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OPINIONS & COMMENTARY

Letters to The Editor

To the Editor: A big "Thank you!" goes to Truman Barrett, owner of Rock Hill Farms in Young Harris, and Michael Barrett and Haley Ledford for selling Rock Hill Farms fresh, locally grown produce at the Towns County Farmers Market each week.

This project was an experiment to see how a Farmers Market would do in this county since surrounding counties were doing well. Members of the Extension Service ELS Committee, Towns-Union Master Gardeners, and the Hiawassee Garden Club feel it was a good start and will work to get more vendors involved for next year.

Towns County Farmers Market Committee

BITS AND PIECES from the Board of Elections



By Jonni Marie Shook

Important information for the voters in the Young Harris Precinct, the polling location is being moved. Instead of Young Harris City Hall the voters will now vote at the Stephens Lodge on Hwy. 66.

on local candidates as well as State and Federal offices.

Early/Advanced in Person voting will begin on October 15th. Those of you interested in voting early and beating the crowds on election day can stop by the Registrar's office at the Old Rock Jail across from Towns County Courthouse.

One last reminder, anyone wishing to vote in the November 6 General Election and has not yet registered, the deadline is October 9th. Sample ballots will be posted in the Towns County Herald as well as the courthouse, elections office and post offices and libraries in both Young Harris and Hiawassee.

RARE KIDS; WELL DONE By Don Jacobsen

My granddaughter, Brooke (the mother of my great granddaughter) sent me an interesting item she found circulating on Facebook. She found it interesting because she and her husband have a 16-month old.

shiny red plastic airplane for instance - your youngster is quickly going to run out of ways to be creative with it. But the center core from a roll of paper towels can one minute become a trumpet, then a sword, a rocket, a drum stick, a telescope, a megaphone.

I'm glad others are catching up. I have been writing and speaking about this issue for years. I wrote about it in my last book and I have addressed it before in this column.

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Here's the reason: If a toy can be only one thing - a

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Send your parenting questions to: DrDon@RareKids.net.

From the Desk of: Sheriff Clinton of Towns County

Technology as a tool for the Sheriff's Office

Technology can be a wonderful tool. When used properly, modern technology can accomplish much in a fast and efficient manner. There was a time not long ago when I used to write out police report narratives by hand.

A deputy in the same situation now would simply insert the information in the proper sequence, saving time and energy. It is not nearly as frustrating as starting a lengthy report from the beginning.

Another advantage of the technology we use at the sheriff's office is our reporting software, which allows us to compile reports based on all the information being entered constantly.

Recently, I spoke about the areas of Towns County in which we see most of our motor vehicle accidents. This information was available because of the ability to compare accident reports taken by deputies and then generate a report of when and where crashes happen in Towns County.

From time to time, people in the community have a grand slant on an issue that would make a great guest editorial. Those who feel they have an issue of great importance should call our editor and talk with him about the idea.

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be most careful in. It also allows us to know where we need to invest most of our resources for preventing traffic accidents. This past week I was able to share that same information with the state D.O.T. in an effort to assist the City of Young Harris in their request for Rapid Flashing Beacons at the crosswalk located in front of Young Harris College.

This type of information has also played a valuable role in helping us reduce crime. We are able to see the trends of those who would commit crime, what types of crimes are committed, and when and where they are most likely to occur.

One additional area that all this information is helpful in is being good stewards of our resources. By knowing when and where our time, energy, and spending are most needed, we are able to properly plan the allocation of these valuable resources and, in so doing, eliminate waste.

Taking advantage of the available technology is just one of the ways we strive to serve you better.

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"IT'S ON MY MIND.." Danny H. Parris

I've been writing this column "It's on My Mind" for about fourteen years. Sometimes "It" is not really on my mind. "It" may have been on my mind but there are so many other things on my mind that "It" has completely left my mind.

taking your friend's name with it. You struggle through your conversation praying and hoping that you don't have to call your friend's name. What really gets your goat, as soon as your friend is out of sight; your sneaky little mind prances back in with your friend's name. How wicked can your mind be!



Community Calendar

American Legion Post 23 meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at VFW Post 7807, Sunnyside Rd., Hiawassee. Call 706-896-8387 for details.

in Hiawassee at 5:30 p.m. Annual dues \$15, PO Box 1182, Hiawassee, GA 706-896-1060, www.townshistory.org

to do so, please call the Towns County Historical Society at 706-896-1060. Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 3rd Monday of every month from 5-6 PM in the Cancer Treatment Center Auditorium in Blairsville.

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