

United Community Bank supports Towns County Special Olympics



Erin Schuette and Janice Smith

Janice Smith (R) with United Community Bank presents a check to Erin Schuette (L), an educator in the Towns County School System. Erin is a coordinator for the Towns-Union Special Olympics program. This donation will help provide opportunities for local

students to participate in local, regional, and state Olympic Games.

United Community Bank has an unwavering commitment to Towns County, and is proud, once again, to support the activities of our communities and schools. T(Sep8,F4)SH

Fred's Hero Hats Program

Each year since 2002, FRED's Hometown Discount Stores have commemorated the fallen heroes of 9/11 through a fund raiser for the emergency teams that serve their store locations. Through Sep-

tember 12, stores are selling "Hero Hats" for \$1 each with all proceeds going to selected emergency teams around store locations. In addition, all operating profits from store sales that take place on September

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

- 9/5/10 Chandler Bryan Adams, age 18, Hiawassee, GA Furnishing to, purchase, or possession by persons under 21
- 9/4/10 Nicholas Van Georgopoulos, age 57, Murphy, NC Hold for Gilmer County
- 8/30/10 Jim Darell Hill, age 54, Hiawassee, GA Hold for Alabama
- 9/3/10 Chandler Bryan Adams, age 18, Hiawassee, GA Fighting in a public place
- 9/3/10 Robert Jeremy Dale, age 26, Hiawassee, GA Serve weekends
- 9/3/10 Gary Dewayne Martin, age 20, Hiawassee, GA Fighting in a public place
- 9/3/10 Thomas Izel Martin, age 18, Hiawassee, GA Fighting in a public place
- 8/30/10 Melissa Dawn Watson, age 30, Hiawassee, GA Driving on roadways laned for, Reckless driving

11 will also be donated.

"Hero Hats" are personal signs that customers pay \$1 to sign and hang in the window of their FRED'S store in visible support of their emergency teams. District managers in each market select the designated emergency organizations, generally the response teams who would come to the store in the event of an emergency.

Since the promotion began in 2002, FRED'S has raised and donated more than \$1.6 million dollars for local fire, police and sheriff departments. In 2009, FRED'S raised more than \$314,000.

"Our 'Hero Hats' program is the best way for us to remember the tragic events of September 11, to honor all the fallen heroes and to show our appreciation of the emergency teams who continue saving lives everyday," said Ursula Roman, marketing director for Fred's Inc. "The anniversary of the tragedies in New York,

Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania just seems like the appropriate time of year to make this gesture of appreciation."

Shoppers can also join FRED'S in supporting emergency teams by visiting their local store on Saturday, September 11. All operating profits from stores sales on September 11 will be donated to designated local emergency teams.

"We feel confident our customers will help us continue to show our gratitude by supporting this program," Roman said. "We hope the emergency teams find it rewarding to see the 'Hero Hats' hanging in the store windows in their honor and that the money raised on September 11 will be helpful to their needs."

FRED's offers the products customers need most at the lowest prices everyday. For more information, please visit the Web site at www.fredsinc.com. T(Sep8,F3)SH

ACS and Sears team up to fight cancer

"We have just released information about an upcoming event that will be happening in Blairsville, Ga. on Saturday, Sept. 18 at the Sears Store," stated Allyson McGraw, Union County American Cancer Society volunteer. Andy Burks with the Sears store in Blairsville is cooperating with a nationwide Sears effort taking place on Saturday, Sept. 18th. In addition to the great sales and discounts being offered that day, Sears will be donating a percentage of the sales to the American Cancer Society. "Our local volunteers are excited about this new venture with a great supporter such as the Sears staff here in our local community," added Mrs. McGraw.

Look out for more information about the activities taking place at the store on Saturday, Sept. 18th. There will be an educational opportunity for the Sears shoppers to learn more about the mission of the American Cancer Society, especially the monthly Man to Man Prostate Support Group, the Look Good Feel Better patient services program on

Sept. 27th and the Breast Cancer Awareness efforts coming up in October and the Road to Recovery Volunteer Transportation program.

Relay For Life teams will be on hand with some delicious home baked goodies and some sausage/biscuits for the early crowd to enjoy for a donation to the American Cancer Society.

This year, 11 million cancer survivors across America will celebrate birthdays... including several hundred cancer survivors here in Union County. Thanks to the efforts of companies such as Sears and our many volunteers we can have a "world with more birthdays". Together we will learn how to stay well, get well, find cures and fight back. What better way to celebrate than to "go shopping" at our local Sears Store on Saturday, Sept. 18.

For more information about the American Cancer Society check on line at www.cancer.org or call 1-800-ACS-2345. The information line is available 24/7/365. N(Sep8,Z1)SH

International poet to read at Writers' Night Out

This month, Writers' Night Out features poet Dan Veach from Atlanta on September 10 at 7 p.m. in Wilson Lecture Hall at Young Harris College. Dan's reading will be followed by an Open Microphone for those who'd like to share their own poetry or fiction.

Dan has given poetry recitals at Oxford University and the Poetry Society in England, People's University in Beijing; the American University in Cairo, Egypt; the Poetry Café in Singapore; the Yeats School in Sligo, Ireland; and the Adelaide Festival of Arts in Australia.

He is the founder of Poetry Atlanta and the founding editor of Atlanta Review, an international poetry journal. He is also editor and translator of *Flowers of Flame* (Michigan State University Press, 2008), the first anthology of Iraqi poetry since the war began.

Dan's poetry was selected for the Sotheby's/Arvon International Poetry Competition Prize Anthology by Sir Stephen Spender and Gwendolyn Brooks. His poems have appeared in the Annual Survey of American Poetry, The Irish

Times, California Quarterly, Southern Poetry Review, Sulphur River Literary Review, The Chattahoochee Review, The Cortland Review, and Russia's Humanities Fond, among others.

Writers' Night Out takes place the second Friday evening of every month from 7-8:30 p.m. Formerly at Mountain Perk Coffee House in Hiawassee, the event had to find a new home when the coffee house closed in mid-August. Young Harris College has kindly agreed to host Writers' Night Out at Wilson Lecture Hall, which is located in the Goolsby Center on the campus. The organizers of the Writer's Night Out hope to hold the event at the Campus Gate Art Gallery in the future.

Those interested in reading at the Open Mic may sign up at the event. Each writer will have three minutes to read fiction or poetry. The evening is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact Writers' Night Out coordinator, Karen Holmes at (404) 316-8466 or kpaul-holmes@gmail.com. T(Sep8,F1)SH