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enrollment.”
 Though Rev. McConnell pastored other churches around the country most of the time, he returned every summer to Hiwassee to conduct a Bible Institute for preachers and laymen, and to check up on the Hiwassee Academy.
 In his report on Christian Education to the Georgia Baptist

Convention meeting in 1888, Rev. McConnell called on Truett to speak about his work at the Hiwassee Academy.
 The response was overwhelmingly positive and immediate, and a great amount of financial support was given and more pledged, assuring the future of Hiwassee Academy, said Taylor.

Over the next few decades, Hiwassee Academy grew dramatically in both enrollment and stature and became a junior college.
 Reverend McConnell’s “connectedness in the Georgia Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, and always having the best interest of Hiwassee and (Hiwassee Academy), resulted in the Home Mission Board assuming control of the school

in 1922,” said Taylor.
 And all went well until August 1928, when it was discovered that the treasurer of the Home Mission Board, Clinton S. Starnes, had embezzled over \$900,000 from the treasury.
 That’s a lot of money in today’s dollars, and in 1928, it was a fortune.
 The loss of so much money broke the back of the Home Mission Board, which controlled several schools,

including Hiwassee Academy. It also broke the heart of Rev. McConnell, and he passed away about four months later.
 The result of the disaster was that the Home Mission Board had to close the mountain mission schools, and the last students to graduate from the Hiwassee Academy belonged to the Class of 1930.
 “Rev. Alexander Carswell negotiated the sale of the academy and property to

Towns County, and it has been Towns County High School, a public school, ever since,” said Taylor.
 Taylor is himself a retired Towns County educator, and he has served on the local board of education for many years.
 For more information on Hiwassee Academy or a DVD of Taylor’s presentation, contact the Towns County Historical Society online at www.townscountyhistory.org.

Sons of the American Revolution honors Jerry Taylor



(L-R): Jerry Taylor and President Sid Turner

SAR honors Jerry Taylor for his efforts to promote and preserve history of our mountain area. Jerry Taylor is the best known man in Towns County, but he is also well known in Union County and throughout this whole mountain area. Jerry is known for his efforts to promote and preserve the history of our

mountain area. Jerry Taylor is a native of Towns County and spent 30 years as a History teacher in Towns County High School. He still serves on the Board of Education. He gives freely of his time often presenting various historical programs of the mountains as guest speaker in several organizations. He teaches “Con-

tinued Learning” courses at Young Harris College.

He worked extensively on the restoration of the Old Jail in Towns County. He has researched and compiled several genealogies of mountain families. He helped to restore and identify the final resting places of a historic private cemetery in Towns County. He has edited books about the history of this area. And he can tell you the location of the controversial biological father of Abraham Lincoln in Cherokee County, North Carolina or the real name of Brasstown Bald. He also plays organ in church. His historical programs are always full of interesting facts, always well researched and always presented in a professional manner with ample humor thrown in to make it special.

For Jerry Taylor’s contribution to our community, he was awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal at the November meeting of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Meals on Wheels needs your help this holiday season



Share the gift of a meal with a home-bound senior in our community this Holiday Season. Purchase a holiday gift certificate through the Towns County Senior Center Meals On Wheels Program. Your generous donation can provide a meal for one day, a week, month or a year. The cost of one meal is \$3.80, \$19 for one week and \$76 per month and \$912 will feed a hot meal to a homebound senior for one year. All donations are tax deductible.

Donations can be brought to the Towns County Senior Center Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and/or mailed to Towns County Senior Center, 954 North Main Street, Hiwassee, GA 30546. Checks need to be made payable to Towns County Senior Center for “Holiday Gift Certificate Program” or for “Meals On Wheels”.

Towns County Senior Center currently has a waiting list. We currently provide a meal for a World War II veteran and three seniors over the age of 100 who are still able to stay at home because of the meals received weekly.

For the month of November thru December all meals will be delivered to our seniors

with a special certificate/card to wish a happy holiday from the gift giver. “A meal shared is a meal enjoyed”.

Towns County has one of the largest per capita percentages of senior population. We want to ensure every senior needing a meal and struggling to stay independent and at home receives our help. Please help us to preserve this vital program in our community.

A special “Thank You” to our Meals On Wheels volunteers that make this possible 5 days a week. And a special “Thank You” for your support and making a difference in your community!

For more information please call our center at 706-896-3138. TN0v21.F1SH

Wilkinson and Bradshaw to speak to Movers and Shakers

State Senator John Wilkinson and Towns County Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw are the featured speakers this Friday, November 30. But first we will hear from 6th grader Hannah Minchew, who will speak from a student’s perspective about school shootings. We will also be inspired by young Keyle Hamilton who will sing “God Bless the USA” for our enjoyment.

State Senator Wilkinson will enlighten us on the just completed special session of the Georgia legislature and

the upcoming 2019 legislature starting in January and lasting 40 session days. He will probably have something to say about the election earlier this month, and alleged voter suppression.

We will also hear from Towns County Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw about the state of the County as he wraps up his second year in office. There have been many improvements made, large and small, obvious and subtle.

Do you belong to a local organization or are you an

elect official with information that affects our community? Then why not join us and fill us in on what’s going on! Everyone is invited to come hear what our weekly guest speakers have to say, and we have always had a few minutes for impromptu speakers with pertinent information. Everyone is invited for conversation, information and breakfast with the Mountain Movers and Shakers. Our non-partisan group meets at 8 a.m. every Friday at The Sundance Grill, a great place to meet, and the food is really good and reasonably priced. So come join us. You are sure to find interesting speakers, championship caliber youth, and a fine group of friendly mountain folk!

Like us on Facebook: Mountain Movers & Shakers.

Hope House

Hope House is a faith-based, non-profit benevolence center to help Union County residents and homeless in times of critical need. Hours of operation: Monday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & Thursday 1 p.m.-4 p.m., located at 178 Brackett’s Way, Blairsville, (706)781-3090.

Harlem Globetrotters set five new Guinness World Records Titles ahead of bringing their new tour to Young Harris College on December 10th



As the Harlem Globetrotters prepare to bring their new 2019 Fan Powered World Tour to Young Harris on Monday, December 10, 2018, the world famous team decided to celebrate Guinness World Record Day by setting five new Guinness World Records™ titles - bringing the team’s standing Guinness World Record count to 21.

The records are highlighted by an impressive somersault basketball shot made by one of the team’s biggest stars, Bull Bullard, at a staggering 58 feet, 1.25 inches away from the basketball hoop. The other records include the first-ever record set by one of the team’s female stars and another set by the Globetrotters’ trampoline-dunk team, the Flying Globies, and are listed below:

Most basketball under the leg tumbles in one minute (female) – Torch George (32); Most blindfolded basketball slam dunks in one minute – Zeus McClurkin (5); Most behind the back three pointers in one minute – Zeus McClurkin (3); Most under the leg slam dunks by a team using a trampoline in one minute – Flying Globies (28).

The video of all five records can be seen at both links located below and are approved for broadcast media (courtesy of the Harlem Globetrotters). Online media is encouraged to embed the video. Via YouTube: [//youtu.be/voA_VEyNTNI](https://youtu.be/voA_VEyNTNI); Downloadable Video: [//goo.gl/UjE7eC](https://goo.gl/UjE7eC)

The Globetrotters, who are committed to bringing their fans the best experience and most electrifying athletes on the planet, will give their fans a chance to get closer than ever to the action and team’s stars with their Fan Powered World Tour, which is set to come to Young Harris College in Young Harris on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7 p.m.

At each Globetrotters game, there will be over 20 opportunities before, during and after each event where fans will get a chance to directly interact with the team’s stars – that’s a 30-percent increase over any previous Globetrotters game.

The Harlem Globetrotters roster showcases some of the most thrilling athletes in the world, including Big Easy Lofton, Ant Atkinson, Hi-Lite Bruton, Hammer Harrison, Thunder Law, Bull Bullard, Firefly Fisher and, Cheese Chisholm – plus female stars TNT Lister, Torch George and Hoops Green.#

Prior to every performance, fans can secure a ticket to Magic Pass, the Globetrotters’ exclusive pregame event. Magic Pass gives fans unprecedented access to the stars of the team, an opportunity to learn tricks, shoot hoops and take pictures on the court. After each game, fans can participate in a free autograph session.*

An additional exciting new element fans can look forward to this year is a new interactive mobile app with exclusive features, including an augmented reality (AR) basketball toss game and one-

of-a-kind image filters that can be shared on social media.

Also back by popular demand, fans will also get a chance to see the Flying Globies, an amazing acrobatic trampoline dunk team that will defy gravity during breaks in the game action.

Tickets are available at harlemglobetrotters.com, ticketweb.com, the Young Harris College book store by phone at 866-468-7630. For more information, visit harlemglobetrotters.com.

The Harlem Globetrotters® are legendary worldwide, synonymous with one-of-a-kind family entertainment and great basketball skills for the past 93 years. Throughout their history, the Original Harlem Globetrotters have showcased their iconic talents in 123 countries and territories on six continents, often breaking down cultural and societal

barriers while providing fans with their first-ever basketball experience. Proud inductees of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, the Globetrotters have entertained hundreds of millions of fans – among them popes, kings, queens, and presidents – over nine thrilling decades. Sponsored by Entenmann’s® Donuts, Tum-e Yummies and Baden Sports, Harlem Globetrotters International, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Herschend Enterprises, the largest family-owned themed entertainment company in the U.S. For the latest news and information about the Harlem Globetrotters, visit the Globetrotters’ official Web site: www.harlemglobetrotters.com and follow them on Twitter @Globies.

*Rosters will vary in each city and are subject to change. # Subject to availability.

Iota Iota welcomes new member



The Iota Iota chapter of Beta sigma Phi welcomed a new sister into our membership. Lisa Beringer received the Pledge Ritual on Thursday night. Lisa and her husband are new residents to our mountain area.

Birthdays at Brasstown Manor



Brasstown Manor would like to wish the following ladies a happy birthday! Left to right: Vera, Sharon, Teena, Mary.