

# Highlands...continued from Page 1A

nection Café, Cherokee Cellars, The Copper Door, Crane Creek Vineyards, Dan's Grill, Doyle's Cedar Hill, Granddaddy Mimms, Hayesville All American Diner, Hightower Creek Vineyards, Jim's Smokin' Que, The Lodge at Copperhead, Melissa's Custom Cakes, The Ridges, Shape

Healthy, Ugly Mug Café, and The Wine Cottage.

It was evident participants were having a good time as they visited the various vendors and sampled their offerings. Teresa Kelley of Hiwassee said, "I have been here every year, since the very beginning, and this year

was wonderful, as usual. There were a lot of good participants and vendors, and a very broad, good selection of food. Phil and I have had a very good time."

The "Steven Phillips and Midnight Express" band from Hiwassee provided music and entertained patrons during the event. The crowd was given a special treat later in the evening when local legend Tommy Townsend (and founder of event participant Granddaddy Mimms) joined the band on stage and sang the Waylon Jennings song "I've Always Been Crazy."

The winners in each category are as follows:

Gourmet: Best Entree - Brasstown Valley Resort, Best Dessert - Brasstown Valley Resort, Most Creative Dish - The Oaks, Best Use of Theme - The Cooper Door, Best Overall Presentation - The Oaks.

Southern: Best Entree - The Cajun Connection, Best Dessert - Melissa's Custom Cakes, Most Creative Dish - The Cajun Connection, Best



Use of Theme - The Cajun Connection, Best Overall Presentation - Melissa's Custom Cakes.

International: Best Overall Presentation - Dan's Grill.

People's Choice: Best Entree - Brasstown Valley Resort, Best Sip Wine/Spirits - Cherokee Cellars, Best Sip Specialty Beverage - The Ugly Mug.

Tipping the Scales: Granddaddy Mimms.

Best Booth/Display Presentation: Best Use of Theme - The Oaks, Best Tabletop Presentation - Brasstown Valley Resort, Most Creative Tabletop - Doyle's at Cedar Hill.



Taste of Southern Highlands Photos by Lowell Nicholson

# Rally...continued from Page 1A



More than 700 people from all over came in to the GAMBA Rally held in Hiwassee last week. Photo/Colleen Collins

founded in 1985, is a group of individuals who love these old British bikes. They eat, sleep, breathe, live and love motorcycles made or designed in England. Our members are all ages, come from all walks of life, and ride all brands, year models, and styles of bikes."

According to Robert Underwood, "Most of the British motorcycle manufacturers went out of business in the mid 1980's. A lot of the bikes at this event are vintage, pre-1980. There is everything from a bike you can get for \$2,000 that barely runs, to Vincents to Brough Superiors that cost upwards of \$100,000. So, what you will see here really runs the gamut."

The Vendor Area was set up in the Campground. Vendors reported good sales on Saturday. Joe Geurin of Southern Salvage from Norcross said "I was busy on Saturday." Geurin also added that, "the campground people have been wonderful to work with." David Burgess of Hotwing Glass from Yankeetown, Fla., said, "This Rally is always enjoyable, just coming to the Blue Ridge is enjoyable. There have been a lot of people coming through here today."

The Poker Run started at 10 a.m. on Saturday and ended at 1 p.m., with 72 participants. The participants draw a card at the start, ride approximately 60 miles, picking up a playing card at various checkpoints along the route, then another card at the finish. The rider with the best poker hand at the end of the ride wins. This year's winner was Ron Swintek from Deland, Fla., who has attended the Rally for the past 15 years. Swintek said, "I come up about three days early to ride the mountain roads, and then I stay for the Rally. I like the new venue, it's a good location."

One of the main events of the weekend was the Bike Show that took place on Saturday, from 2 to 4 p.m. At the Show, 77 motorcycle entries were organized into 12 classes, plus a Best Of Show winner. Naturally, the majority of the Bike Show entries were British Motorcycles. There was also a class for non-British motorcycles. Winners were chosen by peoples' choice ballot style

voting. To make the event even more fun, there was a class for kids to enter their bicycles.

Beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday, winners were drawn for the numerous door prizes that were donated by the many vendors present at the Rally. Other awards were also given to Rally participants as follows: Largest Club with members attending: "Scooter Scum" from Asheville, N.C. with 30 members in attendance; Oldest Rider who rode to the Rally: Charles Bassell from Gadsden, Ala., 72 years old; Youngest Rider who rode to the Rally: Connor McGill from Knoxville, Tenn., 16 years old; and the Rider(s) who rode the farthest distance to the Rally: Frank and Shannon Pellerito from Indianapolis, Ind., who rode their 2000 Honda GoldWing 1500 510 miles to Hiwassee!

Then came the moment everyone had been waiting for. The 2013 Bike Show winners were announced, and winners came forward to receive plaques, as follows: Master Class: Eddie Garrett, 1963 BSA Rocket Gold Star; Ridden Daily - All British: John Gough, 1964 Velocette MSS; Best Competition - All British: Ray and LeEllen Corlew, 1965 Triumph Cub; Best British Custom: John Benedict, 1967 BSA Shooting Star; Best Pre-Unit - Triumph: Charlie Myers, 1960 Triumph "Bath Tub" 6T; Best Unit - Triumph: Dennis Rousseau, 1970 Triumph TR6 (Tiger 650); Best Classic Norton: Rich Hoseley, 1962 Norton ES-2; Best Unit - BSA: Ron Arnold, 1968 BSA Firebird; Best Pre-Unit - BSA: Jim Mee-tze, 1955 BSA CB34 Gold Star; Best Other British: Ray and LeEllen Corlew, 1947 Famous James ML 125; Best Hinckley Triumph: Frank Wenger, 2004 Triumph Thruxton; Non-British Unlimited: Philip Linderstruth, 1971 Belelli Tornado 650; Best Kid's Bike: Steve Basnett, Indian Bicycle.

The Best of Show Winner was Eddie Garrett for his 1963 BSA Rocket Gold Star Motorcycle.

If interested in GABMA, or in joining this group of British Motorcycle enthusiasts, visit the club website at: <http://www.gabma.us>

# Good Neighbors...continued from Page 1A

goes through the applications submitted by students, and tries to choose students who really want to go to college and may have a financial need. She said, "The selection process isn't easy. Children or grandchildren of club members receive first preference, and the club always tries to choose at least one student from each participating county."

Following a delicious potluck dinner provided by the Auto Club members, Marcus Tuschel, club president, welcomed all of the students who had been chosen for the scholarships and their families who were present. He then asked the

Auto Club student sponsors from each county to recognize the student scholarship recipients.

This year, there were two students chosen to receive scholarships from each of the three counties representing the membership of the Auto Club. The fortunate recipients of the scholarships this year were the following: Kristin Dahnccke, who graduated from Union County High School, and will attend Southern Polytechnic State University. Kyle Wade, who graduated from Union County High School, and plans to attend Young Harris College. Dillon Thompson, who graduated from Towns County

High School and will attend the National Auto Diesel College. Rachel Weatherly, who graduated from Tri-County Early College (she completed high school and college concurrently), and will attend Western Carolina University. Enoch Christopher, who graduated from Hiwassee Dam High School, and plans to attend Catawba Valley Community College. William Harper, who graduated from Murphy High School and will attend Tri-County Community College.

When asked about the scholarship she received, Dahnccke said she was amazed by the generosity of the club. "And I'm thankful that they can offer assistance to so many graduates," she said. "College can get extremely expensive and this will really help us out."

In addition to this good neighborly deed, the Good Neighbors Auto Club also donates \$100 on a monthly basis to other local organizations. Examples of organizations that have benefited from their donations are: Union County Nursing Home, Civil Air Patrol, local public schools, Towns County Food Pantry and local animal shelters.

Good Neighbors Auto Club is doing many good deeds. They are good neighbors, indeed.

# Sewer ...continued from Page 1A

and exceeds all federal and state requirements for its discharge so this is not something that is a correction or a repair.

"I want people to know that the plant is not broken, we just want to maintain and improve the facility to function the best it can. To assure this, we need to upgrade some of the nutrient reduction equipment. The lake is fine now but these improvements will safeguard its future and improve the water quality even more," said Towns County Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall.

Hiwassee Mayor Barbara Mathis and the Hiwassee City Council gathered with City Attorney Rick Stancil last Friday

on the Towns County Beach to receive the check from Kendall.

"We welcome this combined effort to reduce nutrients in our Plant discharge. This is a continuing effort by local government to improve the water quality of Lake Chatuge and we want to thank the Commissioner for his support and for the funding which the City needs to undertake this Project," declared Mathis on behalf of the City.

"I am very pleased that another SPLOST project is becoming a reality and this is just another example of things that can be accomplished for our citizens by local governments working together," proclaimed Kendall.

"Protecting and preserving Lake Chatuge has been a top priority of my administration and my commitment to the citizens of Towns County. I want to thank Mayor Mathis and the City Council for taking on this project with a special thanks to Carl Schultz and Bill Blumeriech for their support and expertise in this effort. I also want to thank the citizens for passing the SPLOST by ninety percent."

The City and the County governing bodies know the importance of the water quality in Lake Chatuge. It is a major player in the economy of the area and it must be protected. Towns County, as a whole, is working

with Scarlet Fuller of the Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition in a program known as the Lake Chatuge Watershed Action Plan. Through this plan, the effort is being made to educate homeowners living near watershed streams to manage the flow of nutrients flowing from the land into the water that supplies Lake Chatuge. Phosphorous and Nitrogen being the two most toxic to the quality of the water.

There are also programs that provide some funding for septic repair and control for homeowners near the feeder streams. Contact Fuller at the Coalition for information on this and any other program available through the Plan.

# Fair ...continued from Page 1A

season gets underway and all the way through the rest of the summer and into the fall," Thomason said.

Many folks confuse the Fourth of July Boat Parade as being part of the Georgia Mountain Fair but it is actually sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. However, the parade will end in the cove behind the fairgrounds and GMF will provide the food for the award presentation.

The big summer kick off event for the GMF is the fireworks on July 4 just to the west of Anderson Music Hall. The fireworks extravaganza will celebrate Independence Day with one of the best shows in the area.

The Georgia Mountain Fair is next on the agenda. The actual fair will start on July 19 with the rides opening in the Midway on the night of July 18. Thomason and her crew have been diligently searching for vendors to come and use the fair, and this year, every booth, all 68 of them, will be full. The highlight of the new vendors will be field artesian Tinsmith Michael Felk who actually uses eighteenth and

nineteenth century techniques and tools as he presents many professional tinsmith demonstrations. He will only be at the fair for three days so look for him on the schedule as the fair begins.

Another new draw and huge attraction for the younger set is the new IGX interactive gaming station that will be set up in the exhibit hall. It boasts seventeen different monitors for play and will host four tournaments a day for participants. There will also be daily wireless bowling tournaments for the seniors. The station will provide the latest electronic hardware including Sony PS-3, Xbox 360 and Nintendo Wii and will provide attendees the chance to sample some of the newest games not yet on the market.

Pete's Trackless Train will be running the fairgrounds everyday but July 19, the outdoor Nature Exhibit will be there all nine days, Destiny Farms will bring in the alpacas this year and those little racing swine of Robinson's Racing Pigs and Paddling Porkers will be back to race for some of their favorite treats, Oreo Cookies. There is a rumor

grunting around that "Hammika Fatback" heard how fast the track is at the GMF and she may be here for the racing. We will let you know as further details come in.

The fair would not be complete without the parade and it will be the opening Saturday, July 19 at 11:00 a.m. beginning at the Park Sterling Bank and ending at the fairgrounds. The Horseless Carriage club will be in town the week before the fair begins and they have graciously consented to ride in the parade before they leave town. The latest model in the membership is from 1927.

The next big ticket item for the fairgrounds will be the highly anticipated Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruz-In taking place on August 8-10. Flip Flop Promotions presents the Cruz-In which will feature hundreds of Hot Rods and Classic Cars, a huge swap meet for interested car owners of car enthusiasts, Crafts, Pioneer Village, Live Mountain Music, a working Moonshine Still and the 100 Mile Cruise.

The fairgrounds will close out the summer ac-

tivities with the Georgia State Harley Owners Group (HOG) rally on Sept. 13-14 and will open the fall series with the Fall Festival on Oct. 11-19. Check out the GMF website at [GeorgiaMountainFairgrounds.com](http://GeorgiaMountainFairgrounds.com) for further information.

"We want to let everybody know that we have been working hard this winter to make the fair better. We want to increase our participation numbers and we have really worked hard to make the 2013 Georgia Mountain Fair more attractive to everyone and I feel like we have succeeded. We have a new line up of artist for the craft booths and we have increased our budget for music shows.

"Parking for the fair will be free this year and the price of admission will gain you entry to the music show as well. We will still have all the great food as in years past and we would like to invite everyone to come out and have fun. Our campground is already full so if you include that with all the new things we've added and this year promises to be very exciting indeed," declared Thomason.

# County ...continued from Page 1A

"Basically they have a standard form for all counties to file, and since we have two cities in Towns County, some of the standard questions could not be answered by a single definition," Kendall said. "We simply had to explain why one checked box does not represent the whole of the county. It's a paperwork issue where we have to define these five different items and why we needed the amendments."

Kendall opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance and proceeded to ask Deputy Clerk Andrea Anderson to read the required information submitted to the GDCA for explanation and confirmation.

Issues 1, 2, 3 and 5 dealt with simple wording about how services are delivered in order for the GDCA to have clarification of the situations concerned in the official forms but item 4 required some lengthy explanation concerning new water and sewer construction.

Item 4 asked, What the County and the Cities plan to do to handle any situation where water / sewer is to be constructed (1) by the county within city limits and (2) by

the cities outside their boundaries?

Towns County agreed to the following language:

"Prior to beginning a service or capital expansion in another jurisdiction, each affected local governments will review each other's plan / ordinances, as necessary, and meet before such service of facility expansions occurs. New inter-governmental agreements will be executed when necessary and legal remedies sought as a last resort. However, Hiwassee and Young Harris' water and sewer services are laid out in a court order. Therefore, all water and sewer extensions will be handled in a manner consistent with the court order that was attached to the SDS submittal."

Hiwassee and Young Harris are in agreement with the wording of this resolution so Commissioner Kendall signed it for adoption. The GDCA will now review the final draft, and approval is expected by all governmental agencies involved.

"This is just another way that we can work together to move forward in our development.

# Fundraiser ...continued from Page 1A

iffs were able to open the first Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Ranch near Hahira, Georgia. The Boys Ranch provided children an opportunity to learn "strong moral values, religious awareness, personal responsibility, teamwork and acceptance of authority, as well as how to overcome adversity" (Georgia Sheriffs'). This first campus was only the start of a vision that would continue to grow. Today there are four additional campuses that provide a nurturing atmosphere for boys and girls placed strategically across the state.

"I believe that the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes provide opportunities for children to succeed. I believe that children deserve to be given a chance to become productive, successful, law-abiding citi-

zens. To me the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes is providing these children the opportunities that our nation's founders dreamed would be available to all children. Children in the Youth Homes learn that they are able to overcome their difficulties and that if they work for it, they can obtain a better life for themselves. I think that our children deserve to be given a chance to succeed. This is why I continue to support the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes," Sheriff Chris Clinton stated.

What to expect: There will be our traditional trap shoot, which consists of each shooter shooting from five positions at a total of 50 clay birds. This year, we are also offering a shotgun clinic which will be taught by the expert trap shooters of the Chatuge

Gun Club. This will be a fun-filled day of shooting, raffles, door prizes, and great fellowship. All the proceeds go directly to benefit the children of the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes and because the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes is a public charity, any donation to the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes qualifies for the highest tax deduction allowed by law.

Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes serve over one hundred children in residential care and hundreds of children in its camping program. Help us continue to provide the best possible care for the dependent, neglected, and abused children of Georgia by attending this event, or sending your tax deductible gift to the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth

Homes today. Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes is sponsored by the Georgia Sheriffs' Association.

Three out of the last four years, Towns County has placed in the Top Ten fundraising counties in the state per capita. This wouldn't have been possible without the support of the community, members of the Chatuge Gun Club, and our various sponsors. Sheriff Clinton stated, "I'm very proud of this community and its efforts to help the children of the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes succeed."

You do not have to participate in the trap shoot to participate in the other events of the day. Please come out and join us as we have a great time and raise money for a great cause.