

exchange for this variance the Young Harris College must agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Young Harris, the Towns County Fire Dept. and the City of Young Harris Fire Department and their successors against all suits, actions, claims, demands or damages that may arise from granting this easement. The amendment was seconded by Donald Keys with all council members voting in favor of the variance.

Lee Jennings with Land and Associates, CPA's, was present to discuss the 2008 City of Young Harris Audit with the mayor and city council. He noted that the city had a good year and received a "Clean Opinion" according to Government Accounting Standards, which is the best that can be received. The city received the usual comment about segregation of duties. When asked how the city could eliminate this comment, he said that they would have to hire more employees or the council would have to spend more time at City Hall helping with the work. He said he realizes that these options are not feasible for small cities.

Young Harris College had applied for rezoning of the property located at 4900 Thomas Town Road, formerly known as the Arnold Keys property. Attorney Cary Cox presented a First reading of an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Young Harris, with the proposed change from Residential to Institutional. The Second and final reading before the vote by the city council, will be presented at the May Regular Meeting.

In a petition from Young Harris College, to rezone a lot on Oak Street, where the Preda-

tory Beetle Rearing Lab is located, Jennifer McAfee noted that the 2001 Zoning Map for the City of Young Harris shows this lot as already zoned Institutional. City Attorney, Cary Cox noted that there is a conflict in the two most recent maps as to which one has been officially adopted by the city council and as such would be the Official Zoning Map for the City of Young Harris. A motion was made by Matt Miller and seconded by Terry Ingram to refer the application and the conflict in the Zoning Map to the Administrative Committee for review and recommendations for the May meeting; all in favor.

A motion was made to issue a Soil and Erosion Permit for the Young Harris College Recreation Center. The permit is subject to the comments of Young Harris City Soil and Erosion engineer Jacqueline Huff.

Ken Hapner briefly discussed with the city council the damage done to City Hall during the recent break-in and robbery. John Kelly said that these repairs were an emergency situation and that Mayor Gibby and Ken Hapner should get them repaired as soon as possible.

Attorney Cox had solicited bids from local banks to finance the \$282,000 for the Automatic Meter Reading system. The city received bids from Cadence Bank, United Community, and the Bank of Hiwassee. A motion was made by John Kelley to accept a fixed 10 year rate from United Community Bank in the amount of 4.53; seconded by David Sellers; 4 in favor, Matt Miller abstained; Jennifer Mulkey voted no.

Information for this article was supplied by Young Harris City Council minutes.

Recreation Department director Wes Hooper said they hid 2500 eggs this year, and about 400 of those were prize eggs. He said the event cost about \$2000 to sponsor, but it was free to the public.

United Community Bank marketing director Cheryl Barrett said the event has been going on for about 16 years now. She said the dreary weather didn't affect the turnout this year, and the parents were as excited as the children

about the event. Barrett said stopping the annual hunts would be one of the worst things that could happen because people look forward to them so much.

This year's winners include Darlene Moody of Hiwassee (handmade afghan), Mikaylah Georgia of Young Harris (3 & 4 age division), Peyton Barrett of Hiwassee (5 & 6 age division), and Zandra Churchill of Hiwassee (7, 8 & 9 age group)



Thomason told the group about advertising in newspapers and on the radio in places such as Athens, Chattanooga, Tenn., Greenville, S.C., and Atlanta. In fact, Atlanta Journal Constitution account executive in print and direct marketing Sabrina Childers spoke to the group about advertising in the AJC, which now allows businesses to run ads on their front page for a listed \$6,500. Childers told the group that they could save money on advertising with

a co-op. Thomason then asked Childers if the special events in Towns County could get the AJC's sponsorship. Many people in the room told Childers how much the AJC is missed locally. Childers said she would speak to her superiors about both sponsorship and being missed.

There was some talk during the meeting that hopefully the economy will get better, so now is the time to build.

Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds 2009

- April 18 The Banker's Hour
- April 21 Chatuge Gun Club
- April 24 Relay For Life
- May 1 - 2 BMW Rally
- May 9 Percy Sledge, Clarence Carter & The TAMS
- May 30 Josh Turner
- July 4 Fireworks
- June 5 - 6 Roots & Music Festival
- June 11 - 13 The Gold Wing Rally
- July 15 - 25 Georgia Mountain Fair
- August 13-15 Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruize-In
- August 29 - 30 Blue Ridge Mountains Festival of Arts
- September 12 BRMEMC Annual Meeting
- October 9 - 17 Georgia Mtn Fall Festival 2009

abuse of prescription drugs.

The educational sessions at the conference were conducted by prescription drug diversion experts Landon Gibbs and Ritch Wagner with the Law Enforcement Liaison & Education (LELE) department at Purdue. Gibbs and Wagner have close to 30 years of law enforcement experience specializing in prescription drug diversion and general criminal investigations.

Elements of the educational program included drug identification, lawful prescribing, helping law enforcement officers spot diversion of medications and interacting with neigh-

boring law enforcement agencies to report pharmacy robberies and identify suspects. Gibbs, Wagner and Sheriff Clinton also discussed how illegal trafficking and abuse of medications can create problems for people who have a legitimate need for these medicines.

The sessions highlighted the RxPATROL(r) program. RxPATROL(r) is a data collection system developed and funded by Purdue to collect, analyze and disseminate information on pharmacy thefts in order to assist law enforcement efforts to apprehend suspects and to help pharmacists guard against robberies and burglaries.

City Manager Stancil told council members.

Council also voted on the following items:

- Approved a resolution prohibiting the use of all under sink grease traps. Existing restaurants with under sink grease traps are grandfathered to continue using those traps. However, once a business is sold, the new proprietor must replace the under sink grease traps;
- Approved the transfer of a pouring license from Jenny Montgomery to Al Polizzi for Big Al's Pizza;
- Approved a resolution hiring Tim Grogg of Cybergov Consultants to complete the water and sewer cost analysis;
- Voted to remove an erroneous paragraph from the March meeting minutes.



Photos submitted by FBLA

Law, Chris Holloway in Business Law, Jordan Moss in Intro to Business Communications, Dylon Nelson in Intro to Technology Concepts, Ian Calhoun in Sports Management (2nd), Stephenie Fagin in Sports Management, Paige Brewster in Sports Management, The Team of Ginny Rhoades and Kristin Fuhs in Desktop Publishing, Brittany Walls in Word Processing I (1st), and the Team of Ian Calhoun and Nathan Hughes in Business Ethics (2nd).

The following students will be advancing to national competitions in Anaheim this

summer.

The team of Hannah Mathis, Trystan Drummond and Jade Garrison in *Emerging Business Issues*, Brett Bradshaw, Bradley Swanson, and Chris Holloway in *Principles and Procedures*, Britany Walls in *Word Processing*, and the team of Ian Calhoun and Nathan Hughes in *Business Ethics*.

Towns County High School FBLA also received the **Gold Chapter Award of Excellence**. Congratulations to Towns County FBLA and good luck at national competitions.