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Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris, and Towns County Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall were in attendance.

"We had a very good meeting," Hiawassee Mayor Barbara Mathis said. "They

listened to our needs and our wants, and they're very eager to help us all if they can, and it went very well, and I think we all had a very good time."

Additionally, City Manager Rick Stancil addressed some of the changes proposed

to the design of the new Mayor's Park. It's coming along, but several projects will have to be rescheduled. Still, Stancil seemed optimistic about the design.

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technology in their pursuit of employment.

The mobile jobs buses visit libraries, technical colleges, local schools, public housing, veteran's events, and other locations where the services are requested, Thomas said.

"Our biggest service is helping prepare resumes," Thomas said. "If you've never prepared one, we'll help you write a resume."

The vehicles also are available at job fairs allowing job seekers a place to search for job openings and submit resumes and applications.

"We're here, once or twice a month, or as often as necessary," Thomas said. "We're also able to help connect job seekers with jobs through the Georgia Depart-

ment of Labor."

The jobs bus also is capable of conducting testing for individuals, such as the TABE, and instructing clients on using skill-enhancing software like the Mavis Beacon Typing Test and resume writing programs, Thomas said.

The training units also will be used in Rapid Response scenarios to provide a convenient place for employees to access unemployment insurance and search for future employment. Vehicles can be parked on site at business locations as needed to provide easy access, Thomas said.

The purpose of Workforce Development is to assist eligible youth and adults in the Georgia Mountains region with the educational and retrain-

ing skills necessary to enter today's workforce, Thomas said.

Eligible individuals in need of training may receive financial support with tuition, books, required supplies and supportive services while enrolled in Occupational Skills Training. Middle and high school age students are also eligible to receive tutoring and GED assistance, Thomas said.

Available programs include Adult and Dislocated Worker, On the Job Training, and Youth assistance.

Thomas asks locals to please contact Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Workforce Development at (770) 538-2727 for more details about the mobile training units.

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winner. Her essay will now go to Nationals. Stephanie Patton and Alana Calhoun both received Honorable Mention and since both are juniors, they can enter again next year.

Their teacher is Melissa Bridges.

Entering the Youth Poetry Contest, "Protecting and Conserving our Natural Resources" were: 4th Grade

- Dustin Anderson - First Place; and 5th Grade - Hannah Paterson - First Place.

In the Smokey Bear Poster Contest, Anna Harbin, a 1st grade student won 3rd Place.

Again, congratulations students and thank you for entering.

The Towns County Herald congratulates the outstanding efforts of these talented students.



Dustin Anderson

YHC...from Page 1



"When you're very young, you have the opportunity to go out and try anything. Do it now. That thing you want to do, go do it. If you're happy in your life, you're going to attract happiness into your life."

YHC President Cathy Cox presented Yearwood with an honorary doctor of music degree.

One of the highest-selling female artists in country music history, Yearwood broke onto the Nashville music scene in 1991.

She has recorded 12 albums and has had nine No. 1 songs and 20 top 10 hits.

She has won three Grammy Awards, three Country Music Association Awards, two Academy of Country Music Awards, an American Music Award and a Pollstar Industry Award for touring.

Yearwood has also released three successful cookbooks, which earned her the status of two-time *New York Times* bestselling author.



Tricia Yearwood

She currently hosts "Trisha's Southern Kitchen," a culinary series on Food Network that earned her an Emmy Award for "Outstanding Culinary Program."

While at YHC, Yearwood participated in musical ensembles, chorus, plays and operettas.

She and her sister, fellow YHC alumni Beth Yearwood Bernard, Class of '81, of Tifton, who attended the ceremony, were both members of the Dorcas Society and each served as president of the Sigma Beta Sigma sorority.

"I made the best friends of my life at YHC. We have stayed connected to Young Harris; we haven't always been on the campus, but we have gotten together almost once a year since we graduated," Yearwood said. "There's a bond, and it's really hard to describe. People ask, 'What is so special about Young Harris?' It's the people who are here."

The Young Harris College Medallion, the highest honor bestowed by YHC to alumni and friends who have made extraordinary contributions, was awarded to Richard and Shirley McGinnis of Johns Creek.

Richard joined YHC's Board of Trustees in 2004, and the couple has enhanced campus programming and student experiences for more than a decade by supporting the College in many ways.

They recently expressed their enthusiasm for the fine arts with a \$4 million gift that is serving as seed money for the development and design of a new performing arts center.

YHC is among an elite group of Southeastern colleges and universities who annually bestow the prestigious Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation Awards on outstanding

male and female graduating seniors.

President Cox presented this year's Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award to David Atwood of Waynesville, N.C., and the Mary Mildred Sullivan Award to Alyssa Lowery of Conyers.

Created nearly a century ago to honor the service leadership of their namesakes, the awards are given annually by the Foundation to individuals whose nobility of character and dedication to service sets them apart as examples for others.

President Cox also presented three special awards to 10 outstanding students during the ceremony.

In addition to Stewart, the Dr. Charles R. Clegg Outstanding Scholar Award was presented to Sara Beaster of Murphy, N.C., Tiffany Goebel of Murphy N.C., Mark "Aaron" O'Tuel of Hartwell, Sarah Puett of Warne, N.C., and Jacqueline Tallman of Hayesville, N.C.

Ashley Cross of Murphy, N.C., and Emily Espy of Cumming, were presented the Zell B. Miller Leadership Award for significant contributions to campus life at YHC as outstanding leaders and role models.

The award's name honors former U.S. Senator and Georgia Governor Zell B. Miller, Class of '51, a YHC trustee and distinguished alumnus.

Miller was in attendance at the ceremony to personally congratulate the recipients along with his wife and YHC alumni, Shirley Miller, Class of '54.

Brian Walker, of Powder Springs, and Carol Raterman of Lawrenceville, received the Young Harris Spirit Award, which recognizes the students who best demonstrate outstanding levels of personal integrity, friendliness and engagement with the campus community.

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both time and funding opportunities to Towns County Libraries, personally, and professionally, continue to ensure that your community's public libraries provide the best library services possible. Your community and your libraries are truly blessed to benefit from your continued dedication"

The Friends of the Libraries of Towns County are pleased to have Commissioner Kendall as a lifetime member and salute his commitment to our libraries.

Kendall made a commitment to match up to \$5,000 in Friends of the Libraries of Towns County donations to the Libraries of Towns County in fiscal year 2011.

On April 30, Kendall presented the fourth annual Commissioner's Challenge Grant of \$5,000 to the Library, and the Friends of the Libraries of Towns County presented their match of \$5,000.

Kendall said that he felt that creating the Challenge Grant would encourage the community to support their Libraries and encourage participation in Friends of the Libraries of Towns County.

State budget cuts over the past five years have eliminated all state funding for library materials for the Mountain Regional Library System.

Thanks to the Commissioner's Challenge Grant and the local FOLTC match plus

local adoptions of authors and donations of materials to the libraries, Towns County's Libraries have been able to continue to purchase books, DVDs, audiobooks, e-books, magazines, and other materials needed to serve their users.

One of the ways the Friends raise their grant match plus other funds for special library projects is through their annual Book & Bake Sale.

The sale this year is scheduled for the last two full weekends in August with the Thursday evening before the first public sale reserved for FOLTC members only.

But, don't worry; memberships will be available at the door.

ETSU Country Pride in Concert at the Folk School

ESTU Country Pride will be featured in concert at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown at 7:00 pm on Friday, May 16. The concert will be held in the Folk School's Keith House Community Room. Admission is free, donations welcome.

This band is comprised of seven super talented young musicians participating in East Tennessee State University's world renowned Bluegrass,

Old Time and Country Music program. Despite their young ages they know how to deliver a truly timeless country sound. Their love of traditional music has brought them from points all over the country to east Tennessee to study the roots of the music they love and to take their already impressive musical skills to new heights. Covering classic country artists from Kitty Wells to Patsy Cline, Hank Williams to Johnny Cash, a little dash of Elvis,

and a few modern gems, ETSU Country Pride stays true to the roots of country music.

Upcoming concerts include Bob & Amy Buckingham (May 23) and Lorraine & Bennett Hammond (June 6).

The Folk School's concert schedule is available on the world wide web at <http://www.folkschool.org>. For further information call the Folk School at 828-837-2775 or 1-800-FOLK-SCH. NT(May 14,C3)ac



Band members include: Kristi Goldade - Vocals, Acoustic Guitar; Matt Wright - Vocals, Bass; K.T. Vandyke - Vocals, Drums; Leo Grassl - Pedal Steel; Lindsay Loving - Vocals, Acoustic Guitar; Kalie Yeagle - Vocals, Fiddle; Karl Smakula - Vocals, Lead Guitar