

# 9/11 Memorial...from Page 1A

the Pentagon, those on the aircraft, the firefighters, law enforcement, the military and the thousands injured.

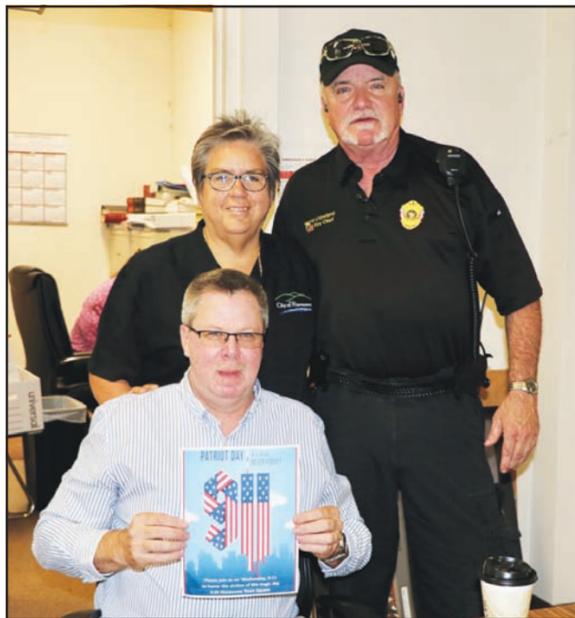
Senior Pastor Wade Lott of Macedonia Baptist Church will be the guest speaker, and his remarks will be followed by a playing of "Taps" on a brass horn.

Bradshaw will give closing remarks, after which the Appalachian Saint Andrew's Pipes and Drums will perform "Amazing Grace."

Pastor Donnie Jarrard of Enotah Baptist Church will deliver the benediction, and the event will close with the singing of "God Bless America."

The Towns County Courthouse and Hiwassee City Hall will be closed from 9:30-11 a.m. in honor of the event.

Ordiales has set up traffic control around the area with Police Chief Paul Smith and the Hiwassee Police Department, and the Towns County Sheriff's Office will be on hand as well.



Sole Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw, Hiwassee Mayor Liz Ordiales and Fire Chief Harold Copeland promoting the upcoming 9/11 memorial event in Towns County. Photo by Mark Smith

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"We only have seven poles, so we can only honor 14 people today, but we will continue to do this as a tradition every year.

"Banners will be up for the year, so every year around this time, around Labor Day, we will take these down and put up new ones, every year."

Ordiales called out the names of each veteran and active service member displayed on the banners, being sure to take pictures of the veterans, their families, and the families of the seven active military members who were honored that day.

The seven veterans honored with Hometown Hero banners are: Bud Johnson, U.S. Navy; Jim McKeral, U.S. Marine Corps; Charley Andrews, USN; Billy Foster, USN/Merchant Marines; Skip Peters, U.S. Army; Walt Shumway, Army; and Brandy Creel, U.S. Air Force.

The seven active service members honored with Hometown Hero banners are: Cody Williams, USN; William Hoffman, USMC; Tyler Davis, Army; Wesley Stephens, USN; Scott Cupit, Army; Melissa Conrad, Army; and Garrett Bradshaw, Army.

Retired Iwo Jima Veteran Clarence E. "Bud" Johnson served 38 years in the Navy and fought in World War II, and he delivered a few remarks at the ceremony.

"It's truly a blessing to be a part of Towns County," Johnson said. "I wake up every day and thank God for allowing me to call this community home for 54 years."

Following the celebration and unveiling of the banners, everyone in attendance made their way over to the Civic Center for Bill Rinaldo's musical military tribute.

"I don't know if I could have done what you people did, so this is just kind of a little way for me to give back a little bit," Rinaldo said prior to his performance.

Rinaldo dressed in digital camouflage and entertained a packed-out Civic Center, singing songs and telling jokes.

He said he performed that particular show several times a year, and that he loved doing it to honor and pay tribute to veterans everywhere, as well as all the active duty men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The entire Hiwassee City Council attended the event, along with Towns County Sole Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw.

Bradshaw's active duty military son, U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Garrett Bradshaw, was honored Saturday with a Hometown Hero banner on the square. Garrett recently graduated Ranger, Airborne and Air Assault schools.

The banners are displayed all around the Town Square for the community to see, and there's also a new flag depository in front of City Hall for American flags that are ready to be respectfully retired.



Hiwassee Mayor Liz Ordiales addressing those gathered for the Aug. 31 Hometown Heroes banner celebration. Photo by Chad Stack



Sole Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw and family posing with the Hometown Heroes banner for U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Garrett Bradshaw on Saturday. Photo by Chad Stack



Bill Rinaldo performing his musical military tribute as part of a special breakout session of the Enchanted Music on the Square series at the Civic Center on Saturday. Photo by Chad Stack

# So. Appalachian Modern Quilt Guild meeting

Come join us on the second Thursday of each month, 5:30 p.m. At Bless My Stitches quilt shop in Murphy, NC. Our guild serves the tri-state area of Western North Carolina, North Georgia and Eastern Tennessee. Come explore new ways to create Modern quilts.

Questions? Please contact our guild at: samqg2015@gmail.com. NT(Sep4,22)CA

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area at approximately 12:30 a.m., and a search warrant was executed at that residence.

A second person in the company of the suspect at the time was temporarily detained and later released when it was determined this person was not involved.

Consideration was given to the possibility of more than one suspect; however, no information was developed to corroborate that as a credible scenario.

At this time, the

investigation is still ongoing, and additional information will be released as it becomes available.

"As always, the Clay County Sheriff's Office is committed to keeping our community informed with timely and accurate information," the Sheriff's Office said. "Above all else, though, the men and women of the Clay County Sheriff's Office are dedicated to the safety of our community and stand ready at all times to answer that call. God bless."

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with the Georgia Department of Transportation, which approved the name change for the road leading out to the water department and sewer plant.

In other business, Councilwoman Anne Mitchell brought up the idea of implementing council and mayoral term limits, suggesting a maximum of two terms of four years apiece per elected office in Hiwassee.

Mitchell said that several years ago they sent a proposal off to the state legislature for two four-year terms, but because the council did not unanimously agree, the state legislature rejected the proposal.

"I don't like term limits," Councilwoman Amy Barrett said. "If you're doing a good job, why lose someone because of term limits? And I think it honestly kind of showed. We had three seats up, and we're a small, wanted city, and only one person wanted one of the seats.

"I think it could result in vacancies, people who didn't really want to be in there maybe taking the job, and unnecessary election fees and additional training costs. I just think that we are a small city, many of us are very educated, and if you don't like the job we're doing, then people can stand up and run against us or vote us out.

"Or if they like the job we're doing, then hey, vote us in, you know?"

Councilwoman Nancy Noblet seemed to agree with Barrett, stating that if the voters were happy or unhappy with any of the city council members, they could vote for or against that person or persons.

Further discussion of

term limits was tabled for a later date.

"The term limit situation, unless it is unanimous, it won't pass, so let's drop that, and we can certainly talk about it again in a couple of months if you guys want," Ordiales said. "And when the new council member is in, we can discuss it again."

In old business, Ordiales said the sewer plant expansion was underway and that things were moving along nicely, though she did mention a lightning strike from a recent storm that caused damage there.

"It blew up the sewer plant bad," Ordiales said. "We had fried panels. We had all kinds of fuses that were out. It was a mess. So, we had to start replacing things, and of course, our wonderful staff got on it, and we didn't miss a beat, but it was scary."

Prior to the work session, Economic Development Director Denise McKay, along

with four of the seven members of the newly formed Downtown Development Authority Board, held a meet and greet at City Hall.

The new Hiwassee DDA Board of Directors includes Herb Bruce, Judith Wieble, Tamela Cooper, Lindie Wright, Theresa Andrett, Maggie Oliver and Liz Ordiales.

McKay met with the new board members to present them with information packets and announce the date of the board's first official regular meeting, which will be Monday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

As to why they decided to become involved with the new DDA, Bruce, Wieble and Oliver all shared the same interest and goals, saying they wanted to help the city grow and develop to bring in more families and more jobs.

Cooper, Wright and Andrett were unable to make the meet and greet due to personal obligations with work and family.

The board will meet once a month following its inaugural meeting on Sept. 16.



Hiwassee Water Department Manager Carl Grizzle

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Bradshaw said. "That's what means the most to me, that people do care and people do want to help other people. And that's what makes our county so great. This county has more people involved in doing things than anywhere I've ever been to."

The Towns County Ninth District Food Pantry provides food for 250 families every week, Stephens said, noting

that the donation funds will help the new backpack service to give easy take-home meals to local students.

SRO Jarrard said the donation will help fund a drunk-driving simulator called Arrive Alive.

"We did this a couple of years ago," Jarrard said. "Every time we have had Arrive Alive come here, it's always been around prom."

The Arrive Alive simulator was designed in 2008 to bring awareness of the dangers and consequences of drunk driving, allowing students to experience what it's like to be behind the wheel of a vehicle while intoxicated.

The donation will also help Almost There Ministry Inc., a local halfway house that provides housing and support for recently incarcerated women struggling with addiction.

# Isakson...from Page 1A

a 2-centimeter renal cell carcinoma from one of his kidneys.

In 2016, Isakson won reelection with 54% of the vote and became the first Republican in Georgia to be elected to a third term in the U.S. Senate.

After more than three decades in the real estate business, Isakson became the only elected official in Georgia to serve in the Georgia House, the Georgia Senate, the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate.

For a third consecutive

term, Isakson is chairman of both the Senate Ethics Committee and the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, and he remains the only Republican in the Senate chairing two committees.

He also serves on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Johnny and his wife, Dianne, have been married since 1968. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

In a statement released last Wednesday, Rep. Doug Collins said that Isakson will be missed in Congress.

"Johnny Isakson has been a standard of public service and statesmanship for decades in Georgia," Collins said. "He's always drawn on his extensive roots in our state to deepen his advocacy for all Georgians. Johnny faithfully remembers the forgotten, including America's veterans. I've looked up to him as a mentor and still work to emulate him."

# Dorian...from Page 1A

After intensifying to Category 5 on Sunday, Dorian became "the strongest hurricane in modern records for the northwestern Bahamas," creating "catastrophic conditions" in the Abaco

Islands located just east of southern Florida, according to the National Hurricane Center.

Locally, Towns County Emergency Management Agency Director Brandon

Walls said first responders here were paying close attention to the storm.

"Our responders are as ready as always," Walls said. "Potential impacts to our area are still uncertain, so I'm just waiting to see."