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rainfall possible in different areas.

Fire Chief Harold Copeland said his department kept a close watch on known flooding trouble spots like the Hiwassee River, Brasstown Creek and Fodder Creek, and that the Fire Department was fortunate not to have to perform any water rescues that day.

"One of our first priorities is always the Hiwassee River, which every once in a while, (during a significant rain event), we have to evacuate," Copeland said. "It gets high, and it floods the Enchanted Valley Campground down there."

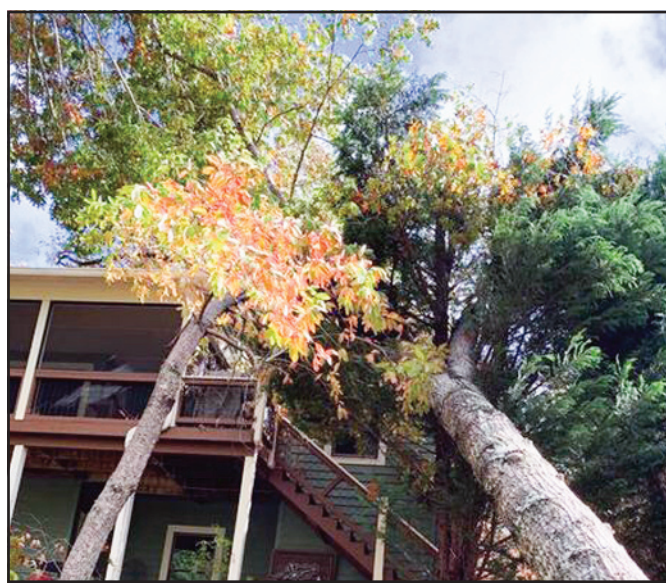
"Flash flooding compromised Riverside Drive, the campground, a few homes within that area, and we were able to evacuate the campground in the nick of time."

Thankfully, no one got trapped by floodwaters, which often move deceptively fast and contain objects and debris that pose a threat to would-be river crossers, and the Fire Department stayed on top of the situation throughout the morning.

"The fact that it was a fast-moving storm was a blessing," Copeland said. "It didn't stay with us long - what time it did, that was enough. It was just good that it didn't stall and sit here and spin on us."

Added Copeland, "I can't say enough about the men and women of this Fire Department. I have never seen such teamwork, courage, unselfishness. When anything happens in Towns County, we take it as it comes. This is just another example of how we're able to change and adapt and go with it."

"The EMS, the Sheriff's Office, our Road Department, E-911, the EMC guys, and all of us when we get out here together - I know I'm partial to our crew here, because it's us, it's our home, and I hope everybody else in other areas



Following Tropical Storm Zeta, Manny Carrion of Carrion Tree Service cleared this tree off a home on Sunnyside Road.

Photo/Facebook



Blue Ridge Mountain EMC dealt with thousands of power outages Thursday caused by trees falling on lines and snapped poles.

Photo by Shawn Jarrard

are able to work as well as we do when catastrophic events come up."

Zeta also prompted Towns County Emergency Management Agency Director Brandon Walls to open the local Emergency Operations Center to keep contact with other first responder agencies in the county.

Many area schools announced ahead of time Wednesday that they would be closing their campuses

Thursday in anticipation of the storm, including Towns County Schools, Young Harris College and North Georgia Tech, with classes resuming in-person learning Friday.

Tropical Storm Zeta is a good reminder for residents of the importance of being ready with a Basic Disaster Supplies Kit in case they lose power for days. A checklist for such a kit is available at <https://www.ready.gov/kit>.

Veterans Day...from Page 1A

C. Crawford knew she wanted to be a WAC (Women's Army Corps) from the time she first saw WAACs (Women's Army Auxiliary Corps) march through her town of Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan, as a young girl," according to the West Point Center for Oral History.

Continuing, "She was so enamored by those women in service to their nation that she hung out in their orderly room, answering the telephone and delivering messages. The ladies eventually 'adopted' her and even gave her a child-sized uniform to wear."

"After World War II, when the WAACs were disbanded, Marion wrote a letter to the Department of Defense, asking when reenlistments for women would be reopened, and upon receiving a reply, (she) immediately went down to the recruiting center and joined the WAACs."

"She excelled in the Army and made rank fast, becoming a First Sergeant at the age of 23. Throughout her career, she was either running companies as the First Sergeant, or working in recruiting command, bringing young women into the Army."

"In 1966, she was hand-picked to deploy to Vietnam to serve as the first First Sergeant for the WAC Detachment in Vietnam, building the unit from the ground up. She served in Vietnam from October 1966 to June 1968."

There will also be 10 veterans' names recognized as additions to the local Memorial Wall of Honor during this year's Veterans Day ceremony:

Harold C. Bailey, Army; Albert F. Biladeau Jr., Marine Corps; Carlton F. Gosselin, Air Force; Robin S. Grimsley, Army; Leo D. Hesson, Army; Robert N. Hodnett, Air Force; Wayne E. Murray, Air Force;

Edward R. Nitzsche, Air force; William M. Powers, Army; and Travis D. Valentine, Air Force.

The following organizations are supporting the Veterans Day effort: VFW Post 7807 and Auxiliary, American Legion Post 23 and Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, the Marine Corps League Unicoi Detachment 783, and Towns County.

In the event of rain, the service will be held at the VFW Building on Sunnyside Road. For more information, call the post at 706-896-8387.

Residents who would like to pitch in to help veterans around the county can shop at the VFW Thrift Store on Lakeview Circle in Hiwassee. All thrift proceeds go back into the community, its veterans and other veteran service organizations, and the VFW Building Fund.

Camp Grant...from Page 1A

"Mr. Camp has taken the Aquaponics Program on a shoestring budget, to involve students, school and community," said Towns County High School Principal Roy Perren. "Because of the grant, we look forward to greater opportunities for our students involved in the Aquaponics Program at Towns County High School. Mr. Camp is our hero!"

With the Voya grant, Camp plans to purchase materials for the construction of

a separate, larger greenhouse.

The larger greenhouse would serve as a source for additional Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics-inspired research and senior projects for students while standing as a community crown jewel. Camp hopes to build a model STEM curriculum program with larger facilities.

To learn more about this year's winning projects, as well as those from previous years, visit unsungheroes.com. Applications for the 2020

Voya Unsung Heroes awards are currently being accepted through the website until April 30, 2021.

Unsung Heroes is part of Voya Foundation's signature program, Voya Teacher Voices. Voya Teacher Voices focuses on empowering teachers to become leaders by promoting the teaching career, recognizing high-achieving accomplishments, providing training opportunities and offering financial support to achieve their goals.

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of the Towns County Library Board.

Former Mountain Regional Library System Director Donna Howell spoke of Doris' long history with the Towns County libraries and the many ways she has contributed to the libraries.

Dan Aldridge, FOGL President, presented the award and spoke of the value of libraries to all people. He said that everyone probably has a library story from his/her

childhood.

Doris' own youth story occurred when she was just 4 years old and her grandmother took her to their small local library. She read every book in that library, some of her favorites being Greek & Roman Mythology and Nancy Drew mysteries.

Thus began Doris' lifelong passion for public libraries, including initiating the beginning of the Friends of the Libraries of Towns County

in 1996.

The ceremony ended with a prayer by the church's Rev. Stephen Soulen.

Doris is the founding member of FOLTC and was elected to serve as its first president. She has been active with FOLTC since 1996 and has served in a variety of capacities.

She continues to support the Towns County libraries both physically by volunteering at all book sales and financially. When Mountain Regional Library was renovated in 2016, Doris donated significant funds in memory of her daughter to help complete and furnish the Children's Room.

The beauty and welcoming nature of the Children's Room is a testament to Doris' love of children, books, and especially her daughter.

Friends of Georgia Libraries' mission is "to create an informed statewide voice for Georgia's libraries ... and to strengthen the ability of local Friends organizations to support their libraries."

Halloween...from Page 1A



Margie Winkler handed out candy to quite a few hair-raising costumed kiddos at the Drive-Thru Halloween event at the Towns County Rec Center.

Photo by Jarrett Whitener

Candace Lee said she was glad to play a part in offering something for the community to do on a holiday.

"The turnout has been great, a lot better than we expected," Lee said. "We didn't know how many people would come because there are other things like this going on, so we are happy to see how many people showed up."

"We had a ton of candy donations from our community. A lot of the businesses that could not be here were more than willing to help, and they gave bags and bags of candy."

"We hope that everything is back to normal next year so the city can have it back on the square and everybody can be back to the old way, but if we need to do this again, then we will."

Drive-thru attendees such as Heather Chaney and her family were thankful for local businesses and the chamber hosting a Halloween event in place of the normal square festivities.

"I'm just glad there is something going on for the kids," Chaney said. "We were really worried that we wouldn't be able to do anything today, but we saw a few places doing things like this and we made a day out of driving around."

"It isn't our favorite way to do Halloween, but the kids do love it. Thank you to everyone that did this; it does mean a lot."

Macedonia Baptist Church also had a drive-thru event Saturday, which led to people lining up to make their way around the church. Around 17 members of the church



An adorable little tyrannosaurus rex paid a visit to the Drive-Thru Halloween sponsored by the Lake Chatuge Chamber of Commerce and local businesses Oct. 31. Photo by Lowell Nicholson

brought their decorations and cars out to give out as much candy as possible.

"We decided to do this because we knew the kids in our community needed an outlet to be able to do Halloween this year," Pastor Wade Lott said. "We actually did (Halloween) last year, and it came a downpour and we ended up doing it inside."

"We thought this year we could do the drive-thru and at least let the kids dress up and we could serve our community that way. That is the important thing for us, is being able to serve our community."

"Last year we had over 500 inside and in the pouring rain, and we are looking for a good crowd again this year."

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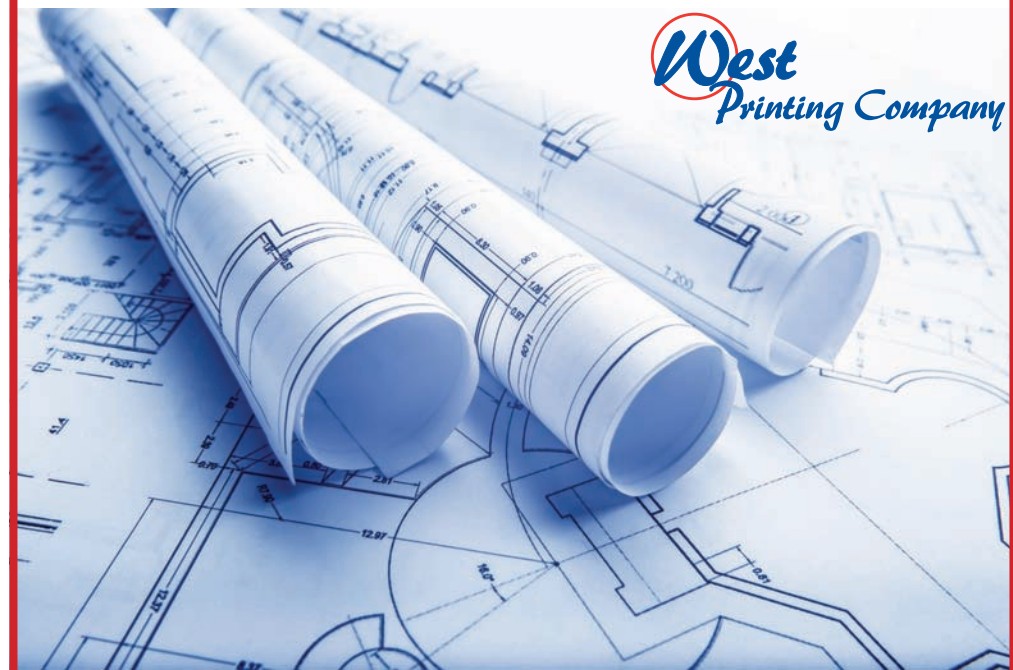
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245th U.S.M.C. Birthday



The Marine Corps League's Unicoi Detachment 783 will host its annual U.S.M.C. Birthday Party at Daniel's Steak House in Hiwassee, GA on November 10, 2020. The Meet & Greet will begin at 1730 hours (5:30 p.m.), followed by a buffet meal and a program to celebrate the birthdate of the United States Marine Corps. This year the detachment is welcoming the public to attend the event. Cost per person is \$15.

Checks for the party should be sent to:
Unicoi Detachment 783, MCL
P.O. Box 701, Hiwassee GA 30546

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