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\$4,200, not including silent auction items, to help one of the best causes in the state. Those shooters included 4-H Club teams, Chatuge Gun Club members and deputies from neighboring counties. The real shooter was Dick Fille, who knocked down 49 out of 50 Clay Birds. In 2009, he hit 50 out of 50. Annual support for the trap shoot event is support for at risk children, Sheriff Clinton said. "The children are our future and all kids are special," he said. "The kids in the Youth Homes, they haven't done anything wrong, these are at risk children. The Sheriff's Association does a great job

mentoring these kids and giving them a chance to be successful adults. "To me, is there anything more rewarding or important than giving a hand to a child?" he asked. "It's a wonderful feeling to give a child a chance to succeed in life. The kids who go through the youth homes, they turn out great." Nurtured through the Youth Homes, many of the young people who emerge from the experience become some of our leading citizens, Sheriff Clinton said. "Doctors, lawyers, you name it," he said. "It's certainly a cause that I believe in. "It's a home-type environment with traditional American values," he said.

"They get taken care of educationally, medically. For as long as they'll stay in school, the sheriffs will support them. "I personally support it, I give them money and I know a lot of Towns County citizens support them," he said. "The trap shoot was great last year and it's looking really good again this year." The event features shooting awards, silent auctions, and raffles for prizes. Numerous door prizes, which have been donated by local businesses, will be distributed to participants. The sheriff says that even if you're not a shooter, come and participate in the various silent auctions and raffles for excellent prizes.

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team's participation in summer basketball camps. The team hopes to raise enough money to attend basketball camps during the offseason. "We're having a camp here, and then we go over to Union County for another camp; the varsity (veteran players) will go to camps at Georgia and Clemson," Lady Indians' Head Basketball Coach Jim Melton said. The money is important. The Lady Indians will host their first team camp with five different schools during the summer months. They'll face Hayesville, NC, Murphy, NC, Walhalla, SC, and Copper Basin, Tenn. Those teams will bring junior varsity and varsity teams, Coach Melton said. "Nantahala, NC is coming down with just their junior varsity," Coach Melton said. "We're going to run two varsity teams and

one junior varsity team." Coach Melton, who helped the players during the annual car wash experience, was confident that the day would yield the necessary funds to help pay for those critical basketball camps. Basketball camps will make a huge difference heading into the 2011-2012 basketball season. "We lost two seniors, Jordan Moss and Crystal Bishop," he said. "Jordan was a starter for four years and now she's headed to Young Harris College to play. "We've got almost everyone back and hopefully we'll pick up where we left off," Coach Melton said. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors each took part in the experience as they washed any vehicle regardless of make and model. Each player had a

drying towel, a sponge and some elbow grease as they washed away the day by scrubbing down automobiles. Family and friends of the Lady Indians also took part in the annual Hamburger and Hot Dog Plate sale. The plates consisted of hot dogs or hamburgers, fresh veggies, baked beans and a dessert treat. Folks were lining up to take advantage of the food plate deals. Coach Melton said the event was an overall success. "We had \$2,400 (hot dog and hamburger plates) already pre-sold, we've raised \$300 from the car wash and we've sold I'm not sure how many plates today," Coach Melton said. "This is a one-day fundraiser for us, and we make up a huge portion of the money we need right here."

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show their bikes off to the whole community and have everyone come out to The Ridges. "We're going to have a fireworks show, folks can come out to The Ridges, watch the fireworks, eat some pulled pork and look at the bikes," he said. "There's a live band and it's going to be a lot of fun." Also during the rally, riders will partake in field events like a scavenger hunt, that is designed to help the riders familiarize themselves with the local community and its businesses. They'll also attend club events that include concerts and other forms of entertainment – possibly a golf tournament. A shuttle service will be available to take the riders to local destinations.

They'll also go on guided motorcycle rides through the mountains. The event is one of 50 held throughout the country each year in each state of the Union. Harley Owners Groups are factory-sponsored by Harley Davidson Motorcycle Company. The Georgia Rally was held in Helen in 2009 and Jekyll Island in 2010. Grandowski says a H.O.G. Rally is like a family reunion. "You can bet if a H.O.G. rider is in trouble, he'll have all the help he can handle at one of these events," Grandowski said. "It's like a family reunion. You might not see these folks again for another year, but when you're at a rally, you remember them like you've

known them all your life." The attraction of Hiawassee to H.O.G. members is the quality of rides that the North Georgia Mountains has to offer each rider. It's only the second time the rally has been held in the pristine North Georgia Mountains. As for the mystique behind Harley riders, the average age of H.O.G. members is 35 and up. Most of the members are doctors, lawyers, and business professionals. "They're not the Harley riders you grew up watching on television," Grandowski said. "These are people of financial means and they love riding their bikes. They love the mountains because it's a great place to ride a Harley."

# Towns Homeowners to meet

County residents are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Towns County Homeowners Association, Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Senior Center in Hiawassee at 7 p.m. Four speakers will answer questions regarding important local topics. Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall, Charley Kraus, Rick Stancil and Fire Chief Mitch Floyd will be the guest speakers. The group also will elect officers for the next two years.

The expedition wouldn't have been complete without refreshment stops along the way as 90-degree temperatures left sight-seers a bit on the thirsty side. Those stops included England Hiawassee Garden Club Center, Brasstown Valley Resort, Strut's Shoe Store and of course, the Chamber of Commerce headquarters. Jane Holland of the Towns County Tourism Association said that everyone was extremely enthusiastic about the first garden tour. "It was a tremendous success," she said. "It was the first tour and it won't be the last. The gardens were in great shape and those that took part in the tour were very pleased to take part on this journey."

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# Concert at Brasstown Community Center June 11

The "Just Us" Bluegrass Band will be playing at the Brasstown Community Civic Center Saturday, June 11. The door opens at 6 p.m.; music begins at 7 p.m. Hot dog plates, homemade cobbler and refreshments available. Admission is \$5. The community center is located in Brasstown at 255 Settawig Road across from the Brasstown Post Office. For more information contact Clay Logan 828-837-3797. The "Just Us" Bluegrass Band is an exciting band based out of East Tennessee. The band formed in September of 2006 and has played many venues around Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky and Alabama. The members of "Just Us" has many years of on stage experience and has the ability to perform many different styles of music including contemporary, traditional and gospel with that added bluegrass flair. The band prides itself with strong vocals, tight harmonies and solid picking. Band members are B.J. Taylor plays mandolin and sings harmony and lead with



B.J. Taylor, Stacy Wilson, Teresa Wilson and Blake Atkins "Just Us". He started playing mandolin around the age of 14. In his spare time, he enjoys practicing his luther skills hand crafting Mandolins. Stacy Wilson plays guitar and sings lead with "Just Us". He's been playing since age 14. Stacy's superb singing and driving rhythm rivals anyone in the business. Stacy is also an accomplished banjo, mandolin and bass player. Teresa Wilson plays bass and sings tenor for "Just Us", is married to Stacy Wilson and has become his

# The Musselwhite Family in concert at Folk School

The Musselwhite Family will be featured in a free concert of bluegrass music at The John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Weather permitting, the concert will be held in the Festival Barn, but those attending are urged to park near Keith House or the Dining Hall and walk to the Festival Barn where there will be only a limited number of handicapped parking spaces available. In the barn there is hay bale seating, so audience members may wish to bring a lawn chair for comfort. In the event of threatening weather, the concert will be moved to the Keith House Community Room. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. The Musselwhite Family's bluegrass band may have some of the youngest pickers around, but age isn't a factor when you listen to their close



The Musselwhite Family family harmony and hard driving instrumentals. Upcoming concert series performers at the Folk School include The Blessed Blend (June 17) and the duo Hickman and Devine (June 24).. The Friday night concert

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included City Hall and the City Park Restrooms, McEachern Street well pumps, Swanson Street well pumps, Main Street well pumps and the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Mayor Andrea Gibby said. The project was originally scheduled for completion in March, but the final stage of the project – flipping the switch – was completed last week. The money saved by the solar project will reduce the city's power costs and allow more money to be used for public services, Mayor Gibby said.

and cross-walk improvements as possibilities for the future phases. This is the fourth grant that the mayor and city council has secured in the past couple of years. Totaling more than \$1.5 million, the city has used this funding to improve the water infrastructure and add solar panels to 6 government buildings. The mayor and city council are committed to securing funding that can be used to enhance the beauty and safety of the city. The TE grant was an extremely competitive process with only 15 projects awarded in the 10th congressional district. The city is honored to have been selected as a winner. T(0608,F2)CA

# STAGE YOUR HOME FOR SALE

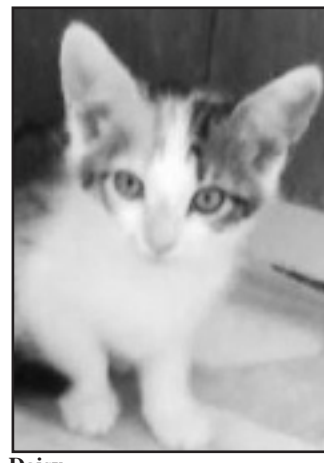
By Jeanne Mills, Realtor



Upgrade your home exterior to sell This is a tough real estate market; you need all the help you can get to sell your home. There is an old saying that, if it doesn't look good from the street, they'll never get out of the car, is so true. A recent column in the Atlanta Journal Constitution, (www.ajc.com 5/18/11) addressed the need to stand out in this huge market by improving the curb appeal of your property. The article discussed cost vs. value of some improvements. Turns out, changes to the façade top the list in terms of investments with the best rate of return. So once again, here's a list of small projects to make your house stand out: paint the front door and replace the hardware if corroded; repair and paint porch railings; clean gutters; pressure wash house. Be sure your driveway is level; no holes or ruts, or weeds. Pull out any dead bushes; keep

grass cut; and plant a few bushes, and flowers near the front steps. Apply stucco, then paint the concrete block on your basement siding. Leaving it unfinished is a turn-off, even in the woods. Somewhat more expensive projects might include a barrier hedge to separate and block unsightly views. This is strongly recommended even if it was only suggested once before by a friend, an agent or even mother-in-law! If your garage door is old, rotten replace it to make the front look neat. Fresh paint adds the biggest impact for the least amount of money. The AJC suggests doing research to find what colors are appropriate for your home's style. Once you've priced it at today's market value, use a little money and time to fix up your exterior before listing it. If you want a copy of the article call me at 706-745-3500. NT(0608,W4)CA

# Adopt-a-Shelter Cat Month



Daisy June is national Adopt-A-Shelter-Cat Month. This is to make people aware of the millions of cats in shelters across the country. We are a no-kill shelter, so we do not euthanize because of overcrowding. We can only take in as many as we have room for, so when you adopt from us you give that animal a home and free a space for another in need. Kitten season is here, so there are very many to choose from (like Daisy pictured here) as well as our adult cats. If you're looking to bring a new friend into your home, please make it a shelter animal. All Castaway's cats and kittens are vaccinated, spayed or neutered and almost always litter box trained. Pick out a new cuddly kitten, or if you want a more mature or laid back cat, an adult would be a good choice. Adults have developed their personalities, so you can choose the one that fits you.

Call June to make an appointment to visit the shelter to find your new companion at 706-379-2169 or visit our website castawaycritters.org to see the adoptable cats and dogs. NT(0608,W1)CA

# Bereavement support group

NOTE: New times and locations for Regency Hospice Bereavement support Groups: 1st Thursday of each month 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. at United Community Bank in Blairsville. 3rd Thursday of each month 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. at Bank of Blairsville, Blairsville. Welcome to a community bereavement support group. A place to share your thoughts and feelings and grow together with others who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The group is presented by Regency Hospice and will be facilitated by Suzanne Repp, LCSW. There is no charge to join this group. Please call 800-577-8791 or 706-896-1251 for more information. Suzanne Repp, Bereavement Counselor. NT(0608,Z1)CA