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BOE talks finances, plans for late digest figures

By Shelly Knight
Towns County Herald
Staff Writer

The Towns County School Board dealt with the usual business on Monday, Nov. 4, approving upcoming field trips and personnel issues to include a substitute bus driver, paraprofessionals and substitutes teachers.

School Finance Director Myra Underwood touched on the system's finances through the end of September before discussing the 2024 property tax season.

"Sales tax for August and September and October has come in at \$892,000 as compared to last year at \$898,000," Underwood said. "We have not started collecting property taxes for fiscal year 2025 yet. Property taxes won't start coming in until the millage rate is set.

"So right now we've only received about 11% of our revenue but we are under budget for expenditures. The federal programs are just now starting to be approved. The first few months we have had to rely on our fund equity to get through until those funds

start to flow.

"We originally said we would talk about the five-year history of the millage rate (in tonight's meeting). I spoke with (Tax Commissioner) Michael Anderson today, and as of today, they still do not have anything to tell us about the rollback rate.

"We can't set the millage rate until we know what the assessors are doing. We don't have any information to bring to you to discuss what you want to do and if you want to accept the rollback.

"We did talk about possibly doing a called board meeting on Nov. 18 at 7:30 a.m. We would not be able to hold our meeting to approve it until the information runs in the paper, so that would be Dec. 5 at 7:30 a.m.

"That's assuming we get the information we need in time to make those dates," Underwood concluded.

Superintendent Dr. Darren Berrong said that receipt of the property tax digest and rollback millage rate figure "is the latest I've ever seen."

"And I don't understand it and I don't know why," Ber-



L-R: Towns County Board of Education Members David Phillips, Caroleen Woods, Stephanie McConnell, Sara Rogers and Brandon Grimsley with Superintendent Dr. Darren Berrong.

rong said. "I think we're the only county in the area that doesn't have this yet."

In other business, Berrong asked the board to approve continuing the 9th District contract for the kin-

dergarten/pre-school, which was approved.

"As you know, the kindergarten/pre-school is housed in our elementary school," Berrong said. "The contract with them is for us to be their

fiscal agent. They hire their own employees, but to qualify for retirement, they must be considered Towns County employees.

"So, the money flows through us. The board ap-

proves their hires, and all their pay runs through our system. This is the same contract and (Memorandum of Understanding) that we have had for many years, so I don't see any issues. See Board of Education, Page 7

YHC names John Wells new college president

News Special

Young Harris College is proud to announce that Dr. John W. Wells has been chosen to serve as its 24th President by a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees at its meeting on Nov. 8, 2024. Dr. Wells succeeds President Drew Van Horn, who is retiring at the end of the fall semester.

Dr. Wells previously served as Provost and Interim President of Young Harris from 2005 to 2009, during the College's transition from junior college to senior college.

He most recently served as Provost and later President of a fellow Methodist-affiliated institution, Emory & Henry College in Southwest Virginia, from 2017 to 2024, and was appointed as the institution's first Chancellor upon his retirement in July.

"I am honored to return to the Enchanted Valley," Dr. Wells said. "Young Harris has always been dear to my heart. This college is exceptionally well positioned to weather the

challenges facing higher education and provide Georgians and our neighbors with access to an outstanding liberal arts education for generations to come."

A native of East Tennessee, Dr. Wells is the son of two ministers in the United Methodist Church and served briefly as a minister himself before turning to a career in higher education. He earned his B.A. in History from Carson-Newman University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Tennessee.

He was an award-winning faculty member at Carson-Newman from 1993 to 2005, where he also served as Director of the Honors Program and Dean of Social Sciences.

From 2009 to 2016, he served as Executive Vice President at Mars Hill University in North Carolina, where he oversaw a 30% increase in enrollment, expanded academic offerings, and led the creation



John Wells

of the college's first graduate degree program.

From 2016 to 2017, he served as Associate General Secretary of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and Executive Secretary of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the UMC.

His time at Emory & Henry was marked by record enrollment and fundraising, a shift from NCAA Division III to Division II athletics, the

Movers & Shakers hear from local veterans

By Shelly Knight
Towns County Herald
Staff Writer

The Mountain Movers & Shakers nonpartisan civic organization honored veterans at its weekly meetup on Friday, Nov. 8 – just in time for Veterans Day.

Longtime group leader William "Scotty" Scott asked each veteran to stand and elaborate on his or her branch and years of service. He served in field artillery during the Vietnam War. The most common sentiment of all of the veterans, no matter when or where they served, was how grateful they were to be home. Towns County has about 4,000 veterans residing here.

Scott introduced Caleb Taylor, a young historian and patriot, to speak with guests and recognize veterans at the Sundance Grille meeting venue ahead of the patriotic holiday Nov. 11.

"Thank you for your service to our country," Taylor said. "It is more than just



VFW Post 7807 Cmdr. Mark Newman at the Movers & Shakers meeting on Friday. Photo by Shelly Knight

a date on the calendar. It is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by so many to protect the freedoms and the rights we hold dear.

"Our veterans come from all walks of life, and they share a common commitment to the values of courage and See Veterans Speak, Page 12

TCSO arrests three subjects in two incidents on Nov. 7

News Special

In two separate incidents on Thursday, Nov. 7, Towns County Drug Investigators made three arrests related to drug activity in Towns County.

The first incident involved Towns County Drug Investigators receiving information of drug activity in two different rooms at the Holiday

Inn Express located in the City of Hiawassee.

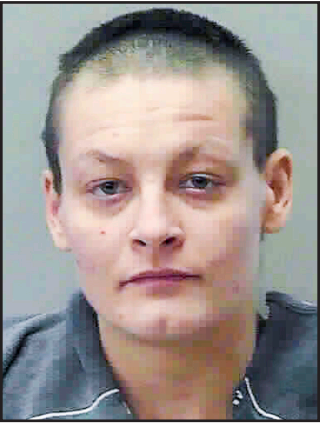
Probable cause was established and a search of the rooms was conducted, where a field-tested amount of methamphetamines was confiscated.

Two subjects were arrested on the scene: Hannah Jo Barajas, 26, Homeless, charged with felony posses-

sion of a controlled substance; and Kevin Lee Parson, 38, of Lula, charged with felony possession of a controlled substance.

The second incident took place at a residence in the Upper Bell Creek area where Towns County Drug Investigators were dispatched, and once again, probable cause

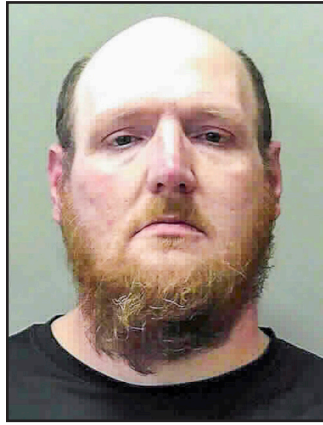
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Hannah Jo Barajas



Kevin Lee Parson



Cody Crane

Council OKs building permits, sets budget hearing

By Brittany Holbrooks
Towns County Herald
Staff Writer

The latest Young Harris City Council regular meeting was delayed due to the Nov. 5 election, taking place instead on Wednesday, Nov. 6.

Some important purchases were approved during the meeting, such as a new booster pump for the Laurel Hill lift station worth \$4,850, as well as a fireproof file cabinet to store minutes and audits that costs \$3,264.34, including shipping and unloading fees.

A big update on Councilman Dr. John Kelley's housing development came that night, as he submitted four building permits for the consideration – and later acceptance – by the rest of the council.

According to Kelley, the inner blueprint of the homes will all be similar, though there will be some changes to the outside aspects, such



Young Harris City Council Members Dr. John Kelley and Matt Miller in their regular meeting last week. Photo by Brittany Holbrooks

as garages, awnings or other facade variations. Kelley also shared that the buildings will be between 1,300 and 1,500 square feet, and 14 of them are planned to be built as part of the development.

As the floorplans are largely the same, permitting

for the remaining 10 homes will be conditionally approved so long as they comply with the common theme of the development and the original four houses as presented.

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Council Meeting...from Page 1



Young Harris Mayor Andrea Gibby and City Attorney Marvin Harkins at City Hall Nov. 6.
Photo by Brittany Holbrooks

completed a bore into water lines where the development is planned. Pressure tests are underway, and when finished, bacteria testing will ensure the pipes are clean and ready for use.

City Attorney Marvin Harkins and Finance Officer Ana Hess have been developing a new employee handbook, which Mayor Andrea Gibby introduced to the council. Following a discussion about changing the payroll week, a change in policy was suggested.

Paid time off (PTO) will replace sick and vacation days, allowing for a 30-minute lunch break for office hourly staff and a work week composed of 37.50 hours, covering payment for 40 hours. All employees will receive a minimum of one hour of PTO, but the standard amount will be 160 hours.

Moving to discussion of water and sewer issues, Public Works Supervisor Dean Stanley said that Timberline booster pump developers claimed work would begin on the new pump in two weeks, and all the city's new water meters have been installed.

In other news, problems have arisen due to runoff from a local car wash. "Grit" and chemicals from washing cars have flown into the sewer plant, killing bacteria and creating concerns for two houses near the property. According to Harkins, the business should have a grease trap, and conversations are set to follow between Kelley, Stanley and the car wash to resolve the issue.

Main Street Director Rosemary Royston shared a presentation on the Main Street Georgia initiative, going over everything that the organization has accomplished so far on a local level. For Young Harris, that involved the Master Plan, which has been in the works and was finally unveiled for the council.

Incorporating designs voted on by residents who attended planning sessions hosted by Main Street, the Master Plan lays out a blueprint for the city to grow responsibly while remaining flexible in regard to current projects.

The council approved the presentation, and next steps include looking into materials and funding for further

ideas, examining areas in need of development around the city and consulting the council and the public for ideas.

Economic Development Director Denise McKay offered some clues by sharing an economic development survey and revealing that several loans are available for ongoing projects. For her part, Gibby said that the loans were not necessary for infrastructure, but more helpful ones may be up for discussion at the January meeting.

The council set a Public Hearing for the 2025 Proposed Budget, to take place Thursday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m. inside Young Harris City Hall.

After the hearing, council members will consider a contract for the county to bill and collect Young Harris property taxes alongside county taxes.

Also in the upcoming meeting, council members will be giving City Clerk Nicolette Wade permission to advertise the 2024 Property Tax Digest and 5-Year History if the necessary figures are available from the Tax Commissioner's Office.

TCSO Arrests...from Page 1

was established and a search of the home was executed.

One subject was arrested on the scene: Cody Crane, 37, of Hiawassee, for misde-

meanor possession and use of drug-related object.

As always, Sheriff Ken Henderson commends his Drug Investigators for their hard

work and diligence in getting drugs out of this community.

All subjects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Board of Education...from Page 1

for approving this." Berrong also sought the board's consideration of a policy update for investing surplus funds.

"We were given a \$150,000 endowment to be used as scholarship money for qualifying seniors," Berrong said. "Until now, we have not had a policy in place for in-

vesting money, and this would give us the opportunity to invest any monies. We liked the policy from Dade County the best and would like to adopt something similar."

The principals of all three schools reported that sporting activities, parent involvement activities and children's health and welfare ac-

tivities continue with passion and engagement at all levels. Current elementary enrollment is 439, middle school is 202 and high school is 278.

Board of Education meetings occur the first Monday of each month starting at 6 p.m. in the High School Media Center. The public is encouraged to attend.

YHC President Wells...from Page 1

building of new facilities, and a shift from college to university status.

"John has a vast wealth of experience that will help him steer Young Harris College forward," said Bill Johnston, Chair of the YHC Board of Trustees. "His breadth of experience and record of success will serve the College and the community well. We welcome him back to Young Harris."

Dr. Wells returns to an institution that has experienced significant change in the 15 years since he left, with numerous new academic programs, physical facilities, and Division II athletic teams.

Under President Van

Horn, Young Harris has begun delivering its first master's program, increased the College-held endowment to over \$60 million, raised student retention and graduate placement to their highest-ever rates, and been reaffirmed by SACSCOC without recommendations.

Dr. Wells' wife, Dr. Shannon Earle, previously served as a student affairs professional at Young Harris and now serves as Associate Vice Chancellor for University Advancement at the University of North Carolina Asheville. They have two adult children, Garland and Molly.

Flag Burning Ceremony Nov. 16th



The Ira Weaver American Legion Post 121 of Blairsville invites all veterans and their families along with the public to attend a Flag Burning Ceremony on Saturday, November 16th at 10 AM at 78 Blue Ridge Hwy., Blairsville, GA. This event is to respect, honor and retire flags no longer able to represent their nation.

Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there.

Stephen Waters, Jr. receives Quilt of Valor Award

By: Susan Young

Misty Mountain Quilts of Valor (QOV) quilters were honored to award a Quilt of Valor on Saturday, November 2, 2024, to Stephen Waters, Jr. at the Union County Historical Courthouse on the Square. The quilt was made and awarded to Mr. Waters with his family and QOV quilters in attendance. Mr. Waters' parents are both veterans who served during the 1970s.

Nearly 398,000 quilts have been made by QOV quilters from all 50 states, and have been awarded to men and women who have served their country, including many veterans from WW II, Korea, Viet Nam, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Anyone can nominate a veteran who has been touched by war for a Quilt of Valor, by going online to <http://www.qovf.org/>. Look on the top left of the screen to the red bar on the page, and click on the words "NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS". Then follow the instructions to fill in the "Online Nomination Form". Misty Mountain QOV is honored to provide these quilts to our local veterans and encourage you to nominate someone for a QOV.

If you are a quilter, and would like to help the Misty Mountain QOV group make these quilts for heroic American veterans, please go to the following website: <http://www.mistymountainquiltguild.org/>, click on the word "More" on the top right of the home page, and then look for



Stephen Waters, Jr.

the QOV group information. QOV quilters make it our mission to support our local veterans with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

Stephen Waters, Jr., U.S. Air Force, 2007-2019, served during Operation New Dawn. Stephen's proud Dad, Stephen, Sr., nominated his son for a Quilt of Valor. Stephen, Jr. joined the USAF on January 23, 2007, and took basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX. He trained as an Aerospace Maintenance Journeyman (2A551). This is a person who maintains aircraft, support equipment, forms, and records. He or she performs and supervises flight chief,

expediter, crew chief, repair and reclamation, quality assurance and maintenance support functions.

After basic, he was then stationed at Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson, AZ. He served during Operation New Dawn and was deployed to 2 tours in the former "Bagram Airbase" in Afghanistan in 2009 and 2011. He was then stationed at Kadena Airbase in Japan 2012-2016. Deployed then to Incirlik Airbase in Turkey. Lastly, he was stationed at Elmendorf - Richardson AFB in Anchorage, AK before he was medically retired in February 2019 and moved to Blairsville, GA.

Veterans Speak...from Page 1

unwavering patriotism. God bless our veterans and God bless America."

Taylor is working diligently on a memorial markers project for Hiawassee. In concert with community leaders, Taylor would like markers for deceased veterans resembling those that line the streets of Downtown Blairsville. He is hopeful those markers will be ready for Memorial Day 2025.

Next, Scott introduced Cmdr. Mark Newman of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7807.

"I thank you all for inviting me to speak today," Newman said. "I want to read something here about the VFW. Our mission is to foster camaraderie among veterans and to provide service to our veterans and our community.

"Our vision is to ensure that all veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country. A few men here have bled on foreign soil. That is amazing love for country.

"When this organization started after the Spanish American War, when a soldier completed his service, they gave you \$30 and kicked you out. It didn't matter if you were wounded or if you had no place to go, they just let you go.

"So, some soldiers got together and started this organization to help veterans. Over time, the VFW has sponsored more than 60 pieces of legislation that offers services from education to health care.

"Congress won't listen to a small organization. They listen to organizations with millions of members. So, that's what I tell people about joining the VFW. The more members we have the better.

"If we have someone in need, we get together and help. Our post is 15th in the nation for community service hours in our division. We are here to serve the community. We can help veterans fill out the necessary paperwork for TRICARE and disability and so forth and point them in the right direction to get help.

"I just heard a statistic this morning that 22 veterans in this country commit suicide every day. That has got to stop. There are places and people that can help. These are benefits that you are entitled to. If you know of anyone in the community, particularly veterans, please contact us and we will help."

Cmdr. Mel Halfon of



Local youth Caleb Taylor expressed his appreciation for veterans with the Movers & Shakers Nov. 8.

Photo by Shelly Knight

American Legion Post No. 23 spoke next to give a preview of the annual Veterans Day Service at Towns County Veterans Memorial Park on Nov. 11, which occurred after press time.

"We've been working real hard cleaning it up and making it look nice," Halfon said of the park. "We've painted all the walkways and sidewalks red to symbolize the blood that veterans have shed in all the wars.

"Dwight Moss, our VFW chaplain, will lead us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. I've been in contact with the school band director, and even though it is a holiday for the school, he assured me the band will perform for us. So, that's pretty great for us. We will start at 11 a.m.

"We usually have a keynote speaker. In the past we've had the commissioner, and such. But I've had calls, and veterans want to hear from other veterans, so that is what we will do.

"Please come and allow us to honor you and thank you for your service. This year we're going to dedicate a Female Veterans Monument. And of course, the Memorial Wall Ceremony and the Laying of the Wreaths."

Halfon took some time to elaborate on the "commitment to community service that Mark talked about."

"We've donated a lot of time and money to North Carolina this year (after Hurricane Helene)," Halfon said. "I contacted a buddy of mine over there and asked what they needed. He told me they needed jackets and coats, so that's what we got to work on. We were very glad that we could help, and I want to thank all of you that have donated."

He then shared a personal, poignant story about how organizations such as the VFW, the American Legion and others help veterans.

"When I came back from Vietnam, I was 21 years old," Halfon said. "I was the last person off of the plane. I was out of the Army, and I was back home. I got off the plane, kissed the ground, and said thank God I'm alive and I'm back in the United States.

"They told us there were a lot of anti-war protestors there at LAX. Jane Fonda was there with about 100 people yelling and screaming at us, spitting at us, calling us baby killers. It was horrible. I felt so small. I tried to tell them, look, I didn't want to go over there. I got drafted.

"Then I took the Honor Flight. It is a one-day trip to visit the war memorials in Washington, D.C. Veterans don't pay a thing. For me it was a chance to see the Vietnam Wall. You know we lost buddies over there. There were a lot of tears looking at that wall.

"When we came home, that plane landed in Asheville, North Carolina, and there were probably 4,000 people waiting for us as we got off the plane, waving flags and cheering for us. It took us 60 years, but we finally got our welcome home."

His story resonated with the audience, who applauded and cheered for all veterans that Friday.

The Movers & Shakers meet every Friday at 8 a.m. inside Sundance Grille in Hiawassee. The guest speaker this week is former F4 Phantom Fighter Pilot Johnny Morris to speak about his service "getting launched from Aircraft Carriers cruising MIG alley in North Vietnam."

LEGAL ADS

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF TOWNS NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
RE: Estate of Mildred Foster Harper
All debtors and creditors of the estate of Mildred Foster Harper, deceased, late of Towns County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands and payments to the Executor of said Estate, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the Executor. This 31st day of October, 2024.
Gary Lee Foster, Executor
1613 Abe Cove Rd.
Hiawassee, GA 30546
Lawrence S. Sorgen
Attorney at Law
P. O. Box 67
Hiawassee, GA 30546
(706)896-3467
T(Oct13,Nov6,13,20)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
All creditors of the Estate of TIMOTHY J. BRESNAHAN, III, deceased, a resident of the State of Georgia, County of Towns are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of TIMOTHY J. BRESNAHAN, III. This 14TH day of October 2024.
Susan M. Bresnahan
Administrator Estate Timothy J. Bresnahan, III
230 Depot Rd.
Hamstead, NH 03841
Submitted by:
Pamela Kendall Floyd, PC
Attorney for Estate
P.O. Box 1114
Hiawassee, GA 30546
(706)896-3467
T(Oct13,Nov6,13,20)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TOWNS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF MICHAEL ANTHONY STEPHENS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2022-P-085
NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)
IN RE: 1 Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
TO: All Interested Parties, all and singular the heirs of said Decedent, the beneficiaries under the will, and to whom it may concern:
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced Petition, in this Court on or before November 25, 2024.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees

must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.
David Rogers
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Kerry L. Berrong
Clerk of the Probate Court
48 River St. Suite C
Hiawassee, GA 30546
Address:
(706)896-3467
Telephone Number
T(Nov13)

NOTICE
State of Georgia
County of Towns
To: Heirs known and unknown of Burdette, Larry & Ann
Take Notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property to wit:
All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0019C014000, in Towns County, Georgia, Land Lot 146, 17th District of Towns County, Georgia, containing 0.40 acres and recorded and described in Deed Book 53, Page 610 of Towns County records, will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after December 31, 2024. The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated 10-16-23 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of Towns County, Georgia in Deed Book 720, Page 475-476. The property may be redeemed at any time before December 31, 2024 by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the address stated below. Please be governed accordingly.
Douglas N. Shook
1689 Foggy Bottom Road
Hiawassee, Georgia 30546
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tion price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the address stated below. Please be governed accordingly.
Douglas N. Shook
1689 Foggy Bottom Road
Hiawassee, Georgia 30546
T(Oct13,Nov6,13,20)

NOTICE
State of Georgia
County of Towns
To: Heirs known and unknown of Nvision Capital Advisors
Take Notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property to wit:
All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 29B107, in Towns County, Georgia, Land Lot 55, 17th District of Towns County, Georgia, containing 0.40 acres and recorded and described in Deed Book 573, Page 725 of Towns County records, will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after December 31, 2024. The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated 10-16-23 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of Towns County, Georgia in Deed Book 707, Page 397-398. The property may be redeemed at any time before December 31, 2024 by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the address stated below. Please be governed accordingly.
Douglas N. Shook
1689 Foggy Bottom Road
Hiawassee, Georgia 30546
T(Oct13,Nov6,13,20)

NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS
RE: Estate of Sara Ensley Smith
All debtors and creditors of the Estate of Sara Ensley Smith, deceased, late of Towns County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 23rd day of October, 2024
Tray Hicks
PO Box 968
Hartwell, GA 30643
706-436-9695
T(Oct13,Nov6,13,20)

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TOWNS
RE: ESTATE OF WANDA FAYE KELLEY
All creditors of the estate of Wanda Faye Kelley, late of Towns County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 22nd day of October, 2024.
EXECUTOR(S):- Michael Jackson Kelley
ADDRESS:c/o Eddy A. Corn, Attorney
253 Big Sky Drive
Hiawassee, GA 30546
PHONE: (706) 896-3451
T(Oct13,Nov6,13,20)

Traditions Health Blairsville October Pumpkin Decorating Contest winners

Traditions Health Blairsville held a pumpkin decorating contest for October. We had several participants.

These are the winners of the contest: 1st place goes to Ridge Assisted Living and Memory Care of Blue Ridge, GA; 2nd place goes to Synergy Health Inc. of Hiawassee, GA; and 3rd place goes to Stonehenge Senior Living of Blairsville, GA.

All contestants did an excellent job decorating their pumpkins. It was very hard to choose just three from the entries. Thank you to all who participated.



First Place: Ridge Assisted Living and Memory Care of Blue Ridge, GA



Second Place: Synergy Health Inc. of Hiawassee, GA



Third Place: Stonehenge Senior Living of Blairsville, GA

The Misty Mountain Quilters Guild Meets Next Tuesday, November 19

Our November program is titled "Simple Quilts" and will be a display of the quilts our members enjoy making over and over. If you were ever interested in learning to quilt, or are an intermediate or advanced quilter, this program will delight and inspire you.

Sign-in for the November meeting begins at 12 PM and the general meeting commences at 12:30. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church, 938 GA-515, Blairsville, GA.

The Misty Mountain Quilters Guild has almost 200 members, hailing primarily from Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Florida. Our mission is to educate, share, promote and keep alive the craft and traditions of quilting. We love new members.

If you are interested in quilts or want to learn more about quilting, come check us out! To learn more, visit our website at <https://www.misty-mountainquiltguild.org> or email mmqinfo@gmail.com.

Towns County Fire & Rescue Seeking New Volunteers

Have you ever wanted to give back to your community or be a part of it in a special way? If so come join us at Towns County Fire and Rescue.

We are seeking new volunteers to become a part of our family; we are also looking for Explorer Firefighters to be a part of our explorer program (ages 14-18). No experience is required. We will provide all equipment needed and all

training needed which will consist of Firefighting training and basic first aid and CPR. You will assist with special events in our community and respond to a variety of emergency calls from fires to medical calls and search and rescue calls.

There is a job for everyone in the fire service so come be apart of our great team of firefighters and family to help

us better serve our community and county.

For more information and to meet us and check out our equipment come by Fire Station one in Hiawassee City limits at 156 Sims Circle or give us a call at 706-896-2090 anytime from 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday-Friday, we will be happy to speak to you and answer any questions you may have.