

Beta Delta begins new biennium



Jounida Bradley and Margie Winkler

The Georgia Beta Delta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa has begun a new biennium, 2010-2012, with our new president Irma Flanagan. Our chapter has celebrated forty years of altruistic service, fellowship for teachers, and extending educational knowledge. Pictured

are Jounida Bradley and Margie Winkler. Margie is receiving a Seven Pearl certificate for chapter accomplishments during her biennium. Margie graciously served our chapter by fulfilling the office of chapter president four years. Congratulations! T/Oct6,H1/SH

Janet Allen earns prestigious GRI designation



Left to right, Donna Traylor French, past GRI Dean and Realtor Janet Allen, GRI Graduate.

A local Realtor was recently awarded the Graduate, REALTOR Institute (GRI) designation by the Georgia and National Associations of REALTORS. Janet Allen of Mountain Realty Inc joins other top producers in the residential real estate industry who hold the GRI designation across the nation.

Janet Allen, a member of the Northeast GA Board of Realtors, completed the 90 hour curriculum required to achieve the highly acclaimed designation by attending an intensive series of instruction covering a variety of subjects including contract law, professional standards, sales and marketing, finance, and risk reduction.

With this designation and through increased awareness of current topics important to the real estate profession, such as legal issues, REALTOR Janet Allen can better serve prospective clients

and customers.

The GRI designation sets the individuals who have attained it apart from other practitioners because it indicates to the public that the individuals have obtained a professional education foundation on which to base the services they provide, and that they are members of the National Association of REALTORS and abide by its Code of Ethics.

The REALTOR Institute is designed to educate practitioners about local, state and national real estate practices that affect them, their clients and customers. The Georgia Institute is taught by leading real estate professionals from around the country.

The REALTOR Institute has been in existence for more than 40 years and has graduated thousands of REALTORS. For more information about the GRI designation, contact the Georgia Association of REALTORS at 770-451-1831. NT/Oct6,P1/SH

Unconventional quilt artist addresses local quilters guild



Molly Elkind

Members of the Misty Mountain Quilt Guild enjoyed seeing new ideas in finishing quilts during the September 27 meeting held at the Blairsville

First United Methodist Church. Ms. Elkind, a professional quilter and instructor from Alpharetta, GA, presented samples of "memory squares" that used photography and fabric to depict favorite times of her life. She also uses beading, embroidery, and unusual shapes and bindings in wall hangings to make these works of art very different and interesting.

Ms. Elkind holds an MA in Studio Art, has studied dyeing, fiber art, and mixed media embroidery. She taught her techniques in a workshop on September 28 to members of the Guild at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. She will also be teaching at the Georgia Quilt Show in Gwinnett County in October. For information about upcoming programs and events of the MMQG, visit the website: www.mistymountainquiltguild.com. NT/Oct6,A3/SH

Simpson to read at Coffee With the Poets

Coffee with the Poets welcomes Nancy Simpson, Wednesday, October 13 at 10:30 AM. She will read, for the first time, from her new book, *Living Above the Frost Line, Selected and New Poems*, at Phillips and Lloyd Book Store in Hayesville, North Carolina.

Nancy Simpson found time to go back to school and attain her MFA from Warren Wilson College while teaching children with special needs in Hayesville, NC schools. Over the past thirty years, Simpson has been a practicing poet who has published her work in numerous journals and reviews such as the prestigious *Georgia Review* and *Prairie Schooner*. Her poetry has been recognized and published in anthologies such as *One Hundred Years of North Carolina Poetry*, *The Poets Guide to the Birds* and *Southern Poetry Review's* 50th Anniversary Anthology, *Don't Leave Hungry*.

Seven of Simpson's poems were reprinted in the textbook *Southern Appalachian Poetry*, McFarland

Press. Early on in her writing career, the poet published two books, *Across Water* and *Night Student*. She is one of the founders of the North Carolina Writers' Network West, a far reaching literary group with members from just south of Asheville down to Fannin County, Georgia.

Carolina Wren Press recently published Simpson's third poetry collection, *Living Above the Frost Line --Selected and New Poems*. Within these pages is poetry from her early books as well as never before seen verses. They are melded together perfectly to present an image of the poet's life's journey.

A woman devoted to her writing, Simpson co-edited the anthology, *Lights in the Mountains*, an idea of some NCWN members that flamed into the exciting book by southwestern North Carolina writers and the writers in north Georgia. Most recently she served as editor for a new anthology, *Echoes Across the Blue Ridge, Stories, Essays and Poems by Writers Living in and Inspired*

From the Desk of:

Sheriff Clinton of Towns County

It would seem that cooler weather is on its way. Already the temperatures in the mornings have dropped into the upper thirties this week. With cooler weather often comes increased risk of accidental house fires due to heating. Fire safety is an important issue that I have mentioned in the past and this seems to be an appropriate time to remind everyone to be safe when it comes to fire.

The sad fact is that many Towns County families have lost loved ones due to house fires. This type of tragedy occurs far too often. There are some things that you can do to help keep yourself and your family safer. The following are some basic tips on fire safety that are being offered in the spirit of helping you and your family remain safe.

1) Install and maintain smoke detectors. Smoke detectors can save your life, but only if they are in good working order. Maintain and test smoke detectors regularly, and never remove the batteries for other uses.

2) If a smoke detector goes off while you are sleeping remember to roll to the floor and crawl. Do not stand up, as smoke may have already filled the upper part of the room, from the ceiling down. If you encounter smoke remember, the best air will be closest to the floor.

3) Be careful to give heaters and fireplaces plenty of space. Placing combustible material close to a heat source can cause it to ignite and start a fire.

4) Your family should have an escape plan in place in case of a fire. You should practice this plan with your family so that everyone is familiar with it. A good plan should include two escape routes from any room in the home. You should designate a place to meet outside. Once out of the fire, stay out.

5) "Stop, Drop, and Roll!" By now most of you have heard of this. If your clothing catches fire stop, drop to the ground, and roll. This is the best way to smother the flames. It is a good idea to cover your face with your hands to protect your face and lungs from smoke and flames.

6) Candles and cooking often cause house fires. Be careful with any heat source. Never allow combustible materials to get too close to heat or flame. Always monitor any open flame and do not allow candles or other flames to go unattended.

These are just basic tips. They are not meant to take the place of diligent planning on your part. They are offered as possible safety tips to help protect your family, and encourage you to have a proper fire safety plan. If you need help forming a plan, the Sheriff's Office will be glad to assist you. Our local Fire Department is also happy to help you form a plan to help keep your family safe throughout the year. T/Oct6,K1/SH

Class of 1975 reunion

The class of 1975 will be holding their reunion on Saturday, October 23. Please leave a message at 706-896-3456 for details. T/Oct6,20,F1/SH

by the Southern Appalachian Mountains, published by Winding Path Publishers.

Now retired from public school teaching, Nancy Simpson serves as Resident Writer for John C. Campbell Folk School where she also teaches classes a couple of times each year.

Simpson's poetry has been published in *The Georgia Review*, *Prairie Schooner*, and in anthologies such as *100 Years of NC Poetry*, *The Poets Guide to the Birds* and *Southern Poetry Review's* 50th Anniversary Anthology, *Don't Leave Hungry*. Seven of her poems were reprinted in the textbook *Southern Appalachian Poetry*, McFarland Press.

Coffee with the Poets is sponsored monthly by NCWN West with the mission to further the enjoyment and the writing of poetry. Those attending may sign up for open mic. Crumpets Dessertery offers coffee, tea and delicious cakes or other sweets for a small fee. NT/Oct6,M5/SH

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reconstructed by J.D. Gillette and Jerry Trapp of G & T Construction Co. Stoinoff's dream was to convert the historic building into a craft shop where tourists could come and witness her hand-made jewelry and possibly purchase an item or two.

But most of all, her dream was that of preservation of the past, bringing a pre-Civil War building back to life in its new home of Hiwassee. At the time, there were no cabins in the Hiwassee area sturdy enough for a restoration project.

That all happened in September 1976.

Jones was amazed to discover the building's history. He soon learned that the building beside it had been dismantled in Dalton and brought to Hiwassee as a companion piece to the historic Woodbury cabin.

He had to learn more. The one thing that excited him most was the thought of moving into the Woodbury cabin and shifting his hair salon to the historic structure.

He didn't know how to go about it, but quickly learned how to get in touch with Stoinoff. The two discussed the cabin and their mutual love

of history. In January, Buck and Nina's Hair Salon and Gifts was born.

Nina is his 77-year-old mother, a gifted crafter with a knack for making custom handbags, monograms, making floral arrangements and a master embroidering crafter who specializes in Brazilian embroidery.

Together, the mother and son have continued to preserve one of the community's precious treasures.

"Like mother, like son, we're both into history," Nina Farkosh said. "Preserving something from the past is very important. So many times, our old landmarks are torn down and laid to waste. It's a shame to see that when there are people out there with a keen interest in preservation of the past."

Together, their business, Buck & Nina's Hair Salon & Gifts thrives in the historic Tennessee landmark, relocated in beautiful Downtown Hiwassee.

Jones has one barber's seat in the building. That's because he focuses on one appointment at a time, with a focus on detail and customer satisfaction.

"I was well established here in Hiwassee

before we moved into the cabin," he said. "It's not just a place of business, it's a hobby and a life love at my finger tips. I'm always doing something to improve it while still keeping with the authenticity of the building."

"I now live in the cabin next door and it has brought peace to my body and soul," he said. "Often times I'll walk outside and folks will be taking pictures of the cabin. The other day a couple came by and asked if this was the Pioneer Village (Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds). I told them it was my pioneer village and it is."

Jones and his mother strive for a lifetime business partnership, with Nina's crafts and specialty items on one side, and Buck's salon on the other. Together they share an unbridled love of history.

"If we don't remember history and heed the lessons we learn, we are bound to repeat history," Jones said. "Just take a look around; you're in one of the greatest history classrooms you'll ever experience."

"I like to encourage folks to come on in the back door and sit a spell," he said. "They'll enjoy every minute they're here."



A sample of the crafts available at Buck and Nina's Hair Salon & Gifts. Photo/Charles Duncan

Healthy, Functional Foods workshop at Moss Library

Donna Tulley holds a degree in Food Service Management and Therapeutic Dietetics and is Certified as a Family and Community Herbalist will hold a workshop on Saturday, October 9th at 2 p.m. at Moss Memorial Library, Hayesville, NC. This is funded by the Fred A. Moss Foundation for more in-

formation call (828)389-8401.

"Did you know that some food, when properly prepared, might be as effective as prescription drugs? Come hear how eating foods you are already familiar with may improve your health by changing one step in the preparation."

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Clinic gets new location and director



Clinic Medical Director, Dr. Bryan Johnson and nursing staff at Healing Hands Community Clinic

Healing Hands Community Clinic has double reasons to celebrate! First, the clinic is moving to a permanent location. The clinic will relocate to #2 Village Towne Shopping Center (behind KFC) and be ready to help patients beginning Saturday, October 9th. The clinic staff wants to thank the House of Prayer Church which has allowed the clinic to use space at its Family Life Center for the past year.

Our new facility was made possible through the generosity of local businessman, Bob Head. We are excited to have a permanent location so conveniently located.

The clinic's second reason for celebration is the an-

nouncement of a medical director for the clinic. Dr. Bryan Johnson, who has so generously given of his time this year, has volunteered to serve in this capacity. Dr. Johnson, a family practitioner, has his office in Hiwassee (Chatuge Family Care).

Dr. Johnson graduated from Mercer University School of Medicine and completed his residency at East Tennessee State University Quillen College of Medicine.

Our clinic has a group of dedicated volunteer nurses and lay people to assist our patients. For appointments and information call 706-994-6768. NT/Oct6,Z9/CA

Appalachian Duplicate Bridge Club news

On Monday, September 27, twelve full tables played a Mitchell movement at All Saints Lutheran Church in Blairsville, GA.

North-South, first, Joyce Geiger and Pat Mosteller; second, Mary Stoll and Myrna Ponkauskas; third, Ray Berry and Harry Reynolds; fourth, Debbie Foster and Jeanette Dillabough; and fifth, Betty Long and Mary Anderson.

East-West, first, Jean Pittman and Barbara Mitchell; second, Sue Smith and Kathy Yost; third, Barry Pressman and Karol Suliminski; fourth, Carolyn Neighbors and Gwen Weaver; and fifth, Lorraine Klug and Mary Dorman.

On Thursday, September 30, eight and one half tables played a special club championship game at All Saints. Coming in first East-West and first overall to be named club champions were Marilyn Demers and Kitty Tomkinson; second East-West and second overall, Fran Egan and Martha Brewer; first, North-South and third overall, Jim Bell and Gwen Weaver; second, NS and fourth overall, Sally Miller and Marlene Mitchell; third, EW and fifth overall, Jean Pittman and Barbara Mitchell; third NS and sixth overall, Jim Shinholster and Lynn Melick; fourth EW and seventh overall, Gloria Hoffman and Diana Ring; and fifth EW and eighth overall, Karen Miller and Peg Kieffer.

October is club appreciation month so many special games are planned. If you would like to be part of this fun, the bridge club meets every Monday and Thursday at All Saints in Blairsville and would welcome any interested bridge players to join them. For partners or information, please call Dorothy Smith at 706-745-1532. NT/Oct6,Z5/CA

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/Oct6,F1/SH