

## Fire Department awarded AFG Grant



Fire Chief Mitch Floyd and Asst. Chief Harold Copeland review the AFG award announcement.

Towns County Fire Rescue Department has been awarded a \$94,575 grant for firefighter protection equipment under the Aid to Firefighter's Grant program of the Department of Homeland Security. The grant requires a 5 percent county match.

Fire Chief Mitch Floyd said the funds are immediately available and will be used to replace personal protective gear (helmets, coats, etal.) All of the equipment being replaced is over 8 years old

and some is even well over ten years old. Funds are also available for a washer/extractor and dryer for the required laundering thereby reducing the current outside services' costs.

The department intends to work with various vendors to obtain the best equipment at the price estimated in the grant request.

Future grant requests will be made during application periods. The goal is to protect the safety of the County's firefighters. T(Jan26,F3)SH

## Local students graduate UGA

Following is the list of local University of Georgia students who completed re-

quirements for their degrees at the end of the 2010 fall semester. Each student participated in the university's commencement exercise which was held on December 17, 2010 at the University of Georgia.

Trey Alexander Gunter, BS, Blairsville, GA; Mackenzie Leigh Patterson, AB, Blairsville, GA; Mackenzie Leigh Patterson, ABJ, Blairsville, GA.

David Holmes Payne, BSA, Hiawassee, GA; Brit-tany Lee Sampson, BSFCS, Young Harris, GA; Jarrod Robert Shirley, BSED, Hiawassee, GA. NT(Jan26,J1)SH

## Medical scholarships available

Scholarships in a medical field or medical related field are available to residents of Towns and Clay Counties. These scholarships are awarded by the Chatuge Regional Hospital Auxiliary. Applications may be obtained at the Volunteer Desk in the main lobby of the hospital or from a school counselor at Towns County and Hayesville High Schools. The applications are due by April 1st. Four scholarships were awarded in the two counties last year. For more information call: Jean Edwards, President, at (706) 896-1753 or Scholarship Chairman, Bonnie Blitch, at (706) 896-0024. T(Jan26,F3)SH

## Sewer smoking in Young Harris

The City of Young Harris is planning to do some smoke testing in certain areas on Wednesday, February 2, 2010 beginning at 9 AM. Customers throughout the Young Harris service area may see smoke coming from your sewer vents or from places where holes may have eroded into the sewer lines. This may occur for as long as it takes to do the required testing. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but we are striving to improve the quality and cost of services we provide our customers. Any questions, call Gary at 706-379-3171. T(Jan26,H1)SH

## Thank you

The Hiawassee United Methodist Men (HUMM) extend a very sincere "THANK YOU" to those of you that supported their fund-raising programs, namely the Chili Supper and Pecans, for the Year 2010.

The proceeds from these programs were distributed back in the Community to the following: Scholarship (Young Harris College), Camp Hossana, Food Pantry, Feed Lambs, Safe, Karios, Women's Enrichment Ctr., T/C Fire Rescue, T/C Family Connection, Jail Ministry, Hinton Life Ctr., Boy Scout Troop 125, and Habitat.

Your support made this all possible and we look forward to your continued support when these programs roll around again this year. T(Jan26,J1)SH

## 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.



### ARREST REPORT

Towns County Jail  
Sheriff-Chris Clinton

- 1/20/11 Clyde Jason Ball, age 29, Murphy, NC Failure to appear after giving cash bond/admission of guilt, Bond revocation
- 1/18/11 Gregory Thomas Ducey, age 51, Woodstock, GA Probation violation
- 1/19/11 Rory Victor Edlin, age 24, Hiawassee, GA Housed for Union County
- 1/19/11 Frank McKinley Ensley, age 65, Young Harris, GA Too fast for conditions, Probation violation, Failure to maintain lane, Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs - 1st offense
- 1/18/11 Raymond Randall Maney, age 51, Hayesville, NC Failure to appear after giving cash bond/admission of guilt
- 1/19/11 Victor Terrance McGill, age 20, Clayton, GA Housed for Union County
- 1/21/11 Anthony John Cataldo, age 56, Hiawassee, GA Driving while license suspended
- 1/22/11 Jack Ernest Cooper, age 39, Cleveland, GA Driving under the influence, Safety belts
- 1/17/11 Donald Scott Jones, age 32, Piedmont, SC Driving in circular or zigzag, Driving while license suspended
- 1/20/11 Katherine Rae McEwen, age 33, Blairsville, GA Open container/passenger area, Driving on roadway laned, DUI - alcohol
- 1/21/11 Ronald Earl Stephens, age 63, Cullowhee, NC Obstruction or hindering law
- 1/20/11 Thongsamouth Worajak, age 39, Young Harris, GA License required, Use of safety belts

### TC Fire Department

#### RESPONSE REPORT

From: Fire Chief Mitchell Floyd



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|---------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1/13/11 | Ridgecrest          | Med assist         |
| 1/13/11 | Main                | Landing zone       |
| 1/13/11 | Smithfield Ln.      | Structure fire     |
| 1/13/11 | Hwy. 76 W.          | Med assist         |
| 1/14/11 | Crooked Creek Conn. | Cancelled          |
| 1/14/11 | Smithfield Ln.      | Rekindle fire      |
| 1/15/11 | Fodder Creek        | Med assist         |
| 1/15/11 | Long View           | Med assist         |
| 1/16/11 | Ashley              | Cancelled          |
| 1/16/11 | Hwy. 66             | MVA - injuries     |
| 1/16/11 | McConnell           | Med assist         |
| 1/16/11 | Russell Manor       | Med assist         |
| 1/16/11 | Mallard Cove        | Med assist         |
| 1/16/11 | Hwy. 17/69          | Gas leak/propane   |
| 1/17/11 | Upper Bell Creek    | Med assist         |
| 1/17/11 | Old Forge Estates   | MVA - no injuries  |
| 1/17/11 | River               | Fire alarm - false |
| 1/17/11 | Hwy. 76 W. YH       | MVA - injuries     |
| 1/17/11 | Brasstown Valley    | Landing zone       |
| 1/18/11 | Sharon's Way        | Carbon monoxide    |
| 1/18/11 | Chipmunk            | Med assist         |
| 1/18/11 | Cottage Hill        | Med assist         |
| 1/18/11 | Bearmeat            | Unauthorized burn  |
| 1/18/11 | Abbie Liza          | Med assist         |
| 1/18/11 | Lakeview Dr.        | Med assist         |
| 1/18/11 | Hidden View         | Med assist         |
| 1/19/11 | Hwy. 75 N.          | Med assist         |
| 1/19/11 | Swallow's Creek     | Med assist         |
| 1/19/11 | Church              | Cancelled          |
| 1/20/11 | Streak Hill         | Structure fire     |
| 1/20/11 | Church              | Med assist         |
| 1/21/11 | Cypress Dr.         | Med assist         |

### Extension Tips



by  
Robert  
Brewer

#### Space heater safety tips

Keep all spaces heaters at least 3 feet away from combustibles.

Use space heaters only as a supplementary source of heat. These devices are not intended to replace the home's heating system.

Do not use extension cords with space heaters.

Inspect the heater's cord periodically to look for frayed wire or damaged insulation. Do not use a space heater with a damaged cord.

Check periodically for a secure plug/outlet fit, if the plug becomes very hot, the outlet may need to be replaced. This could be a sign of a potential home wiring issue.

Heaters should be placed on a flat, level surface. Do not place heaters on furniture since they may fall and become damaged or break parts in the heater.

Unless the heater is designed for use outdoors or in bathrooms, do not use in damp, wet areas.

Look for the UL Mark on your electric heater. This means representative samples of the appliance have met UL's stringent safety standards.

If you have a liquid-fueled space heater, use only the fuel recommended by the manufacturer. The wrong fuel could burn hotter than the equipment was designed for and cause a serious fire.

When refueling, turn off the heater and let it cool down completely before add-

ing fuel. Wipe away any spills promptly.

Before you buy a kerosene heater, check with your local fire department to ensure that it is legal.

Install smoke alarms to warn of a fire, but also have carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in the home to warn to warn about a faulty furnace, fireplace and oven flues or any other venting problems. T(Jan26,H1)SH

## Walker graduates Georgia Southern

Commencement took place inside historic Hanner Fieldhouse on December 10, 2010. Emily Walker from Hiawassee graduated at Georgia Southern's Fall Commencement.

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University, offers 112 degree programs serving 19,000 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelors, masters, and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. The University, one of Georgia's largest, is a top choice of Georgia's HOPE scholars and is recognized for its student-centered approach to education. Visit: [www.georgiasouthern.edu](http://www.georgiasouthern.edu). T(Jan26,F2)SH

## TC Board of Health meetings

The Towns County Board of Health will meet on the following dates in 2011: Thursday, January 27 at 9:30 AM; Thursday, April 28 at 9:30 AM; Thursday, July 28 at 9:30 AM; Thursday, October 27 at 9:30 AM. Meeting location: Towns County 911 Conference Room. T(Jan26,F1)SH

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Hiawassee was closed by the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance on March 19, 2010 and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation was named receiver. To protect the bank's depositors, the FDIC entered into a purchase and assump-

tion agreement with Citizens South Bank, based in Gastonia, NC, to assume all of the deposits of Bank of Hiawassee and its branches.

Under the terms of the transaction, Citizens South received approximately \$300 million in assets, includ-

ing \$227 million in loans, and assumes \$324 million in liabilities, including \$295 million in deposits of Bank of Hiawassee. The FDIC and Citizens South entered into a loss sharing agreement covering substantially all acquired loans.