

## Poker Run a success...from page 1A

pivotal part in the organization and spirit of the event. The auction (run by Rob) was a huge success also.

"Al Craig at The Ridges Marina worked very closely with the Shriners to make sure that the event would benefit the many children they help. He worked and worried over every detail," Hooper said.

Shriners' Hospitals for Children is a health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for

medical professionals. Children up to age 18 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

The Poker Run event was a prelude to a future long-term partnership between the Shriners and Hiawasse/Towns County.

Hiawasse Mayor Barbara Mathis announced recently that the Georgia Shriners Convention would be held in Hiawasse and Towns County in June 2011.

Members of the Towns County Tourism Association, including City Manager Rick Stancil, will make a presentation on Towns County's behalf at a Shriners' meeting in Atlanta in October. Stancil also will present a proclamation honoring Shriners and their charitable works at that meeting.

"We are really trying to let the Shriners know that their business is important to us and that we want to help," Hooper said. "I think this event will be a big plus for the community next summer. Incidentally, there will be another Poker Run in June."

## Four charged in drug bust

The Towns County Sheriff's Office Drug Grant Unit recently conducted a traffic stop which resulted in several individuals being arrested for Possession of Marijuana, and two arrested on outstanding warrants.

Deputy Shawn Dyer initially stopped the vehicle for an equipment violation, and during the traffic stop deputies became suspicious that the vehicle contained contraband.

The Towns County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit had arrived on scene and at the request of Deputy Dyer, a free-air sniff was conducted around the vehicle. K9 Darth gave a positive indication of the presence of an illegal narcotic odor coming from the vehicle. A subsequent search of the vehicle produced an amount of suspected marijuana in a plastic bag hidden under the rear passenger seat.

Four individuals were charged with Possession of Marijuana. In addition to the drug charges, one of the individuals was found to have an outstanding arrest warrant from Gwinnett County and another was wanted out of North Carolina.

These alleged fugitives were held for pick-up. Names are being withheld until the investigation is complete, Towns County Sheriff's reports show.

## One charged in burglary

During the late evening hours of Thursday, Sept. 23, the Windy Hill BP Station on Hwy. 66 was burglarized.

The perpetrator had broken a window and climbed into the business. After discovering the break-in, the owner called 911, and Towns County Sheriff's Deputies were called to the scene.

The burglar took a small amount of cash, cigarettes, lighters, beer and other items from the store.

Based on video and other evidence gathered from the scene, Sheriff's Investigators obtained a warrant for the arrest of Crista Cook, age 40, who had been living close to the store, Towns County Sheriff's re-

ports show.

The suspect had allegedly been staying at a residence near the store on Hwy. 66.

Within 24 hours, the suspect was picked up by Tennessee authorities after an arrest warrant had been obtained.

Cook currently is being held in a Polk County, Tenn. detention center awaiting extradition.

## New women's clothing store in Hiawasse

Collage spanned from the idea of a collection, and since Collage is a clothing store, we thought, hey, a collection of clothing. The idea fit perfectly since I have always shopped that way. I love finding great pieces and creating an outfit with a price I felt comfortable paying. At Collage you'll find your basics and even something special for all occasions. And since we carry junior, missy and plus sizes, everyone is sure to find what they're looking for. We also carry shoes and accessories.

God has really blessed us in our businesses, and that's why we wanted to start a clothing store. We want to bless the

women with outfits that make them feel blessed. We want to encourage them to feel good about themselves. And to top it off, we also want to bless them with prices they can afford.

When you come to visit,

### Dance at CCSC

Dance at the Clay County Senior Center, 196 Ritter Road, Hayesville, NC, Friday, October 1, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Music by "Swing Time Band". Playing foxtrots, waltzes, Latins, line dances, country, rock, and polkas. For more information call: (828) 389-9271 or (828) 369-9155.

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you'll see familiar faces such as Crystal and Sheila Eller, and on occasion, Ashley and Glen will show up to give their two cents. We're a family-run business, and we aim to bless the community. So come out and get blessed! T(Sep29,H2)SH

## BOE meeting rescheduled

The Towns County Board of Education's October 11, 2010 Regular Meeting is rescheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2010. The meeting time and location are not changed. T(Sep29,F1)SH

## District Governor visits Towns County Lions



District Governor Bennett (left) with Howard Cunningham



President Ralph Grady (left) with the District Governor



L to r: President Ralph Grady, Gary Pena, Carol Lin and D. G. Bennett

Lions Club District Governor Ron Bennett was the guest speaker during the last meeting of September 2010. Mr. Bennett, one of the first attendees of the Southeast Leadership Institute in Forsyth, is a member of the Dawsonville Lions Club. When not busy with his duties as a Lion, Mr. Bennett is a fulltime engineer building and designing poultry plants. Prior to this, he

has worked on a wide-range of projects from nuclear power plants to high rise buildings which include the World Trade Center buildings.

Governor Bennett's motto for this year is "We are Knights of the Blind and We Serve." This motto follows right along with that of the International President's. The focus, under Bennett's leadership, will be to serve

our communities in new and better ways and increase our membership during the year. The focus for October is to share the goal of saving sight with the community. If you know of someone in need of sight-saving measures, please contact your local Lion Club member, or President Grady, whose number appears at the end of this article.

Bennetti also shared his approach to the November District Rally in Gainesville, as well as providing the club with an update on the progress of the new Lighthouse building in Atlanta. The building has been purchased and is currently undergoing renovations. With a square footage of around 14,000 square feet, the Lighthouse will be able to serve all referred Georgians and Lion Club members. The staff is hoping to be in by late December, and the projected opening of the new eye lab and clinic is February 2011.

At the end of the meeting, several members were recognized by Gov. Bennett. Among these were Ken Fuller (membership chair), Myers Banister (long-range planning), Hilda Thompson (sponsoring five new members), and Howard Cunningham for 55 years of service to the Towns County Lions Club. Two new members were inducted by Gov. Bennett - Gary Pena and his wife Carol Lin, sponsored by Ralph Grady.

Upcoming activities for the Lions Club will focus heavily on the fall festival. If you would like to volunteer to work at any of the booths, please contact President Grady. His number is 706-896-4542. The next meeting of the Club will be the 26th of October where the Fair Board elections will occur. Meetings are at the Anderson Music Hall and begin at 6 PM. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Submitted by: Laurie Main

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