

## FarmersMarket to open June 6



You are invited to come support your Towns County Farmers Market opening for the season on Saturday, June 6, 2020. We are still located at the entrance to the beach area on Hwy. 76 West across from the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. The tents should be going up soon to keep the sun off the produce and the customers.

We also invite our past vendors, as well as new ones, to come set up early, tables and tents are free on a first come, first serve basis. Of course, Sheliela will be at the first table on the left with lots of native plants for your flower beds, jellies and jams, and her organic veggies. She will have kale and collards, spinach, turnips, potatoes, and some baked goods from her kitchen. Who knows what others will bring. It's always fun to see who brings something new each week.

The market is open from 9 a.m. to noon each Saturday, but come early to get the pick of it all. Call Joan Crothers, 706-896-6240 for more information. See you Saturday, before you go anywhere else.

## Mountain Home Music Theater

Mountain Home Music Theater will reopen June 6 at 7 PM featuring Roy Perren as Elvis. The building has been thoroughly cleaned and sprayed for your safety. Please, everyone, wear a mask and you will be seated!

Mountain Home Music Theater is located 2.5 miles west of Hiwassee on Hwy. 76. Look for the red building and the flashing sign!

For more info call 706-896-3624. NT(Jun3,F1)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. Addresses of persons under arrest are no longer available from Sheriff's Office.

### ARREST REPORT

Towns County Jail  
Sheriff-Chris Clinton

- 5/28/20 Bobby Justin Kitchens, age 38  
Probation violation (2 counts)
- 5/26/20 Aaron Dale Patterson, age 31  
Probation violation
- 5/26/20 Gregory Scott Stroud, age 43  
Driving while license suspended or revoked, Knowingly driving vehicle on suspended, cancelled or revoked registration, Possession of meth, Possession & use of drug-related objects, Probation violation (2 counts)
- 5/30/20 Donald Harold Tomlinson, age 34  
Probation violation
- 5/29/20 James Arnold Couch, age 67  
DUI - alcohol, Open container in vehicle
- 5/26/20 Evan Alexander Ensing, age 21  
DUI - alcohol, Tag light illumination required
- 5/29/20 Jason Levon Garrett, age 46  
Possession & use of drug-related objects, Possession of methamphetamine
- 5/25/20 Meagan Darlene Mullins, age 23  
Driving w/out valid license, Improper lane usage
- 5/27/20 Lisa Elizabeth Nichols, age 44  
Marijuana - possess less than 1 oz., Possession & use of drug-related objects, Possession of meth, Possession of meth w/ intent to distribute
- 5/27/20 Terry Lynn Nichols, age 52  
Marijuana - possess less than 1 oz., Possession & use of drug-related objects, Possession of firearm or knife during commission or attempt to commit, Possession of meth, Possession of meth w/ intent to distribute

### TC Fire Department RESPONSE REPORT

From: Fire Chief Harold Copeland



- 5/20/20 No calls
- 5/21/20 1 Medical call
- 5/22/20 2 Medical calls
- 1 False alarm
- 5/23/20 2 Cancelled en route
- 1 Landing zone
- 1 Motor vehicle accident
- 2 Medical calls
- 5/24/20 1 Medical call
- 1 Cancelled en route
- 1 Motor vehicle accident
- 4 Medical calls
- 5/25/20 4 Medical calls
- 5/26/20 1 Gas leak
- 1 Public assist

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of complexities that have come along with the potential purchase.

Kelley explained that he and Mayor Andrea Gibby attended a conference call earlier that day with United Community Bank, the Georgia Municipal Association, and a representative from the Atlanta-based legal firm Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, Attorneys at Law.

"The purpose was to discuss the complexities of this loan, since it cannot be a simple real estate loan that we are used to, residential or even commercial," Kelley said. "So, United Community Bank contacted the law firm to assist with this matter, since they are not normally in the business of loaning money to municipalities."

Added Kelley, "The loan will actually be made to GMA, and we will have a document called a lease purchase agreement with GMA, and they will be the purchaser of record. Once we have fully paid off the loan, it becomes ours, but that is the way that it has to be done."

Young Harris resident Kathy Hughes attended the called meeting, and she asked for more information about the loan, which Kelley thereafter worked to justify.

"We have a lot of people inquiring about using the current City Hall and the area for special events," Kelley said. "We have a lot more requests

than we are able to honor, and we are improving the city park, making it a lot more usable for the public.

"As we use more facilities at the current park, we are going to need a larger area to conduct city business. We are anticipating, over the next 10 years, significant expansion of business within the valley.

"Now that the bypass is a reality, it gives us a chance to truly create a pedestrian-friendly city where people can enjoy the amenities that we hope to be here."

In response, Hughes advised the city that now might not be the best time to be taking on such an ambitious project.

"All that is good, but in this economic time, I think going into debt is the wrong thing to do," Hughes said. "I do have a little bit of experience with this because I have been in real estate for 43 years, and I also have a degree in banking and finance, so it is nothing new."

"I do think that anything that is done should be in a long-

term vision, but I cautiously tell you that I think you are doing it in the worst economic time of the nation."

The City Council will hold a public hearing at 6:40 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, to discuss the real estate situation.

As for Young Harris College, the council held a first reading of an ordinance to amend the Master Fee Schedule to reduce the monthly minimum bill for the college from \$9,069.90 to \$5,441.94 for three months.

The college had previously requested assistance with its bill, as students have not been on campus due to COVID-19, and lowering the monthly minimum would help the college save money.

A public hearing will also be held for this amendment on Tuesday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m., with a called meeting at 7 p.m. that same day. All three meetings on June 23 will take place in person at City Hall, with social distancing to be enforced.