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Towns County residents. The Towns County Public Library will be unaffected by this change, and any resident with an active PINES library card can use the available in-person resources at any of the other Mountain Regional Library System locations or any PINES library location in the state of Georgia.

Mountain Regional Library System staff will continue to work hard for patrons to offer the best of in-person library services, digital services and internet access, whether patrons are inside the library or outside the library accessing the Wi-Fi.

It is important to remember that, while the physical location of Mountain Regional Library will be closed, digital library services are always open. Mountain Regional Library System provides access to eBooks and eAudiobooks 24/7 to all patrons via the Overdrive platform and its Libby app.

All Mountain Regional

Library System patrons have access to tens of thousands of materials via <https://overdrive.com> and Libby. Libby can be found in the App Store.

Mountain Regional Library System also provides access to GALILEO via <https://www.galileo.usg.edu/mr11>; digital access to newspapers; eRead Kids at <https://mountainga.axis360.baker-taylor.com/>; LearningExpress via <https://www.learningexpresshub.com/>; and more.

The system's friendly and helpful staff is always available to assist current and future patrons in gaining access to these wonderful services and more.

As Mountain Regional Library System works through this transition with its patrons, staff will be in touch with regards to holds requests, pickup locations and any other number of requests libraries receive.

The system will work with its patrons the very best it can to make this transition progress as smoothly as possible. If or when updates to the operations at Mountain Regional Library change, the system will continue to quickly provide further information as to its status.

Weekly Patriot Reflection



Evidence of a Creator

One of the principles of our founders, that guided all of their decisions concerning the formation of our government, was the understanding and belief in the reality of a divine creator. They went so far as to say that "all things were created by God, therefore upon Him all mankind are equally dependent, and to Him they are equally responsible." Men like John Locke, who wrote his famous Essay Concerning Human Understanding, which stated that "it defies the most elementary aspects of reason and experience to presuppose that everything in existence developed as a result of fortuitous circumstance." He went into great detail to rationally explain the very real existence of a Creator. Our founders agreed with Locke. They considered the existence of the Creator as the most fundamental premise underlying ALL self-evident truth. William Blackstone, in his Commentaries on the Laws of England, propounded the generally accepted idea that when the Supreme Being formed the universe he organized it and then impressed certain principles upon that matter, from which it can never depart, and without which it would cease to be. He called this orderly arrangement of God's universe "The Law of Nature."

Today we have stepped way past the boundaries of God in our country. We have deliberately ignored our God-centered foundations, and have come to the point of believing that we no longer need God; that we are somehow capable of making decisions apart from His Law. If we want to restore the spiritual heritage of our country we must petition God in fervent prayer, both public and private, and plead His intervention in every walk of life.

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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

- 11/23/20 Jay Bradley Sanders, age 42
Aggravated assault, False imprisonment, Obstruction or hindering person making emergency call, Battery, Kidnapping
- 11/27/20 Austin Davis Hooper, age 27
Serve weekend
- 11/26/20 Anthony Michael Licata, age 35
Unlawful conduct during 911 call by using obscene/vulgar/profane language to intimidate
- 11/23/20 Kristen Brooke Wade, age 26
Battery - family violence
- 11/25/20 Seth Thomas Waldroup, age 28
Driving while license suspended or revoked

TC Fire Department

RESPONSE REPORT

From: Fire Chief Harold Copeland



11/18/20	3 Medical calls 2 Cancelled en route 1 Landing zone 1 Controlled burn 1 Fire alarm
11/19/20	4 Cancelled en route 2 Medical calls 2 Motor vehicle accidents 1 False call 1 Landing zone 1 Fire alarm
11/20/20	3 Medical calls 2 Cancelled en route 1 Motor vehicle accident
11/21/20	3 Medical calls 2 Cancelled en route 1 Motor vehicle accident 1 Smoke investigation
11/22/20	4 Medical calls 2 Cancelled en route 1 Motor vehicle accident 1 Controlled burn
11/23/20	3 Cancelled en route 2 Medical calls 2 Landing zones 1 Assist other
11/24/20	2 Medical calls 1 Cancelled en route 1 Assist other

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Possum Christmas Party cancelled



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Towns County Possum Christmas Party has been cancelled. Earlier in the year, the Planning Committee had high hopes that the party could go forward because of the outdoor venue, but too many of the guests stated that they weren't willing to conform to social distancing recommendations and as far as wearing a mask goes... well... that was completely out of the question! Possum Hall will remain closed until Spring, with plans to have the first Towns County Possum Spring Fling. Hopefully, restrictions will have eased by then. See y'all at the Spring Fling! T(Dec2,F4)SH



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FAMILY RESOURCES

Question: What are your hours?

Answer: Our hours are 9 AM to 4 PM Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We accept and highly encourage making an appointment. Appointment times run between 10 AM and 3 PM. At this time our Tuesday extended hours are by appointment only, with appointments available from 4 to 6 PM. No walk-ins will be accepted after 3 PM.

Again, we highly encourage appointments as we are short staffed. Making an appointment will ensure that someone will be available to see you.

As a precaution against the spread of Covid-19 we are asking all clients to wear face

masks and submit to having their temperature taken prior to entering the building. Clients are allowed to have up to one person accompany them. Due to capacity restrictions only the client and one other person is allowed in our coaching rooms. Others will need to be prepared to sit in our lobby, wait outside on the porch or wait in their vehicle.

If you do not have a face mask, we have some available upon request.

Please call the Center if you have any questions regarding our hours or our Covid-19 protocols. Our hours of operation are Tuesdays through Thursdays 9 AM to 4 PM and are located at 218 Jones Street in Blairsville. NT(Dec2,Z6)CA

2020 Love Light Tree Lighting

The Chatuge Regional Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary will not be able to have the annual Love Light Tree Lighting in December as in years past.

We use the donations from this event to fund our Scholarship Program. While we accept donations in memory or honor of individuals throughout the year, this event is when we receive the most donations. The scholarships are awarded to deserving Towns County High School Seniors who will be entering the medical field.

Please consider donating to this wonderful cause. COVID-19 has taken so much from us, we do not want to see these seniors lose this scholarship opportunity.

We will list those honored and remembered in a late December issue of the paper.

Please return this form with your donation to: Love Light Scholarship, P O Box 986, Hiawassee, GA 30546.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Given in MEMORY of: _____

Given in HONOR of: _____

Acknowledgement to be sent to: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____