

Featured artists and photographers at ArtWorks

ArtWorks Artisan Center in Hiawassee is proud to announce that nineteen artists and photographers are being featured this month. The public is invited to a "Meet the Artists and Photographers" event from 10 AM until 2 PM on Saturday, January 29th. The store is located behind the

Holiday Inn Express on Big Sky Drive.

The following artists and photographers are being featured: ArtWorks artists and photographers: Elizabeth Bates, Hiawassee, Cat/Dog cards, \$5; Lee Baenninger, Blairsville, Rusty Tricycle digital photo, \$97.25; Jack

Beasley, Young Harris, untitled orig. watercolor, \$250; Paula Canup, Hayesville, Smiling Alpaca orig. acrylic, \$75; Kathryn Carlson, Hayesville, Cool Waters w/c print \$105; Tami Cooper, Seffner, FL, Towering Dogwoods digital photo, \$40; Shirley Forest, Hayesville, Clipper Ship orig. watercolor, \$150; Amanda Fullerton, Hayesville, Lake Chatuge Marina orig. watercolor, \$275; Cheryl Gehring, Hiawassee, Oriental Garden digital photo collage, \$35; Mimi Histleberger, Hiawassee, Old Boots orig. acrylic \$600; Verlee Jones, Hiawassee, Running Horse orig. watercolor \$150;

Jeanne Matheny, Hayesville, Goldfinch print/giclee', \$120; Sarah Nichols, Young Harris, The Corn House w/c print \$45; Mary Penfield, Hayesville, Wintertime orig. acrylic \$225; Linda Rubenstein, Hiawassee, Rhododendron Garden print/giclee' \$200; Zoe Schumacher, Hiawassee, Woolly Bully orig. pastel \$600; Ann Thompson, Hiawassee, Nantahala native, orig. watercolor, \$295; Ron Wallace, Hayesville, untitled photograph \$28; Priscilla Richardson, Hayesville, cards (pk of 5), \$6.75.

There are many talented artists in our area. Come by, meet them, and get inspired.

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Arrest and Fire Reports

Local law enforcement provides the following information for publication. Names are spelled as they were when received from the law enforcement agencies. It is important to remember that the following individuals have been charged only and are presumed innocent until such time as they are found guilty by a court or enter a guilty plea.

ARREST REPORT

Towns County Jail
Sheriff-Chris Clinton

- 1/15/11 George Leonard Poole, age 42, Hiawassee, GA
Operation of vehicle w/out current, Driving while license suspended, Insurance required
- 1/15/11 Marie Louise Reece, age 38, Young Harris, GA
Safety belts (2 counts), Driving while license suspended
- 1/10/11 Jamison Chadwick Williams, age 33, Hiawassee, GA
Operation of vehicle w/out current, Insurance required, DUI-alcohol, Driving while license suspended
- 1/13/11 Jake John Dittmore, age 28, Hiawassee, GA
Probation violation

TC Fire Department RESPONSE REPORT

From: Fire Chief Mitchell Floyd

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| 1/7/11 | Hwy. 76 W. | MVA no injuries |
| 1/7/11 | Hwy. 75 N. | Med assist |
| 1/8/11 | Longview | Cancelled |
| 1/8/11 | Rainbow Ridge | Med assist |
| 1/8/11 | Hwy. 288 | Fire/camper |
| 1/8/11 | Gribble Edwards | Med assist |
| 1/8/11 | Lovingood | Med assist |
| 1/9/11 | Sky View | Med assist |
| 1/9/11 | Admiral Point | Med assist |
| 1/9/11 | Turtle Cove | Med assist |
| 1/10/11 | Sky View | Med assist |
| 1/10/11 | Capes | Med assist |
| 1/10/11 | Hwy. 76 W. | Fire/chimney |
| 1/10/11 | Sky View | Med assist |
| 1/10/11 | Cottage Hill | Med assist |
| 1/10/11 | Brasstown Crk. Estates | Med assist |
| 1/10/11 | College St. | Med assist |
| 1/10/11 | Hogsed | Med assist |
| 1/10/11 | Fodder Crk. | Med assist |
| 1/11/11 | Cottage Hill | Med assist |
| 1/11/11 | Murphy | Med assist |
| 1/12/11 | Cedar Cliff | False call |
| 1/12/11 | Hwy. 75 S. | Med assist |
| 1/12/11 | Sky Hawk Mtn. | Med assist |
| 1/12/11 | Main | Landing zone |
| 1/12/11 | Hwy. 17/69 | MVA no injuries |
| 1/12/11 | Hwy. 339 | Med assist |

Star Student...from page 1

Sutton said. "I thought I did well on the test, but I didn't realize I scored that high."

Eleven students reached the Wall of Honor, a place for high achievers in SAT scoring.

"There are a lot of really smart, talented kids coming up through this school system," Sutton said. "I think in the coming years, we're going to grow and we're going to excel even further."

Sutton chose TCHS Spanish and Math Teacher Lynn Swanson as her STAR Teacher.

"She was my Spanish teacher my junior year and I don't think I really appre-

ciated her then," Sutton said. "She was my Algebra III teacher this past semester and that was when I really started to appreciate what an incredible teacher she really was."

"We had a very small class; she worked with us all. She was so patient and so great with all of us. She's a student's teacher."

All-in-all, Sutton said all of her teachers have been STAR Teachers.

"It was a really hard choice," she said. "It was like between every teacher I've had. I'll say this, every teacher I've had has been a STAR Teacher to me over the years."

Local soldier makes presentation



Hayden Collins, Olen Suire, and 1st Lieutenant Jim Brown

A recent presentation of a Patriot Award at the Edward Jones office in Cartersville highlighted a number of levels of leadership.

The presentation was made to Olen J. Suire, a financial advisor and the regional supervisor for Edward Jones, the local branch of a leading nationwide investment company which has been part of the downtown Cartersville business district for a number of years. For the award presentation in Suire's office, I was joined by First Lieutenant Jim Brown, who recently returned from Afghanistan. 1LT Brown was attached to the B Company of the Guard's 1-108th Reconnaissance and Surveillance unit during his most recent of five deployments.

Over the years that I have been participating in the Patriot Award presentations for the Department of Defense, this was the first recommendation that was submitted by an officer.

An officer in the armed forces bears not only the responsibility for his own com-

mitment to serve our country, but is also charged and commissioned with the responsibility of each life under his or her command. Such officers care for, support, and lead our outstanding young service people. This officer does not take this responsibility lightly.

In this leadership role, 1LT Brown recognizes the crucial difference that strong leadership makes. And in such a position, he reflected his appreciation for how fortunate he has been to have not only a great employer, but great troops to serve with.

With the presentation of this Patriot Award, investments in leadership have been recognized both on the military side and the civilian side, by the service member and the employer.

Our Constitution will not fail. We are very strong as a nation and as a people - with this kind of dedication not only from the officer and enlisted corps, but also from the support of excellent employers such as Edward Jones and supervisor Olen Suire. TJan19,H21SH

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one large wheel under the center. The victim is strapped into this basket and the team must balance and roll it over logs, under trees, over rocks, across streams and in this case over a snow and ice covered trail.

On this day, the quickest access to the victim's location on the trail was determined; the team formed and began the long hike to the Blue Mountain Shelter with the Stokes Basket in tow. The wind was blowing hard, snow was knee deep, and the temperature was well below 20 degrees. Nevertheless, a dedicated, well trained search & rescue team knew exactly what they had to do and did not hesitate to take on the task.

The rescue began at approximately 8 a.m. and finally ended when the victim was loaded into a Towns County medical unit at 4 p.m. The rescue required six Towns County search and rescue members, two Towns County Emergency Medical Technicians, a firefighter to relay radio transmissions from the incident commander to the team, an incident commander located in Unicoi Gap to coordinate the rescue and maintain radio communication with the team, and two Towns County sheriff's deputies who met the team as they came down from the trail and transported the victim with their All Terrain Vehicle to the medical unit in Unicoi Gap. The American Red Cross provided hot drinks and food for the rescuers when they arrived at the staging area with the victim.

Ten days earlier, the first rescue of 2011 came on Jan. 2 following a call to the Towns County 911 Center on a cold Sunday morning. It was a bit more compli-

cated than last week's search & rescue.

A Louisiana hiker traversing the Appalachian Trail in Towns County had slipped on an ice covered rock, approximately 3 miles past the Blue Mountain shelter. The fall resulted in a broken leg for the injured hiker. A hiking companion also making his way along the AT called Towns County 911 on a cell phone and the search & rescue process was put into motion.

Within an hour after the 911 call, Towns County Search & Rescue was organized, made a plan, and began to search for the injured hiker. The team hiked approximately nine miles over Blue Mountain to complete the rescue.

The team consisted of 10 Search and Rescue Fire Fighters and two Towns County EMTs on the trail, three firefighters who delivered food and supplies and shuttled emergency vehicles to the scene, and an incident commander who was staged in Unicoi Gap to relay information to the team and to coordinate the entire operation.

Towns County EMTs are always included on a search & rescue team in order to provide emergency medical care for the victim when found and also to provide care if a team member is injured during the search.

The rescue effort began at approximately 11 a.m. and finally ended when the victim was loaded into a Towns County medical unit at 9 p.m. that evening.

The local Red Cross provided food and hot drinks for the search team when they emerged from the trail with the victim.

Both searches ended successfully because the team was well trained, prepared for the situation, knew

exactly what to do, and was dedicated to helping a citizen in need.

The first priority on difficult rescues such as these is to determine the victim's exact location on the trail so the team can be dispatched to the victim as quickly as possible. Determining the location can be difficult since there are no mile markers on the trail for reference and many times the victim will think they have hiked 10 miles when in fact they've only hiked three or four miles.

When the approximate location is determined, the team will gather to create a plan that will lead them to the victim by the safest route and in the shortest time. When a plan is formulated, team members are assigned duties and given directions as to how to carry out the rescue.

Team members are not allowed to go on a rescue if they are not properly trained or properly clothed for the event. The safety of the rescue team is the top priority because if one of the team members is injured, the rescue then turns into two rescues requiring more of their limited resources.

Rescues such as these have been performed by the search & rescue team of the Towns County Fire & Rescue department many times over the years without fanfare or reward. The only reward that the team expects is the satisfaction of knowing that they have helped when a human being was in need. Helping people and protecting their property is the job that the dedicated volunteers in the Towns County Fire Rescue Department have trained many hours for and are dedicated to carry out whenever the call arises.