896-1060.

## Towns County Tourism Association Updates

The Towns County Tourism Association is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruize-In Car show Aug. 12-14 at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. This event was a tremendous success last year bringing more than 5,000 visitors to the community. A community meeting will be held at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds on Thursday, Feb. 11th at 5:30 p.m. in the Anderson Music

Hall, Rakes Parish, promoter of the show will be discussing the community involvement to make the 2010 show even more successful. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Contact Jane Holland at (706) 896-4966 for more details.

The next Towns County Tourism Association Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 9th at 8:30 a.m. at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds Office.

**Member Benefit of the Month - Discounted Insurance!** As a member of the Towns County Chamber of Commerce, you will have the buying power of a large company through Member Care Alliance. Contact the Chamber at 706.896.4966 for more details.

### Meeting Date

The next Towns County Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 4th at the Chamber Office at 11 a.m.

## Bank of Hiawassee has commitment to community



Main Office, Operations Center and Ingles Branch: sitting: Jenni Ihrig, Rebecca King, Elois Anderson, Mickey Shearouse, Betty Wilson, Janice Moody, Kerry Rogers, Miriam Carroll, Lisa Walls, Leslie Shields, Simon Dixon. Standing: Bonnie Cater, Ron Tredway, Sharon Edwards, Tonya King, Keith Caudell, Robyn Roach, Jacque Bentley, Vivian Osborn, Sharon Hooper, Karen Garrett, Gail Rogers, Cheryl Murray, Jane Hindsman, Kim Winn, Ginny Shirley, Valerie Chastain, Kay Yandell, Fraser Payne, Raelen Hamlett, Jamie Evans, Donna Owens, Ron Tomczyk, Elaine Jordan, Keisha Dye, Guin Neal, Ann Manson, Kim Sisco, Joyce Vaught, Wendy Gibson.

Bank of Hiawassee, Blairsville and Blue Ridge employees came up with a unique and memorable idea for celebrating the Bank's 100th anniversary. Early last year our employees gathered and set a goal to volunteer 1,000 hours, of their spare time, to commemorate the Bank's centennial. By mid-year the eager employees had met their goal. Then Keith Caudell, President and CEO, challenged the employees to serve an additional 1,000 hours by year end. With enthusiasm and vigor our employees accepted and proceeded to exceed the new goal by the end of the 3rd quarter! By the end of the fourth quarter, employees had volunteered an astounding 800 hours, bringing our year end total number of hours served, to a whopping 2,800 hours. Now that's a celebration!

Day after day, season after season, and year after year our employees have served faithfully and tirelessly in order to prosper and grow our communities. It is because of this commitment to our customers and communities that we are celebrating 100 years of banking in Northeast Georgia. You Belong Here! NTJan27-A12gg



Bank of Blairsville: sitting: Vanessa Cox, Amanda Hughes, Jeanette Warden, Misti Dockery, Debi Kohler. Middle row: Joey Swanson, Rachel Dyer, Emily Price, Melanie Hughes, Jana Martin, Karen Bailey, Katie Falls, Kayla Whitener, Susan Zollinger, Tim Brock. Back row: Marty Harrell, Jean Jones, Eddie Temple, Tony Dyer.



Young Harris office: Carolyn Dills, Sherri Derflinger, Cenlya Galoway, Elizabeth Ingram

## Young Harris College to present staged reading of 'Wit'

Young Harris College's Theatre Young Harris and the Division of Humanities will co-present a staged reading of Margaret Edson's 1999 Pulitzer Prize-winning play Wit, on Tuesday, Feb. 2. The free event will begin at 8 p.m. in Glenn Auditorium of the Clegg Fine Arts Building on the Young Harris College campus. No tickets are required, and the event is open to the public.

In this profound and humorous play, renowned English professor Dr. Vivian Bearing reassesses her life and her work after being diagnosed with Stage IV ovarian cancer.

The staged reading includes Young Harris College students and faculty, as well

as two guest actors in the lead roles.

The playwright, Edson, will be in attendance for this special event and will lead a panel discussion following the performance. The discussion panel also includes a health communication scholar, two physicians, two women with different types and stages of cancer, the director of Regency Hospice in Hiawassee, Ga., and a historian well-versed in Wit and its use in medical schools across the country.

The play contains some adult language and is recommended for mature audiences.

For more information, call the Young Harris College Box Office at (706) 379-4307.

Theatre Young Harris is a performing arts organization of Young Harris College. Each season, the theatre company presents a full lineup of notable productions, including full-length musicals, innovative dramas, classic plays, children's shows and more. Auditions are open to students, faculty and staff of Young Harris College as well as the community. Theatre Young Harris is directed by Eddie Collins, chair of the theatre department at Young Harris College.

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## Men's Morning Coffee Group

Regency Hospice announces Men's Morning Coffee Group at Victoria's Bake Shop at 2386 Young Harris Hwy. in Blairsville. For men who have lost a spouse, partner, or experienced other losses and would like to share with other men, please join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information, please call Jan Dereaux, Chaplain at Regency Hospice, GA at our toll free number 1-800-577-8791 or 706-896-1251. NTJan27,SC1

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## Calling chili cooks and chili lovers

It's time to dust off your recipes and get ready for the 2010 "Fire In the Mountains Chili Cook-off" to be held on Saturday, May 29, on the square in Hiawassee, Georgia.

All proceeds will again benefit the Towns County Fire Department and the event is sponsored by the Towns County Fire Corps Inc. The registration form and rules and the day's schedule are all on their website www.townscounty-firecorps.org.

A new part of the event will be an early morning 5k Run and Walk Race and there will be more entertainment,

monetary prizes for First, Second, Third, and also a People's Choice prize. Break out those

recipes and come have a fun day cooking in the mountains.

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**WEEKLY SPECIALS:**

TUESDAYS: Crispy Frog Legs  
WEDNESDAYS: Oyster Night  
THURSDAYS: Crab Legs-All You Can Eat

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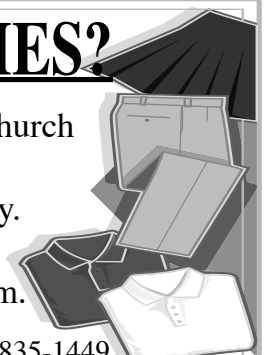
EARLY BIRD: 5pm-6pm • HAPPY HOUR: Tues.-Sat. 4pm-6pm  
Tuesday-Thursday: 4pm-9pm • Friday & Saturday: 4pm-10pm

3493 Highway 76W • Young Harris, Georgia 30582  
Located at The Ridges Resort • Reservations: 706-896-4141

## NEED CLOTHES?

Harmony Grove Baptist Church now has a Clothing Bank open beginning in February. We will be open every Tuesday from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

For more information, call 706-835-1449



## Homecoming date change

Due to a wrestling conflict Homecoming has been moved to Saturday, February 6, 2010. It will be at half time of varsity boys game. Senior Night will be the following weekend on Friday, February 12. TJJan27,G1SH

**ATTENTION!!!**

**Veterans & Widows/Widowers of Veterans Should attend:**

**HONORING AMERICA HEROES VETERANS WORKSHOP**

- **LEARN** how you may qualify for a monthly benefit of up to \$2,042 per month, even if you did not retire from the Military.
- **WHY** you should NOT transfer your assets to your children & grandchildren
- **LEARN** how to **PROTECT** your home & nest egg from the costs of Long Term Care
- **WHEN** a Will may not be sufficient!
- **LEARN** how NOT to make the 3 most common mistakes
- **WHAT** most advisors can't tell you about VA Benefits!

**Featuring:**

**J. Kevin Tharpe - Elder Law / Estate Planning Atty**  
Accredited Attorney by the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs

**Workshop Date and Location:**

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 4, 2010  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Brasstown Valley Resort  
Young Harris, GA

**Reserve your seat by calling:**  
**706-970-9701**

**Seating Is Limited • Admission is FREE**

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