

Ladies Event & Luncheon: Wednesday, February 5th

It's a new year and a new decade, are you ready? The Tri-County Women's Connection is excited to start off 2020 with a ladies event and luncheon featuring three super program guests, great food and door prizes!

Sharing her musical talent with us will be Kristen Feathers, singer and guitarist. Kristen was born in Blairsville and, except for attending Berry College in Rome, has lived her entire life in Union County with Mom and Dad and twin brother, Logan. During her high school years, Kristen was part of the Ensemble Choir and Band and served on the Junior Board of Directors for UCBI. She has a double major in History and French from Berry and is currently studying for her Masters in Public Administration at University of North Georgia. Kristen sees herself establishing or working for a non-profit organization in her future.

Bring your notepad and pencil so you won't miss the "things your physician forgot to tell you", compliments of Tracy L. Edwards, MD, HDMC of Edwards Medical Practice in Hiwassee. Dr. Edwards has been in private practice for 21 years. He has Board Certifications from both the American Board of Family Medicine and the Hospice Medical Director Certification Board. Born in Fort Valley,



Kristen Feathers



Dr. Tracy L. Edwards

GA and relocated to Young Harris in 1999, he has been married to Jessica for 26 years and they have three children. In his spare time, Dr. Edwards' favorite things to do are play guitar, write music, sing and spend time with his family.

Our Speaker Guest is Norma McMurry who lives in Fayetteville, GA. Her story, "The Fabric of Friendship", is both heartfelt and humorous as she compares friends to

various fabrics. Are you silk or satin? Be ready to learn more about your friendships.

Our luncheon venue is the North Georgia Technical College, Building A, 121 Meeks Avenue (on Hwy. 515), Blairsville. The cost is \$15 (cash or check) and includes the program, door prizes, and a delicious lunch catered by Amazing Grace Catering & Events. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. with the program starting at 12 p.m. and ending at 1:30 p.m.

Reservations are required so please secure your seat by Wednesday, January 22: email jowabow@aol.com or call Jane at 706-838-5599. Cancellations accepted until Wednesday, January 29. Pre-payment by check is requested and appreciated. Send your check payable to TCWC, attention Judy Teague, 3245 Mulkey Gap Road, Blairsville, GA 30512. If you are paying for other guests, please include their names.

For more than 35 years, the Tri-County Women's Connection in Blairsville has planned and hosted luncheons for women that provide a positive, upbeat time of fun, food and friendship. Our events encourage women to connect with each other and their community.

TCWC is not an association and membership is not required! NT(Jan15.Z14)CA

Weekly Patriot Reflection



A Republic or a Monarchy?

On the last day of the Continental Congress Convention, in 1787, Dr. James McHenry, a delegate from Maryland was privileged to overhear a conversation between Dr. Benjamin Franklin and a Mrs. Powell who was from Philadelphia. Dr. McHenry had the foresight to record it, and rightly so as it encapsulated, in a few words, the hopes and dreams of the Framers of this fledgling nation. As Franklin departed the Convention Hall Mrs. Powell stepped in front of him and point-blank said, "Well, doctor, what have we got? A republic or a monarchy?" Franklin, equally as direct, and short of words replied, "A republic, madam—If you can keep it." There it was, in a nutshell. Some 230 years later the question remains: "Can we keep it?" We cannot give 'carte blanche' to our Executive, Legislative or Judicial branches to do what they think is best, and expect the Republic to stand. We see how that has turned out! It is up to "We the People" to ensure the longevity of this nation as a Republic.

Think about this, if we lose the Republic, it is lost forever! It is up to every American to put forth the effort to keep our Republic. We are the keepers of the flame of liberty and the ones charged by Franklin and the other founders and by history past and present with this grand promise to the world.

A Patriot Reflection is presented weekly by www.joshuaswarriors.org. NT(Jan15.Z10)CA

General Meeting of Towns County Civic Association

The annual January General Meeting of the TCCA (Towns County Civic Assoc.) will be held at the Civic Center in Hiwassee (next to T.C. Courthouse) on Thursday, January 23, 2020.

This meeting is for the general public in the area as well as members of TCCA, and is a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Meat, drinks, paper products and utensils will be provided by TCCA Board. We ask that members bring a vegetable, salad or dessert (with serving utensils); non-members may also bring food, but that is not necessary. Food should be brought no later than 5:45 p.m.

Speakers that evening include CVB (County Visitors Bureau) Chairman, Ronnie Phillips; Chamber President, Candace Lee; Hamilton Gardens Director, Grace Howard; and Census Bureau area director, Pat Malone. They will be giving you the latest news in their areas.

Visit our website at

townscountycivicassoc.com if you are not familiar with TCCA.

January 2020 General Membership meeting: LaJean sent out email announcements to members and speakers. Michael will send her the agenda

ASAP to send to all. Food: Chicken fingers and BBQ. Drinks: Sweet tea (Joan). Unsw. Tea (Jan) and water bottles (Barbara); plates, cups, etc. (LaJean); Ice: Michael. Set-up time: 3 p.m. on 23 January 2020. T(Jan15.F2)SH

GET OUTDOORS! Expo now taking vendor applications

The Towns County Chamber of Commerce is bringing back the exciting Outdoor Show held first in 2018! This year's show will be one day only – Saturday, April 18 at the Towns County Recreation & Conference Center in beautiful Young Harris. The show will feature vendors specializing in camping, hiking, hunting, boating and fishing. There will be a limited number of vendors this year in order to increase classes, workshops, children's activities and an area for food vendors. Informative booths will also be part of the event and include partners from DNR, U. S. Forestry Service, Georgia Forestry Commission and others. So, if you are interested in becoming a vendor, please contact the Towns County Chamber at 706-896-4966. Vendor spaces are just \$50 and food vendor spaces are \$75. A full schedule of workshops

is now being scheduled to include backpacking, survival, first aid, fly tying, fly fishing, outdoor cooking, Appalachian Trail tips and cooking demonstrations. No matter your skill level, this show will offer a class or workshop to help you enjoy the great outdoors a little bit more! And to round out the day there will be demonstrations by Georgia Mountain Falconry and their birds of prey.

The Expo will be held at the Towns County Recreation & Conference Center located at 150 Foster Park Road in Young Harris on Saturday 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is just \$5 for adults and children 14 yrs. of age and under are free. The price of admission includes the vendor area and all classes/workshops. Parking is also free. For more information visit Bit.ly/GetOutdoorsExpo or call 706-896-4966. T(Jan15.F2)SH

Young Harris College coaches to speak to Movers and Shakers

With the turn of the calendar page to a New Year we start pushing for Spring and warmer weather. This Friday, January 17, we are pleased to welcome Baseball Coach Stephen Waggoner and Softball Coach Kayla Lucas to speak about the approaching season and their plans to continue improving their programs. Each coach has made impressive strides since they came to the Enchanted Valley, and are looking to keep building on past achievements. Everyone is invited to the Sundance Grill this Friday to hear these two impressive coaches discuss the future.

Do you belong to a local organization or are you an elected official with information that affects our commu-

nity? Then why not join us and fill us in on what's going on! Everyone is invited to come hear what our weekly guest speakers have to say, and we have always had a few minutes for impromptu speakers with pertinent information. Everyone is invited for conversation, information and breakfast with the Mountain Movers and Shakers. Our non-partisan group meets at 8 a.m. every Friday at The Sundance Grill, a great place to meet, and the food is really good and reasonably priced. So come join us. You are sure to find interesting speakers, championship caliber youth, and a fine group of friendly mountain folk!

Like us on Facebook: Mountain Movers & Shakers. T(Jan15.G1)SH

Young Harris College presents Fine Arts January Events

Young Harris College invites the community to attend fine arts events in January. All events will take place on the YHC campus, which is located at 1 College St., Young Harris, Georgia 30582. Enjoy the following events:

On Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m., Patrick Young, '15, will perform an Alumnus Recital in the Susan B. Harris Chapel. Young is currently a D.M.A. (ABD) teaching assistant at the University of Colorado Boulder. He serves as principal tubist in Opera Colorado, the Arapahoe Philharmonic and the Longmont Symphony, and holds a Bachelor of Music Education from Young Harris College, and a Master of Music in Tuba Performance from the University of Georgia. This concert is free and open to the public.

On Friday, Jan. 17 at 8 p.m., the YHC Concert Band will perform "The Best of 2019" in Glenn-McGinnis Hall. This performance features highlights of the band's fall concerts and will take place during YHC's annual High School Honor Band event. This concert is free and open to the public.

On Saturday, Jan. 18 at 12:30 p.m., Tara Winds will join the YHC Brass Ensemble in Glenn-McGinnis Hall. Tara Winds is an internationally known community concert band based in Atlanta. The



Students performing in YHC's High School Honor Band Clinic will perform Saturday, Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

band is composed of outstanding instrumentalists from a wide variety of professions, including music education, the business and corporate sector, and the legal and medical fields. The band is under the direction of Dr. Andrea Strauss, who is serving as the guest clinician for YHC's High School Honor Band event. This concert is free and open to the public.

On Saturday, Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m., the high school students involved in YHC's High School Honor Band Clinic will perform a concert in Glenn-McGinnis Hall. This performance is a culmination of what the high school students learned during the two-day clinic under the instruction of guest clinician, Dr. Andrea Strauss. The concert is free

and open to the public.

On Thursday, Jan. 30 at 6 p.m., the Campus Gate Art Gallery will host an opening reception for guest artist Jerry Siegel.

Following the opening, Siegel's exhibit will be on display Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. through Friday, Feb. 28. Both the reception and the exhibit are free and open to the public.

"REVEAL is about transformation," said Siegel. "We live in a world of costumes - presenting ourselves how we want others to perceive us." This exhibit is a look into the ways the illusion is created by drag artists.

For more information about the above events, please contact YHC Fine Arts at (706) 379-5182. NT(Jan15.Z24)CA