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Enjoy music, pageant, parade & more at GA Mtn. Fair

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Country Music fans rejoice, as chart-topping artists Mark Chesnutt and Tracy Byrd will be headlining this Saturday's musical offerings inside Anderson Music Hall for the opening weekend of the 71st Annual Georgia Mountain Fair, to run Aug. 19-27.

For those who simply can't wait to get in on the excitement, early birds can attend the always popular carnival that kicks off the day before the Fair on Thursday, Aug. 18, with free admission to rides starting at 4

Also on Thursday, the famous Miss Georgia Mountain Fair Pageant will debut for its 2022 outing at 7 p.m. inside The Hall, featuring plenty of stunning local talent.

The Fair proper will run nine full days and two weekends

all the amazing family friendly activities residents and visitors have come to expect and enjoy over the last seven decades.

From first-rate musical performances to arts & crafts, unique attractions, and plenty of North Georgia Mountains history, the Fair will have it all for over a week of entertain-

Manager Hilda Thomason is comes out to enjoy all of the incredibly excited for what's in entertainment and food, and the store, as the Fairgrounds continues to host community-driven events amid great weather and beautiful mountain views, with dozens of vendor booths and delicious food options at

Plus, two brand new attractions are sure to wow crowds this go-round: a new Spectacular, and an amusing with \$10,000 in prize money display called the Banana Der-

"Along with everything, something new we are having this year is the Majestik Spectacular that will have two shows Monday through Friday and three shows on Saturday and Sunday," Thomason said in the run-up to the Fair. "And we have a brand-new Ferris wheel

coming.

"We hope everybody Pioneer Village will be hosting authentic mountain demonstrations and other exhibits. Jerry Taylor will be playing (antique reed) organs as well.

And folks will want to be sure to attend the historic Georgia Mountain Fair Parade that will be riding through Downtown Hiawassee on Saturday, daredevil show from Majestik Aug. 20, starting at 11 a.m.,

starting Friday, Aug. 19, with by featuring monkeys riding nual float design contest.

District 8 State Rep. Stan Gunter will serve as the Grand Marshal for this year's parade, which will augment the already electric atmosphere of the Fair coming to town.

"Last year, we had 33,000 people total come for all nine days, and we are certainly expecting to have more this year," Thomason said. "We want to keep bringing more events and people here to enjoy everything together."

A vast array of musical talent will be available each of the nine days of the Fair, with performances by acts like Lorrie Morgan, Wyatt Espalin and the Riverstones, The Inspirations, The Primitives, Neal Mc-Coy, Country River Band and many, many more.

Attendance for the Fair is \$12 per person each day, with See GA Mtn. Fair, Page 6A



Country Music Star Mark Chesnutt will be performing at the Georgia Mountain Fair on Saturday, Aug. 20, as will fellow kids under 12 entering free. music icon Tracy Byrd. Both men have performed for decades and enjoyed numerous Billboard hits.

TCHS Football youths, local senior citizens break bread



TCHS Indians football players visited with residents of the Hiawassee Park Senior Living Community last week. Photo by Jeremy Foster

By Jeremy Foster Towns County Herald Staff Writer

A joyous gathering took place on Monday, Aug. 8, as the Towns County High School Football Team Leadership Council joined with residents at the Hiawassee Park Senior Living Community for food and fellowship.

dent-athletes together with out special "Blackout"-themed community-minded seniors in Indians T-shirts to residents of a bridging of the generational the senior living community so divide and a showing of respect they may support the players demonstrated by an invitation in style as they take on Lake to Hiawassee Park residents to Oconee Academy at 7:30 p.m. attend the first Indians home on Aug. 26. game of the season on Friday,

Members of the Football The event brought stu- Leadership Council handed

> The T-shirts are available See Football Dinner, Page 6A

Union Co. Schools worker arrested in shooting incident

By Shawn Jarrard Towns County Herald

Blairsville - Terror struck at the heart of Union County Schools the day before classes were set to begin last week when a disgruntled school employee shot up a maintenance vehicle parked at the Primary School on Thursday, Aug. 11.

The suspect quickly left school grounds and, following an extensive law enforcement search of the area, was apprehended less than an hour later.

School officials requested the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to handle the case, and a GBI representative stressed Thursday evening that there was no longer a threat to the public following the "targeted" incident.

Not much has been disclosed as the GBI continues its investigation, but what informamunity at large, as the incident was not the typical example of a tragic school shooting people dread seeing in the news.

What started as a potential active shooter threat ultimately ended in no one being physically injured, and the GBI has clarified that the "isolated shooting" was the result of a "specific unoccupied vehicle" – and not people – being targeted by gunfire in the school parking lot.

Dwight Anthony "Tony" Brown, 64, of Blairsville, was arrested Thursday afternoon and charged with three counts of aggravated assault in connection with the shooting at the Primary School, the GBI said. Brown was a mainte-

nance employee at the schools who had been working on campus that day prior to the shooting, and while an exact motive for his alleged actions remains unclear at present, the tion has been released should GBI did say it was accurate to be reassuring to school staff, describe Brown as a "disgrun-



Dwight "Tony" Brown

tled employee.'

Regarding his employment of 16 years at the schools, Brown's position was officially terminated in a called School Board meeting on Sunday, Aug. 14, and he is no longer allowed on school grounds. Further, he was denied bond last week and remained behind

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Historical Society learns local 'History in the Woods'

By Jeremy Foster Towns County Herald Staff Writer

The Towns County Historical Society convened its regular monthly meeting at the Civic Center on Monday, Aug. 8, welcoming guest speakers Bruce Roberts and Sheldon Henderson for a slideshow presentation titled "History in the Woods.

Henderson, who worked 38 years in the U.S. Forest Service and has written a few local history books, and Roberts, who retired from aviation after 34 years, shared their passion for roaming the woods in search of historical evidence of man's mark on the land.

Together, they showcased many of their explorations using images of local sites such as Native American



Local outdoor enthusiasts and history buffs Bruce Roberts and Sheldon Henderson joined the Historical Society for their August meeting. Photo by Jeremy Foster

lithic workshops, early settler ous found objects.

"My interest in finding homesteads, Civilian Conser- historical items and landmarks vation Corps camps, and vari- of nature has been for well over See Historical Society, Page 6A

City Council enacts new Home Rule, buys squad car



Hiawassee City Councilwomen Nancy Noblet, Amy Barrett, Patsy Owens and Anne Mitchell Photo by Brittany Holbrooks in their regular monthly meeting Aug. 2.

By Brittany Holbrooks **Towns County Herald** Staff Writer

The Council officially enacted the new Home Rule Ordinance and approved the purchase of a new vehicle for the Hiawassee Poregular city meeting.

Thanks to the new Home Hiawassee City Rule, the council has the option Ordiales put it in the July 25 of passing ordinances in one meeting rather than over two. which will come in handy for local initiatives that have broad

lice Department in the Aug. 2 council and community sup-

In short, as Mayor Liz work session, the Home Rule

Ordinance will "get things moving a little quicker." See Hiawassee Council, Page 6A

ris talks sewer rehabilitation, economic development

By Brittany Holbrooks Towns County Herald Staff Writer

In their Aug. 2 regular meeting, Young Harris City Council and Mayor Andrea Gibby discussed updates on the Timberline booster pump, sewer line rehabilitation and more, with an exciting economic development reveal toward the latter half of the meeting.

Leading things off, City Finance Officer Ana Hess offered a progress report on her project of updating and completing the city's most recent monetary records, which has been made challenging in recent years given Young Harris' issues retaining long-term financial workers.

cumbersome - we have to actually key in several things and click a bunch of accounts to get everything updated – so, 2022 is all updated in the system, Hess said, noting that this will streamline the 2023 budgeting

Councilman Steve Clark brought blueprints to talk about another problem needing to be addressed in the city's pursuit priority is (regarding) flow rate to repair and replace sewer lines, highlighting a faulty manhole on Maple Street near Young Harris College that has experienced backups nearly tri-

"If you ask me to prioritize its need of being fixed, it's "Our system is a little probably the highest priority ersome – we have to ac- we have," stated Clark, elaborating that the line also needed to be rerouted due to its close proximity to a tree planted on college grounds.

The roots of this tree, which is too large to move, have grown into the manhole, resulting in stop-ups that must be pumped regularly.

'If you ask me what the and what it serves, it's probably at the bottom of our list; it doesn't serve very much," Clark said, explaining another side of the issue. See Young Harris Council, Page 6A



Photo by Brittany Holbrooks Ana Hess in their Aug. 2 regular city meeting.



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the price of admission, Thomason said, "except on Aug. 20, when I have Mark Chesnutt and Tracy Byrd," which is a concert with a hard-ticket requirement. People may purchase a

three-day Fair Pass for \$33, and entry into the carnival is a sepa-

Music shows are included in rate fee. The Midway opens at 2 p.m. daily, and all music shows in Anderson Music Hall will be taking place at 7 p.m. except for Sunday, which will see performances starting at 2 p.m. Arts & Crafts will be

available 10 a.m. through 8 p.m. each day other than Sun-

consists of "a group of men showing our support."

day, which will run 10 a.m. to For more information,

including on special deal days for the carnival and a complete listing of music shows and other activities, visit www. georgiamountainfairgrounds. com, where tickets may also be purchased in advance for these rain-or-shine events.

Football Dinner...from Page 1A

for purchase by the public for

Included in the invitation was the news that the senior residents are to be honored in the stadium that evening as they walk out onto the field with the team to celebrate the pride that everyone in the community has for one another. School representatives

in the Aug. 8 dinner were Principal Roy Perren, Assistant Principal Brian Thomason and Head Coach Jason Roquemore, along with the Football Leadership Council in juniors Connor Chastain and Ian Arrowood, and seniors Seth Gillis and AJ Edwards.

Sharing his excitement for the upcoming joint field appearance, Roquemore said that the invitation "was a chance for us to grow our community closer and a great way for our kids of the Leadership Council to come and share a little bit about our program with everyone."

"We are honored to be able to come out, spend time and build relationships," Roquemore said. "And we are looking forward to continuing to have opportunities to build our community and share what we are about and for all to be a part of it. The people here have helped us create a 'No Excuses'

Council, Roquemore said it we will be down on the field

that are selected by their teammates and coaches to represent have a company that works out the football sport and honor of the legacy, morals and heritage of Towns County in which they are put through a curriculum in

their off-season, along with the coaches and other administrators, to learn how to step up to be a strong, positive influence for younger generations to

A spirit of pure positivity permeated the gathering at Hiawassee Park last week, with each member of the Leadership Council expressing his gratitude for being able to grow and develop among the type of people before them who helped make this beautiful mountain area a great place to live.

Afterward, Hiawassee Park Corporate Marketing Director Megan Evrich shared her gratitude for the event by saying, "It is so important that our residents of the aging population partner with the school system to pour into the students.' 'They have so much to

offer by being a support for our coaches and our families in the local community" Eyrich said. 'We are a nonprofit organization ministry, and giving back to the community is what we

"We plan to be at the next As for the Leadership football game on the 26th, and

Added Eyrich, "We also of Hiawassee Park called NeuroSport Physical Therapy, and their athletic trainer, Brittany Hyland, is donating her time by volunteering with the school system and the football team to help with athletic training as

"These partnerships are going to be really beneficial for our community, students, coaches and our resident popu-

Hiawassee Park Executive Director Alicia Rogers made sure to offer some pertinent information regarding the senior living center itself. The heart of all the resi-

dents at Hiawassee Park is to

be a part of our community and

give back to those that we love

and care about," Rogers said. 'Our future generations are the future of our local community. and that is why it is so important that we all partner together. "I am just really grateful for this opportunity with

'Coach Roq' and his students and our residents to share this joy together."

Hiawassee Park is a 50and-up community designed for independent living, located right beside the High School at 89 Hiawassee Park drive. For more information, call 762-

Council...from Page 1A Hiawassee

Originally introduced in the same work session was the prospect of a new car to help Hiawassee PD. The city previously budgeted \$40,000 specifically for a new vehicle, and Police Chief Paul Smith found one for \$34,900.

At the Aug. 2 meeting, some specifics were dropped about the vehicle, which was temporarily, if affectionately dubbed "the popo-mobile."

It's worth noting that the Ford Explorer, which the city will be receiving, "remains (the) quickest police car sold

Much more was discussed in the July 25 work session, including Ordiales offering a COVID-19 update. The mayor herself recovered from a bout of COVID this summer. and she advised people to be careful in the community, as the region has been experiencing a

period of greater transmission. She also reported that, according to the Appalachian Regional Commission, Towns is no longer an "At-Risk" county due to improved economic

conditions over the last year. 'At-Risk counties are those at risk of becoming economically distressed," per arc. gov. "They rank between the worst 10% and 25% of the na-

tion's counties." 'Good for us," Ordiales said, "that we're elevating, bad for us because, now when we ask for grants, we have to pay more money for it. But we're headed in the right direction, so

nomic vein, Ordiales said that Georgia has been raking in the tourism dollars, noting that the most recently available data shows the Peach State coming in fifth in the nation for overnight stays and seventh for day trips, which bodes well for a tourist destination like Hiawas-

The mayor also announced another \$425,000 payment on the city's biggest interest-rate loan.

"With that payment, we've knocked off eight years' worth of payments," Ordiales said. "When we first started this mess, we were at \$4.7 million (in debt). Now, we're at \$800,000, so we're very proud

"Of course, we're getting ready to do the expansion at the water treatment plant, so that'll Business Center is going well, be another \$1.8 million or so but let's get rid of (the debt) we've got before we start with that new stuff."

Ordiales went over plans for installing a new Daffodil Project at Lloyd's Landing, to feature the planting of 1,000 daffodils in a fenced area there. Work on this project began re- about this because we've got cently, with planting expected in the fall.

aspires to build a worldwide Living Holocaust Memorial by planting 1.5 million Daffodils in memory of the children who perished in the Holocaust and we've really just started and in support for children suf- to canvass the folks that can fering in humanitarian crises in provide us with larger sums of the world today," per Daffodil-

To date, the Daffodil Project has resulted in the planting of 758,000 of the flowers around the globe.

In her Economic Development Report, Joint Economic Development Director Denise McKay bragged on the county and cities for moving the needle on the Appalachian Regional Commission "At-Risk" designation to produce a more economically stable county.

Additionally. McKav said the local Youth Leadership Program with Towns County Schools should be getting off the ground by October. The program is an important part of long-term plans of building the local workforce by boosting youth skills and involvement in the community.

Fundraising for the Paris with the Hiawassee Downtown Development Authority having raised about \$400,000 toward the development of the project. The Business Center will provide entrepreneurship services to local businesses when com-

"We're really excited support from the federal government – the ARC folks gave "The Daffodil Project us \$600,000," Ordiales said. "The city is putting in the match of \$180,000. We've got local support of almost \$400,000.

'So, we're really close

Shooting Incident...from Page 1A



Brown's vehicle in Downtown Blairsville after Union County Schools requested the state Photo by Shawn Jarrard agency to lead the investigation. this happen, and there were no dren. He wants them to know bars at the Union County Jail

at press time.

Multiple emergency agencies responded swiftly to the 2:16 p.m. call of shots fired outside the school on Thursday. Brown was identified as the suspect in a matter of minutes, and authorities issued a "lookout' for his red Chevrolet truck.

"A patrolman with our agency located the truck, and a stop was made on the vehicle around the Town Square," Blairsville Police Chief Michael Baxter said. "The suspect was taken into custody without incident. At no time did the suspect enter the school, nor fire a weapon inside any building.'

It took just 41 minutes for Brown to be located and apprehended after the call first went out, and he was subsequently booked into the jail.

For nearly an hour after witnesses initially heard gunshots, Union County Schools remained on "hard lockdown," including at Woody Gap in Suches, only coming out of lockdown once the alleged shooter was arrested. As part of the lockdown.

teachers and staff went into classrooms, turned off lights, locked and barricaded doors, remained silent, and "prepared to fight" should anyone break in, Superintendent John Hill said.

"That classroom door doesn't open for anybody except for law enforcement or a school administrator in a keyed release once the incident is over," Hill said, adding that all staff followed their training and were released to go home after receiving the all-clear.

And while the shooting took place the day before classes were to let back in from summer break, it appears a small number of students and parents were present on campus for a second day of "Meet Your Teacher" at the Primary School; but again, no one was shot at or hurt.

this kind of thing could ever happen here, but it can it can happen anywhere," Hill said. "We have to be prepared and pray every day to God that it doesn't happen, and we thank the Lord that he protected us.

'That's one big point I want to make, to thank God for the hedge of protection he put around the school district and for the great partnerships we have with all of our local law enforcement agencies and our staff, their commitment to

safety.
"It's horrible, but we had

injuries. That's a huge blessing, and a lot of it is attributed to God protecting us, but also, people were prepared and did their job." Hill announced Thursday

night that the first day of classes

would be postponed in light of

the shooting, and after discussing the options for returning in the called meeting Sunday, it was decided that students would start their new school year on Tuesday, Aug. 16. Monday, Aug. 15, served as a staff workday, and a crisis counselor with the Georgia Department of Education Em-

ployee Assistance Program met

with employees in need, as did

multiple local pastors to offer additional counseling support. Making Monday a staff workday gave the schools time to: assess potential staffing issues regarding employees who may not have wished to return to campus after the traumatic incident; put classrooms back in order after furniture was used to barricade doors dur-

ing the "hard lockdown"; and

provide counseling services to

staff members before students

returned Tuesday. The benefit of hindsight revealed that no one was injured and the danger was limited in scope, but at the time, teachers and others who were present for the systemwide lockdown did not know anything about the shocking incident until after the lockdown was lifted.

Several employees heard the shots when they were fired, the screams of their coworkers in the initial confusion and chaos, and people locked down across the district were in real fear for their lives.

Some educators even fashioned makeshift weapons as they hid in barricaded classrooms, prepared to fight for their own lives and those of others, as detailed in a ral Resources Law Enforce-"A lot of people don't firsthand account written by ment Division, Georgia Motor a Primary School teacher that was read aloud in the Aug. 14 board meeting. Because of the terror

> many in the schools experienced in the incident, school counselors are being made available to staff and students on an ongoing basis to assist them in working through their is complete, it will be given concerns and difficulties regarding the harrowing event.

Understandably, there has been much anxiety among parents as well, and Hill said he agrees with parents' concerns about the safety of their chil-

he has full confidence in the Union County Schools Police Department, Chief Chad Devton, and all school staff due in no small part to the timely and appropriate response to the shooting last week. We are super commit-

ted to our No. 1 goal, which is safety," Hill said. "That was demonstrated (Aug. 11) in the sense that we were able to contain an active shooter situation that resulted in an arrest and no injuries. 'We will continue to be committed to our student and

staff safety, whether it's the

first day of school or last day of school, and we will continue to prepare for this type of thing and pray daily that it never happens again." On the subject of preparation, Hill said that school police regularly train in coordination with outside agencies for just such events, as do faculty

and other school staff, with

active shooter training having taken place several times in the last month alone. Hill thanked all responding agencies, and he commended school police for securing the campuses, as well as faculty and staff for following their training, getting to safe locations and securing

individual classrooms. Finally, Hill said that all local law enforcement agencies have 24/7 keycard access to the buildings of the school system to ensure a similar swift response in the event of a worst-

case scenario down the road.

The following agencies were involved in the response last week: Union County Schools Police, Union County Sheriff's Office, Blairsville Police Department, Union County Fire Department, Union County Emergency Management Agency, Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Department of Natu-Carrier Compliance Division Tennessee Valley Authority Police, Enotah Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office.

Security Agency. Once the investigation to the Enotah Judicial Circuit District Attorney for prosecu-

Georgia Bureau of Investiga-

tion, and Georgia Emergency

Management and Homeland

Brown has been charged only and is presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of

tion," the GBI said.

Historical Society..from Page 1A

Valley River Arts Guild Classes

Have you visited the of humor! Finished pieces

50 years," Henderson said. "I than I originally intended to really like history and find it seek out." amazing, especially in this area, because I have about five generations of ancestors from here.

"A lot of beautiful areas get destroyed and covered up with subdivisions and such, so I think it is important to try and preserve as much as we can, because there are many artifacts still out there undiscovered.

"My favorite part about doing any research project is that I always find more of or something completely new

Murphy Art Center lately? Val-

ley River Arts Guild is offer-

ture. Wednesday, August 17

from 2 PM to 5 PM. Cost:

Abstract painting tex-

ing classes.

Added Roberts, "I have always been interested in the history of the land because I grew up in the woods and spent a lot of time exploring, and I

just love finding new things."
"For me," Roberts continued, "I enjoy the process of researching and going out for these projects just as much as I do the final product. It is always exciting making progress because there is always more out there.

Historical Society Vice President Jerry Taylor said he could not narrow down what he liked best about the talk that

Being such an avid student of history himself, Taylor said he was appreciative of the discussion because he "learned so much information that I did

"This is without a doubt among one of my top favorite lessons we have ever put on," Taylor said. "This was also one of our most attended and by far kept everyone's attention until the end.

will return for a tentatively scheduled meeting on Monday, Sept. 12, when members will host yet another fascinating presentation regarding renowned local poet/novelist/farmer Byron Herbert Reece, who lived in Choestoe and taught at Young

upcoming meetings, including venue announcements, which are subject to change during impending courthouse renovations, visit the Towns County Historical Society Facebook page or contact Taylor at 706-994-0218 to get added to the

Young Harris Council...from Page 1A

As for solutions, Clark said the city could opt for either a permanent fix by re-routing and laying new line in the manhole, or a "temporary" - and much cheaper - fix of digging up only the part of the pipe in need of repairs while removing the roots.

In the end, the council chose the latter option, which is estimated to cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

"Whether we try to kill (the tree) or not, it's probably going to die," said Gibby, with Councilman John Kelley explaining that the cause of death would be the unavoidable, extensive damage to the root sys-Moving down the agenda,

it was announced that the plans for the water department's Timberline booster pump, which is now in its design phase, should be ready for sharing in the September or October meeting. Clark noted, however,

that it would be difficult to actually start constructing the pump extremely late or early in

"At this point, if we get plans to bid (in) either November, December, or even January, we won't have this until March or April at best," Clark said, offering a tentative estimate of the pump's completion date. "Nobody's going to start construction in February, trying

to break ground in the middle

of the snow and cold."

As for the development update, Joint Economic Development Director Denise Mc-Kay revealed that Young Harris had been accepted for the Main Street Program by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, which she believes will work wonders for business in the city. Inclusion in the program

will require that the city hire someone to staff a full-time or part-time economic development position to oversee the program, similar to the DDA program manager positions in Blairsville and Hiawassee.

While it's preferable that dedicated development person live in the community, McKay said, the main stipulation for somebody to apply or be considered for the position is that he or she have a passion for Young Harris and its development and success. Last year, Young Har-

ris' application for the Main Street Program was denied, so because the victory was a long time coming, Mayor Gibby prompted the room to take a moment to applaud McKay for her success. Next steps include bud-

getary considerations for the program and the formation of an advisory board composed of five to 15 people to develop it.

Additionally, McKay handed out brochures on the Barn Quilt Program, which

When complete, the collection of hanging murals - not actual quilts, but following the same traditional patterns - will create a trail of sorts winding through local neighborhoods to serve as a visual celebration of Appalachian heritage.

While there are some guidelines to follow, anyone in the 30582 or 30546 ZIP codes may apply to feature a barn quilt on their property, but other ZIP codes may be considered upon request. To learn more or inquire about entering, call 706-896-2202 or email dmckay@hiawassee.gov.

McKay was also pleased to announce that the Appa-lachian Regional Commission had re-designated Towns County out of the "at-risk" classification regarding potential economic crisis, a category in which Towns had originally been placed in 2017.

'We may not see it day to day, but when (the Appalachian Regional Commission) evaluated the numbers and the hard facts ... we are no longer an 'At-Risk County," McKay said. The Young Harris City

Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. inside City Hall at 50 Irene Berry Drive. These meetings are open to the public, though residents with questions or wanting to speak in a regular meeting are encouraged to call 706-379opened for applications that 3171.

you prefer. Ages 13 and up. 4 PM. Class fee: \$56. Participants will create needlework

\$55 + \$10 for materials. Paint swift, free and large. Bring your own canvas as you can choose the size of your piece. Between 24" and 48". Or, you may work on canvas cloth if Needlework art. Tuesday, August 16 from 11 AM to

art suitable for framing. Bring only your good eyesight, patience and a wonderful sense make great gifts. Also bring scissors if you have them. Ages 15 and up. Fearless watercolor for beginners, paint a mountain

pond! Follow the instructor step by step and learn basic watercolor techniques. All supplies provided to complete an 8x10 painting. Previous experience not needed. Bring a friend for a fun and creative afternoon. Suitable for adults and teens. Saturday, August 27 from 1 PM to 4 PM. Teacher:

Joyce Clair. Class Fee \$58. For details call 828-360-3038 or visit Murphy Art Center, Valley River Avenue in downtown Murphy. NT(Aug7,A2)JH

evening: "Everything about tonight's presentation was my

favorite part.' not even know.'

The Historical Society

Harris College. For more information on

group's email list.