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Mayor Barbara Mathis

Mathis said the City has received numerous requests for licenses for both the retail sale of liquor and for liquor by the drink at local restaurants in Hiwassee. "Many city residents feel that they should have the same opportunity to purchase drinks at dinner as now takes place within many restaurants in Towns County," said Mathis. "The availability of liquor is not unusual, as our surrounding cities and counties have retail stores and liquor by the drink. "The Council supports our city residents having the opportunity to decide this issue through a city referendum," Mathis said. "If people of the City of Hiwassee want to purchase alcohol or go to a nice restaurant

and sit down and enjoy a drink with their meal, they are going to find a place to do it. "I just think it would be good if they could do that here at home and keep the taxes paid here in the City," she said. Hiwassee City Manager Rick Stencil said liquor sales would generate new businesses and tax revenues within the city - revenue that is now going to neighbors and fellow local governments. "Regardless of personal or individual beliefs regarding drinking, the reality is that Hiwassee restaurants and businesses are losing needed revenue," Stencil said. "This issue will be decided by city voters at the ballot box and I am sure there will be many good points made, pro and con." According to Stencil, the adoption of a resolution by the Hiwassee City Council is the first step in a long process leading to residents of Hiwassee voting on the issue. "Hiwassee will be having public meetings to further discuss this issue and we'll keep the public informed," said Stencil. For more details about the referendum, contact Mayor Mathis or Stencil at (706) 896-2202.

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Rescue Team with monies donated. "This will well equip our dive team for the upcoming summer season on the lake," said Ordiales. The Fire Corps are making big plans to have a county-wide yard sale, Saturday, May 25th. They are asking for a \$10 donation to reserve a space to unload that 'stuff' you've been meaning to clean out from the storage shed, garage, and attic as well as doing your part to help support this worthwhile organization. They will even have a table available for your use for an additional \$5. Back by popular demand, during this event only, are the famous Smoked Boston Butts that at one time was an annual tradition of Station 2 Fire House in Young Harris. Just smelling them as you drove past was enough to set your mouth to watering, and now you will have the opportunity to experience that tantalizing taste sensation once again. Ordiales reports that they are taking pre-orders and will be delivering them at the Towns County Square on May 25th just in time for Memorial Day weekend. "The price is only \$30 for a fully cooked and ready to eat, 8 to 10-pound smoked Boston Butt," she said. "You can't beat that price and your helping support the Fire Corps as well," said Or-

diales. To 'save your butt,' call Fire House 1 at (706) 896-2090 or Fire House 2 at (706) 379-3060. Get that order in early as these folks have been saving butts for a long time. If you call too late, you may lose your butt on this deal. The Fire Corps is also in the early planning stages to bring back their annual Chili Cook-Off. This will be held on the square in Hiwassee on Sept. 7th. Start marking your calendars, as these folks are out there working real hard to support the local fire department. "Since its inception, the Fire Corps has supported the fire department with fund raising activities for needed equipment, assistance with clerical and office duties, sprucing up our fire stations, and providing firefighter appreciation," said Ordiales. Towns County Fire Chief Mitch Floyd said, "This group of dedicated citizens is a valuable and appreciated asset for the Towns County Fire/Rescue Department." The Fire Corps is a non-profit organization that depends solely on fundraisers and the generous donations from the community. Anyone interested in becoming a Fire Corps member should call (706) 896-2171 or send an email to tcfirecorps@gmail.com.

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out. There were many smiles on the faces of our children," said Moss. "It is wonderful to see so many people come together to promote reading. We would like to express our gratitude to all who helped make this event

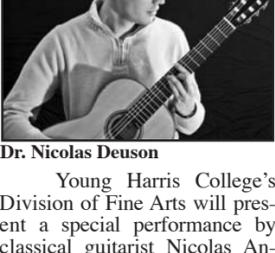
a great success," she said. According to Dr. Seuss, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child." Happy birthday Dr. Seuss and thank you for making reading so much fun.

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"We are proud to work with ExxonMobil Educational Alliance to make learning fun for the young people in the communities we serve in the fields of math and science," he said. These grants are designed to help schools purchase supplemental learning tools such as science lab supplies, iPads, graphing calculators, or to fund math and science related field trips. The \$500 grant for each

chosen school is funded by the ExxonMobil Corporation. The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance is designed to provide fuel retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through grants to neighborhood schools. ExxonMobil's Educational Alliance Program has helped ExxonMobil Corporation to contribute \$2 million to schools in 45 states and the District of Columbia.

Dr. Nicolas Deuson in concert at YHC



Young Harris College's Division of Fine Arts will present a special performance by classical guitarist Nicolas André Deuson, D.M.A., as part of the "Sutherland Concert Series" (Sunday, March 17, at 3 p.m. in Susan B. Harris Chapel on the YHC campus. The concert is free and open to the public. Guest artist Dr. Deuson is in demand as both a solo performer and chamber musician. First prize winner of the 2010

Pacific Guitar Competition, he studied under John Sutherland at the University of Georgia, with Jason Vieaux at the Cleveland Institute of Music and with Scott Tennant at the University of Southern California. He will present a varied program of literature from the solo classical guitar repertoire. The "Sutherland Concert Series" at Young Harris College was established in honor of world-renowned guitar instructor John Sutherland and his legacy of educational and artistic excellence. Described by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution as the "Dean of Guitarists," Sutherland was responsible for initiating numerous guitar programs in the state, including those at the University of Georgia, Georgia State University, Dekalb College and Columbus State University.

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folks according to Rogers. "The biggest misconception has been that some folks thought we had a part in this new title tax law, and I just want them to know that we had no say in it. It affects all of us the same way it does them," said Rogers. "We've only had two days of training on this, one in January and another in

February, but the girls here in the office have done their homework and are really up on this and know what they are doing," he said. "It's still a learning process for us though," said Rogers. Rogers said that the only real issue is that people are not fully understanding how this new tax works and the girls are

having to do some explaining to customers when they come in. "Everybody has been real good about this once its explained to them and we've really not had any complaints or major problems at this time," said Rogers. For more details on the new changes to TAVT or how it works, you can stop in and

talk to Rogers. He wants county residents to know that he has an open door policy and will be glad to talk with you about any concerns you may have. You can also contact the Georgia Department of Revenue-Motor Vehicle Division at (855) 406-5221 or visit their Web site at www.newtitletax.com.

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efficient renewable resource," said Harkins. "We can't live without trees. We depend on them for the air we breathe, for shelter, and to help keep our water clean." Harkins explained that trees also help reduce soil erosion, clean the air and reduce air pollution, create wildlife and plant diversity, as well as reducing home heating and cooling costs. He told the students that Georgia leads the nation in the number of trees planted, amount of forested land, as well as production of tree products. Also present for this celebration and tree planting were representatives of the Hiwassee Garden Club, president Diann Nichols and Joan Crothers, Girl Scout Troop Leader Laranda Mauldin, as well as Bo Berry and Blake Melton of the Georgia Forestry Commission (Blairsville office). The HGC sponsors Troop 11501 and they hold their weekly meetings at the Garden Club building.



Troop Leader Laranda and Girl Scout Troop 11501 celebrated Arbor Day by learning about the importance of trees in each community. The girls were the guests of the Hiwassee Garden Club. Photo/Libby Shook

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to the reaction from the fans when they performed their first number one hit, *One*, which according to Hutton was their first hit to be Certified Gold. Aaron and Mary Ann Walkover of Calhoun have been fans since the band's inception. In fact, Aaron boasts that he has seen them in concert about 40 times all over the country. "I first saw them when I was 16 years old in West Palm Beach, Fla. I won a ticket from a local radio station. It was the first concert I had ever been to and I loved them and I've been attending their concerts ever since," said Aaron Walkover. This bigger than life group has wowed fans of all ages since 1968 when Hutton and Cory Wells first started the band after a "Sonny & Cher Tour" brought them together in 1965. "Cory and I bonded on the tour and met up again in 1968 and decided to start Three Dog Night," Hutton said. Three Dog Night has been performing and knocking the socks off fans ever since. Meanwhile, the opening act left an impression on the crowd, and an impression on Three Dog Night. From the moment they stepped out on stage, Modern Vinyl owned it. They put on a show Las Vegas style with their classic rock hits *You Really Got Me*, *Born to Be Wild*, *Superstition*, and *Foxy Lady*. But when they performed The Beatles' *Come Together*, they had the crowd in the palm of their hand. Folks were up dancing



Blairsville's Modern Vinyl might soon have an aspiring young band opening for them. They put on a show Saturday night in Hiwassee at Anderson Music Hall. Photo/Libby Shook

in the aisles, snapping photos, screaming, and wildly applauding this up and coming young Rock band. Everybody was amazed at the talent Modern Vinyl brought to the stage. They've got the sound; they've got the look, they've got the moves; and after Saturday's performance, they've definitely got a much broader fan-base. There was just no quit in them and they definitely left the crowd wanting more. This is definitely a band to contend with and Connie Marcos of Norcross said, "They were awesome. They will have somebody opening for them before too much longer."

Betty Elliott of Gainesville said, "I wonder if Three Dog Night can top this?" This was the general consensus of the fans as they stood around talking about how talented Modern Vinyl was as they waited for Three Dog Night to come out on stage. Phillip Newman of Conyers said, "It's not often you hear a band of this magnitude and talent as an opening band." They were definitely a tough act to follow, even for Three Dog Night. But the best was yet to come for Modern Vinyl as they received quite an endorsement from Three Dog Night's lead

singer Cory Wells when he said, "What do you think about Modern Vinyl?" "They have to be a lot older than they look," he said. "That's a sound from the early 70s." "I said to myself, 'The Beatles, really'. They are just too good to be a band from today," Wells said. "They must have morphed here from the early days." How many opening acts get an endorsement that huge from one of Rock music's legendary bands? All in all, this was a great night of entertainment and a door-opening performance by local talents, Modern Vinyl.

Doug Berky Theatre at The Peacock Playhouse

Want to experience something truly memorable with your kids? Well, pry the video game controller out of their hands, turn off the TV, get out of the house and come to The Peacock Playhouse, Sunday, March 17th at 2 p.m. Why? Because Doug Berky, original story-teller, performer and giant mask maker will be there to perform and entertain.

The Doug Berky Theater performance is sponsored by the Clay County Historical and Arts Council. This project received support from the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the

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Indian Raider Marching Band to travel to Savannah



Our Indian Raider Marching Band has been invited to perform in the annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia on March 16th. The band, along with several chaperones, will be travelling to Savannah on Friday, March 15th, arriving in time for a private trolley tour of the city. The music our band has selected for the parade was donated to the TCHS Band by its arranger, Ken Dye, Professor of Music and Director of Bands at Notre Dame University. His composition incorporates our TCHS Alma Mater "Wearin' O The Green" with "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" for an outstanding mu-

sical selection for this event. The band is led by Band Director Mr. Frank McKinney, Color Guard Sponsor Mrs. Lisa Sofield, Band Captain Celeena Corbin, Drum Captain Nat Arnold, and Guard Captain Kori Sofield. The Indian Raider Band will return on Sunday, March 17th. The Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah is the second largest parade in the world. Some of the traditional events include the Investiture of the Grand Marshal, Greening of the Fountain in Forsyth Park, Tara Feis, Celtic Cross Mass and Ceremony, and Sergeant William Jasper Green Ceremony. On the morning

of the parade, Mass is held at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in historic downtown Savannah. Stepping off at 10:15 a.m. sharp, the three-hour parade consists of over 350 units, including several U.S. military divisions, many award-winning bands, and the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales. Some of the bands include the 282nd U.S. Army Band (Fort Jackson, S.C.), The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps (Fort Myers, VA), U.S. Coast Guard Pipes and Drums, Irish Air Corps Pipes and Drums (Dublin, Ireland), and many more outstanding marching units. T(Mar13,F4)SH